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What Is The Meaning Of Mt. 7:21-23?

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We have recently been asked about this passage. The point of difficulty was the fact that there are persons represented as "doing many wonderful works" yet hearing the sentence to "depart." Let us take up this passage and make a brief analysis of it and we shall see clearly what it means. What do we have here?

1. We have first, the dangers of a mere profession. (v. 21). It is made plain that not every one who says, "Lord, Lord," is

a Christian. To say "Lord" in the true sense, from the heart, is certainly for one to be a saved person, but many give a mere "lip service." Note some of the instances when people say "Lord" when it means nothing vital:

(1). When people say "Lord" only when they mash their finger or get down sick. The most arrant sinner, as a rule, hollers "O Lord" when he is knocked down in a sudden accident. But to say "Lord" then when there is no recognition of Him at any other time, amounts to little.

(2). When people say "Lord" and by that term do not mean One Who is truly Divine, it amounts to nothing. The Unitarians and the rank Modernists so speak and they refer to one who is thought of as only a great man. That is to address God the Son as only a mere man, and it is an insult.

2. We have here the truth that profession is tested by the doing of God's will. (v. 21). The profession that does not cause one to try to carry out the will of God is worthless. That is like an employee call-

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THE SATISFYING SAVIOUR

To every need of every heart,
Christ is the answer true.
Yea, He who satisfied my soul
Will do the same for you.
No thirsting one who comes by faith
To Him shall be denied,
And none who hunger for His love
Need go ungratified.
The satisfying portion He,
For every human need,
And none are there too small or great,
His saving grace to plead.
Oh what a mighty Saviour Christ,—
How boundless is His love!
And oh how blest are they who've learned
His promises to prove!
Though Heaven and earth should pass away,
His Word shall ever stand.
Then how secure are all who rest
In His almighty hand!

--Avis B. Christiansen

✓ Heresies Of Hardshellism

Hardshells make much of the Bible doctrine of the sovereignty of God. That the Bible teaches the sovereignty of God, none can deny who have read it at all. The Hardshells are heretical on this great Bible doctrine in that they preach only a half-truth; and a half-truth on this subject as on many others is the enemy of truth and destroys the whole truth. They claim that God is a sovereign and yet they treat Him as a servant. The very heart of the Bible teaching on the sovereignty of God is that He must be obeyed in all things. The Lord Jesus commended the faith of the centurion in Matt. 8, because it was a faith that not only recognized Him as a sovereign; but the centurion's faith in Christ believed that a sovereign Lord must be obeyed. There is where Hardshellism is most heretical. They say God is sovereign and yet will not obey the last command of Him, who said: "All authority is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." The man who really believes in the sovereignty of God, like Saul of Tarsus, will count himself debtor to all men and "as much as in him is," will go his length to obey the Lord's

command to "preach the Gospel to every creature." Hardshellism is heretical, fatally heretical, on the doctrine of the sovereignty of God because they cut the heart out of the great commission and wilfully and wickedly disobey Christ's command to "preach the Gospel to every creature." The one ground of censure against the one-talent man was that he claimed to believe in the sovereignty of God and yet did not do what his sovereign Lord told him to do with his money. The same offense called forth the just rebuke of his sovereign Lord against the man in the parable of the pounds, who tried to excuse himself for disobedience to his Lord's command on the ground that his Lord was sovereign and could do it without his servant's help. Study afresh the parable of the talents in Matt. 25 and of the pounds in Luke 19 and the man censured in each case is a man heretical as to the sovereignty of God. He made his belief in the sovereignty of God an excuse for doing nothing, just like

Hardshells do. Both of them said like all Hardshells say, whether in Hardshell churches or in Missionary churches, that God was a sovereign and reaped where He did not sow.

That is the favorite excuse of Hardshellism. God is sovereign, they say, and can and will save the heathen without the Gospel; in other words, since the seed is the Word, He will reap where no sowing has been done, just as these two Hardshells in these two parables said. Study the Lord's answer. In each case the Lord said in substance: "If I am sovereign, why did you not obey Me? Your professed belief in my Sovereignty is wicked hypocrisy; for if you had really believed in My sovereignty, you would have obeyed My commands instead of rebelling against My authority and trampling My commands under your feet. Your own words condemn you. You pretended to believe in My sovereignty and yet wickedly withheld from Me the one thing to which a sovereign is entitled, namely,

loyal obedience to My command to 'occupy till I come.'" Every man who makes his belief that a Sovereign God can save the heathen without the Gospel an excuse for doing nothing for missions, is a heretic against the sovereignty of God and an anarchist against the authority of the Son of God, who commanded His churches to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Ezekiel believed in the sovereignty of God and when his sovereign Lord told him to go and preach to a valley full of dry bones, he went and went to preaching, "O ye dry bones, hear the Word of the Lord." That is the right kind of belief in the sovereignty of God, believing that He has the right to command and that we have no right to make excuse or to disobey Him. The first fatal heresy of Hardshellism is that it is a wicked and wilful rebel against the authority of the Lord Jesus, which is the very heart of the doctrine of God's sovereignty.

The second heresy of Hard-

shellism is like the first, a half-truth. They teach the doctrine of personal, unconditional, eternal election. That is the truth, but not all the truth on that subject. But they warp and wrest and twist that truth and make it teach a lie, namely, that if God elected a man unto salvation, he will be saved, whether he ever hears the gospel or not. The God, who elected the men unto salvation, also elected the means for their salvation. To preach the personal election of the men, as Hardshells do, and leave out or deny the divinely chosen means, is not only not the truth, but is a wicked perversion of the truth. When Paul states the doctrine of election he states the whole truth. In Rom. 8:28-30 he clearly teaches that all the elect will be glorified; but between their predestination and their glorification he puts in the two things the Hardshells leave out, namely, their calling and their justification. They are called, Paul said, by the Gospel and they are justified by faith or believing the gospel. So that the whole truth as to election is that all the elect will be called by the Gospel and be justified (Continued on page three)

CHARLES MANGOLD CALLED UP HIGHER

On Tuesday, August 23, one of God's greatest noblemen, Charles Mangold of Demossville, Kentucky, departed to be with the Lord.

Though he had hardening of the arteries, a clot on the brain, a light stroke in his right side, and pneumonia, he peacefully fell asleep, and thus was with his Lord. Only a little while before his death, he told one of his daughters, "The Lord is coming for me soon, and what a glorious time that will be!"

He was converted and baptized in 1899 and was ordained to preach in 1908. He was an old time Baptist and a stickler for the Word of God in every (Continued on page four)

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"Getting An Ishmael Instead Of An Isaac"

(Read Gen. 16:1-13; Gen. 17:15-22; Gen. 21:1-13.)

Let me remind you this morning that God has a plan for everything that He does. God not only has a plan for His work, but His plans always work.

As an example, in the study of the tabernacle, we found that the tabernacle and the furniture thereof cost approximately \$2,000,000.00 to construct. God told them how to build it, giving instructions as to the size, shape, and the materials that were to be used. In fact, everything was told them by the Lord. God had

a plan for the construction of that tabernacle and even though it cost \$2,000,000.00, when they followed God's plan, they had more than enough with which to build it — so much so that Moses asked the people not to bring any more.

Beloved, God had a plan and they followed that plan, and God's plan worked.

Let me give you another illustration to show you how that God works according to a plan. It was God's plan that Jesus Christ die. Before the foundation of the world, even before God made a world and before

He had created an individual in it, Jesus Christ was already a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the LAMB SLAIN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.—Rev. 13:8.

It was God's plan that Jesus Christ was going to die, and God specifically planned and purposed the death of His Son for lost people, but, beloved, that death couldn't take place one minute before the time that God

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GRANDFATHER OF TV SPEAKS OUT

Dr. Lee DeForest, often called the father of radio because of his invention of the three element vacuum tube, admitted that his "grandchild, television" is running wild.

"I'm sorry to say that this medium, for which I had such high hopes a few years ago, seems to me already to have become more of an influence for bad than for good," Dr. DeForest asserted when he stopped over in Chicago.

"Television, which could be so uplifting and enlightening, is being used degradingly," said Dr. DeForest. "In Los Angeles, where I live, there are 80 or 90 murders a week broadcast on (Continued on page four)

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had planned it.

Herod tried to kill Him when
He was a baby. When He was
first born it was Herod's desire
to put Him to death, but Herod
couldn't do it. Though Herod
killed hundreds of babies in the
city of Bethlehem, God would
not allow Herod to put the
baby Jesus to death. It wasn't
God's time for Him to die.

In the beginning of Jesus'
ministry when He went into the
temple and read to the people
from the book of Esaias, and
said to them, "This day is this
Scripture fulfilled in your ears,"
they took Him to the brow of
the hill to cast him headlong
over the brow. Beloved, He
escaped out of their hands. They
weren't able to kill Him because
it wasn't God's time and God's
plan for His death.

In the book of John we read
how the people hated and de-
spised Him, and desired to put
Him to death. Though they de-
sired to kill Him, they didn't do
so, because the time of His
death had not yet come.

Beloved, God had a plan for
the death of Jesus and from the
foundation of the world God
purposed that Jesus was going
to die, but the Jews couldn't put
Him to death until God's time
came for the perfection and the
completion and the fulfillment
of that plan.

God likewise has a plan for
your life and for mine. Even the
time of our birth was prede-
termined by the Lord.

"A time to be born..."—Eccl.
3:2.

Beloved, all the doctors and
the hospitals in the country
couldn't have rushed up or held
back the time when God de-
termined that you were going
to be born. God has a plan for
your life and for mine, and that
plan is going to be fulfilled.

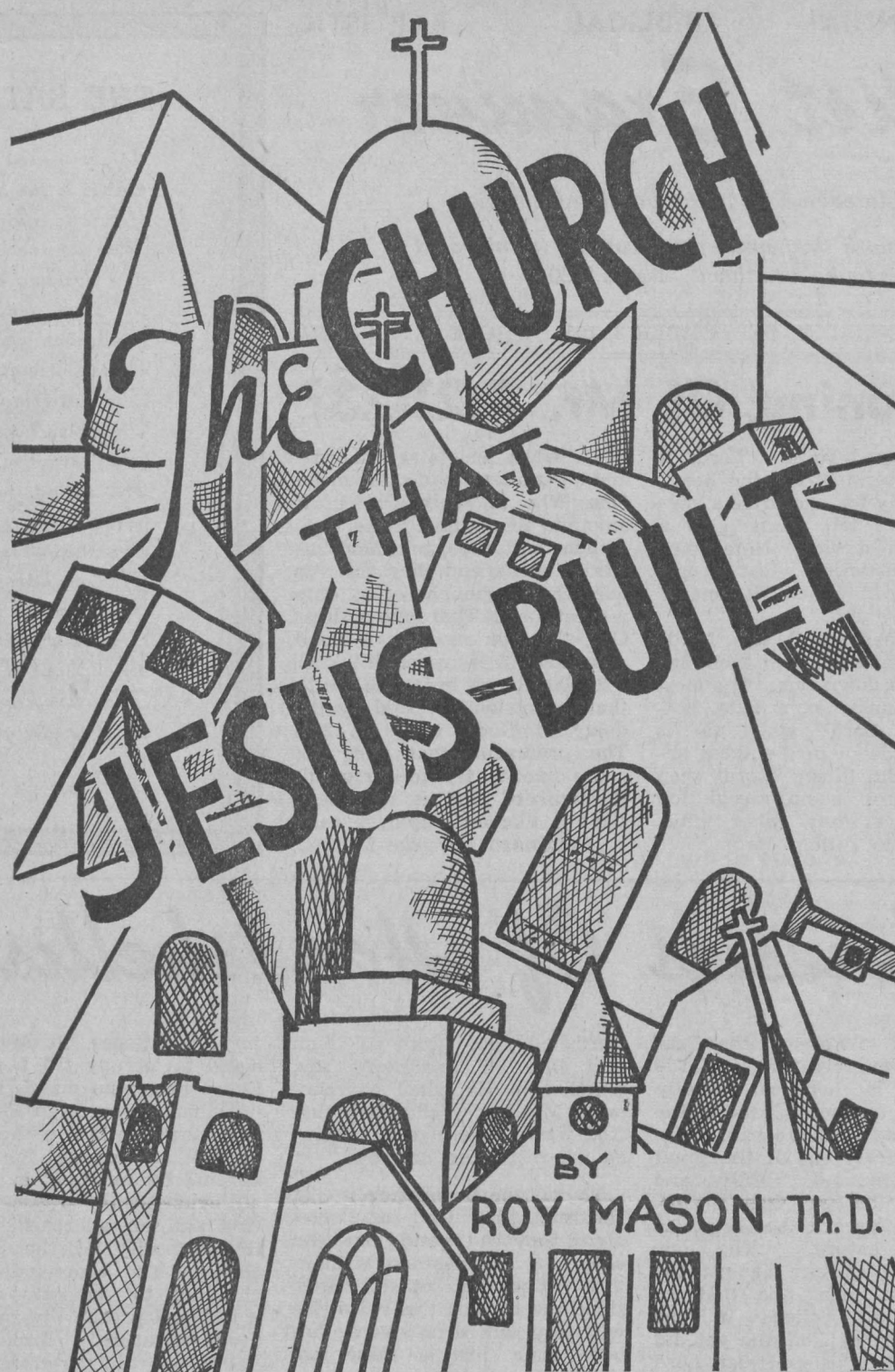
Even the plan that you live
here today has been determined
of the Lord. You may not like
Russell, and it may be that you
would rather live some place
else, but, beloved, you are liv-
ing just exactly where God Al-
mighty predetermined that you
would live, before the founda-
tion of the world. The Word of
God tells us that God has pre-
determined the bounds of our
habitation.

"And hath made of one blood
all nations of men for to dwell
on all the face of the earth, and
hath determined the times be-
fore appointed, and the bounds
of their habitations."—Acts 17:
26.

Likewise, God has predeter-
mined when we shall leave this
world, for we read:

"...and a time to die."—Eccl.
3:2.

Beloved, when the time comes
to leave this world, we are go-
ing to leave according to sched-



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ule. It is not only true that we
won't catch an earlier train, but
it is true that we won't miss
the train and have to get a later
one. We are going to die at
God's appointed time.

Beloved, God has a time and
a purpose and a plan for every-
thing that He does, and God's
plans work.

I

SOMETIMES PEOPLE TAKE
THINGS IN THEIR OWN
HANDS AND LEAVE OUT
GOD'S PLANS.

Let's take Abraham as a good
example. God had a plan for
Abraham, and that plan was
that a little boy was going to
be born into Abraham's home.
One day God walked hand in
hand with Abraham and made
that revelation unto him. God
told him that that was His plan.
Abraham waited a while and
the plan didn't materialize. He
waited a little while longer and
still God's plan hadn't material-
ized. Abraham and his wife
Sarah began to get impatient
and said, "Maybe the Lord is
expecting us to do something
about it." As a result, Sarah said
to Abraham, "The Lord has re-
strained me from bearing a
child. Therefore, you take my
servant girl Hagar and cohabit
with her, and maybe she will
conceive and bear a child; and
that child will be my child be-
cause Hagar is my servant."

When it became known that
Hagar was to bear a child, Hagar
resentfully turned in rebellion
against her mistress Sarah. In
the course of time Ishmael was
born unto Hagar and Abraham,
and Abraham said unto God, "O
that Ishmael might live before
thee." Thirteen years passed by
and one day baby Isaac was
born unto Sarah and Abraham,
just as God had promised. That
child was born at God's appoint-
ed time. Abraham and Sarah
and Hagar couldn't hurry up
nor change God's plan. They
tried to and even after the
attempt was brought to pass,
and even after Abraham prayed
that that child might be the
child which God had promised,
God sent him a child. God went
ahead with His plans just like
He had planned from the be-
ginning.

Listen, beloved, many, many
times God's people run ahead
of the Lord. They take things
into their own hands and leave
God out of their plans. The re-
sult is, when they do so, they
get an Ishmael instead of an
Isaac.

God's plan was that Isaac
would be born, but when they
ran ahead of the Lord, they got
an Ishmael instead of an Isaac.
As a result, sorrow and heart-
ache came to Abraham because
he ran ahead of the Lord. He
took things in his own hands
instead of waiting on God.

II

LOTS OF PREACHERS DO
THE SAME THING.

The Bible tells us that God
holds the preachers in His hand.
"And he had in his right hand
seven stars: and out of his
mouth went a sharp two-edged
sword: and his countenance was
as the sun shineth in his
strength."—Rev. 1:16.

The "stars" are interpreted
as "preachers," which tells us
that of these seven churches of
the book of Revelation, God
holds the pastors of the churches
in His hand.

Beloved, that is a mighty
comfortable place for a preacher
to be—held in the hand of God.
I don't know any better place
in the world for a preacher than
in God's hand. He doesn't have
to worry about anything. He
doesn't have to be concerned
about his enemies. I don't know
of anything that would bring
more comfort than to know that
you are resting securely in the
hand of God.

If a preacher is in God's hand,
then God can put him where He
wants him and will use him.
Sometimes, though, preachers
run ahead of the Lord, just like
Abraham did. Sometimes they
run ahead of the Lord in regard
to where they are going to serve
and how they are going to serve.
As a result, they get an Ishmael
instead of an Isaac.

Sometime ago a preacher was

telling me that he realized the
importance of depending upon
God in the matter of resigning
from one church and going some
place else. He said that he real-
ized that he hadn't done what
the Lord wanted him to do. He
said, "I tell you, Brother Gilpin,
God only knows how I have
suffered in trying to be a pastor
of a church where the Lord
never led me."

That was Abraham's experi-
ence. He ran ahead of the Lord,
and beloved, he got an Ishmael
instead of an Isaac, and that
Ishmael was a grief and a sor-
row and a pain to him.

III

WHAT IS TRUE OF PREACH-
ERS IS TRUE OF CHURCHES.

Oftimes churches take things
in their own hands and they
leave God out of their plans.
Take a church that is looking
for a pastor. The majority of
them when looking for a pastor
do so just about like you would
when you buy a second-hand
automobile. I have a conviction
that God not only holds His
preachers in His hand, but He
walks in the midst of His
churches. That is what the book
of Revelation teaches. Now if
God walks in the midst of His
churches and if He holds His
preachers in His hands, then,
beloved, it is no trouble for God
to put His churches and His
preachers together in His own
appointed time.

Beloved, it doesn't alw
happen that way.

"A church there was, and it
needed a preacher:
So here's what it did—a ridicu-
lous feature;
Each Sunday it 'tried out' a
different man;
Brought in from Beersheba or
maybe from Dan.

And ye who observe this affair
from afar,
Would think they are buying a
second-hand car.
Much depends on the age and
the freedom from knocks:
Yes, we pick out our pastors as
we shop for 'used crocks.'

To us has been given the Spi
to guide;
Then why run the chance that
the church may divide
Over John or Apollos or Cephas
or Paul;
The Spirit is willing: why
cheapen the call?"

Lots of times a church hopes
for an Isaac but they get an
Ishmael. They run ahead of the
Lord.

What is true of a church in
seeking a pastor is likewise true
of a church in regard to its fi-
nances. God has given a plan for
financing His church. There is
not a doubt in my mind as to
what God's plan is. We have
tried it here for over twenty-
two years and have seen it
work.

Sometimes though, churches
run ahead of the Lord. They
have Larkin orders, and quilt
shows, and oyster stews, and
chicken suppers. They have
everything under God's Heaven
to make money instead of tak-
ing God's plan. Beloved, when
they do it, the church always
gets an Ishmael instead of an
Isaac.

A preacher was telling me a
few days ago that he had tried
almost every scheme there was
for the raising of money. Some
of them I had never heard of
before. He told me the schemes
that he had tried, and he said,
"Brother Gilpin, finances are
just on the rocks with us." They
had tried every scheme, but
they hadn't tried God's plan.
They ran ahead of the Lord.

Beloved, whenever you run
ahead of God in any scheme in
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the matter of finance, or anything else, God will give you an Ishmael instead of an Isaac.

The same thing is true in regard to salvation. The church's business is to bring the lost to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as they witness for Him through the preaching of His Word. Many, many times a preacher runs ahead of the Lord. They substitute plans for seeking the lost. They use man-made expedients instead of the plan of Almighty God. What is the result? They get a crowd of Ishmaels and not Isaacs.

I think the majority of churches all over the country are just filled with a crowd of Ishmaels, because they have run ahead of God and used their own plans instead of God's plan. In a Baptist church (at least, Baptist in name) not far from here, this experience took place: After the pastor had finished his sermon, he came down to the front and took one end of the mourner's bench and set it out. Then he walked around to the other end and set it out, and then said, "I have brought salvation three feet nearer to you."

No, he hadn't, beloved; he had just confused the teachings of the Word of God. I challenge any man to find one place in the Bible where a sinner is commanded to pray to be saved. I challenge any man to find any place in the Bible where the mourner's bench is mentioned one time. All the crowd that you get to join the church that come by way of the mourner's bench will be just Ishmaels instead of Isaacs.

What is true of a mourner's bench is true of dozens of other expedients. I was in a Baptist church sometime ago and I saw them come back into the audience and get hold of people—people who had no spiritual interest or concern in any wise at all—and literally drag them up to the front to get a profession of them. Beloved, when they had done so, they had just gotten a lot of unsaved people to make a profession and join the church. There was no salvation there—just a crowd of Ishmaels instead of Isaacs.

Beloved, whether it be a church, or a preacher, or a group of people, or one person individually, we do wrong when we don't wait on God. Whenever we take things in our own hands and try to work out something contrary to God's plan, we will be just like Abraham was. We will be getting an Ishmael instead of an Isaac.

IV

OUR GOAL OUGHT TO BE THAT WE WANT TO BE IN THE CENTER OF THE WILL OF GOD EVERY DAY.

Beloved, friends, if we are going to seek to serve the Lord, we ought to seek to serve Him in the light of His Word as laid down within His Book.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." — Prov. 3:5, 6.

Beloved, if Abraham had listened to God and had depended on God to direct his pathways, he wouldn't have gotten an Ishmael; he would have waited and gotten an Isaac.

Likewise, if you and I wait on the Lord and let Him lead and direct our paths, we will get Isaacs instead of Ishmaels every time.

That is true of this church as

a body. It is true of us as individuals.

In the Old Testament, the Jews were led by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. When God wanted them to move, that pillar of cloud or fire moved. When it moved, they moved. When it stopped, they stopped. When it veered to the right, they did likewise. When it veered to the left, they did likewise. They did just what the cloud above them indicated.

Oh, would to God that as a church, as a group of Baptist people, that you and I might be as obedient and find ourselves in the center of His will, to seek and to follow as He shall lead, just like those people in the Old Testament followed as the Lord directed them!

That is also true concerning the lost.

There is no individual in this world that loves to see lost souls saved more than I, but I realize God has some plans that we have to take into consideration about the matter of seeing people saved.

I realize, first of all, that God has elected people unto salvation, and that only those whom He has chosen will ever be saved.

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."—John 6:37.

Mark it down, beloved, everyone that God gave to Jesus Christ before the foundation of the world as a love gift—every one of them will be saved. There won't be a one of them that will fail to get to Heaven. All of God's elect will be saved.

Listen again:

"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, God has chosen people to salvation. Dragging people up to the front bench, or getting them to sign pledge cards or decision cards, or getting them to pray at a mourner's bench, or getting them to make any kind of a profession, will never save one lost soul. They'll never be saved unless they were chosen by God before the foundation of the world.

God's plan not only includes the fact that He has elected men to salvation, but it further includes this truth, that every unsaved man is spiritually dead before God. How can a spiritually dead man be saved unless the Lord makes him alive? Paul says:

"And you hath he quickened, who were DEAD in trespasses and sins."—Eph. 2:1.

Every one outside of Jesus Christ who later became a member of the church at Ephesus, was first of all dead spiritually. Then the Lord quickened them and made them alive and added them to the church.

Beloved, God has some plans, and we are to take God's plans into consideration.

God's plan is that the Holy Spirit must call us. I have seen preachers who were not willing just to preach. They wanted to preach and play Holy Spirit also. When they finished preaching they would go down into the audience and would take hold of some individual and drag him to the front. I thank the Lord that that is one thing that this preacher has never done. I thank the Lord that that is one error that the Lord has kept me from. I never did try to play Holy Spirit in the house of the Lord, but there are a lot of preachers who do it.

Listen, beloved, the Holy

Spirit has to call a man—not the preacher. Men are not called by the persuasiveness of preachers from the pulpit, nor by the tugging of some consecrated church member at his arm as he stands beside him in the pew, but men are called by the power of the Spirit of God.

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."—John 6:44.

God elects men to salvation and He sends the Holy Spirit to draw dead sinners unto Him. Beloved, when we run ahead of the Lord and do otherwise, we will get a bunch of Ishmaels in our church every time. But if we wait on God and God saves and adds to the church, God will give us Isaacs instead of Ishmaels.

God has a plan for us in that He wants us to be missionary.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."—Mt. 28:19, 20.

Beloved, the God who looked down upon lost people and saw them dead in trespasses and sin, who before the foundation of the world elected some to eternal life—that God calls men by the Holy Spirit as we witness and preach His Word to the ends of the world. The Bible tells us that there will never be one saved without the hearing of the Word of God.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."—Rom. 10:17.

Preachers need to preach the Word of God and then wait on the Holy Spirit to draw men unto salvation. Whenever they do that, God will give them some Isaacs instead of Ishmaels. But whenever they drag people into the church, they are going to have trouble. They will be out of place, out of fellowship, and out of harmony. They will just be a bunch of ecclesiastical corpses.

I like to see people saved and added to the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, but I want to be sure that when they come, it is the Holy Spirit that draws them instead of the preacher. I want to be sure that when they make a profession it is the Holy Spirit that is bringing them instead of someone else. When the Holy Spirit draws them, you can be sure of one thing: God will give you Isaacs instead of Ishmaels.

Beloved, Jesus Christ died for His elect.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures."—I Cor. 15:3.

"For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for MANY for the remission of sins."—Mt. 26:28.

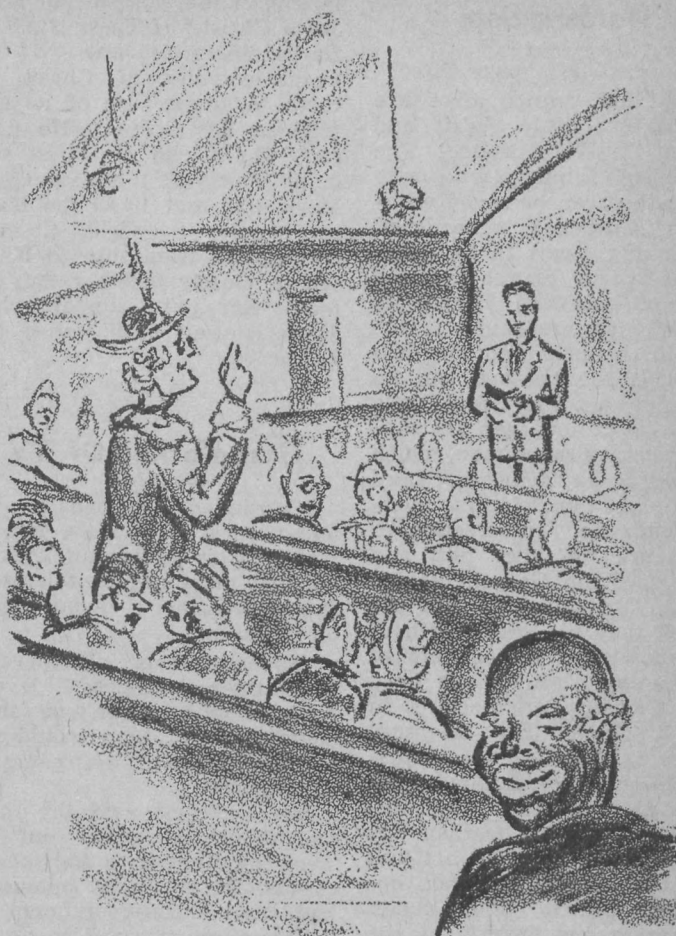
Notice that this tells us that Christ didn't die for everybody, but for many. You can't find it any place in the Bible where it says that Jesus died for everybody and that everybody can be saved.

I thank God that every one of those who are listed as the "many" will be saved in God's own appointed time. When we try to rush God and try to hurry things to suit ourselves, every time we get a bunch of Ishmaels instead of Isaacs.

May it please the Lord in this hour to reach down and save someone of His elect and add that one to His church. If you are saved and haven't yet followed your Lord in baptism, may God give you grace to take your stand for Him.

May God bless you!

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by believing the Gospel and be glorified by reason of the hope obtained through the Gospel. Or take this passage in II Thess. 2:13-14, where Paul again tells the whole truth about election: "God hath from the beginning chosen you unto salvation through the sanctification of the Spirit and the belief of the truth; whereunto He called you by our gospel to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." There is eternal election—"from the beginning;" personal election—"you;" unconditional election, "God chose." But that is only half the truth. God's election was "unto salvation." This salvation was not unconditional, but was "through the sanctification of the Spirit and the belief of the truth." This unconditional election was unto a conditional salvation to which the elect were called by the Gospel. These unconditionally elected ones could only obtain the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ through a conditional salvation to which they were called by the Gospel. Since Hardshellism preaches no Gospel, no one has been called unto salvation through it. Since being called unto salvation by the Gospel is necessary to obtaining salvation and Hardshellism has no Gospel for the unsaved, no one was ever saved by Hardshellism. Since God's elect are all called unto salvation by the Gospel and the Hardshell elect are all saved without the Gospel, Hardshell elect are not God's elect. Since all God's elect are saved "through the sanctification of the Spirit and the belief of the truth" and Hardshells are saved without the belief of the truth, Hardshells are not saved or not God's elect and Hardshellism is not the truth. Since God's unconditional election is unto a conditional salvation and Hardshell unconditional surrender is unto an uncondi-

tional salvation, Hardshell election is not the truth but a perversion of the truth and is not unto a salvation at all but unto damnation. Remember that God's unconditional election is unto a conditional salvation and when Hardshellism teaches an unconditional salvation the election they preach is unto damnation instead of salvation. An election which does not include the preaching of the Gospel as a condition of salvation is not God's election at all; for "it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." God's election included both the men and the means. But once more—Paul said: "I endure all things for the elect's sake that they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." The elect will obtain eternal glory; but how? By the missionaries enduring all things that they may preach the Gospel by which the elect are called unto salvation. Since Hardshell election leaves out missions it is not God's kind—not Paul's kind and not the truth.

The third heresy of Hardshellism and the one which is the tap-root of nearly all other heresies, which they teach, is their enmity to the Gospel. They do not preach the Gospel. They deny that the Gospel is to be preached to the lost. They affirm in debate that adults are saved without the Gospel as truly as infants. Their opposition to missions grows out of their opposition to the Gospel. Their opposition to Sunday Schools grows out of their opposition to the Gospel. They are as bitter enemies to the Gospel as the Jews or the Turks or the infidels. They teach the unheard of, unnatural and un-Scriptural notion that a child can be born of a father without a mother. They say that

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infants and adults alike are born of the Holy Spirit and without the Word of God. The Missionary Baptist, who says the heathen can be saved without the Gospel, is a hardshell heretic and ought to be disciplined by his church for the worst of heresies. Heresy as to how men are saved is the worst of heresies and the man who says the heathen can be saved without the Gospel is a heretic as to how men are saved. If he is a saved man, which is doubtful, he "denies the Lord who bought him;" for the atoning death and resurrection of Christ are the very pith and marrow of the Gospel. If the heathen are saved without the Gospel, they are saved without the knowledge or benefits of the atoning death of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul declares in Gal. 3:8 that "The Scripture foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith preached before the Gospel unto Abraham." No heathen was ever justified who had not first heard the Gospel and then believed in Christ. "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." They cannot have faith until they hear and they can't hear without a preacher and the Master said, "they are yet in their sins, if they believe not."

Hardshells, like the Scribes and Pharisees, are enemies of the Gospel and oppose preaching it to the heathen. Campbellites say men are born of the Word without the Spirit; Hardshells say they are born of the Spirit without the Word.

Both are alike heretical as to the new birth. If any difference, Campbellites are less dangerous than Hardshells, for they do believe in preaching the Word to sinners. And if Christ is preached by them to sinners the Holy Spirit may occasionally enable a sinner to see Christ and lay hold on Him. That is never true of Hardshellism, for they never preach Christ to sinners. Both Campbellites and Hardshells are heretical on the new birth; and since men cannot be saved without the new birth neither Campbellism nor Hardshellism, in their unadulterated form, ever saved any sinner. Men are not saved by the Spirit without the Word nor by the Word without the Spirit. They must be born of the Word and of the Spirit, if they would enter the kingdom of God. Hardshellism has no place for any such Scriptures as the following because it denies that the Word has anything to do in the salvation of the lost. "For in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel." I Cor. 4:15. "The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." Rom. 1:16. "Of his own will begat he us with the Word of truth." Jas. 1:18. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." * * * And this is the Word, which by the gospel is preached unto you." I Pet. 1:23-25. "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 unto salvation through the sanctification of the Spirit and the belief of the truth; whereunto (i. e., unto salvation) He called

you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." II Thess. 2:13-14. Hardshellism is one of the worst enemies of Christ on earth today because of its enmity to His Gospel. No man can be a friend of Christ and be an enemy of the Gospel. In Mark 8:35 and 10:29 the Master couples friendship to the Gospel and friendship to Himself so closely together that no man "can put asunder what Jesus Himself hath joined together."

Grandfather Of TV

(Continued from page one) television programs, mostly movies. This is alarming, wicked, and must not be tolerated. It can have only a vicious effect on children."

"Sponsors must reform and raise their intellectual levels. And I honestly believe they could do it if they would act together, without losing a single viewer."

Mr. DeForest said the most worthwhile programs in TV were the discussions and special events. He said that television had been a disappointment in its handling of good music.

"All you can hear is boogie woogie and jazz," he emphasized. "To hear symphonic music I've got to turn to records and phonograph."

Mr. DeForest reported that television is having an adverse effect on reading of books and magazines: "The pulp publishers, fortunately, are suffering the most. Followers of cheap fiction have just shifted over to watching the television thrillers."

Charles Mangold

(Continued from page one) particular. There are mighty few Baptist preachers like him today.

Thank God for this editor's memory of him. I heard him preach for the first time, as a boy, before God saved me. Through the years he has been a blessing and an inspiration to me as very few preachers have ever been.

He was a rural pastor—was never pastor of any large city church, yet multiplied thousands of folk in northern Kentucky were saved and blessed and strengthened by his ministry. Only eternity will reveal the great work of this mighty man of God. He loved his friends and his family, but he loved his Lord and His Word above all else. May his life live on in the lives of his friends who knew him!

Mt. 7:2-23

(Continued from page one) ing his new employer "boss" while at the same time making no attempt to do anything he is told to do. The very first thing—the starting point in the doing of God's will is the acceptance of His Son. No one can reject Christ and serve God acceptably. And what shall we say about the person who claims to be a Christian but who ignores God's will concerning baptism—church membership—tithing—a separated life, etc?

3. We have here the truth that a day of reckoning is coming. (v. 22). "In that day" means in the day when men come up for sentence and judgment. There is a testing time coming for both SAVED and UNSAVED. This will be in connection with entirely sep-

Modern Divine Healing Is Not One Whit Short Of A Religious Racket

By Earle G. Griffith

The price of preserving the faith is eternal vigilance. It was "while men slept that the enemy sowed tares." God's people are never released from sentry duty.

It is but repeating a commonplace, well and widely known, that Christianity suffers from attack originating in two different areas.

First, from foes outside the pale of the churches, such as Atheists, Agnostics, Bolsheviks, Church-Despising - Worldlings, or Power-Crazed Politicians.

Secondly, from either ignorant or designing persons within the ranks of church membership. The layman may debase the pew and the prophet may pollute the pulpit. We believe the second to be much the greater danger. Certainly it is in line with predictive Scripture. "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." (They will not tolerate wholesome instructions.—Weymouth.)

Should anyone say "it is not our right to raise questions about persons labeled as 'healers,' or the genuineness of those who claim to be healed," our answer runs, it is the inalienable right of a voter to look into the record and fitness of a candidate he is asked to support; it is the right of a fruit buyer to inspect the fruit on sale; it is the right of the patient to examine the bottle

arate judgments.

4. We have the truth here, that many will plead their activities in the name of Christ as their ticket for admission into God's presence. (v. 22). Note the items:

(1). Prophesied in the name of Christ. Joe Smith, one of the founders of Mormonism claimed revelations and claimed to add to the day of Scripture. Mrs. Ellen White, one of the founders of Adventism, claimed the same. Adventism has a female prophetess, and their writings reveal that they consider Mrs. White as inspired. Mrs. Eddy is regarded as inspired, and her writings made a "key" to the Scriptures. Pastor Russell and Judge Rutherford have been regarded as in the role of prophets, virtually. These all are in part the fulfillment of this passage.

(2). "Cast out demons." Who have been the great claimants along this line? The answer is the holiness groups. Wildest fanaticism has been practiced by them. During the war a visitor to Tampa thought there was an air raid warning, but discovered the racket came from a nearby holiness church.

(3). "Done many wonderful works." Such as pile up piles of crutches with wide-spread healing of the sick.

People have been duped and relieved of their money by wonder workers of the sort here described.

5. Mere professors who are not genuine believers, and who exploit people in the name of Christ, for personal or money gain, will be told several things:

(1). "I never knew you." (v. 23). Never fell from grace, for he says "NEVER."

(2). "Depart from me." To depart from Christ, means to go to hell.

(3). "Ye workers of INIQUITY." Works depended on for salvation is "INIQUITY."

label; it is not only the Christian's right to inquire into the claims of a religious leader to see if he is indeed speaking for Christ and the Bible, it is his inescapable, solemn obligation to do so. I John 4:1, "Beloved, believe not every spirit but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

By way of further clarification of this issue: Screaming, letter-writing, oral testimony endorsement of a "healing campaign" and its promoters do not make these valid or Scriptural. No person, or persons can shout loud enough to cause two plus two to add up to five, or make truth out of fakery.

Some things mark an enlightened or Bible-taught Christian. He wholeheartedly believes in the supernatural. His Bible is of supernatural origin. He accepts it without mental reservation that the ministry of Hebrew prophets, Christ, and the apostles was attended by miracles of divine power, nor does he believe that supernaturalism ceased, emphatically and forever with the completion of the New Testament.

Nothing in this article is to be construed as implying that God could not or would not intervene on a person's behalf in a manner defying our understanding. But enlightened Christians likewise, believe in the occurrence of satanic counterfeit so subtle as, if it were possible, to deceive the "very elect." Read and ponder II Thess. 2:9.

Let God's Word testify on the question in hand. Many believe that man's ministry is of a lesser quality, or lower order, if it is not accompanied by physical healings. John the Baptist gives the lie to that position. How plainly it is declared: "John did no miracle." John 10:41. He shook nations, disturbed a throne, awakened thousands, but "did no miracle."

The whole healing emphasis is a reversal and perversion of values. If current healing teaching is correct, Paul was in reverse gear, for he petitioned: "I pray God your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Thess. 5:23). Healing campaigns present body ascendancy over spirit and soul ascendancy.

Note some contrasts and conflicts:

One, Bible healings were instantaneous, or immediate. Matt. 8:3, "Immediately his leprosy was cleansed." The one blessed did not have to wait or attend different services.

Two, Bible healings included the worst of diseases and afflictions. Paralysis, sightlessness and death. Let our glamorous healers imitate these.

Three, Bible healing was gratis. Acts 3:1-11. There was no extended appeal for finances prior to meeting the need. In fact the alms-seeker (not giver) was healed.

Bible teaching never carried the cruel implication that sickness and affliction necessarily meant carnality or deviation from the will of God. Contrary to this, in apostolic days, God's people suffered. Paul was little short of blind when he wrote Galatians. See Gal. 6:11. Paul walked away from a sick friend, leaving him unhealed. II Tim. 4:20.

God's choice servants have often labored with ailing bodies. Miracles having to do with

the body and temporal well-being of man are under the sovereign will of our gracious All-Wise God.

There is no end to personal exploitation in our day. The worst, it would seem, is to dupe suffering humans and cause many to make shipwreck of faith, supporting it by calling it a revival of New Testament Christianity.

The need of our generation is not painless bodies, but repentance for sin, experiential knowledge of salvation and individual regeneration, God's crowning miracles in any day.

Test leaders not by noise, claims, and religious glamour, but by the plumbline of God's Word. I John 4:1.

We submit a "case history," presented by Bro. Jno. Scalf, High Point, N. C.:

On June 22 Chas. H. Stevens and the executive vice-president of Piedmont Bible Schools had an extended interview with Bro. John Scalf of High Point, N. C. Pastor Scalf has obtained about ten case histories of persons for whom miraculous healing was claimed in connection with the recent healing campaign. Careful personal investigation was made. There was not one instance of real evidence to support the healing testimony.

In one case three demons were supposed to have been expelled from a man. Investigation revealed that the man had a nerve disorder which was a result of heavy responsibility and work.

A woman with a goiter (external) was publicly declared cured. But observation and examination the evening of the alleged healing and days later showed the claim as baseless.

We submit it as our solemn conviction that a man who claims that God has vested power to heal in his "right hand" is an imposter. Those knowing the Word of God will not and cannot support him.

Under the Mosaic Law, capital punishment was imposed upon presumptive, fake prophets. (Deut. 18:20-22).

Under grace, the least we can do is to shun and expose them.

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