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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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## Why We In America Are Fortunate

"We Americans are inclined to overlook our blessings." With this statement as an introduction, T. B. Jefferson, editor of The Welding Engineer, recently published an article to prove that "we most certainly are fortunate to be Americans." Jefferson cited these facts: "Though we Americans represent a little better than 6 per cent of the world's population, we own a very much greater share of the world's goods. Because of our production techniques, unfettered under a free economy, we enjoy: "Ninety-four per cent of the

world's television sets, ninety-two per cent of the world's modern bathtubs, 85 per cent of the world's automobiles, 54 per cent of the world's telephones, 48 per cent of the world's radios, 46 per cent of the world's electric power, 35 per cent of the world's steam railroad mileage, 30 per cent of the world's improved highways.

"Here in America we consume:

"Sixty-five per cent of the world's corn, 60 per cent of the world's wheat, 60 per cent of the world's petroleum, 53 per

cent of the world's wool, 48 per cent of the world's coffee, 45 per cent of the world's meat."

The Lord Jesus said: "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which He possesseth" (Luke 12:15); hence readers may wonder if some of the things mentioned by Mr. Jefferson are not curses rather than blessings.

In our estimation, Americans may be specially thankful that religious liberty prevails in this country. The Word of God may still be read privately and publicly. It may be preached without let or hindrance.



Just as we are ready to go to press word is received from Peru that Bro. R. P. Hallum has suffered a heart attack and is seriously ill. The Hallums were due to have left for home for a furlough. Remember them much in prayer.

## ✓ Scriptures To Use On Catholics

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All the following questions and answers, under letters R.C.C., are taken from Roman Catholic Catechism No. 2. Prepared and enjoined by order of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore.

### On The Mass

R.C.C. What is the Mass? The Mass is the unbloody sacrifice of the body and blood of Christ.

Is the Mass the same sacrifice as that of the Cross? The Mass is the same sacrifice as that of the Cross.

The above 'Roman Catholic teaching is against God's teaching.

Heb. 7:27. For this He did once.

Heb. 9:11-15. He entered in once.

Heb. 9:26. But now once.

Heb. 9:28. Christ was, once offered.

### NEW LIFE

### BRINGS A CHANGE

A poor crossing-sweeper in Dublin was standing with his broom at the crossways. As he waited there for the charity of passers-by, a lawyer placed his hand upon his shoulder and said:

"My good fellow, do you know that you are heir to a fortune?"

"Do you mean me?" asked the crossing-sweeper.

"I do," replied the lawyer, "I have just received the news, and I am quite sure you are the man."

The crossing-sweeper walked away in eagerness to know all about his new inheritance, and forgot his broom. No more road-sweeping now. He has a new position in life, and must live up to his dignity.

So, as an heir of God, you are called upon to live in "newness of life" as the son of a king. Leave the old "brooms" behind!

Heb. 10:10. The offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Heb. 10:11,12. He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever.

Heb. 10:14. For by one offering.

Heb. 10:15-20. There is no more offering.

I Pet. 1:18,19. Not redeemed with silver or gold.

If Christ is offered again by the Roman Catholic priests as they claim, then the above Scriptures are not true. There are about 200,000 Masses said in 24 hours, all over the world, then Jesus suffers the terrible agony of Calvary 200,000 times 24 hours and not as the Scriptures teach us. God forbid! We must believe the Holy Scriptures.

### On Purgatory

R.C.C. What is Purgatory? Purgatory is a state in which those suffer for a time who die guilty of venial sins, or without having satisfied for the punishment due to their sins.

The above is against God's teaching.

The word or such a place as

Purgatory does not appear in the Bible. In fact the teaching of Purgatory makes God a liar. Heb. 9:22. And without shedding of blood is no remission.

There is therefore no Purgatory.

Heb. 7:25. Save them to the uttermost.

I John 1:7. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from venial and mortal sins—all sin. God's Word is true but the above Roman Catholic teaching makes God's Word untrue. God forbid.

Take the thief on the cross. He never confessed his individual sins. No Purgatory teaching there. Jesus said, "Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise."

St. Luke 23:39-43.

Rom. 8:1. There is now no condemnation.

Rom. 5:1. Being justified by faith.

Gal. 3:1-5. Who hath bewitched you.

Gal. 3:11. The just shall live by faith.

Rom. 1:16,17. Gospel power unto Salvation.

Rom. 3:21-28. Justified freely

by his grace.

I John 1:7. The Blood cleanseth from all sin.

Rom. 5:9. Justified by His blood.

Rev. 1:5. Washed us from our sins.

Eph. 2:13. Made nigh by the blood.

Rev. 12:11. Overcame by the blood.

### The Priest Or Father

Matt. 23:9. Call no man your father.

Jesus the only Priest of the New Testament. Heb. 7:23-25. An unchangeable priesthood.

A New Testament priest is higher than the heavens and only Jesus is that. Heb. 7:26. Higher than the heavens.

Paul says that only they who are of the tribe of Levi can be priests on this earth. See Numbers 18:1-8 an ordinance for ever (on this earth). Ex. 28:1.

Ex. 40:15. An everlasting priesthood.

Num. 25:13. He shall have it, and his seed after him.

Heb. 7:15-22. Office of the priesthood.

For God's promise to Israel was for a priesthood on this earth, therefore Jesus had to ascend from the sphere of this promise, the earth, and sat on the right hand of God the Father in Heaven and became a priest unto us. If Jesus remained on this earth he could not be a priest because he was of the tribe of Juda and not of Levi. And God's Word can never be broken.

Heb. 8:1-4. If He (Jesus) were on earth, He should not be a priest.

If Christ Himself could not be a priest, then how dare these Roman Catholics presume against the Word of God.

Heb. 2:17,18. He (Jesus) might be a merciful and faithful high priest.

Heb. 3:1. Priest of our profession.

Heb. 4:14,15. Priest that is passed into Heaven, Jesus the Son of God.

I John 2:1. Advocate with the Father.

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### ✓ PLENTY OF ROOM IN CEMETERIES

The American Cemetery Association while in convention at Atlantic City, N. J., officially estimated there will be enough cemetery space for at least the next 200 years.

They decided that that was one less item for the present generation to worry about; also that there was no need for the government to get into the cemetery business.

Although the matter of cemetery space may be nothing to worry about, the matter of death itself should be given considerable consideration; for the important reason that death does not end all. After death "the judgment," says the unfailing Word of God. (Hebrews 9:27).

There is one—but only one—way of evading the judgment which one's sins deserve; and that is by placing personal faith in the One Who endured God's (Continued on page four)

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "Hearing God's Word"

"The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the Lord."—Jer. 23:28.

The biggest problem that confronted Jeremiah and all the true prophets of the Old Testament, was false prophets. For every true man of God that is found in the Old Testament, you find dozens of false prophets. I would to God that I might emphasize this sufficiently. I repeat, that for every true man

of God there were dozens and dozens of false prophets who did not preach God's Word. It was so in the days of every one of the prophets of the Old Testament, and it was especially true in the days of Jeremiah. In those days true prophets were very scarce. Jeremiah was about the only one, but there were dozens of false prophets. They were saying, "We had a vision," or "We dreamed a dream," or "We had a revelation," and the people at large were being deceived and led astray by these false prophets

with their supposed dreams and visions and revelations.

In the chapter from whence this text is taken, God is urging the people to hear none of these, but rather to hear the Word of God alone. He reminds them that He is a sovereign God, that He fills Heaven and earth, that He is not a God afar off, but rather a God at hand. He reminds them of His omnipotence and His omniscience and His omnipresence. He reminds them that He as a sovereign being has spoken, and that they are (Continued on page two)



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## "Hearing God's Word"

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to hear His Word. He says, "Let  
the man who had a dream, tell  
his dream, and the man who  
has my word, let him speak my  
word faithfully." Then God  
says, "What is chaff in com-  
parison with the wheat?" as if  
to say that all the supposed  
dreams and revelations and  
visions which these false proph-  
ets had had, along with the  
noblest thoughts that they  
might offer, in comparison with  
the eternal Word of God is but  
as chaff to the wheat.

I say to you this morning,  
beloved, all the words which  
have been finely spun and  
beautifully spoken and intrin-  
sically given from the lips of  
men that have come out of their  
imagination or from the depths  
of their brain—all those words  
put together in comparison with  
God Almighty's eternal and  
unchangeable Word, are but as  
chaff in comparison to the  
words of God's Book. What was  
true in the days of Jeremiah  
is just as true this morning.  
God's Word is still the wheat;  
man's opinions, man's specula-  
tions, and man's dreams are the  
chaff. Anything that man has  
to say that is contrary to this  
Word of God is merely chaff in  
comparison to the Book itself.

If that be true, beloved, then  
we ought to be mighty sure at  
all times that we receive nothing  
but the Word of God. That  
being true, I as your pastor  
ought to be mighty careful that  
I give you nothing but the pure  
Word of God. That being true,  
you as a child of God ought to  
be mighty sure and mighty  
careful to ask for nothing else  
and to receive nothing else but  
the Word of God.

It is mighty easy for preach-  
ers to come with intriguing  
messages that might appeal to  
the vanity of your own mind  
and thereby you would be  
swayed from the truth of God's  
Book, but, beloved, you and I  
ought never ask for, nor re-  
ceive, nor accept anything ex-  
cept that which is backed up by  
the Word of God.

If the Word of God is the  
wheat and all that men have to  
say is chaff in comparison  
thereto, then, beloved, what  
does the Bible itself teach con-  
cerning certain verities that are  
dear and precious to the hearts  
of God's redeemed of all ages?

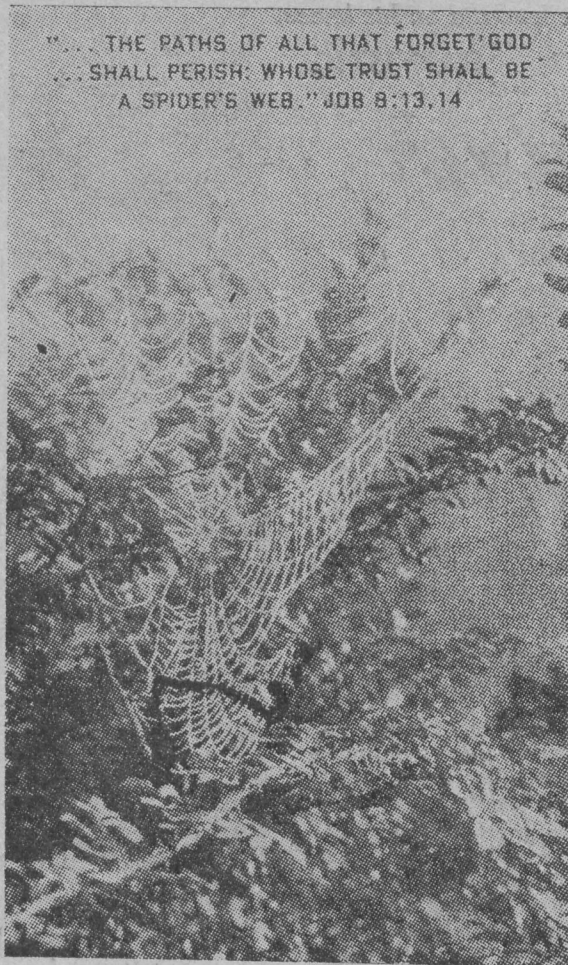
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## FIRST OF ALL, WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT GOD?

"Am I a God at hand, saith  
the Lord, and not a God afar  
off?"—Jer. 23:23.

The God that I read to you  
about from the Bible is not a  
God, beloved, that is merely far  
off and not close by; likewise  
He is not a God that is merely  
close by and not far off; rather,  
beloved, the God of the Bible  
is a God at hand and a God far  
away. He is a God of omnipres-  
ence—a God that is everywhere.  
The same God that looks down  
upon you today is the same

There is no failure more disastrous than the success that leaves God out of the bargain.



"... THE PATHS OF ALL THAT FORGET GOD  
... SHALL PERISH: WHOSE TRUST SHALL BE  
A SPIDER'S WEB." JOB 8:13, 14

God that accompanies our mis-  
sionaries in Brazil and Peru this  
morning.

Listen again:

"But our God is in the heav-  
ens: he hath done whatsoever  
he hath pleased."—Psa. 115:3.

That is the God that I am  
speaking about—a God that  
does what He pleases. God has  
never yet consulted with man.  
Oh, what a contrast between  
God and man! An intelligent  
man will take counsel of his  
friends. A man who desires to  
do that which is right will  
counsel with his closest ad-  
visors, but not so with God. God  
asks no man for advice. God  
does not take counsel with any  
of us. Rather, beloved, He has  
done whatsoever He has  
pleased.

Notice again:

"Whatsoever the Lord pleased,  
that did he in heaven, and in  
earth, in the seas, and all deep  
places."—Psa. 135:6.

The mind of man just can't  
fully comprehend all that verse,  
but it is a fact. It is recorded  
in the Word, and everything  
that is recorded in this Bible is  
true. This Book tells us that  
God is sovereign in Heaven;  
He is sovereign on earth; He  
is sovereign in the seas; He is  
sovereign in all the places. He  
does whatsoever He pleases.

"God is greatly to be feared  
in the assembly of the saints,  
and to be had in reverence of  
all them that are about him.  
O Lord God of hosts, who is a  
strong Lord like unto thee? or  
to thy faithfulness round about  
thee? Thou rulest the raging of  
the sea: when the waves there-  
of arise, thou stillest them."—  
Psa. 89:7-9.

Jesus was God in the flesh.  
The God of the Old Testament  
is the Jesus Christ of the New  
Testament. In the days of His  
flesh, when He lay asleep in the  
little vessel and the waves were  
pounding against it as though  
it would send it to the depths  
of the sea, He arose and spoke  
a calm to that body of water  
so that it was still. Listen, my  
beloved friends, God can do  
what man can never do. He  
rules the seas, He stills the  
waves and He also makes the  
waves to become mountains. He  
causes the waves to roll over  
the top of the vessel, and again  
He stills those waves that He  
has created and causes the ocean  
to become a calm. Beloved, He is a  
sovereign God.

"The Lord is slow to anger,  
and great in power, and will not  
at all acquit the wicked: the  
Lord hath his way in the whirl-  
wind and in the storm, and the  
clouds are the dust of his feet.  
He rebuketh the sea, and  
maketh it dry, and drieth up  
all the rivers: Bashan languish-  
eth, and Carmel, and the flower  
of Lebanon languisheth. The  
mountains quake at him, and  
the hills melt, and the earth is  
burned at his presence, yea, the  
world, and all that dwell there-  
in. Who can stand before his  
indignation? and who can abide  
in the fierceness of his anger.  
his fury is poured out like  
fire, and the rocks are thrown  
down by him."—Nahum 1:3-6.

Beloved, what a God is re-  
vealed to us in this Bible!

Sometime ago a cyclone  
struck here in Kentucky, and  
it happened that it tore down a  
school building which I attend-  
ed when I was a boy. Fortu-  
nately, though the school build-  
ing was wrecked and though a  
path of destruction one-half  
mile wide and about two miles  
in length followed that storm,  
not a single person was killed  
by the elements. Since I had  
gone to school there as a boy,  
I naturally had an interest that  
I wouldn't have had otherwise,  
and I made a special trip to  
that town in order to see the  
result of that cyclone. I looked  
at a store building where as a  
boy ten years of age I used to  
go to buy our groceries. It was  
laid flat with the ground and  
not one timber seemingly nailed  
to another. I looked at the  
barns on the farms where I  
had lived and where I had  
stabled the livestock, and I  
saw those barns completely de-  
molished. I saw the school that  
I had attended, a complete  
wreckage, and I marveled that  
in the providence of God all  
the children of the school had  
gotten safely out without a sin-  
gle one being scratched by a  
piece of broken glass. As I  
stood and looked at the wreck-  
age that had been caused by  
that cyclone, I remembered this  
Scripture: "The Lord hath his  
way in the whirlwind and in  
the storm."

There are lots of things that  
come in your life and mine that  
are perplexing and that doubt-  
lessly we will never compre-  
hend until we get to Glory, but,  
beloved, I thank God this  
morning that there is no acci-

dent that ever takes place in  
your life and mine. There is  
nothing that comes by chance,  
but rather the Lord has His  
way.

Let me read to you again:

"The king's heart is in the  
hand of the Lord, as the rivers  
of water: he turneth it whither-  
soever he will."—Prov. 21:1.

I think this verse means ex-  
actly and literally what it says.  
God controls the heart of the  
king. What is true of the king  
is true of the subject. What is  
true of the king and the sub-  
ject is true of you and me. We  
are in His hands. He controls  
us. You are where you are to-  
day because God put you there.  
You are what you are today be-  
cause God made you thus. You  
will be tomorrow [what you  
will be, because God controls  
your destiny. Our hearts and  
our lives are in the hands of  
God.

Listen again:

"Declaring the end from the  
beginning, and from ancient  
times the things that are not yet  
done, saying, My counsel shall  
stand, and I will do all my  
pleasure."—Isa. 46:10.

God declares the end from  
the beginning. God knew the  
end from the beginning. What  
a contrast! God knew what your  
life and mine was to be. He  
knew what the events of our  
lives and all the balance of this  
earth's 500,000,000 inhabitants  
today would be. Not only did  
He know the end from the be-  
ginning, but He declares that  
He will do all of His pleasure.  
The thing that God has deter-  
mined to come to pass will  
come to pass, and the thing that  
is according to God's pleasure  
will take place.

I try in life to believe what  
I am preaching to you this  
morning, and I try to fall back  
upon this as the guide and the  
stay in my own experience. I  
am persuaded to believe that  
God's purpose and God's coun-  
sel will stand. Your business  
and my business is to recog-  
nize that God is a sovereign  
God and that He is having His  
way here within this world.

I read you one more verse  
in this respect.

"But Jesus beheld them, and  
said unto them, With men this  
is impossible; but with God  
ALL THINGS ARE POSSI-  
BLE."—Mt. 19:26.

This is not true of you and  
me. With man much is impos-  
sible, but with God all things  
are possible. Let me show you  
by way of an illustration from  
the Bible that He does what He  
wishes and that he is controll-  
ing this universe.

One day Jesus said to Simon  
Peter, "The cock shall not crow  
this day, before that thou shalt  
thrice deny that thou knowest  
me."—Luke 22:34. Just when  
Simon Peter finished his last  
denial that old rooster crowed,  
so that everybody heard him  
in that judgment hall. Did it  
just happen? No, no, beloved,  
it didn't just happen; it came to  
pass according to God's pur-  
pose.

I see the ravens one day as  
they bring food to Elijah and  
lay it down before him. God  
held back the ravenous disposi-  
tion of those birds of prey so  
that they would not devour the  
food but brought the food and  
gave it to the man of God. Why?  
Because God is a sovereign God.

The Word of God tells us that  
one day the ark, which was  
symbolic of God's presence and  
which was captured by the Phil-  
istines, became a burden to  
them. When they wanted to get  
rid of that which was burden-  
some to them, they held a coun-  
sel. Some of them said that all  
the plagues that had come upon  
them had been caused by this  
god that they had captured—the  
ark which was symbolic of  
God. Some of them didn't think

so, and there was a differ-  
ence between those Philistine lea-  
ders. They said, "We will just  
it out and see whether or not  
this thing has been of God."  
They chose two young heifers  
with their first calves and  
yoked them to the cart. The  
said, "If these heifers leave  
their calves, which is contra-  
ry to nature, and carry this  
back home, we will know that  
this thing has been of God."  
When they turned the heifers  
aloose, separating them from  
their calves, they started down  
the road, lowing as they went,  
carrying the ark straight back  
to the people of God from whom  
it was taken. Beloved, how do  
you account for the fact that  
these two young heifers left  
their calves and carried the  
ark back to the people from  
whom it was taken? There is  
only one way to account for  
it—a God of sovereignty who  
controls those cows.

Somebody may say, "I don't  
believe in a God like that."  
believe that we can move the  
arm of God by our praying,  
and I believe that we can  
change God and get Him to  
agree with us." Beloved, you  
can have the chaff; I'll take the  
wheat of the Word of God.  
What you believe, what you  
think, and what you may teach  
that is contrary to the principle  
of God's Word is but chaff in  
comparison to the wheat of  
God's Book.

II

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT SALVATION?

We can be certain of one  
thing—every man needs to be  
saved.

"For all have sinned, and  
come short of the glory of God."  
—Rom. 3:23.

Every man needs salvation.  
Sometimes a preacher meets  
someone who thinks that he  
doesn't need to be saved. I re-  
member a woman who looked  
me squarely in the eye and said,  
"Brother Gilpin, you are not  
talking to an ordinary person  
today." Sometimes people think  
that because of their heritage  
or background, or because of  
their social or economic sta-  
tus in life that they don't need  
to be saved. Listen, beloved,  
you can take the chaff if you wish,  
but in eternity you will wish  
that you had taken the Word  
of God.

Not only is it true that every  
man needs salvation, but it is  
likewise true that God has  
chosen the subjects of salvation.

"But we are bound to give  
thanks always to God for you  
brethren beloved of the Lord  
because God hath from the be-  
ginning CHOSEN you to salva-  
tion through sanctification of  
the Spirit and belief of the  
truth."—II Thess. 2:13.

Maybe there is someone here  
this morning who says, "Now  
Brother Gilpin, I just can't be-  
lieve in a God like that. I just  
can't believe that God made  
the choice in our behalf. I be-  
lieve that that is something we  
have to do. I believe that we  
have to work ourselves, and  
believe that we have to make  
the choice. I believe that in the  
final analysis the choice is left  
up to us." Beloved, your opin-  
ion is the chaff; what I have  
read to you is the wheat. God's  
Book declares that He chose  
us before the foundation of the  
world.

God's Book goes further and  
tells us that Jesus Christ died  
to pay for the sins of those who  
had been chosen by God before  
the foundation of the world.

"For this is my blood of the  
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## "Hearing God's Word"

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New Testament, which is shed for MANY for the remission of sins."—Mt. 26:28.

"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."—Heb. 9:22.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin."—I John 1:7.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."—I Pet. 1:18, 19.

Thank God, this morning, that is what God says in His Word about salvation. All of us need it, God chose the subjects of it, and Jesus died for those whom God had chosen, that they might be saved thereby.

I read a lot of papers and I find thereby a number of interesting statements, yet I think this past week there came to my attention through reading, one of the most interesting statements that I have ever seen in the daily press. Standing beside the railroad track in Korea is a large signboard, and that signboard is conspicuously painted these words:

"The precious blood of gallant officers and men of the 7th Cavalry Regiment, First Cavalry Division has made it possible for you to be here." When I read this I bowed my unworthy head and realized anew and afresh that when I get yonder to Glory, though there will be no signboard there to remind me of it, I will be conscious of it then as I am conscious of it now, that it is the precious blood of Jesus Christ that has made it possible for me to be there. If the blood of the 7th Cavalry made it possible for the men to read the sign upon that signboard, then, beloved, the blood of Jesus Christ has made it possible for me to be His child, and it is the blood of Jesus that is going to make it possible for me to spend eternity in Heaven.

Beloved, you will never be there because of your works. You will never be there because of your goodness. You will never be there because of anything that you have done. If you are there, it will be because Jesus Christ shed His blood to pay for your sins.

### III

#### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT SECURITY?

When God saves an individual, does He turn him loose and say to that individual, "It is up to you now?" Ninety per cent of the preachers in America will tell you from the pulpit and from personal conversations that your salvation and your ultimate enjoyment in Heaven depends on whether you hold out faithfully to the end. What does God say? Listen:

"For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are PRESERVED for ever; but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off."—Psa. 37:28.

You women might take what you raise in your garden or what you pull from a vine or a tree and preserve it. It won't last forever but it will last a long time. I have told you of the woman down here on Kin-nickonick Creek in Lewis Coun-

ty who preserved peaches and which were handed down to three generations and were opened when they were seventy-seven years old, still as fresh as though they had been preserved the summer before. A woman may preserve fruit that may keep for a long period of time, but God can beat that. God can preserve His saints forever.

I tell you, beloved, this thrills my heart when I am reminded that what God does, He does forever. If you are one of His saints, you are already preserved. There's a lot of difference between canned fruit and preserves. Fruit will spoil, but preserves won't spoil. Likewise, whatever God preserves, lasts forever.

"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.

"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."—Heb. 7:25.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."—John 5:24.

"Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."—I Pet. 1:55.

In the light of these Scriptures, all Hell can't take a saved man out of the hands of God. You may talk about somebody having been saved who fell by the wayside and who is now no longer saved. All you have to talk about is chaff. The word of God says that when God saves a man, He saves him forever. That is wheat.

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will finish it until the day of Jesus Christ."—Phil. 1:6.

Thank God, beloved, He isn't going to begin a work of grace and quit. If God has begun a work of grace within your heart, you are as sure of Heaven as though you were already there.

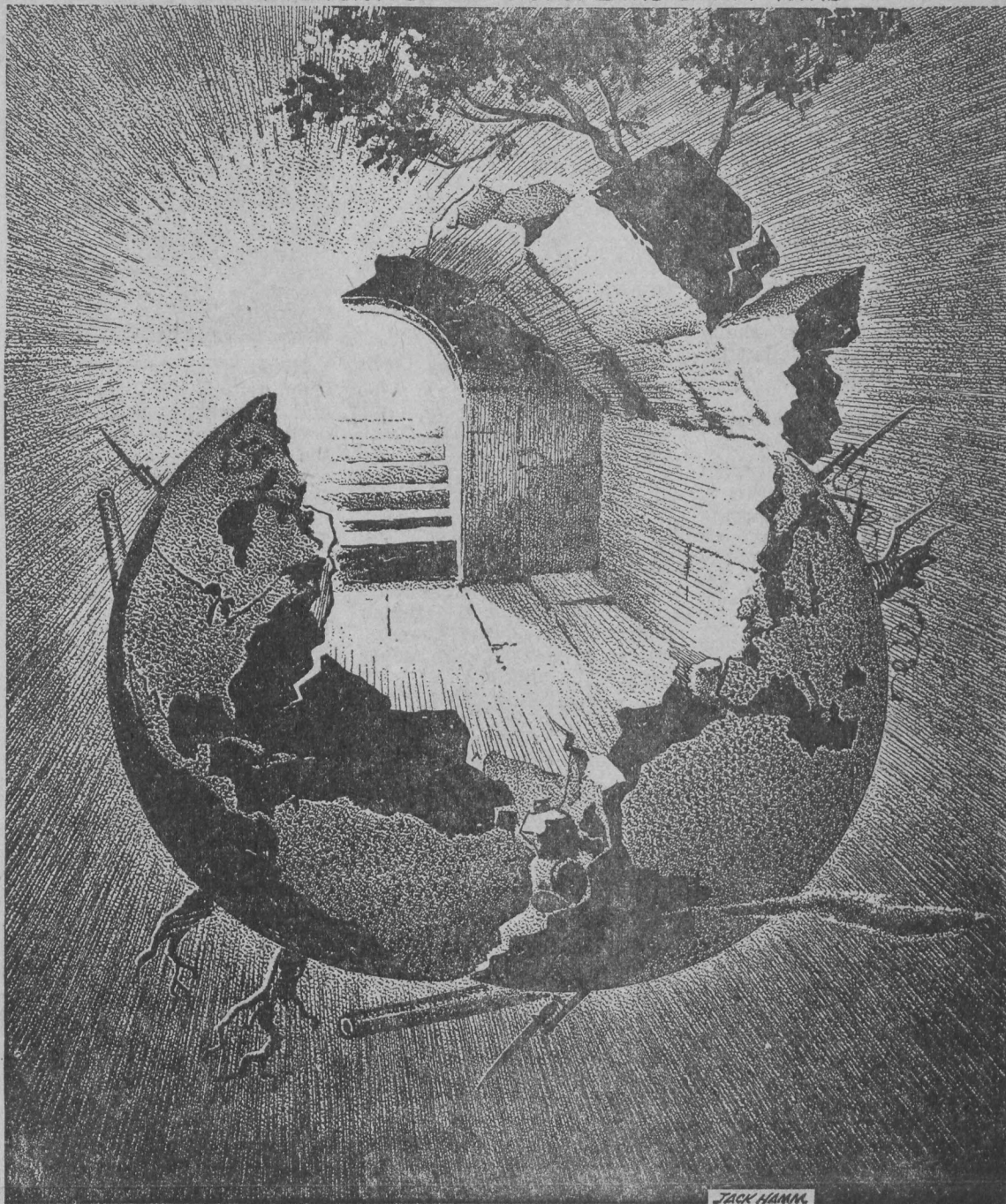
"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."—Rom. 8:29, 30.

Out yonder in eternity to come I see the crowd who are glorified, who look like Jesus—I see them with all the imperfections of the flesh taken away. Who is that crowd? Beloved, it is the same ones that He foreknew before the foundation of the world and whom He predestined unto salvation, whom He called, whom He justified, and whom He one day shall glorify. All Hell will never cause one that He foreknew before the foundation of the world to fail to be in that crowd who will be glorified out yonder in eternity.

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#### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT CHRISTIAN LIV-

## OUR HOPE FOR A BETTER WORLD—THE EMPTY TOMB



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"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."—Titus 2:11, 12.

This tells us that God's own grace that appears to us, teaches us. This same grace that comes into our hearts to save us, teaches us that we are to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly—soberly as unto ourselves, righteously as unto one another, and godly as unto Him that ruleth in the Heavens.

Listen again:

"What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."—I Cor. 6:19, 20.

If you are saved, you don't belong to yourself; you have been bought with a price—the price of the blood of God's Son. It isn't up to you to say what church you want to join. God never left it up to man to decide what church he is going to be a member of. He has never left it up to you whether to be baptized. He has never left it up to you as whether you would be baptized, or whether you would not be baptized. He has never left it up to you whether or not you are to take the Lord's Supper. It is not left up to you how you shall live here in this world. He says that you are bought with a price; if you are, then glorify God in your heart and in your spirit. You are to take what God says within His Word—not the chaff which men offer,

but the wheat which God offers within His Word.

### CONCLUSION

Let me ask you, are you a saved man or a saved woman? If you are, then you don't want any dreams of false prophets. If you are saved, you don't want to be bothered with any of the supposed dreams or visions or supposed revelations of a false prophet. If you are saved, you want the Word of God. If you are saved, that is the only thing that you want and desire.

I can always tell whether or not a person is saved by his reaction to what I preach. Listen:

"He that is of God HEARETH GOD'S WORDS: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God."—John 8:47.

You can be sure of it, beloved, the man who is of God, will hear God's Word. He does not want the chaff; he wants God's Word. If you are saved, you will want the Word of God. If you are not saved, then you need to be saved. If you are not saved, you need Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

Out in Milwaukee a few days ago a Greek who had come to this country from Greece 51 years ago, received his American citizenship papers. He was the happiest person you could imagine when he got his papers entitling him to American citizenship. When he signed his final papers, he said to the man that administered the oath that he could call those citizenship papers his "passport to Heaven." He walked out of that office of naturalization and one hour later he suffered a stroke and died. The paper that reported it said by way of a headline that he got his passport just in time.

No, no, beloved, if that is the only passport that he had, he went to Hell. It wasn't recognized as far as God was concerned. You and I rejoice this morning to be citizens of America, and we rejoice to live on American soil and we thank God for the privileges that we have as American citizens that citizens of other countries do not have. We ought to get down on our knees and thank Him for all these privileges, but American citizenship is not a passport to Heaven. A man needs a passport to Heaven that is not signed by a governor or a president, or by some official that is appointed for the purpose of conducting naturalization. He needs a passport that is signed by God Himself, that can be honored in Heaven, that is based upon the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ at Calvary.

If you are saved, may God help you not to be content with anything but wheat. If you are not saved, may God help you to trust Him this morning and be saved.

May God bless you!

### Roman Catholics

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Advocacy is the priestly work of Jesus Christ for sinning Christians which He carries on with the Father whereby, because of the eternal efficacy of His own sacrifice, He restores them to fellowship. Psa. 23:3; John 13:10.

The believer is cleansed from all sin "once for all." Heb. 10:1-12, but needs ever to bring his daily sins to God and confess to God, who is everywhere, and thus abides in fellowship with God the Father and Son. I John 1:10.

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## Plenty Of Room

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judgment against our sins.  
That One is the Lord Jesus Christ! He, the just One, died for the unjust that He might bring us to God. The sacrifice He offered on the Cross has satisfied every claim of divine justice.

Now hearken to the offer which the Lord Himself makes: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment; but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24).

The important question is not what cemetery for your body, but what destiny for your soul?

"Heaven's fast filling,  
There's yet room to spare;  
Not a space will be vacant  
But will you be there?"



## Roman Catholics

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**Confession Or The Sacrament Of Penance**

**R.C.C.** How do the priests of the Church exercise the power of forgiving sins? The priests of the Church exercise the power of forgiving sins by hearing the confession of sins, and granting pardon for them as ministers of God and in His name.

The above is against God's teaching.

Mark 2:7. Who can forgive sins but God only.

Mark 2:10. Son of man hath power.

Heb. 9:22. Without shedding of blood is no remission.

I John 2:1,2. If any man sin.

I John 1:7. The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

I John 1:9. Confess our sins to God.

Peter's confession.

St. Matt. 16:13-19. Thou art the Christ.

If we confess Christ as the Son of the living God our sins are loosed or forgiven. This is the true confession. Jesus said, "Thou art Petros (a stone), and upon this Petra (rock) (the confession that Jesus is the Christ), I will build my Church." He does not promise to build His church upon Peter (a little stone), but upon Himself, as Peter himself is careful to tell us. (I Pet. 2:4-9), also St. John 1:42. And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it — not Peter but Christ the Rock. If Peter was the Rock as taught by the Roman Catholic Church then this promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it is untrue because the gates of hell did prevail against Peter. See St. Matt. 16:22,23. Also Peter denied Jesus thrice before the cock crew twice. Again he played the hypocrite after Pentecost when St. Paul rebuked him. Gal. 2:11-14.

Christ is the Rock and Head of the Church.

I Cor. 10:4. That Rock was Christ.

I Pet. 2:6-8. Chief corner stone.

Eph. 2:20. Jesus Christ . . . chief corner stone.

Rom. 9:32,33. A stumbling-stone (to the unbeliever).

I Cor. 1:23,24. A stumbling block.

Eph. 1:22,23. The head . . . to the Church.

Eph. 2:13. Made nigh by the blood of Christ. (Not by absolutions and Purgatory).

Christ crucified is the Rock.

Smitten that the Spirit of Life may flow from Him to all who will drink (Ex. 17:6; I Cor. 10:4; John 4:13,14; 7:37-39). To

the Church, the foundation and chief corner stone (Eph. 2:20). To the unbelievers a stumbling stone (Rom. 9:32,33; I Cor. 1:23).

In view of the above Scriptures to the contrary, the Roman Catholics ought to hang their heads in shame and come God's way.

## Baptism In Water

**R.C.C.** What is Baptism? Baptism is a Sacrament which cleanses us from original sin, makes us Christians, Children of God, and heirs of heaven.

The above is against God's teaching.

When Jesus was on this earth He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." In other words they are innocents, without blame, for the work on the Cross of Calvary took away the original sin. Who were these children? Turkish, Jewish and Arabian children! Jesus said they go straight to Heaven. He never changes His mind!

Can Baptism cleanse from sin?

Heb. 9:22. Without shedding of blood is no remission.

I John 1:7. The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Eph. 1:7. Forgiveness of sin, through His blood.

Heb. 10:10-19. Enter in thru the blood.

Rom. 5:9. Justified by His blood.

Heb. 13:12. Sanctify with His own blood.

Rev. 1:5. Washed us from our sins.

Eph. 2:13. Made nigh by the blood.

I Pet. 3:21. Not the putting away of the filth of the flesh.

The thief on the cross knew nothing about the baptism yet went straight to Heaven—didn't even stop off at Purgatory, because there is no such place. We are not made Christians or heirs of God by water or pouring or sprinkling but by the blood of Jesus Christ. Eph. 2:13.

## On Indulgences

**R.C.C.** What is an Indulgence? It is the remission in whole or in part of the temporal punishment due to sin.

This is untrue.

I John 1:7. The blood cleanseth from all sin.

Heb. 9:22. Without shedding of blood is no remission.

The Catholic Church teaches to pray.

Sweet heart of Mary be my salvation. Pope Pius IX, Sept. 30, 1852, granted 300 days indulgence, each time the above prayer is said. This prayer is a blasphemy because God teaches that Salvation comes through Jesus Name and thru none other.

Acts 4:10-12. There is none other name.

## The Pope

He is called, "Our Holy Father." See Holy Bible, Douay Version; encyclical letter of Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII. He is also called Our Most Holy Lord, Pope Pius X. See Cardinals Oath.

All this is blasphemy.

Matt. 23:9. Call no man your father.

Acts 10:16. Jesus Christ, He is Lord of all.

Eph. 4:5. One Lord.

Phil. 2:11. Jesus Christ is Lord.

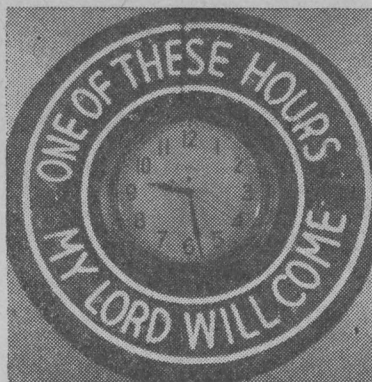
I Pet. 5:3. Neither as being Lords.

St. Peter denies that he was a Pope.

I Pet. 5:1-4. Who am also an elder.

An elder was a pastor of a church. St. John was an elder

## OUR CLOCK



Hanging on the wall of our shop, telling the time of day, and yet silently reminding all of the coming of our Lord, is the clock. We have had it for a number of years and thank God for it. It was made for us by our good friend and brother, Tom Turner, a Baptist layman who lives in Ashland, Ky.

(II John 1), the elder to the elect lady. St. Peter says, "Neither as being Lords over God's heritage." He was not a Roman Catholic but a Christian for he says in I Pet. 4:16, If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed.

There were no Roman Catholics in Peter's time.

Acts 11:26. Disciples were called Christians.

Acts 26:28. Persuadest me to be a Christian.

I Pet. 4:16. Suffer as a Christian.

The Pope is also called the Vicar of the Son of God—"Vicarius Filii Dei."

Jesus says the Holy Spirit was sent to take the place of Jesus on this earth. That is what Vicar means.

St. John 16:7-15. The Spirit of Truth will guide you into all Truth.

## Holy Communion

**R.C.C.** What is Holy Communion? It is the receiving of the body and blood of Christ.

Why do the Roman Catholics disobey Jesus and only take half communion?

Matt. 26:27,28. Drink ye all of it.

Pope Gregory the Great says, "Cursed be anyone that does not receive both and teach others not to take both bread and wine." And the present Pope says, "Cursed be anyone who teaches that we must receive both bread and wine." One Pope cursing the other and yet they both are infallable when speaking "Ex-Cathedra." Lord save us from such confusion.

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sion. That is why God calls that system "Babylon the Great." Rev. 17th chapter.

After Jesus blessed the wine He still calls it the fruit of the vine.

St. Luke 22:18. Fruit of the vine.

It was a memorial St. Paul said.

I Cor. 11:25,26. In remembrance of Me.

## Idolatry

Ex. 20:4. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.

In the face of this commandment the Roman Church defies God and fills its temples and homes with them.

Eph. 5:5. Idolater has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ.

I Cor. 10:14. Flee from idolatry.

I Cor. 6:9. Idolater shall not inherit.

Rev. 21:8. Idolaters shall have their part in the lake of fire.

What is idolatry? The making of any image or likeness of God or any creature for a religious end.

Deut. 5:8. Thou shalt not make.

Gal. 5:19,20. Works of flesh . . . idolatry.

We cannot add or take away from God's Word!

Deut. 12:32. Thou shalt not add.

Deut. 4:2. Ye shall not add.

Joshua 1:7. Turn not from it.

Rev. 22:18. If any shall add.

Ps. 119:89. For ever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven.

Mal 3:6. I am the Lord, I change not.

## Prayers To Mary And The Saints

**R.C.C.** Why do we believe that the Saints will help us? Because both they and we are members of the same Church, and they love us as their brethren.

The above is against God's teaching!

I Tim. 2:5. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men the man Christ Jesus.

Jesus is the Son of God and therefore He is everywhere. He is equal with God and can hear our prayers. Not so with the Saints or Mary. If they are everywhere they are gods; if they are not everywhere they cannot hear prayers.

Heb. 7:25. He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

I John 2:1. Advocate with the Father.

Rom. 8:34. Maketh intercession for us.

Against Mary Worship or veneration.

St. Luke 11:27,28. Blessed are they.

St. Matt. 12:46-50. Who is my mother?

Jesus never called Mary His mother, but called her woman, because He foresaw the great idolatry and giving her the place of Deity by the Roman Catholic System; for example, calling her, "Gate of Heaven," "Tower of David," "Mystical Rose," "Ark of the Covenant," "Morning Star," etc. These are all names of Deity and it is sacrilege to attribute these to a human being. Mary is blessed, yes, but not Deity. The above names are taken from "The Litany."

Mary had children with Joseph, see:

St. Matt. 13:55,56. His brethren James, etc.

St. Mark 6:3. The brother of James, etc.

## The Roman Church Claims She Never Changes

The following list of events prove the opposite, and shows

also its degradation.

Prayers for the dead was instituted . . . A. D. 330.

Making the sign of the cross . . . A. D. 330.

The worship of Mary the mother of Jesus and the use of them "Mother of God" as applies to her originated in the Council of Ephesus, in A. D. 431.

Worship in Latin language A. D. 600.

The papacy is of pagan origin. The title of Pope, or universal Bishop, was first given to the Bishop of Rome by the wicked emperor Phocas in the year 610. This he did to spite Bishop Ciriacus of Constantinople, who had justly excommunicated him for his having caused the assassination of his predecessor, Emperor Mauritius, Gregory I, then Bishop of Rome, refused the title, but his successor, Boniface III, first assumed the title of Pope, A. D. 610.

Kissing of Pope's feet, A. D. 709.

(It had been a pagan custom to kiss the feet of emperors. The Word of God forbids such practices, Acts 10:25-26; Rev. 19:10; 22:9).

Temporal power of Popes, A. D. 750.

(When Pepin the usurper of the throne of France descended into Italy, called by Pope Stephen II, to war against the Italian Longobards. He defeated them and gave the city of Rome and surrounding territory to the Pope. Jesus forbids such a thing and refused worldly kingship. Matt. 4:8-9; 20:25-26; John 18:38).

Adoration of Mary and Saints, A. D. 788.

Adoration of the cross, images and relics, A. D. 788.

Blessing of bells, A. D. 965.

Fasting, lent, advent and Fridays, A. D. 998.

Fabrication of Holy water, A. D. 1009.

Marriage of Priests forbidden, A. D. 1079.

Rosary beads invented, A. D. 1090.

Sale of indulgences, A. D. 1190.

Sacrifice of Mass, A. D. 1215.

Transubstantiation of bread, A. D. 1215.

Adoration of the wafer, A. D. 1220.

Articular confession of sins to a Priest, A. D. 1215.

Cup or wine forbidden to people at communion, A. D. 1414.

Purgatory proclaimed, A. D. 1438.

Tradition held equal with the Bible, A. D. 1545.

(The Council of Trent, held in 1545. By tradition is meant human teachings. The Pharisees believed the same way, and Jesus bitterly condemned them, for by human tradition they annulled the commandments of God. Mark 7:7-13; Col. 2:8; Rev. 22:18).

Apocryphal books added to the Bible, A. D. 1546.

Immaculate conception of Mary, A. D. 1845.

Infallibility of the Pope, A. D. 1870.

Blessing of auto cars (for a price), A. D. 1932.

Blessing ground for building breweries, A. D. 1933.

Cardinal Newman, in his book "The Development of the Christian Religion," admits that—"Temples, incense, oil lamps, votive offerings, holy water, holidays and seasons of devotion, processions, blessing of fields, sacerdotal vestments, the tonsure (of priests and monks and nuns), images . . . are all of pagan origin" (page 359).

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