

It's kinda hard to go wrong on your knees.

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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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## Some Right And Wrong Ideas As To Giving

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An article on giving will not be very interesting to some, because it is a sore point. Such are like the Negro, who when his pastor mentioned giving in his sermon exclaimed, "Dere now—he done gone and ruin it all." Why are some people so touchous on the giving question? Because of a guilty conscience, and because they know that they are stingy with God. The person who is right with God financially doesn't mind hearing giving mentioned.

**Why Giving Should Be Taught**  
1. Because the Scriptures say much about it—and the Scriptures—all of them ought to be taught.

2. Because the work of the Lord must be financed — and how can it be unless people obey His Word in this respect?  
3. Because missions and evangelism cannot be properly

carried on without support.

4. Because people who are not rich with God financially have their prayers hindered — and are thieves and robbers in the sight of God. (That's what they are called in Malachi).

5. Because when people fail to give properly—then many churches resort to all sorts of wrong methods to get money—going out to the world and seeking support. Is the world obligated to finance churches? Is God pleased to have the world called on to support His work?

### Some Wrong Notions Concerning Giving

1. THE NOTION THAT "THE OTHER FELLOW" SHOULD DO IT ALL. Some church members are forever talking about what "they do." The church is not thought of as THEIR own church to be backed and supported.

2. THE NOTION THAT GIVING IS TO BE HAPHAZARD AND SPASMODIC. Such persons toss in a nickel and dime whenever they feel inclined, and if the sermon suits them particularly, they may give a quarter. No principle and no uniformity about their giving. If all did the same, the church would die.

3. THE NOTION THAT GIVING IS TO BE SOMETHING LIKE SUBSCRIBING TO A MAGAZINE—just a dollar or so a year.

4. THE NOTION THAT ONE IS TO GIVE ONLY IF HE IS ABLE TO HAVE EVERYTHING ELSE HE WANTS FIRST.

5. THE NOTION THAT THEY CAN THROW A TENTH INTO A BOX AND SPEND IT ON TOM, DICK, AND HARRY and call it "tithing." Such is gross embezzlement of the Lord's money. That which fails (Continued on page four)

## Christ Lives Today



The most authenticated fact of all history is that Christ rose from the dead and this is proven by history, science, born-again believers and the Bible.

## The Altar And The Mercy Seat

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### The Mercy Seat

The phrase "mercy-seat" in the language of Bible days means "covering" or "propitiation," this typifies Christ Jesus. This fixture was not used as a seat at all save for the cherubim and was at times called "ark" (Exodus 25:17-22). Please read Exodus 25:10-16. This ark or large chest was placed in the most holy place (Exodus 26:34). Only one person (the high priest) and he only once a year, and the same one only once in a life-time, ever entered this place. It was a duty like unto this that the father of John the Baptist was performing when struck speechless. When Christ Jesus came in the world and was dying on the Cross, the veil of the Temple was rent (torn) from top to bottom

(Matthew 27:51). Not a living human being has ever seen the ark since the death of Jesus—and there is not any need for this mercy-seat since every soul has access to God the Father through Jesus Christ the Son. No mediator is permissible (John 14:6). Don't you think it would be difficult for some of those modern preachers to replace the "mercy-seat"? Where would they get the (Continued on page three)

### GOD'S CHILDREN DON'T GO TO HELL

Years ago, one clear, fair, crisp, cold Christmas morning, two brothers sat on an old pine log, way down at the foot of a hill, by a familiar roadside. Divergent interests in life had led along radically divergent paths. The one was a Christian and Gospel evangelist. The other a man of the world and in no sense, at that time, a Christian. As the evangelist explained the way of salvation to his brother, and urged on him the claims of the Gospel of Christ; that he ought to repent of his sins and trust Christ's dying for his sins to save him, the unsaved brother turned sharply and said, "Didn't our mother used to teach us God was our Father?" "Yes, in her ignorance, she did." "Didn't she used to teach us to pray to 'our Father in heaven' when we were children?" "Yes, in her ignorance, she did." "Now you tell me my heavenly Father will send His children to hell? I don't believe a d--- bit of it." He got up and walked off. That brother was dead right. God will not send one of His (Continued on page three)

Frequently we hear the above terms carelessly used. Even at times there is an additional phrase: "The mourner's bench" presented as if they were synonymous terms, and worthy of a place in the worship of God. If by reading this article, as I have a desire to search the Scriptures for yourself, the purpose for which we write will be well served. The opinions of men count for little, unless such opinions be founded on

the Eternal Word of God. Honesty demands truth; heresy seeks tradition. Please read Ephesians 5:6, Matthew 15:6, Mark 7:8-13. Certainly poisonous traditions are not allowable in the Spiritual worship of God.

### The Altar

The word "altar" in the original language means "killing place." This altar was made of wood overlaid with brass; seven and one-half feet square and four and one-half feet high (Exodus 38:1). The purpose of this altar was to provide a place to offer up burnt offerings to the Lord (Exodus 40:29). The place of the altar was before the door of the Tabernacle (Exodus 40:6). If in these modern times there is to be a priesthood offering up burnt offerings before the door of the place of

worship, does not the meaning and mission of Jesus Christ become of non-effect? Will not the little town of Bethlehem lose its sweetness, and become a little place where a bad woman bore an illegitimate Son, who deceived shepherds, and wise men? Will not the angels of Heaven become involved in the spread of false religious propaganda? If there be further need for that which points to the coming of the Saviour the first time, then the cross, the empty tomb and Christians of every generation since Jesus are without the real gospel message. Please read Hebrews 9:9, Hebrews 10:4-12.

### WHAT THE NEW BIRTH IS, AND IS NOT

"Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."—John 1:13.

#### The New Birth Is Not

1. "NOT OF BLOOD"—it is not inherited.
2. "NOR OF THE WILL OF THE FLESH"—it is not through your efforts, or so-called good works — (remember Nicodemus).
3. "NOR OF THE WILL OF MAN"—no preacher, priest or rabbi—yea, no man can confer it upon you.

#### The New Birth Is

1. A NEW LIFE—"and you hath he QUICKENED ("made alive"), who were dead in trespasses and sins."
2. A NEW CREATION — "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new CREATURE (lit. "CREATION"): OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY: behold, ALL THINGS are become NEW." 2 Cor. 5:17. When anyone professes to be born again and goes on holding hands (Continued on page four)

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "THE TABERNACLE IN THE MIDST OF ISRAEL"

#### "THE PRIESTHOOD"

There is a tremendous difference between an apostle and a priest. An apostle is one who comes out from God with a message to man, whereas a priest is one who goes in to God to make intercession for man. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself was both one and the same. He was both Apostle and Priest.

"Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession,

Christ Jesus."—Heb. 3:1.

As an Apostle Jesus came out from God with a message to man, and as a High Priest He went into God on behalf of man. He was both Apostle and Priest.

In the days when this tabernacle was set up and when the children of Israel worshipped by way of the tabernacle, there were three classes of people: the high priest, the lesser priests, and the common people. Today there are only two class-

es that stand before God. One is the Lord Jesus Christ as our great High Priest, and the other is each believer who stands as his own priest before the Lord. Since the day that Jesus Christ died on the Cross of Calvary there have only been two classes: the Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, and every one of us who are saved, as a believer-priest under the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

"And, behold, the veil of the (Continued on page two)

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**"The Priesthood"**

(Continued from page one)  
temple was rent in twain from  
the top to the bottom; and the  
earth did quake, and the rocks  
rent.—Mt. 27:51.

This took place on the day  
that Jesus died on the Cross,  
when an unseen hand reached  
down out of the sky and rent  
in twain the veil of the temple  
which separated the outer Holy  
place from the Holy of Holies.  
Heretofore, no one but the high  
priest could go beyond the sac-  
red precincts of that veil of the  
temple. Only the high priest  
could enter into the Holy of  
Holies, and then only once a  
year. Now that Jesus Christ  
has become our great High  
Priest, having paid the price  
of the redemption of the elect  
of God,—now that that has been  
accomplished, no longer do we  
need a priest to represent us to  
God, for we have a perfect  
priest in the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Therefore, the veil of the tem-  
ple was rent in twain, signify-  
ing that the way into the Holi-  
est was now made possible for  
all of us through the Lord Jesus  
Christ, our great High Priest.  
From that day on, there has  
never been but two classes —  
Jesus as our great High Priest,  
and each of us as lesser priests  
beneath Him.

Beloved, a Catholic priest is  
2,000 years behind times. We  
don't need a priest today like  
they were needed in the Old  
Testament. A Catholic priest  
is fully 2,000 years antedated  
and antiquated. Notice that the  
Word of God tells us that we  
ourselves are a royal priesthood  
before the Lord.

"Ye also, as lively stones, are  
built up a spiritual house, A  
HOLY PRIESTHOOD to offer  
up spiritual sacrifices, accept-  
able to God by Jesus Christ."

—I Pet. 2:5.

"But ye are a chosen genera-  
tion, a ROYAL PRIESTHOOD,  
a holy nation, a peculiar peo-  
ple; that ye should show forth  
the praises of him who hath  
called you out of darkness in-  
to his marvelous light."

—I Pet. 2:9.

"But this man, because he  
continueth ever, hath an un-  
changeable priesthood. Where-  
fore he is able also to save them  
to the uttermost that come un-  
to God by him, seeing he ever  
liveth to make intercession for  
them."—Heb. 7:24,25.

"For there is one God, and  
one mediator between God and  
men, the man Christ Jesus."

—I Tim. 2:5.

In the light of these verses,  
there are only two classes to-  
day—the Lord Jesus Christ,  
our great High Priest, and each  
of us as lesser priests, or be-  
liever priests, underneath the  
Lord Jesus Himself.

I'll never forget one night

about twenty-five years ago in  
the city of Cincinnati, before I  
became pastor there, that I was  
holding a revival meeting, and  
in the course of the services I  
made some statement which  
was contrary to Catholicism,  
which offended a young Catho-  
lic woman who was in the serv-  
ices. She asked the lady in  
whose home I was staying if  
she might go home with her  
that night and talk to me. She  
was going to set me right  
where I was in error as to what  
I had said. I talked to that  
young woman until two o'clock  
in the morning, trying to show  
her one truth after another  
from the Word of God. Final-  
ly, I read to her I Tim. 2:5, and  
she said, "Is that in the Catho-  
lic Bible?" I assured her  
that it was, however, neither of  
us had a Catholic Bible that  
evening. She said, "If that is  
in the Catholic Bible, then the  
whole system of Catholicism  
fails."

Beloved, she was right. The  
whole system of Catholicism  
does fail in the light of that  
verse of Scripture, for there is  
just one mediator to come be-  
tween God and man, and that  
is the Lord Jesus Christ Him-  
self. He is our High Priest, and  
you and I who are saved are  
believer priests under the Lord  
Jesus Christ.

I

A PRIEST HAD TO BE A  
SON OF AARON.

They were not priests be-  
cause they wanted to enter the  
priesthood, but rather they  
were priests by birth. In other  
words, they were priests be-  
cause they were sons.

That is surely true of us. You  
and I are believer priests under  
the Lord Jesus Christ because  
we are the sons of God. The  
only reason in this world why  
I am a priest under the Lord is  
because that I am saved and  
thereby a son of God.

"But as many as received  
him, to them gave he power to  
become the sons of God, even  
to them that believe on his  
name."—John 1:12.

It isn't whether you have  
joined the church, or whether  
you have been baptized. That  
isn't the way to become a son  
of God. It isn't because you  
have your name on some  
church record book. That isn't  
the way you become a son of  
God. Beloved, you become a son  
of God by belief, by being born  
into the family of God.

"For ye are all the children  
of God by faith in Christ Jesus.  
For as many of you as have  
been baptized into Christ have  
put on Christ."

—Gal. 3:26,27.

Brother, sister, you didn't  
become a child of God when

you were born into this world.  
You didn't become a child of  
God when you went down into  
the baptistry. You didn't be-  
come a child of God when you  
turned over a new leaf and  
quit some of the sin of your  
life. If you are saved, you be-  
came a child of God, one of  
God's children, the day that you  
believed Jesus died for your  
sins at Calvary. That day, be-  
loved, you became a priest un-  
der God.

I say then, the priests had to  
be sons of Aaron. They were  
priests because they had been  
born into Aaron's family —  
priests because they were sons.  
You and I are priests under the  
Lord Jesus Christ because we  
are sons of God.

II

THE PRIEST HAD TO EN-  
TER IN THROUGH ONE  
GATE.

There was only one gate  
whereby the priest could come  
into the courtyard. The be-  
liever has only one way where-  
by that he can come to God,  
and that is through the Lord  
Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ  
alone.

"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.

"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.

"Neither is there salvation in  
any other: for there is NONE  
OTHER NAME under heaven  
given among men, whereby we  
must be saved."—Acts 4:12.

Beloved, there was just one  
way that the priest could come  
into the courtyard and then in-  
to the tabernacle. There is just  
one way for you to come to God,  
and that is through the Lord  
Jesus Christ as your Saviour.  
Don't think for one moment's  
time that there are two ways,  
or a half dozen ways. Don't  
think that there is a Baptist  
way, a Catholic way, a Protest-  
ant way, and a Jewish way.  
There is just one way and that  
way is the Lord Jesus Christ,  
for He said, "I am the way."

III

THESE PRIESTS WERE  
ALL VERY CLOSELY AS-  
SOCIATED WITH AARON AS  
THE HIGH PRIEST.

If you will read in the Word  
of God where it speaks of the  
priesthood, you will see that  
ten times there is the expres-  
sion, "Aaron and his sons."  
This shows us that his sons as  
lesser priests were closely as-  
sociated with Aaron as the high  
priest.

Beloved, as Aaron and his

THE PRIEST IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES



sons were closely associated to-  
gether, so you and I as be-  
liever priests are closely as-  
sociated with the Lord Jesus  
Christ. We are blood relatives.  
We are bone of His bone, and  
we are flesh of His flesh,  
spiritually I am just like Adam  
number one in my flesh, but  
in my new nature I am just  
like Adam number two — the  
Lord Jesus Christ.

So as Aaron and his sons were  
closely associated together, you  
and I as believer priests are  
closely associated with the Lord  
Jesus Christ as our High Priest.

IV

THE PRIESTS WERE  
CHOSEN BEFORE BIRTH.

Aaron was called, consecrat-  
ed, and set apart to the priest-  
hood, and any sons that were  
born to him after that became  
priests. From this you can see  
that they were chosen to be  
priests before they were born.

It isn't necessary that I make  
an application here, for you  
surely can see how that believ-  
ers were chosen of God, in  
Christ Jesus, before the founda-  
tion of the world. How it  
thrills my heart when I read  
these Scriptures just to see that

Aaron's sons automatically  
took their places as priests un-  
der Aaron, and were chosen to  
be thus before they were born.  
Beloved, you and I as priests of  
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fore birth, but even before the  
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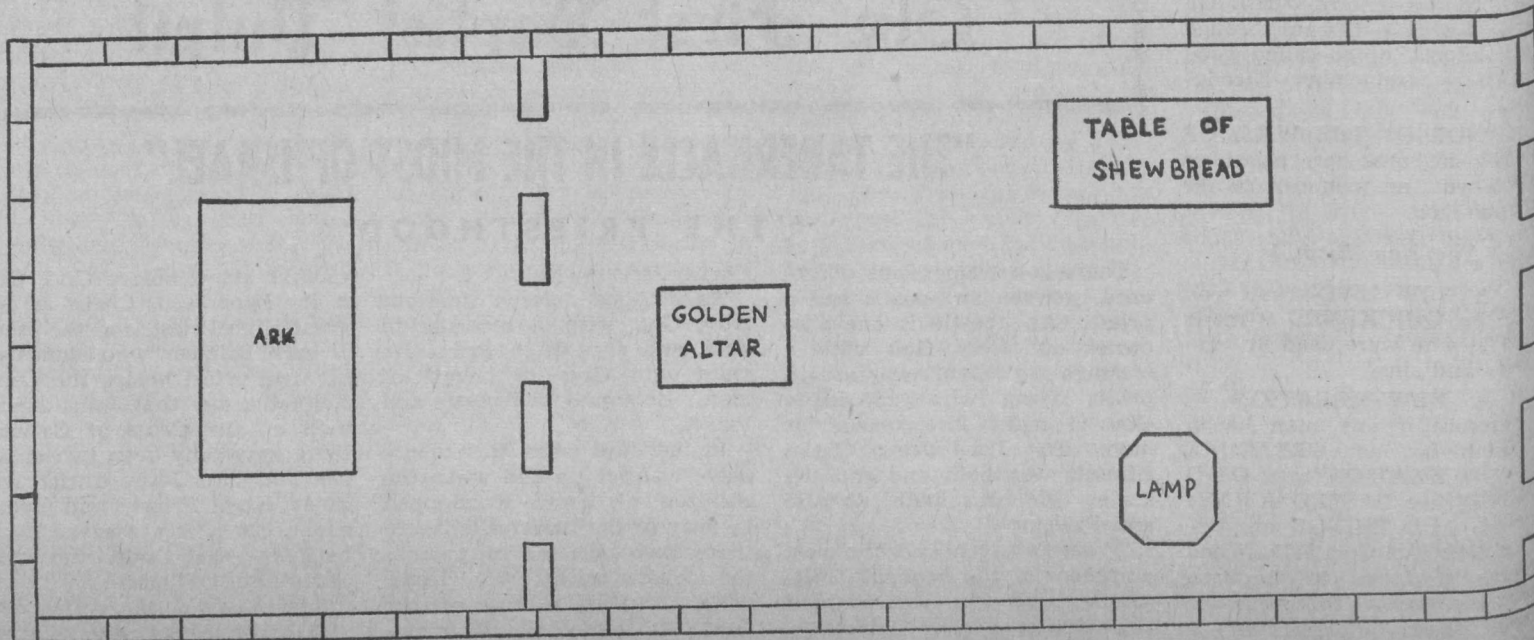
"According as he hath  
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nated us unto the adoption of  
children by Jesus Christ to  
himself, according to the good  
pleasure of his will."

—Eph. 1:4,5.

"But we are bound to give  
thanks always to God for you,  
brethren beloved of the Lord,  
because God hath FROM THE  
BEGINNING CHOSEN YOU TO  
salvation through sanctification  
of the Spirit and belief of the  
truth."—II Thess. 2:13.

Beloved, even before God had  
laid down one piece of dirt, or  
before even a sprig of grass  
had grown out of the ground,  
God had already chosen His  
elect to be priests. Some peo-  
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## "The Priesthood"

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the ones who chose the Lord, and who like to give some glory and honour to themselves in thinking that they have chosen Him. Listen, brother, sister, long before you made a little choice, ratifying God's eternal choice, God had chosen you in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world.

I think I can go within ten feet of the spot where I was standing the day that I chose Jesus Christ, but, beloved, decades and centuries, and even millenniums before I made that little choice, God Almighty had made an eternal choice, and my little choice merely ratified God's eternal choice that He made before the foundation of the world.

I say then, as these priests were chosen before they were born, you and I who are saved and are believer priests, were chosen of God, in Christ Jesus—not only before we were born, but before the foundation of the world.

Beloved, this gives me some idea of what a great God we are serving. The God that I am serving and the God that I am preaching to you today is big enough that He made a plan for all this world before the world ever began, and our lives are just bringing into culmination the great eternal plan of mighty God.

### V

THESE PRIESTS WERE ALL CLOTHED IN WHITE LINEN.

The Word of God tells us that these priests were all clothed in white linen. The high priest wore some highly ornamented garments besides, but these were worn over the top of the same white clothes that all the balance of the priesthood wore.

As those priests were clothed in white linen, every believer is clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. There is no truth more prominently taught in all the Bible than this. The "sin" sins are laid on Jesus—that very day God clothes us in the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with jewels."—Isa. 61:10.

"For he hath made him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us; that we might be made THE RIGHTEOUSNESS of God in him."—II Cor. 5:21.

In the days of our Lord Jesus He told us a parable of the marriage feast. In it He speaks of one who came to the wedding, but who spurned and refused the wedding garment. That wedding garment is but a picture of the righteousness of the Lord Jesus wherewith we are clothed when saved. As this man of whom Jesus spoke was cast into outer darkness, so all those who reject the Lord Jesus Christ and His righteousness likewise will spend their eternity in Hell.

This is indeed a precious truth. Just as the priests were clothed in white linen, so each believer priest is clothed in the righteousness of the Lord Jesus. Listen:

"Follow peace with all men, AND HOLINESS, without which no man shall see the Lord."—Heb. 12:14.

The word "holiness" is actually "righteousness." This would tell us that no man can see the Lord apart from being clothed in His righteousness.

Several years ago I made some such statements as these in a message, and one of the audience declared afterwards that he didn't want to go to Heaven in another man's coat. Well, beloved, that is exactly what each believer will do. Everyone of us who go to Heaven will go there clothed in the righteousness of our blessed Lord.

### VI

THE PRIESTS WERE ANOINTED WITH OIL.

What a day it was when these priests were consecrated by being anointed with oil. It meant that they were truly God's representatives and that their priesthood was genuine, when once the oil had been poured upon them.

Oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit.

"And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but BY MY SPIRIT, saith the Lord of hosts."—Zech. 4:1-6.

The analogy here is likewise most precious. As oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit, so each believer is anointed with the Holy Spirit the moment he believes. From that very moment the Holy Spirit not only comes upon him, but within him, and takes up His residence there forever.

"But the anointing which ye have received of him ABIDETH IN YOU, and ye need not that any man teach you."—I John 2:27.

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."—John 14:26.

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come."—John 16:13.

The order and the manner of the anointing of the priests are likewise most suggestive. If you will read the entire eighth chapter of Leviticus, you will see that the high priest himself was anointed before the sacrifices were slain, but that the other priests were anointed after the slaying of the sacrifices, when the blood was applied.

Our Lord Jesus Christ had the Holy Spirit come to rest upon Him in the very beginning of His ministry.

"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and

lighting upon him."—Mt. 3:16.

This, I say, was in the very beginning of His ministry, taking place at the time of His baptism. While Christ was our great High Priest and was thus anointed before His sacrifice was made, so we need to remember that all believers, as lesser priests, are anointed when the blood of His atonement is applied to us. The Holy Spirit doesn't take up His residence within us until we are saved. Yet when redemption becomes a reality, the Holy Spirit begins to dwell within us.

### VII

THE CLOTHES WHICH THE PRIESTS AND THE HIGH PRIEST WORE ARE VERY SIGNIFICANT.

While we have not time to study each piece of the clothing separately, however may we notice in particular the breastpiece which the high priest carried, fastened to his ephod. This breastpiece was nine inches square. It bore 12 stones which represented the twelve tribes of Israel. Thus the high priest carried the people of God on His bosom. In like manner, our Lord Jesus ever remembers the redeemed.

This breastplate was never to be loosed from his ephod, which would tell us that as long as the Lord Jesus Christ wears His robes of Glory, God's own are safe.

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."—John 10:28,29.

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."—Rom. 8:38,39.

The stones of this breastplate were all different as to color. It is thus with God's people. We are of different color and possess different characteristics. However, each believer is alike dear to Christ, regardless of peculiarities and different characteristics.

### VIII

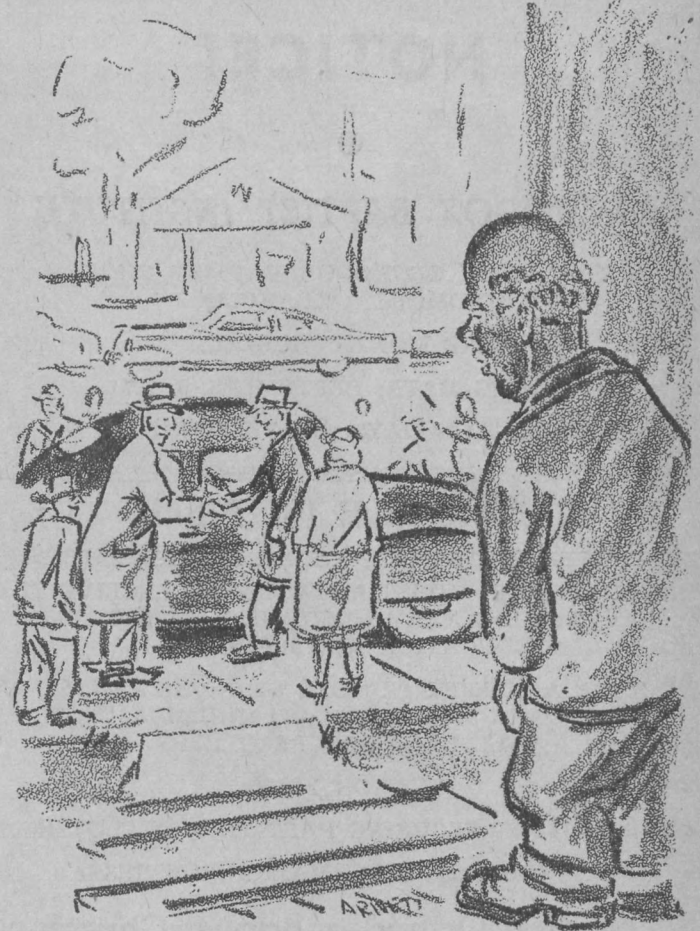
HOW MUCH GREATER IS OUR HIGH PRIEST THAN AARON!

In this last study of the tabernacle we are to surely notice the superiority of the priesthood of Jesus over that of Aaron.

"And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore."—Heb. 7:23-28.

Remarkable as was the priesthood of Aaron, the priesthood of the Lord Jesus is much more remarkable.

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Aaron's priesthood came to an end at his death. However, the Lord Jesus' priesthood continues. His priesthood is unchangeable; it does not pass to another. It cannot be delegated to another. He liveth ever and it is not necessary that His priesthood pass to someone else. Thus the claim of Catholicism that the pope is Christ's vicar on earth is shown to be ridiculously absurd in the light of this Scripture.

Christ's priesthood is superior to Aaron also in view of His own personal purity. It was necessary that Aaron offer sacrifices for himself before he offered sacrifices for others. This was because of Aaron's sinfulness. Not so with Jesus, who was sinless.

Aaron had to continue offering his sacrifices from day to day and from year to year. Jesus proved His superiority in that He never offered but one sacrifice—namely Himself at Calvary.

Thus we can see that as believer priests under Christ, we have a wonderful priest in Jesus, whose priesthood is far superior to that of Aaron. How we ought to bow our heads and thank God not only because our priest lives today, but because He died one day for our sins.

May God bless you!



## God's Children

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children to hell. God will never permit one of His children to go to hell. Rather, "His seed also will I make to endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; if they break my statutes and keep not my commandments; then will I visit their transgressions with the rod and their iniquity with stripes, nevertheless my loving

kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break nor alter the thing that has gone out of my lips." (Psalms 89:27-34).

Not one child of God will ever go to hell!

But the unbeliever is not God's child.—A. D. Muse.



## The Altar

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manna in the pot of gold? Where would they get Aaron's rod and where the table of laws? All this was in the ark (chest) of old. The destruction of this thing was for a purpose, and that was to indicate to you and to every seeker of truth, that there must be no go-between you and the Lord. Christ Jesus is the door and no man cometh to the Father but by Him (John 10:7). Please read Romans 1:16; I Corinthians 15:3-4 and Acts 16:30. Read the above Scriptures as we have listed them and you will find the power of the gospel (Rom. 1:16) and what the gospel is (I Cor. 15:3-4) and how it works (Acts 16:30-31).

### The Mourner's Bench

The mourner's bench is a modern invention of men and is not even once mentioned in the holy Bible. It was never discovered before 1794 and is about 1700 years too young to be the New Testament way of instructing sinners how to be saved. A minister of the gospel who cannot preach the gospel in an instructive way, should study to show himself approved unto God that he may not be ashamed. The Bible command is: "Preach the Word," II Tim. 4:12. "How shall they hear (Continued on page four)

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#### The Truth About Giving

1. All Christians should tithe. (See I Cor. 9:11-14).
2. The Lord's money should be LAID ASIDE EACH WEEK. (I Cor. 16:2).
3. For instructions concerning a special benevolent gift, read II Cor. 9. You will note the following things:

(1). Spare giving is followed by spare blessings from God. (v. 6) Likewise the opposite is true.

(2). Giving is not to be grudging, (v. 7).

(3). Money is not to be "extracted"—it is to be voluntary, (v. 7).

(4). Giving is to be cheerfully bestowed, (v. 7).

(5). God has made a bigger gift than any man can ever make in return, (v. 15).

(6). God is richly able to repay our giving, (v. 8).

The poorest economy in the world is that which induces stinginess with God. The best investments are those made in His cause.

The way we use our money to large extent determines our future rewards.



### The New Birth

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with the worldly crowd, it is a lie of hell!! When you are REALLY BORN-AGAIN, YOU DON'T CARE FOR THE "OLD THINGS" ANY MORE BECAUSE YOU HAVE FOUND THAT WHICH IS SO MUCH BETTER—YEA, YOU CAN'T ENJOY THE OLD LIFE ANY-MORE—See I John 2:15-17.

How Can One Be "Born Again?"

"But as many as RECEIVED HIM (Christ), to them gave he

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POWER ("AUTHORITY") to become the SONS OF GOD, even to them that BELIEVE ON HIS NAME.

You "receive" the Lord Jesus into your heart as your heart is yielded to Him in implicit trust. You commit yourself, body, soul, and spirit unto Him. Yea, He becomes the center and circumference of your very existence. (See Luke 14:26-33).



### The Altar

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without a preacher?" Romans 10:14. Unconverted people get into the church as a result of the begging and pulling and fleshly emotions around this invention of men called by various names. The writer knows of a case where a man was at the "altar" and three nervous shouting women were offering help—he personally overheard this advice: one woman holding to one arm was saying (and screaming), "Hold on, brother, hold on"; the other instructor was holding to the other arm and screaming, "Give up, brother, give up"—just at this time a third woman came and pushed against this man's back and screamed, "Pray through, brother, pray through." All this time the preacher was running up and down here and there urging at the top of his voice, "Come to the altar, or you will go to Hell." This preacher did not preach the gospel of Jesus Christ when in the pulpit, neither did any of the instructors that I heard utter one word of Scripture. The whole idea as it seemed to me, was to put on a big show and a lot of noise. This is not the Bible way of leading people to faith in Jesus Christ. This showman religion is of the same brand Satan offered Jesus (Luke 4:9). When people were saved in Jesus' time they were in their right mind and sitting at His feet—John 3:8, Mark 5:15. Baptists worked and won souls to Christ for nearly 1700 years before this brand of unscriptural holy-rollerism found its way among them, or anyone else.

It is out of harmony with the Bible and the practices of New Testament days. You will not find where Jesus Christ ever told a lost sinner to pray through. You will not find where Jesus Christ ever called for a sinner to come to the front to be prayed for that he might be saved. The above is true of all the apostles, and of the seventy—in fact of every New Testament preacher. It is not recorded where Jesus Christ or any New Testament preacher ever prayed for the salvation of a particular lost sinner in the presence of that sinner. They did not gather around a lost sinner and pray for his salvation. Such a thing would have been a contradiction to salvation through faith in Jesus and would have been salvation through prayer. Read Eph. 2:8-10.

"Is thy heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand" (2 Kings 10:15). The offering of the hand as an outward profession of faith is Scriptural. The handshake with the minister is nothing more than a public profession of what has already come to pass in the soul, and places that person in a position to be baptized and enter fully into the work of the Lord. The offering of the hand is one person joining himself to others of like heart (soul).

Bro. E. Y. Mullins, one time president of the Baptist World Alliance, and for some time president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and to the day of his death president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, suggested this kind of an invitation:

"Are you willing to forsake sin and put your whole trust in Christ for salvation? While we sing a hymn I invite you to come and give me your hand as an outward profession of faith in Christ, say in your heart, I do now forsake my sins and accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour."

Bro. Mullins then had this to say:

"Now in presenting this appeal, I do not think it would be wise to couple with it any other proposition, such as being prayed for."

We read in the Holy Scriptures, Romans 10:9-10:

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart (soul) man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

People were saved while Peter preached in the house of Cornelius (Acts 10:34-44). At Pentecost they were saved while the preacher preached (Acts 2:37-38). Paul was converted on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:18). In telling his ex-

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For BOOK that shows the way to heaven;  
For CHURCH, where fellowship is given--  
WHAT can you exchange--for THAT?

Exchange my CHRIST for cocktail, gin,  
Two bleary eyes and silly grin,  
For fun that crackles of tin--  
Exchange my Christ--for THAT?

Exchange my HOPE for social gain,  
Which crumbles with its tarnished name;  
For gold, which vanishes like rain--  
Exchange my HOPE--for THAT?

Exchange my PEACE who lives with me:  
For vanity, unholy glee;  
For sleepless nights of misery--  
Exchange my PEACE--for THAT?

Exchange the BOOK that shows the way  
To God himself and Sinless Day;  
For one that leads us far astray--  
Exchange the BOOK--for THAT?

You say, "Phooey, there is no God!  
We simply die as does a dog,  
And then decay just like a log, we're done--"  
Should I exchange--for THAT?

Oh, please, do listen--IT IS TRUE:  
There is a God who cared for you  
Enough to send His Son from heaven  
To die, that you might be forgiven;  
That one day you'll before Him stand,  
Blood-washed, and in Immanuel's Land,  
Triumphant in God's grace alone,  
You'll sing of Him around the Throne:  
"Hallelujah, 'tis done, I believe on the Son;  
I'm saved by the blood of the Crucified One!"

--"Now"

perience" (Acts 26:16) that he was not only converted on the road, but called to preach the gospel. Zacchaeus was converted at the Word of Christ, and came down out of the tree receiving Christ joyfully (Luke 19:1-9). The Eunuch was converted riding along the highway listening to Philip preach Jesus from Isaiah 53. This New Testament God-called preacher began at the same Scripture (Isa. 53:7-8) and preached Jesus Christ to this man so he believed (Acts 8:34-38). The Philippian jailer was converted in the jailhouse (Acts 16:30-34). You will note that Paul and Silas spake unto them the Word of the Lord (Acts 16:32). It is not worth the effort to

heap up other proof of how the New Testament preachers acted and preached if this be rejected; so we beg that you consider what God says in His Holy Word.

Too many are trying to shine for Jesus without burning for Him.

Witnessing for the truth is not trench warfare. Men who stand for Christ must stand out in the open.

If there is one thing that Satan is sensitive about, it is the danger of a Christian harming the cause he loves by speaking of Christ to a needy soul.

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