

No man ever seeks Heaven very anxiously until he believes in Hell.

MISSIONARY

PREMILLENNIAL

BIBLICAL

BAPTISTIC

# The Baptist Examiner

*Paid Circulation In All States and In Many Foreign Countries*

*"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.*

VOL. 18, NO. 11

RUSSELL, KENTUCKY, APRIL 12, 1952

WHOLE NUMBER 689

## Must A Church Belong To An Association

By Roy Mason,  
Tampa, Fla.

were almost entirely different  
from those that exist today.



ROY MASON

Back there they were simply

organized; they did not have  
the "Cooperative Program";  
they did not have the many de-  
partments they sponsor now;  
they did not assume the dicta-  
torial attitude that is exhibited  
so often today.

*Are Associations Or  
Conventions Wrong?*

We do not think so, if car-  
ried on as they were in the  
beginning, and if used merely  
as cooperating agencies for the  
benefit of churches which freely  
and without coercion wish to  
cooperate with other churches  
in missionary and other work.  
(Continued on page four)

### CHRIST WANTS THE BEST

Christ wants the best. He in the far off ages  
Once claimed the firstlings of the flock, the finest  
of the wheat;  
And still He asks His own, with gentlest pleading,  
To lay their brightest hopes, their richest talents at  
His feet.  
He'll not forget the feeblest service, humblest love,  
He only asks that of our store we give to Him  
The best we have.

Christ gives the best. He takes the hearts we offer,  
And fills them with His glorious beauty, joy and  
peace;  
And in His service as we're growing stronger  
The calls to grand achievements still increase.  
The richest gifts on earth or in the Heaven above  
Are hid in Christ. In Jesus we receive  
The best we have.

And is our best too much? Ah, friends, let us  
remember  
How once our Lord poured forth His soul for us,  
And in the prime of His mysterious manhood  
Gave up His precious life upon the cross.  
The Lord of Lords, by whom the worlds were made  
Through bitter grief and tears gave us  
The best He had.  
—from The Evangelical Christian

## The Separation Of Church And State

For a number of years a bat-  
tle has been raging between  
those who believe in complete  
"separation of Church and  
State" and spokesmen for the  
Roman Catholic Church.

In order that we may under-  
stand how separation of Church  
and State first came to be the  
accepted belief of the majority  
of our citizens in the newly  
formed United States of Amer-  
ica, and whether the writers of  
the Constitution meant a com-  
plete separation as accepted by  
most citizens today, or the stand-  
ard of the Catholic Church that they  
meant to merely set up a bar  
to the establishment of a State  
religion, it is necessary to go  
back into the history of those  
times.

The thirteen colonies were  
settled by people of the Pro-  
testant faith, most of whom had  
been driven here by religious  
persecution when they differed  
from the accepted dogmas then  
in force in the British Isles and

Europe . . . They had watched  
Cardinal Richelieu run the gov-  
ernment of France under King  
Louis XIII; the Spanish Inqui-  
sition (and the one first insti-  
gated by Innocent III whose  
plaque hangs on the walls of  
our House of Representatives)  
with its racks and torture cham-  
bers were fresh in their minds,  
besides similar incidents in the  
many other countries in which  
persecution was in style.

They were determined that  
there should be no repetition of  
these abuses in their newly  
founded country, and they acted  
to eliminate any possibility  
of it ever arising here.

In writing the Constitution  
they made it very specific that  
there should be no tie between  
any religion and the govern-  
ment, while at the same time  
they guaranteed every religious  
creed the right of freedom to  
worship without interference  
from constituted authority.

Many members of both the  
Catholic and Protestant faiths  
believed that this policy of "se-  
paration of Church and State"  
was aimed directly at the Ca-  
tholic Church. Nothing could  
be further from the truth, for

this bar was aimed at the Pro-  
testant Church, the church that  
the writers of the Constitution  
themselves belonged to in most  
cases.

The writers of the Constitu-  
tion must have had their own  
churches in mind when they  
provided for separation of  
Church and State. They be-  
lieved it was to the best inter-  
est of the fledgling country that  
administration of the State and  
Church should forever remain  
free of interference one from  
the other. They further must  
have believed that it was up to  
the church to stand on its own  
feet without financial help  
from the public taxes, for any  
help given would have to be  
given to their own church.  
Members of the Protestant and  
Jewish faiths have supported  
this position since the founding  
of the Republic and have not  
asked for financial support for  
their schools or churches.

It is clear, then, that "sepa-  
ration of Church and State" is  
not a new doctrine, nor is it  
aimed at the Catholic Church,  
and any statements to that ef-  
fect can only be labeled as gross  
misrepresentation on the part

of those uttering them. Cer-  
tainly the writers of the Con-  
stitution never meant that a  
church from whose domination  
their ancestors had fled should  
have support from tax funds,  
when they denied it to the  
church they belonged to them-  
selves.

If, as the spokesmen of the  
Catholic Church maintain, the  
writers of the Constitution had  
meant merely to set up a bar  
to a State religion, wouldn't it  
have been simple to write into  
the Constitution these six  
words, "There shall be no State  
religion?"

The argument of the Catholic  
Church that provision to pay  
for transportation, lunches and  
school books, from tax funds,  
would not be violating the Con-  
stitution is futile and misrep-  
resentation of fact. Any such  
funds provided would certainly  
release money now spent for  
these items for general use of  
the church. Compare this with  
the stand taken by the Jewish  
and Protestant schools, which  
not only have repeatedly gone  
on record as opposed to any  
such aid, but in many cases  
have turned down aid which

might be tainted with a viola-  
tion of the Constitution.

It is well to remember that  
neither the Roman Catholic  
Church nor its members had  
anything important to do with  
the founding of this country,  
with fighting the War of In-  
dependence, with the declara-  
tion of Independence, with the  
writing of the Constitution, or  
in the setting up and operating  
of the United States Govern-  
ment for the first fifty years of  
its existence.

It was men of your belief that  
fought and bled to establish a  
government free of religious  
bigotry and control, and it is  
your duty as a free American  
citizen to see that the ideals  
they wrote into the Declaration  
of Independence and the Con-  
stitution of the United States  
are maintained today, with all  
religions free from government  
interference and with govern-  
ment free of religious meddling.

### THE FALLACY OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

On December 20, a Christian  
Scientist woman died of injuries  
received in an automobile ac-  
cident near Conroe, Texas.

Her will has been filed for  
probate. The will left all cash  
to a son. Any personal belong-  
ings remaining after various  
beneficiaries have made their  
selections are to go to the Good-  
will Industries.

The remainder of her prop-  
erty is to be held in trust by her  
son, who was named independ-  
ent executor. Seventy per cent  
of the property to be used for  
his benefit during his lifetime,  
after which it will pass to the  
Boston Church.

A stepson will benefit from  
twenty per cent of the trust for  
life. It will then pass to his  
wife for her life and then to the  
Boston Church.

The remaining ten per cent  
will be shared equally during  
their lifetime by two others  
named in the will, and it also  
will pass to the Boston Church.  
(Continued on page four)

### MONEY AND WHAT WE LEARN FROM IT

Two furniture movers, who  
only had \$1.01 in cash between  
them walked into a New York  
police station and handed an  
astonished police lieutenant  
\$1,000 they had found in a sofa  
which they were moving. They  
were assured the money would  
be returned to them if no one  
claims it in 90 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Vali-  
quette of Sioux City, Iowa, were  
clearing out the attic at the  
home of Dr. Valiquette's  
mother, who died last April.  
They had thrown several old  
boxes on a fire when the doctor  
noticed that one of the boxes  
was not empty. He looked in-  
side and saw a \$100 bill. A fur-  
ther check disclosed that the  
box contained \$13,000, all in  
\$100 bills.

John Stephenson, of Muncie,  
Indiana, was looking over things  
to be auctioned from a dead  
neighbor's household goods. He  
saw an old wall clock and made  
(Continued on page four)

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "An Exposition Of The Book Of Daniel"

(Read Daniel 1)

There is no doubt in my mind  
but that Daniel was a real his-  
torical character. The Lord  
Jesus referred to him as a  
prophet. He didn't refer to him  
as a romancer. He didn't refer  
to him as a novelist. He didn't  
refer to him as a fictitious  
allegorical personality; but  
rather, the Lord Jesus referred  
to him as "Daniel, the prophet,"  
and so far as I'm concerned to-  
night, I accept the statement of  
the Lord Jesus Christ. It doesn't

make a bit of difference to me  
as to how much controversy has  
been waged around the author-  
ship of this book—it doesn't  
make one bit of difference what  
the critics may say as to the  
time of the writing of this book  
—it doesn't bother me one bit  
when the enemies of our Lord  
refer to the contradictions and  
errors within this book—I fall  
back on the words of the Lord  
Jesus Christ when He Himself  
put His stamp of approval on  
the book of Daniel in that He  
referred to Daniel as a "prophet  
of God."

I might say, in passing, that  
I look at all of the Word of God  
in just exactly that manner. I  
know that there are those today  
who choose one portion as being  
of God and reject another, and  
there are plenty of preachers to-  
day who will accept one part  
of the Bible and reject another.  
I want you to know, beloved,  
that so far as I am concerned,  
I take this book of Daniel and  
the rest of the Bible as being  
the very Word of God Himself.  
I put no question mark about  
any portion of the Bible, but  
(Continued on page two)



# THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

JOHN R. GILPIN — EDITOR

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE  
(Domestic and Foreign)

One Year in Advance.....50c

Send Remittance to Russell, Ky.

Editorial Department, RUSSELL, KENTUCKY, where communications should be sent for publication.

Entered as second-class matter May 31, 1941, in the post office at Russell, Ky., under the act of March 3, 1879.

Paid circulation in every state and many foreign countries.

Subscriptions are stopped at expiration unless renewed or special arrangements are made for their continuation.

## Editorials

Thirteen years, two months, and eight days ago we sent out our first copy of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

Literally, millions of copies of this paper have been distributed in this intervening period. For whatever souls have been saved, lives blessed, or faith strengthened, or for whatever good may have been accomplished, we give Him thanks today.

Many and dire have been the prophecies through the years as to the continuance of this paper. Yet, in spite of all its enemies we are able to continue mailing it each week — all praise to Him.

It and its editor have many enemies. The machine crowd of Kentucky Baptists hate us both. So do all the "me too" preachers. Ditto for the seminary crowd and the modernists and the feminists and the lodge crowd and the Arminians. Both Catholics and Protestants hate us with an unholy hatred. We get no love from the alien immersion, open communion, invisible church Baptist. Likewise those who observe Easter and Christmas and who hold union meetings literally despise us.

In fact, there are not many who do love us. Here and there, we find an old-time Baptist preacher or some Bible-loving layman, or an old saintly grandma who believes our messages and loves us in Christ's stead. For these whom we bless with our written ministry, we are indeed thankful. How wonderful to know that there are some who are better Baptists because of our ministry!

It is to these who love our ministry that I appeal today.

We have no paid advertisements.

We have no private subsidy with which to meet expenses.

We do have individual friends and churches who believe in and support us. Some of these have been most liberal in their support through the years.

We do have a God who is abundantly able to supply our needs. Sometimes He makes us wait a little while, but He has never failed us. In the years we have published this paper, He has seen us through every trial.

We started with no money and like Peter and John, we can say today, "Silver and gold have I none." In fact, the first quarter of this year, we have accumulated a deficit of about \$600. It used to be that July and August were our hardest months. Now we do enough job work in those summer vacation months to meet ex-

penses, but not so in January, February and March.

Frankly speaking, we need your help NOW. To put it mildly, we must have help from some source.

We have readers who doubtlessly could assume our deficit for these three months—if they would.

Others (many of them) might renew their subscription just now.

Still others might send a gift subscription for some friend. Instead of merely renewing — renew and subscribe for a friend too.

You could help us by ordering your printing from us. Letterheads, envelopes, tracts, booklets, and business forms can be produced as cheaply by us as anyone else. Any profit we might make from them would be a blessing to us.

May I ask for a special love offering for our ministry just now. Believing that it is God-honoring and Bible-centered, I do not hesitate to ask for your support.

Think kindly of us. We feel that for the sake of the Truth, we must keep this paper in the mails. We can't do so though without your help.

How long has it been since you wrote the editor, telling of the blessings the paper brought to you, and sending a gift to lift his burden and gladden his heart? Won't you use the enclosed envelope and do so today?

In the Name of Christ, we make this appeal.



## "An Exposition Of The Book Of Daniel"

(Continued from page one) rather, take it all as the Word of God from beginning unto the end.

I

I WANT YOU TO NOTICE THAT THIS BOOK PROVES THAT GOD HIMSELF FILLS BIBLE PROPHECY.

We have a very definite prophecy concerning the children of Israel given to us in the 39th chapter of Isaiah that links up with the book of Daniel. I want to read Isaiah 39:1-8:

"At that time Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah; for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered. And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

"Then came Isaiah the prophet unto King Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Babylon. Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them. Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord of hosts:

"Behold the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. Then said Heze-

kiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the Lord which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days."

Now here is a prophecy given by Isaiah which was spoken at least 200 years prior to the time of the book of Daniel. Let's study this prophecy just for a moment to see how God fulfilled it.

To get the background, King Hezekiah was sick unto death. He prayed, and God restored him to health and lengthened his life by fifteen years. The word got around that Hezekiah had been sick, and eventually the word was carried all the way to Babylon so that the king of Babylon heard that Hezekiah, the king of Jerusalem, had been ill. When the king of Babylon heard this, he sent messengers in order to bring to Hezekiah his greetings and felicitations. The messengers came to Hezekiah and said, "Our king in Babylon is glad you have recovered and he has sent us as ambassadors of good will to you." Hezekiah was so pleased that these ambassadors had come to him that he endeavored to make them feel at home and showed them the best time that he could. He took them around over the city and showed them everything he had, including his treasury houses and all the treasure he had. There was not one single thing that Hezekiah had by way of treasure that he failed to show these ambassadors from Babylon. As soon as they went home, Isaiah, the prophet of God, came and looked Hezekiah in the face and pointed the finger at him and said, "You have done wrong. The men to whom you have showed these treasures, will be the very men who will get these treasures away from you and take them to the land of Babylon. Furthermore, your children will be taken to Babylon and will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

Hezekiah heard what Isaiah said, and like every faithful man who loves God, bowed himself in submission and said, "Good is the word of the Lord." He didn't fight against it. He realized that he had done wrong and he accepted the word of Isaiah, God's man, as final, and said, "It's all right—I bow in submission before the Lord."

Now, beloved, there's the prophecy. Time passed by — Isaiah died, Hezekiah died, and we open the Bible to the book of Daniel and we find Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego over in Babylon, serving in the palace of the king of Babylon. God had spoken in the book of Isaiah. God had said, through Isaiah the prophet, that their treasures would be carried into Babylon and their sons would become eunuchs in the palace of the king. What Isaiah prophesied so far has become a reality in the first chapter of the book of Daniel. That then, beloved, brings me to the first great lesson of this book of Daniel, namely, that this book proves to us that Almighty God fulfills prophecy. He kept His word regarding this one. He fulfilled this prophecy, and just like He fulfilled this one, so God will fulfill all the balance of the prophecies of this Bible.

I made a statement similar to that sometime ago and one brother who was visiting with us, said, "I thought that all of the prophecies of the Bible had already been fulfilled." I said, "Not so, my brother, a good part of the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation is yet to be fulfilled." Beloved, God will keep His word. He kept his word as to this prophecy in the book of Isaiah, and He will keep His word concerning all the balance of the prophecies of His book.

I believe that Revelation 17 and 18 are definitely prophetic. I think the old whore who is spoken of in Revelation 17, is none other than a picture of

Roman Catholicism, and a harlot daughters that are spoken of are the Protestant churches that have come out of Rome. Revelation 17 and 18 picture to us this old whore and her harlot daughters, and us that they going to be destroyed. I read, also, in Matthew 24, that, "Every tree that is not planted, shall be rooted up, and every tree that is not known He didn't plant Catholicism. I know He didn't plant Protestant churches which have come out of Catholicism; therefore, I fall back on these prophetic statements to declare to you that ultimately all of these false churches shall be rooted up and destroyed. Nothing further from the truth than that today. I read, no later than this afternoon, in the secular press how the Catholics are praising themselves because of the fact that they are getting unusual favorable publicity through their daily papers. It is true that the last few years' time, they have gotten unusual favorable publicity in all the secular press. Nothing could be further from the truth today, but I loved, God is running the world. Every prophecy that God has ever made in the past has come to pass, and I believe that this prophecy concerning Catholicism, as well as all the balance of the prophecies of God's Word, shall ultimately come to pass just as they are written.

It makes my heart rejoice and thrills my soul when I find Isaiah giving a prophecy several hundred years later that that prophecy fulfilled to the letter, with the treasures of the Jews carried into Babylon and with the sons of the Jews serving as eunuchs in the king's palace. This prophecy was fulfilled to the letter. As God kept His word concerning this prophecy, so He will keep His word concerning all the balance of the Book.

II

## THE SECOND LESSON THE AGE OLD LESSON SOWING AND REAPING.

Let's see how the Jews received what they sowed. Go back in the Old Testament and you will find that God demanded of the Jews that every seventh day was to be a Sabbath of rest, and that one year out of every seven years was to be a Sabbath of rest. In other words, God demanded that the Jews observe one day out of seven and a day of rest, and that they observe one year out of seven as a Sabbath of rest. You will find from the study of the law of God that the Jews were to cultivate the ground and their crops for six years and then the seventh year the land was to lie fallow and they were not to cultivate it at all for the whole year's time. That was called the Sabbatic Year.

The Word of God tells us that this law was kept intact until the days of King Saul. That is, the Jews observed God's law in that they rested one day out of seven and let the land lie fallow one year out of seven. When King Saul came on the throne, however, I don't know that he said it outwardly but at least he acted that he knew more than God, and the people followed in his steps. The result was that from the days of King Saul, for years, the children of Israel never observed the Sabbatic Year. They planted, they reaped, they harvested, they sowed, they carried on the process of agriculture the seventh year just the same as the balance. They didn't observe the Sabbatic Year from the days of King Saul for 490 years.

(Continued on page three)

## GOD'S GUIDING HAND

I thank Thee for Thy hand divine,  
Dear Lord, which through the years  
Has sheltered and protected me  
Through storm and stress and fears.  
The hand of blessing from above,  
Each hour of every day,  
The tender outstretched hand of love,  
My comfort and my stay:  
The hand that has o'ershadowed me,  
When bright the noon-day sun,  
And smoothed my brow when wearily  
I laid my burden down.

The hand that's strengthened when the foe  
Has met me unawares,  
And giv'n me courage to say, "No,"  
To his seductive snares.  
Thy blessed, nail-pierced hand, oh Lord,  
For me on Calv'ry torn,  
That through the long and dreary years  
So tenderly has borne.  
And shall I fear the waning years.  
That in life's journey lie,  
Or e'en the darkened vale that nears  
As time goes fleeting by?

Ah no, the same strong hand of love  
Will still uphold I know  
When into death's mysterious flood  
My poor frail bark must go.  
Thy presence then shall be my light,  
Dispelling every fear,  
As earth recedes and Heav'n grows bright,  
And pearly gates appear.  
For Thou hast promised to attend  
My path through all life's way,  
And bring me safe when night shall end  
Unto eternal day.

—Avis B. Christiansen



## An Exposition Of The Book Of Daniel

(Continued from page two)

Now if you will divide 490 by seven, you will find that they had stolen from God seven Sabbath Years. I imagine they complimented themselves and doubtless patted one another on the back at their newfangledness, thinking how they were doing so much better now than they had laid aside the Sabbath Year. I imagine they proudly complimented themselves upon their foresight because they were no longer living under that burdensome restriction. I imagine they considered themselves unusually fortunate and they were getting along so much better now that they were planting their ground every year instead of allowing it to lie fallow one year out of seven.

Beloved, remember this: Whatever God says is final. God will allow a thing to go on for a while, but whatever God says is final. 490 years passed by which they had robbed God of 70 Sabbath Years. Finally God said, "It's enough." Here came a king from Babylon by the name of Nebuchadnezzar who destroyed Jerusalem and carried the people of Jerusalem captive over into Babylon. How long did those Jews live in Babylonian captivity? 70 years. They had stolen 70 Sabbath Years from God, they reaped 70 years of misery in the land of Babylon.

We have a Scripture in the New Testament which certainly confirms this thought:

**"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: FOR WHATSOEVER MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP. For that soweth to his flesh shall the flesh reap corruption; but that soweth to the Spirit shall the Spirit reap life everlasting."**—Gal. 6:7, 8.

That's not the only place we find this truth in the Word of God. Listen:

**"And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good."**—Gen. 1:12.

Notice again:

**"But Adonibezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes. And Adonibezek said, Threescore and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered their meat under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died."**—Judges 1:6, 7.

Adonibezek, when he was captured, was humiliated by having his thumbs and his big toes cut off his hands and feet. Then with a mutilated body, he was compelled to gather his food from under the table of his captors. Adonibezek, looked at his hands and those toeless feet and looked up the crumbs from the floor and said, "I have treated my kings just like this, and as I have done, so hath God requited me." Adonibezek reaped what he had sowed.

Notice again:

**"He that SOWETH INIQUITY SHALL REAP vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail."**—Prov. 22:8.

**"For they have sown the seed of sorrow, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no increase: the bud shall yield no ear: if so be it yield, the thorns shall swallow it up."**—Hosea 8:7.

We have a remarkable illustration of this in the life of Jacob. Do you remember how Jacob lied to his old father,

telling him that he was Esau. You remember how he carried out the deception by putting goat's skin on the back of his hands and the small of his neck so he would appear to his father as an hairy man rather than the clean shaven fellow that Jacob was. Thus he deceived his old father with goat's skin. He lied to his father and made him think that he was his brother and thus received the blessing that should have fallen upon Esau. Thirty years passed by and one day Jacob's boys came in and stood in his presence. They had a coat of many colors. There was but one like it in all the land. It was the coat Jacob had given to his favorite son, Joseph. Those sons had killed a goat and dipped this coat in that goat's blood. Now they spread out this coat before their father and said, "Father, we found this coat. Do you know whether or not this is your son's coat?" Jacob said, "It is my son's coat, an evil beast hath devoured him." Jacob deceived his father with goat's skin; his boys deceived him with goat's blood. He lied to his father as to his identity and his sons lied to him as to the identity of that coat. He reaped just exactly what he sowed.

Take the experience of David. Do you remember how David sowed adultery and murder—how that he committed adultery with Bathsheba and how he had her husband, Uriah, put to death in the thick of battle. The Word of God tells us how one of David's sons committed adultery with one of David's daughters—a half-brother and half-sister affair—and how that another brother later slew the brother who had committed adultery with his half-sister. As David sowed adultery and murder in his home, he reaped the same within his own family.

Take the case of Pharaoh. He drowned all the boy babies of the land of Egypt. Of all the heart-rending stories you can read within the Word of God, you will find in the book of Exodus the most pathetic incidents of all the Bible. Those boy babies of the land of Egypt were thrown into the river as fast as they were born. Time passed by and Pharaoh with his 400 armed chariots drove into the Red Sea in pursuit of the children of Israel. The waters came together with a rush and Pharaoh and his 400 charioteers were drowned within the depths of the Red Sea. He had drowned the boy babies of Israel and he, in turn, was drowned in the Red Sea. He reaped just exactly as he had sowed.

Ahab had a man of God by the name of Naboth killed. When Naboth was dead, the dogs came and licked up the blood of that faithful man of God, Naboth. There were not many like Naboth in his day. There were not many who would dare to oppose the king when the king wanted to do wrong. The dogs came and licked the blood of that faithful man of God. A little while later, Ahab went out to battle in his chariot. He was shot by an arrow and died in his chariot. When they brought the chariot home and washed it, the Word of God tells us the dogs licked up the bloody water. He reaped exactly as he had sowed.

Beloved, mark it down to night, this is an established law of God. These Jews robbed God of 70 years and they reaped 70 years' captivity in the land of Babylon.

### III

**I WANT YOU TO NOTICE, HOW THAT DANIEL IN CAPTIVITY PURPOSED TO DO RIGHT.**

The eighth verse says: **"But Daniel purposed in his**



heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."

Here's Daniel along with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in a far away land. The king puts them in his own college and sends them to school at his own expense. He is going to make them part of his "brain trust." These boys, along with all the balance of that school, are studying to be on the advisory staff of the king. They have a certain amount of food assigned to them. That portion included wine and meat which any loyal Jew would not partake of. Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself. He said to the man whose business it was to bring in his food, "It is wrong for us to eat that meat." You remember for a Jew there were certain animals they could not eat. They were not even allowed to eat the fat and blood of the animals that were clean to them. Daniel looked at that food and said, "It's wrong for me to partake thereof. It's wrong for me to drink this wine," and he pushed it aside. He purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat and the king's drink.

I wonder how you would have reacted under similar circumstances. There are lots of folk who try to live fairly decent lives when they are at home, who think differently about the matter when they get away from home. Bear in mind that when Daniel drew the line and said, "I won't defile myself," he was 500 miles away from Jerusalem. He might have reasoned: If I were back home, I should obey the law of God,

but I am 500 miles away from home and it doesn't make any difference; however, Daniel didn't reason that way.

Lots of people who are away from home, fall into practices they would not fall into had they been at home. Not so with Daniel. Some people will smoke, go to dances, play cards and go to the movies away from home, but they wouldn't dare to do so at home. Oh, beloved, that wasn't the kind of man Daniel was. Daniel said, "It's just as wrong in Babylon as it is in Jerusalem." He purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself.

You might say, "That's just a trivial matter." You might reason and say, "It was only a little thing." Daniel might have reasoned that way. He might have said, "It's a very small thing, — this matter of eating meat that is unsanctified and drinking wine is only a small evil," but he didn't.

Let me tell you something, beloved, the only way to get along with God in His service is to be faithful to Him in the little things—the least things that arise. Mark it down to night, there are no non-essentials in this Bible. Even the least thing in this Bible is for me and for you to obey. It may be a little thing, but if you look after the trivial things, you will find this to be true that it will be a whole lot easier to stand out against the bigger things.

Daniel had the courage to break with the crowd. All the rest of those lads who were being trained to be wise men in Babylon, went along with what the king decided. Whatever food and drink the king set before them, they accepted. Daniel broke with the crowd.

I remember a friend of mine

in the ministry had a young girl come to see him, to talk with him about a matter of marriage. She said that she was in love with a Catholic boy and asked this preacher friend of mine for advice concerning marriage. This preacher friend said, "Girlie, you will rue the day you marry him." She said to him, "He is in the crowd that I run with and I can't break with the crowd." But, beloved, she lived to see the day, and this preacher lived to see the day, when she stood before this preacher friend of mine and said, "I have rued the day ten thousand times over." Why? All because she would not break with the crowd.

Daniel was not that kind of boy. He did what God said to do. He stood for the things of God regardless and irrespective of the crowd. Even in this heathen's den, Daniel would not defile himself. When we come to the third chapter, we have Daniel in the lion's den, but this first chapter puts him in the heathen's den, but he would not defile himself. He knew how to say "no" and he lived pure even in the midst of those heathen. I often say that the hardest word in the English language is not the longest, but the hardest one is that little word "no." Daniel knew how to say it. Even though he was in the midst of heathen, Daniel refused to defile himself. He knew what it was to say "no" to things that were wrong.

### IV

**I WANT YOU TO NOTICE THAT DANIEL WAS BLESSED.** (Continued on page four)

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

APRIL 12, 1952

Page Three



## Christian Science

(Continued from page one)

The trust will terminate when all the beneficiaries have died, and the church will receive the residue.

Christian Scientists are not supposed to believe in the existence of matter—hence they should not mention “an automobile accident” — as in this case. They do not believe in suffering, so they shouldn't mention “injuries.” They do not believe in death, so they should not act as though this person died — neither should they mention death so frequently as in this will. If matter does not exist, this woman did not leave cash, personal belongings and property. And, if matter does not exist, there certainly is no city like Boston!

How one incident like this should reveal to them the utter fallacy of their “religion.” The saddest part of all is their denial of eternal realities.



## “An Exposition Of The Book Of Daniel”

(Continued from page three)  
ED BECAUSE OF HIS ROYAL PURPOSE.

Look at this boy. The man who had charge of these young fellows in school, said, “Why I will endanger my own head if I don't give you this food and wine to drink.” Daniel said, “Let's try it for ten days and see how we get along.” They tried it for ten days and they were better looking eating vegetables than the rest of the crowd who had eaten the king's meat and drunk the king's wine. They therefore, allowed Daniel and his friends the liberty as to their own food, and the Word of God tells us that they did not eat meat nor drink wine any longer, but rather, ate the food that was pleasing to the Lord.

A little later the king called them in for a test,—examination day came. The time of testing came and all the boys in the king's college who were studying to be part of the brain trust of the land of Babylon, stood before the king. When Nebuchadnezzar questioned them as to what they knew, he found that Daniel and his companions are ten times wiser than the magicians and astrologers and all the balance of the crowd. Here stands the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians and all the brain trust who have been schooled to be advisors to the king. Against all these stand our young boys, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Daniel. When these fellows of the brain trust fail, Daniel and his three companions answer the questions. The king himself was amazed at it because these boys were found to be ten times wiser than his own brain trust.

I tell you, beloved, God blessed Daniel because of his royal purpose, and I am persuaded to believe tonight, that there isn't an individual in all this world who will take his stand for God and on God's side but what God will bless him like He blessed Daniel. Listen:

“For bodily exercise profiteth little: BUT GODLINESS IS PROFITABLE UNTO ALL THINGS, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.”

—I Tim. 4:8.

We are living in a day when it is considered that exercise is the chief thing of life. Most of the folk who go to college today, go there with one thought

in mind—athletic contests. We are living in a day when athletic contests completely control the world. God says, “bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things.” It doesn't say there isn't any profit in bodily exercise, but it says there is more profit in godliness than anything else.

Mark it down tonight, beloved, it paid Daniel to say “no.” It paid him to stand by his royal purpose.

I wish you would listen again: **“THOU THROUGH THY COMMANDMENTS HAST MADE ME WISER than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.”—Psa. 119:98-100.**

Beloved, do you want to know the path of wisdom? Do you want to know the path to learning? The path whereby you can find these is a path of separation—a path of separation to God and to the Word of God. To understand the Scriptures, a man must travel a path of separation. That's what Daniel did. He separated from the world and God blessed him. I contend tonight that if an individual will separate himself from the world and walk with God, God will bless him for his royal resolve. Listen:

**“THE SECRET OF THE LORD IS WITH THEM THAT FEAR HIM; and he will show them his covenant.”—Psa. 25:14.**

Let me give you an example: You have heard me speak, though you never saw him, of that great man of God, H. Boyce Taylor. I don't believe that there has ever been one produced like him in Kentucky. I have been blessed immeasurably by listening to him preach, by reading his paper, and I am tonight, to a great extent, what I am in my doctrinal convictions, because of the influence of Brother H. B. Taylor. There just wasn't any compromise in that man. If his best friend did wrong he would rebuke him the same as his worst enemy. There are mighty few of us but what would compromise just a little bit under circumstances like that, but not so with Boyce Taylor. He stood for God's Book and for nearly 34 years was pastor of one church. He edited a paper every week called “News and Truths.” He founded, carried on and taught in a school, he called the West Kentucky Bible School, a school for the training of preachers. He was the head of the Amazon Valley Faith Missions for years and led his church at Murray, Kentucky, to give more for missions per capita than any other church in the whole United States. He was an author of unusual ability. He scattered thousands upon thousands of tracts by way of free literature. God blessed him, beloved. God blessed this servant, your pastor, through him, and God has blessed hundreds and thousands of Baptist preachers through him all because Boyce Taylor dared to go contrary to the crowd and dared to stand for what he thought was the Word of God.

God blessed Daniel in the the same way. God will bless you and me in the same manner. The old song says:

“It pays to serve Jesus  
It pays every day;  
It pays to serve Jesus,  
Each step of the way.”

It paid Daniel, it paid Boyce Taylor, and it will pay you and me. I think about Daniel, — how he dared to stand out for what he knew to be right, and I think, beloved, in the light of

that experience of Daniel, of that old song which says to us:

“Dare to be a Daniel  
Dare to stand alone  
Dare to have a purpose firm,  
Dare to make it known.”

May the Lord God in Heaven tonight help you who are saved to be a Daniel, and may it please Him tonight to save someone who is lost.



## Associations

(Continued from page one)  
But to speak of a church as “BELONGING” to an association or convention is a violation of the Scriptures concerning the separateness and freedom of churches. No convention or association has a right to POSSESS a church.

### Some Modern False Ideas Concerning Denominationalism

We hear much today about “the denomination,” and “our bee-luv'd dee-nomination,” etc. Many have come to think of a Baptist church as a tiny cell in a big thing that is called “THE denomination.” Scripturally that conception is as false as anything could be. The Scriptures are silent about “denomination.” The Scriptures speak of “churches” but never of “denomination.” (See Acts 9:31; 15:41; II Cor. 8:23). But what are some of the false ideas about denominationalism?

1—The idea that a church is not a true Baptist church unless it “belongs” to an association or convention. This is simply not so. Take the so-called “Landmark Baptists” who co-operate through agencies a bit different from those of the Southern Baptist Convention set-up, they are just as much Baptists as any others. When someone has come for membership from a “Landmark” church we have never even raised the question as to any difference. The Landmarks are even more insistent on the old time doctrines of Baptists, than most other churches, so why make the methods of cooperation a test of fellowship? Are methods inspired? Such a test of fellowship is unscriptural.

2—The idea that a church “belongs” to an association or convention, and that a Baptist pastor is a “servant of the denomination.” In one of the pamphlets put out by one of the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention there is the inquiry as to who is eligible to receive the benefits of that agency, and the answer is given, “Any ser-



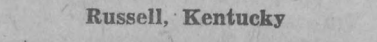
## BOOKS YOU SHOULD OWN

“ALIEN BAPTISM AND THE BAPTISTS”  
By William Nevins  
\$1.50 Postpaid

“A SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF BIBLE DOCTRINE”  
By T. P. Simmons  
\$3.00 Postpaid

“THE CHURCH THAT JESUS BUILT”  
By Roy Mason  
\$1.00 Postpaid

Order From:  
**THE BAPTIST EXAMINER**  
Russell, Kentucky



# A Much Appreciated Letter We Share With Our Readers

February 18, 1952  
Richmond, Ky.

Pastor John R. Gilpin  
Editor, Baptist Examiner  
Russell, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

For a long time I have intended writing you, but intentions not carried out aren't of much value are they? So while I have a few spare minutes, I intend to carry out one of my

vant of the denomination.” Is a Baptist preacher a SERVANT of the denomination? This preacher writing these lines is NOT. Paul wasn't a servant of any denomination. (See Phil. 1:1). He was the servant of CHRIST. The truth is, the denomination as it is called, with its agencies should be the servants of the churches—not the other way around.

3—The idea that a church must have its program handed down by the convention or association. The average Baptist church of this day DOES HAVE its program given it ready-made. The pastor TRULY IS a servant of the denomination to carry out the will of his “superiors.” All denial of this is falsehood. Baptist pastors cherish the delusion of freedom, but it is a delusion. Let a pastor deviate from the set program and his name is worse than “mud.” The case of the writer of these lines and his church is adequate proof. Every month perhaps for twenty years we have sent funds to Baptist agencies for cooperative work—yet we are regarded as renegade just because we designate and don't follow the whole program without question.

4—The idea that a church has departed from “the faith” if it refuses to submit to denomination dictation. A church in an adjoining association is now being sued by a “cooperating church” and the state convention, with a view to taking their property, because that church for good reasons withdrew from the association.



## Money

(Continued from page one)  
a mental note that he would bid for it. Then he took it down to examine the works. Out rolled \$4061 in bills ranging from \$1 to \$100. He was given the clock, but the money went into the estate.

A woman about 70 years of age, told New York police she kept \$17,800 in cash and \$15,000 worth of jewelry in a black bag which she kept with her, because she had lost her faith in banks.

Shortly after midnight January 13, she went to a cafeteria near her hotel, carrying the little black bag. She placed it on a chair and put her coat over it. When she finished eating, she went searching for her check. Her coat was on the floor and the bag gone when she returned to her table.

Since the government guarantees saving deposits in banks, there really is no ground for lacking faith in banks. They are much safer than sofas, packing boxes, wall clocks and black bags.

Every person has something infinitely more valuable than money and jewelry, for the Lord Jesus asked: “What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?”

good intentions.

On various occasions while visiting the local funeral homes here, I have been standing near enough to hear words of the friends who come to look upon the dead, and ways I hear the nicest remarks spoken into ears that could have heard them would doubt have made many a heart mile lighter and a sorrowful heart to rejoice.

I myself have been guilty doing the same thing, or as song goes, “Toss Me My Rose While I Am Living.”

Well, I guess this is a “to Jericho and back” to across to you the purpose of this letter. So, I'll get into real purpose now.

For many years “The Baptist Examiner” has been coming to our home, and to say it blessed my life and heart many times would be stating it mildly. So I would like to toss bouquet to the Examiner and its editor.

You know while I was thinking along the lines of bouquet and flowers, I was thinking how the Examiner called to mind some beautiful flowers.

The way you illustrate your Scripture texts stay with me forever, so I think of “Toss Me Nots,” and since we always get our paper in the morning, it is a real “Morning Glory.” And in every sermon the Examiner you so lift up Him who is rightfully called, “The Rose of Sharon” or “The Light of the Valley.” Also, I would say that by reading your paper many of these little “Daffy Dilly” Baptists have been turned into real “Jack's in the Pulpit.” And I suppose that by reading the Examiner with its Gospel story, many a sinner Bill has been turned into a “Sweet William.”

They tell me that it takes real skill to arrange flowers a bouquet so that their colors and varieties blend properly to create a striking effect.

So a bouquet to you as editor for arranging the Examiner that its contents so blend make it the wonderful paper is. And I would like to your bouquet with ribbons of sincerity and God's blessings for the future.

Mrs. Leona K.



An atheist has a reason, but no hope for his reason. A hypocrite has a hope but no reason for his hope. A Christian has a reason for his hope and a hope for his reason.

No infidel can be persuaded to go and live in a country that has no Bible.

He who will believe on what he can fully comprehend must have a very long head and a very short creed.

He is progressing who doubts his doubts.

Honest doubt is the vestibule of faith.

The only sensible and safe thing to do is to deposit it; to speak, with One who has power in Heaven and on earth—and who died to save it. That each person could truly fully say with the Apostle Paul “I know Whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.” (II Tim. 2:13)