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Changing The Course Of Life

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The writer was orphaned at the age of twelve, and thrown upon his own resources. Having been born and brought up to the age by unchristian parents, he feels that Providence must have led him to the home of a Christian farmer, where he made his home several years, in the adolescent period, so important in the life of a growing child. The good brother was a Baptist, and, of course, directed him to the Baptist church and to the Bible school.

At a revival held in the community church, when he was seven years of age, he made a public confession of Christ as

Saviour and united with the church by baptism, and the right hand of Christian fellowship. No sooner had he become a Christian till he knew that the ministry was to be his life work, and confided that fact to his employer. The old brother was much disappointed, for he wanted him to agree to remain in his service so long as he lived. And, he discouraged any ambitions he had toward the ministry. He told me that men had to be called of God for such work; that there were too many now in that high and holy office who were unworthy.

Some time around six months from the revival, the lad approached the chairman of the

board of deacons, and asked that his name be presented for license to preach. The pastor was consulted, and he was much elated, and promised all the assistance he could give. But in the meantime, something happened; for when the deacons made their report, they had laid his request on the table for one year. They had agreed after one year if the lad still felt his call, they would act favorably on the request.

This discouraged the lad, though he did not know what had taken place, nor did he seek to know. Shortly, he left the employ of the old brother, and went back to the community of his own relatives. There they (Continued on page four)

Say Christian Friend, How Is Your Crop?

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(Now With His Lord)

A common greeting of one farmer to another is "How's your crop?"

By this he raises the question of the condition, growth, and prospects of harvest of the various plantings and sowings in the fields according to God's well known laws of seedtime and harvest. Everything must be planted in harmony with these laws of God, and everything produces "after its kind."

How's your crop, Christian friend?

What have you planted? Where have you planted? How have you planted?

God declares that, as God's children, we reap according to what we plant and how we plant. If we plant that which is of, and according to the directions of the flesh, even though it may be a highly-respected religious fleshliness, we are sure to reap that which perishes. But, if we plant under the directions of the Holy Spirit, we are sure to reap life everlasting in those who are reached by the ministry we support.

By noting verse 6, "Let him that is taught in the word com-

municate unto (share with) him that teacheth in all good things," we see that is is not the matter of salvation from sin that is under discussion, but that of sharing in the teaching and preaching of the Word of God.

Child of God, how are you investing your Lord's money? You are a steward of God and must give a full account one day? Are you one of those who have been lulled to sleep by the sweet assurances of highly paid "leaders" that certain programs, movements, etc., are "of the Lord", and you unquestioningly pour your investments into the well organized man-made religious programs, and into the well-greased religious machinery?

Do you know where and how your Lord's money is being spent? Do you know whether or not those you are helping to support are faithful to the Lord and to His Word? Are you taking the advice and guidance of the Holy Spirit, or of men, in this important matter?

In emphasizing the eternal importance of the doctrine of Christ (the teachings of God's Word concerning the Christ as (Continued on page four)

Scriptural Reasons For Unbelief

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the true reasons for unbelief we have to read and understand the Holy Bible.

I am sure that the very first reason is that of the total depravity of humanity. We are all Atheists at heart and by nature. David wrote, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psa. 51:5). Until people's hearts are changed they have no desire for God nor His truth. I am sure it is not true that people in general are hungry for the gospel of Christ. It is only after there is an awakening by the Holy Spirit, that they hunger and thirst after righteousness. (Matt. 5:6).

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness," People are unbelievers, by nature. They do not "Hunger and thirst after righteousness."

The Prophet Jeremiah had a right estimation of the human heart when he wrote, "The heart

is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it." (Jer. 17:9). Our Saviour said, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man." (Matt. 15:17 to 20). "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," and out of the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaketh." For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." (I Sam. 16:7). We fear that too often the zeal for the salvation of souls is not out of the right motive. Too often preachers do not tell people plainly what their true condition is and use what we might call, a wrong diagnosis. All manner of unbelief, under whatever name, is natural to unregenerate man. Our Saviour said, "Ye must be born again."

By nature all men are fools. "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. Corrupt are they and have done abominable

iniquity: there is none that doeth good. God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God. Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." (Psalm 53:1 to 3).

Psalm 14 speaks the same thing. Romans 3 and other Scripture has the same testimony. It is a miracle there are so many who have true faith in God and are followers of the Lamb. The Apostle Paul wrote, "They are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." (Continued on page four)

DO YOU RECKON I'M ALL WRONG?

As I look around each day for a living evidence of real Christian living, my heart is saddened by the overwhelming picture of shallowness on most every hand. I see far more evidence of "UNSPIRITUAL DIS-INTEGRATION" than I do of "SPIRITUAL REGENERATION." The cause is not too hard to find. The modern pulpit has lost its power and now depends on its "PULL." With these modern day "MIS-FITS" in the pulpit I fear many are being PULLED into the Devil's PIT. Most pulpits are filled by men who are "PADDLING THE DEVIL'S CANOE" rather than "PADDLING THOSE SINNERS IN THE PEW" with the word of God. Instead of "THE OLD FASHIONED WAY" we seem to have "SATAN'S SWAY." Preachers swayed by "SATAN'S MACHINE" leave in their path a "SHAME TO BE SEEN."

To bear down on sin in the average congregation you must bear the ridicule of being a (Continued on page four)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"Plain Prophecies For Plain People"

On last Sunday evening, I discussed a number of prophecies which had to do with the Jews, and with the Jews only. In fact, every one of these plain, simple prophecies which I discussed last Sunday evening, was a prophecy relating to the descendants of Abraham—the Jewish family.

Now tonight, I want to discuss the prophecies that have to do with the nations that existed round about the Jews at the time when the Jews were a na-

tion, as recorded in the Word of God.

I

THE FIRST PROPHECY THAT I WANT YOU TO NOTICE IS THE PROPHECY CONCERNING THE CITY OF TYRE.

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up. And they shall destroy

the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God: and it shall become a spoil to the nations."—Ezek. 26:3-5.

"And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and (Continued on page two)

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"Plain Prophecies For Plain People"

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destroy thy pleasant houses; and
they shall lay thy stones and thy
timber and thy dust in the midst
of the water. And I will cause
the noise of thy songs to cease;
and the sound of thy harps shall
be no more heard. And I will
make thee like the top of a
rock: thou shalt be a place to
spread nets upon; thou shalt be
built no more: for I the Lord
have spoken it, saith the Lord
God."—Ezek. 26:12-14.

This is God's prophecy concern-
ing the city of Tyre, which
was one of the great cities of
antiquity. Its inhabitants, the
Phoenicians, traded with the
world. In Joshua 19:29, the city
of Tyre is spoken of as "the
strong city Tyre." In I Kings
5, you will find that Hiram, the
king of Tyre, made a league
with David, when David was in
the act of building the temple
of God at Jerusalem, to the ex-
tent that Hiram with his men
were to furnish a tremendous
number of trees that they were
to cut from the forests of Leb-
anon and convey in floats from
the place where they were cut
unto the place where David
should ask for them to be de-
livered. In return, David was to
provide a tremendous amount of
food, provisions, oil, and various
commodities which should be
given in exchange to Hiram and
his men for the wood of these
trees from the mountains of
Lebanon.

I refer to this in order that
you might see that it was one
of the great cities of antiquity.
However, God said, "I am
against you. I am going to bring
you to destruction. Your stones
and your dust and your timber
are going to be cast into the
waters, and I will make you like
the top of a rock, and you shall
be a place for the spreading of
the fishermen's nets."

Now, beloved, when God says,
"I am against you," it is time
for any man to sit up and take
notice. When puny man rises up
against you, it is time to call on
the Almighty God; but when
God speaks against you, it is
time to pause and take notice.
God said that the city of Tyre
was to be so completely and
entirely destroyed, that it would
never be rebuilt. When God
spoke those words, nothing
could have been much farther
from the truth. It was a flour-
ishing, progressive, populous
city. However, Nebuchadnezzar,
the king of Babylon, besieged
the city of Tyre, threw up an
economic blockade around the
city and besieged it for thirteen
long years.

We are so used to fast move-
ments in war, such as we no-
ticed in World War II when na-
tions were overrun within a
few days' time, that it would
seem to us an exceedingly slow

Some so-called Christians have Heaven on their tongue's end but the world at their fingers' ends.

process to think of an army en-
camping round about a city,
with an economic blockade
about that city so that none
could come and none could go
from the city for thirteen years.
It would indicate that the city
was well supplied with food and
that they were well supplied in
every respect that they could
withstand a siege of thirteen
years.

Finally, when their provisions
ran out, so history says, Nebu-
chadnezzar was able to batter
down the walls and enter the
city, but when he had gained
admission into the city, he found
that the king and his people,
under cover of darkness, had for
weeks been moving the wealth
and the riches and all that they
possessed from the city on the
mainland to an island, half a
mile out in the ocean. They had
not only transported their
wealth and their provisions and
their commodities, but even the
people had been entirely and
completely moved to that island,
so that when Nebuchadnezzar
succeeded in battering down the
walls and the gates of the city,
all that he got for a thirteen
year siege was a deserted city,
without a single inhabitant in
it and without any wealth that
might fall into the hands of the
Babylonians. In his rage and in
his anger, Nebuchadnezzar de-
molished the palace and destroyed
the main buildings of the
city, and marched away, having
thus despoiled and destroyed
the city of Tyre on the main-
land.

The king of Tyre, realizing
that it would be a tremendous
task to rebuild the city on the
mainland, decided that since
they were already living upon
this island half a mile in the
ocean, and since they would
have to rebuild the city on the
mainland, that they might as
well build the city on the is-
land and thus have more se-
curity by having water all
around them. Accordingly, the
king of Tyre and his people for-
got about the city on the main-
land and built the city on the
island a half mile out in the
sea.

That king died, and other
kings came and died. 240 years
passed by and Alexander the
Great had become the dominant
world figure. Nebuchadnezzar,
as the king of Babylon, had
passed off the scene. The Medes
and the Persians had arisen and
they had been destroyed. Now
the world emperor was Alexan-
der the Great.

Alexander the Great called
upon the island city of Tyre and
asked them to allow him to
worship within the gates of the
city. They knew that if they
allowed Alexander the Great to
worship within their gates, he
would bring a tremendous host
of his people with him; and once
they were inside the gates and
saw the beauty and the wealth
of the city, he would not stop
with just worshipping with
them—he would ask of them the
treasures of the city of Tyre.
Accordingly, they refused Alex-
ander the Great the permission
to enter into the city to worship,
with the result that Alexander
then decided to build a cause-
way from the mainland to the
island, over which he would
lead his soldiers and destroy
that island city of Tyre.

Alexander the Great went
into that demolished city on the
mainland and picked up the
stones and the timber of all the
houses that Nebuchadnezzar had
destroyed, and then tore down
the houses that Nebuchadnezzar
had not touched, and cast all
this into the ocean. Evidently
the material became scarce, for
the Word of God indicates that
they even scraped up the dust
and cast it into the ocean and
built a causeway from the main-

land to the island over which
Alexander the Great led his
soldiers to the destruction and
the complete demolition of the
island city of Tyre. Though it
required the combined efforts of
Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and
Alexander the Great of Greece,
and though 240 years elapsed
between the time that one of
these besieged the city on the
mainland and the other besieged
the city on the island—though
240 years had elapsed between
these two sieges, ultimately
God's Word was perfectly ful-
filled. As the Word of God said
that it would never be rebuilt,
so the city of Tyre stands today
completely destroyed, having
never been rebuilt and only
serving as a place for the spread-
ing of the fishermen's nets.

A man who visited Palestine,
and who went to Tyre in the
year of 1940, told me that when
he and his group drew near to
the city of Tyre, the first thing
that caught their attention was
the fishermen coming in from
the sea and spreading their nets
upon the bare rocks where the
city of Tyre had been, that those
nets might dry.

Beloved, how remarkable is
the fulfillment of the Word of
God! If there were no other
prophecy in all the Word of
God, this in itself is enough to
convince me that God not only
knows and foretells, but that
God keeps His Word concern-
ing every statement within His
Book.

II

GOD LIKEWISE GAVE US
A PROPHECY CONCERNING
SIDON.

"Again the word of the Lord
came unto me, saying, Son of
man, set thy face against Sidon,
and prophesy against it. And
say, Thus saith the Lord God:
Behold, I am against thee, O
Sidon; and I will be glorified
in the midst of thee; and they
shall know that I am the Lord,
when I shall have executed
judgments in her, and shall be
sanctified in her. For I will send
into her pestilence, and blood
into her streets; and the wound-
ed shall be judged in the midst
of her by the sword upon her
on every side; and they shall
know that I am the Lord."—
Ezek. 28:20-23.

Here is a prophecy concern-
ing the city of Sidon, which
tells us that that city was to be
scarred by wars and pestilence,
but that it was to continue. Un-
like the prophecy concerning
the city of Tyre, which was to
be completely destroyed, never
to be rebuilt, the prophecy con-
cerning Sidon was that it was
to be scarred by wars and pes-
tilence, but the city itself was
to continue.

Beloved, has this prophecy
been fulfilled? I say literally
every word of it has come to
pass. I'll give you some two or
three historical statements by
way of illustration.

This city of Sidon fell into the
hands of the Persians, and was
under Persian dominion just be-
fore the birth of the Lord Jesus
Christ. In the year of 35 B. C.,
they revolted from the Persians,
and the Persian army besieged
the city of Sidon. The people of
Sidon, knowing that they would
fall into the hands of the Per-
sian army, went into their own
houses, and 40,000 of the in-
habitants of Sidon burned them-
selves and their houses, rather
than suffer the tortures that
they knew would befall them
when once the Persians had con-
quered them. God said that the
city of Sidon would be scarred
by wars, but the city itself
would continue, and it did just
that.

Those of you who recall the
story of Richard the Lionhearted
and the story of the Crusades
perhaps will remember that the

FOR TIMES LIKE THESE

For all who bleed and die in ravaged lands,
For men whose hearts are failing them for fear,
For every war-torn soul that looks to God,
For those to whom the Blessed Hope is dear.

There is a word,—the safe, sure Word of God;
"Come unto Me, My everlasting arm
Has not been shortened that it cannot save
And keep the least lamb of My flock from harm.

The darkest hour is just before the dawn.
A little while, then no more tears nor pain.
Look up, see His eternal morning break!
The blessed Lord of glory comes to reign!
—Martha Snell Nicholson

city of Sidon was conquered
and captured three times by the
Crusaders, and likewise was re-
conquered and recaptured three
times by the Moslems. Talk
about a city being scarred by
wars! In the Crusades alone,
this city was scarred six differ-
ent times.

Even as late as 1840, the city
of Sidon was bombarded by
the combined fleet of England
and Austria and Turkey.

Beloved, in spite of the wars
through which the city of Sidon
has passed—in spite of all of
the troubles through which they
have gone—in spite of all the
bloodshed and the pestilence
that has raged as a result of
wars—in spite of all this, the
city of Sidon still stands today,
just like God said that it would.

Let me remind you that the
God that you and I serve today
is a God who will keep His word
today just like He kept His
word concerning Tyre and Sid-
on. He is the same God today
as He was then. What He said
about Tyre and Sidon came to
pass just exactly like He spoke
it. If God kept His word con-
cerning these cities, God will
keep every word that He has
spoken within His Book.

III

GOD GAVE US A PROPHE-
CY CONCERNING THE PHILIS-
TINES.

If you will study the Word of
God, you will find that the
Philistines were one of the great
nations of antiquity. They were
the chiefest enemy that the Jews
possessed. God gives us a prophe-
cy concerning these Philistines.
Listen:

"Therefore thus saith the Lord
God: Behold, I will stretch out
mine hand upon the Philistines,
and I will cut off the Chere-
thim, and destroy the remnant
of the seacoast."—Ezek. 25:16.

Beloved, Ezekiel recorded
this, but Ezekiel didn't say it.
Ezekiel was merely the clerk
who recorded what God had
said, and God said, "I am going
to destroy them."

That country of the Philis-
tines, with its five capital cities,
has completely perished from
the earth. Not a student today
in school is ever troubled with
the history of the Philistines, for
the Philistine nation has passed
completely out of existence —
never heard of, never spoken
of, never recorded in any wise
as being a nation of today. Her
neighbors on the south, the
Egyptians, remain. Her neigh-
bors on the east, the Jews, re-
main, even though they are
scattered, and even though their
nation is but a small, weak na-
tion. God said that the Philis-
tines would come to nought,
and what God said has come to
pass.

In the days when David was
king of Israel, the Philistines
was doubtlessly the greatest na-
tion in the world next to the
Jews. They were the ancient

enemy of the Jews and many
times were able to overrun the
Jews. God said that that na-
tion was going to be destroyed,
what God said literally came
to pass.

Take, for example, one city
the Philistines — the city
Askelon. This was one of the
five capital cities of the Philis-
tines, and God gave us a prophe-
cy concerning this one city par-
ticularly. Listen:

"And Gaza shall be forsaken,
and Ashkelon a desolation; they
shall drive out Ashdod at the
noonday, and Ekron shall be
rooted up."—Zeph. 2:4.

Beloved, so completely
this prophecy been fulfilled
Askelon—that great capital city
of the Philistines—has been
completely destroyed, that the
harbor itself was filled up by
1270 A. D. Never has there been
any effort in any wise at all
to rebuild the city, though many
other nations of antiquity have
been destroyed and rebuilt
many, many times. When the
city of Askelon was destroyed
and the harbor was filled up
in 1270 A. D., that ended the
history of the Philistines. God
said it, and it came to pass just
like God said that it would.

IV

GOD GAVE US A PROPHE-
CY CONCERNING THE
COUNTRY OF BABYLON.

Nebuchadnezzar was the great
king whereby the city of Baby-
lon is remembered. You will
call in the book of Daniel the
call that Nebuchadnezzar put
out that he wanted a thousand
great feast for a thousand
his lords and nobles, and he
brought in the golden and
silver vessels which had been
taken from the city of Jerusa-
lem when it had been sacked
by Nebuchadnezzar. You will
recall how Belshazzar in the
feast drank wine out of the
golden and silver vessels and
praised the gods of gold and
silver, and iron and brass and
wood and stone.

What a city Babylon was
that day! Its walls were four-
teen miles on each side, making
fifty-six miles of stone wall
around the city. So great were
those walls that chariot races
were held on the tops of the
walls, with plenty of room for
the spectators to have seats
along those walls. You can't
imagine the splendor of the coun-
try of Babylon with its hanging
gardens that had been built
for the king for his mountain
who became tired of the plain
round about and who asked
to see a mountain. Her husband
willing to gratify her desire
built the hanging gardens
Babylon, just in order to satisfy
his heathen wife who had come
from the hill country.

Listen, beloved, God spoke
a prophecy concerning that
city of Babylon. He said that
it was going to be destroyed, new
to rise again, and that it
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**THE CHART ON
THIS PAGE**

This chart is self-explanatory in that it shows how the books of law, history, poetry, and prophecy (the O. T. books) are the roots from which came the N. T. writings. I have often said that "The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed while the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed." Here is a chart which abundantly proves this to be true.

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beloved, when Isaiah preached that sermon, everybody thought he was crazy, and it certainly looked like he was. For Isaiah to say that the city of Babylon would be destroyed so completely and as graphically as he described it, was seemingly an impossibility. However, remember what looks like an impossibility from the standpoint of man, is always possible if God is in it. Mark it down, whatever God says is going to happen, always comes to pass. Every word in this Bible is going to be fulfilled. God said concerning Babylon that it was going to be entirely and completely destroyed, and, beloved, it

In Nebuchadnezzar's day Babylon was a great city, and it was still such when captured by Alexander the Great. It was then one of the world's greatest cities and Alexander intended to make it his capital city, but after his death his generals decided that the capital would be at Selucia, a little town some forty miles north of the city of Babylon. Thus, the glory of

In Christ's day, even by the time that Christ came to Bethlehem, the city of Babylon was inhabited by only a handful of Jews, and in just a few years after the Lord Jesus Christ went back to Glory, there was scarcely 500 people, so history says, that lived within the city of Babylon. History tells us that by the year 1200 Babylon was completely deserted, so that no one has lived there since.

I talked to a man some twenty years ago who had been making an expedition to Palestine and ancient Biblical cities every year for a number of years. He was the head of an archaeological expedition. He told me that the city of Babylon was inhabited by asps and serpents to such an extent that it was almost an impossibility for a

Beloved, what God said concerning this city of Babylon has come to pass. It has plenty of inhabitants — not human, but plenty of inhabitants — asps, serpents, owls, jackels, lions and wild beasts. This man of whom I spoke, told me that even the Arabs refused to dwell nearby, because they said the city is haunted and they refuse to camp near to the city of Babylon.

Oh, can it be possible that
that city which was so great

CONCLUSION

I have shown you this evening from the Word of God the prophecies concerning Tyre and Sidon, the prophecy of the Philistines, and the prophecy concerning Babylon. If I had the time to do so, I might discuss prophecies relative to Egypt, prophecies concerning the Moabites and the Ammonites and the Edomites, and show you that God has kept His word concerning these prophecies just as He has kept His word concerning these cities that I have discussed tonight.

Beloved, the God who spoke to Tyre and said, "I am going to destroy you and you will never be rebuilt," the God who spoke

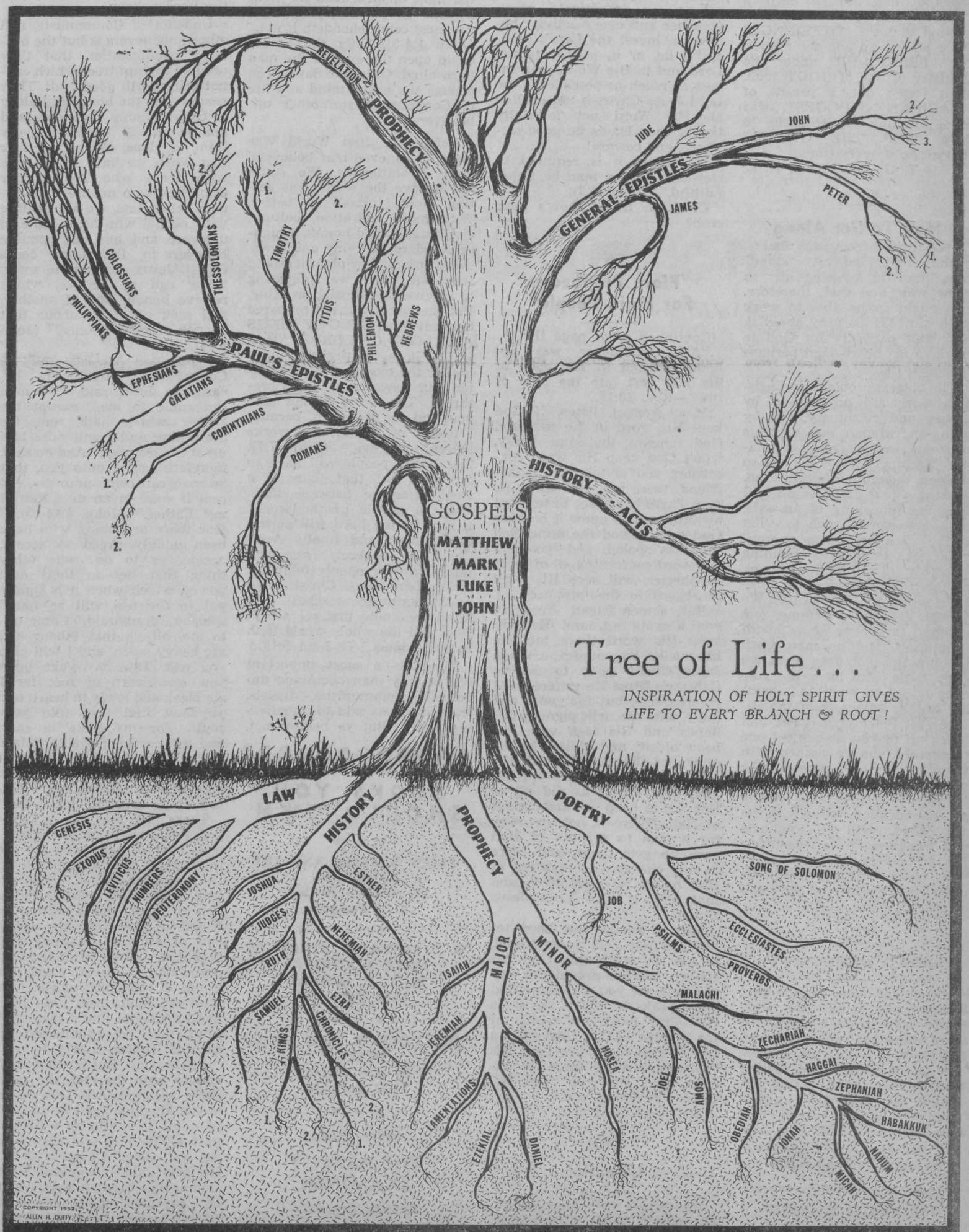
concerning Sidon and said, "I am going to scar you by wars and yet you will continue," the God who spoke concerning the Philistines and said that they would be driven completely out of existence, the God who spoke concerning Babylon and declared that that city would be inhabited by wild beasts and birds — that same God still speaks to you and to me. His word is just as much alive today as it was then. His word is just as much alive today as when He spoke it.

Listen, sinner friend, what does God say to you?

"Though hand join in hand,
he shall not be unpunished."—
Prov. 16:5.

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

He tells you what your destiny is going to be. He tells you where you are going to spend your eternity, for He says:
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DO YOU RECKON I'M ALL WRONG?

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"RELIC OF THE STONE-AGE" in their estimation. But just the same, I had rather be one of "GOD'S ANTIQUES" than to be one of the "DEVIL'S UNIQUES." And from the hardness of the "HEADS" and "HEARTS" in many situations I figure they must be about as close to the "STONE-AGE" as I am. I had rather be a "FOGEY" in the eyes of man than to be as they are—"FOGGY" in their views of sin.

God's man today, as ever before, finds the going rough when the "CLIQUE WORK THEIR TRICKS." Some men seem to feel that they are the "HIGHER-UPS," but they can stoop mightily "LOW DOWN" when they are dealing with preachers who dare to stand for the TRUTH. But you just let GOD bless the work of one of His "Country Boys." My, but the pot begins to boil. In a church where the machine has always been a "FLOP," just let the word get around that the "OFFERINGS" have picked up and the church has "PERKED-UP" under the ministry of one of GOD'S men, then watch out, a parade of "MACHINE STOOGES" will come running to the scene to help "SOP THE GRAVY." They'll do it every time.

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How To Get Along

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realize that God can "stand" him, that He is using him in some way, and that, therefore, you ought to be able to work with him; (7) To pray about it, and wait patiently for God to work in his heart—and perhaps in yours, too.

The biggest problems in Christian work are not caused by money and machinery, but by men—and women; not shortness of funds, but shortness of temper. Machinery needs oil, and so do men, though a different kind. Just as a few drops of oil will stop the squeaking of an axle, so a few words—such as, "I'm sorry," "I know I was wrong," will set things to running smoothly again. Unity among brethren is compared to precious ointment. (Ps. 133:1-2). We cannot get along without one another, for "none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." Not only must we obey those who have the rule over us, but we ought to be willing to take advice from one another, for Peter says, (I Pet. 5:5) "Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. We are to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:1-3).

HOW'S YOUR CROP?

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Saviour and Lord), the Holy Spirit says through John, "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Good speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." (II John 10, 11)

It is a terribly serious matter to be guilty of endorsing and

supporting that which is untrue to our Lord Jesus Christ. We are certain to reap what we sow. If we support the faithful ministry of His Word, we shall reap rich spiritual rewards. But, if we, even ignorantly, endorse and support that which is of the flesh, and not of the Lord, we must take the consequences of an awful harvest.

How's your crop, Christian friend?

Are you using as much wisdom in this spiritual and eternal matter as the farmer uses in his crops of corn, cotton, wheat, potatoes, etc. No farmer would be so foolish as to disregard God's plain laws of the field. Why will be less wise?

In this day of apostate Christianity, with so many worldly-wise, man-made religious programs, and with so many highly paid "high-pressure" salesmen selling what they label as "the Lord's work," we need to make sure, as sure as humanly possible, just what, where and how our investments of the Lord's money are being used.

Let us investigate every preacher and every activity before we invest the Lord's money. If he, or it, is true to the Lord and to His Word, then invest as much as possible. If the Lord Jesus Christ is not exalted and His Word not faithfully taught then let us be good stewards, and beware!

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (I Cor. 4:2).

Christian friend, how's your crop?

"Plain Prophecies For Plain People"

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"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."—Rev. 20:15.

Man, woman, listen, if God kept His word in the past and God remains the same today, won't God keep His word concerning you? I tell you, sinner friend, there is a Hell awaiting you. There is a place of torment awaiting you. I know it because God said it, and the same God that has spoken and has kept His word concerning all of these prophecies, will keep His word in regard to this prophecy.

But, sinner friend, He gives you a way out, and He will keep His word there too. He has made a way of escape. When Jesus Christ came to die on Calvary's Cross He suffered, not for His sins, but for yours and mine, with the nails piercing His hands and His feet, with His brow bloody and bruised by the crown of thorns, and with His side riven by a spear—I tell you, beloved, Jesus did all of this just to keep you and me out of Hell. There is not any way for a man to get out of Hell once he gets there, and there is only one way to keep out of Hell before he goes there, and that way is the Lord Jesus Christ.

May it please the Lord tonight to help you, sinner friend, to see the truth that God has spoken, and has provided a way of escape for you. The same God who speaks to you is the same God that spoke the words of the prophecies that I have given to you this night. He kept His word concerning these prophecies, and He will keep His word concerning you.

May God bless you!

Unbelief

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(Romans 1:20-21). Communists and other unbelievers become worse and worse unless the

Holy Spirit should enlighten them and they are "Turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God." (I Th. 1:9).

Our Savior said, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." (John 3:17 to 19). After all, the real reason why people reject the knowledge of God and belief in the Lord Jesus Christ, is because their deeds are evil and they cannot bear to have their works reproved. They do not want to be corrected. They hate God and His Son Jesus Christ because of purity and Holiness. They do not want to submit themselves to the light so as to be set right. Christ is the light, "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehendeth it not." (John 1:4-5). Only the Savior could open the eyes of the man born blind. Only our Savior can change the heart, mind and life of Communists and other unbelievers.

Before the first World War many of us, even true believers, were Evolutionists. We could not believe the world was getting worse instead of better. With more education, culture, civilization, good homes, a higher standard of living and every thing on a higher plain it would seem the world was preparing to receive the Messiah as King. But the world was not prepared to receive the "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS." (Rev. 19:16). It is frantically preparing for the most terrible slaughter. Our Savior said to His brethren, "The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil." (John 7:7). The Lord's people will have to face the fact that there is a vast difference between them and the people of the world. It may be the Lord will permit Communism and finally Anti-Christ to severely persecute those who are openly followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe Scripture teaches this. "And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness." (I John 5:19).

There is a most important reason why many continue unbelievers, Communists, Atheists, Infidels. Jesus said to unbelieving Jews, "But ye believe not,

because ye are not my sheep, as I said unto you." (John 10:26). Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 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. I and my Father are one." (John 10:27 to 30). Of the Lord's people the Apostle Paul wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all Spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love." (Eph. 1:1-4). The many very apparent faults, failures, and weaknesses of Churches, Missionaries, Ministers, Teachers and Pastors are, no doubt, stumbling blocks. But the real reason for Atheism is that those who continue in unbelief are not the Lord's sheep.

Unbelief of Communists, and other unbelievers is but the outward manifestation that they are like corrupt trees which cannot bring forth good fruit. They cannot seek the honor and glory of God but only their own and honor one of another. Every thing is done for self. I fear that when we have to do even with those who are in our Churches, who manifest continuous selfishness, we are dealing with people who have come in unaware and are not genuine believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said this to some, "How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?" (John 5:44).

People are Atheists, Infidels, Communists, Unbelievers because as Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day." And he said, therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father." (John 6:44-65). I fear there are many who have been unduly urged to accept, decide, or to do some other thing that lies in their own power, which when it is finally put to the test will be found spurious. Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matt. 11:28 to 30). "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37)

Those who are still in unbelief, Atheists, Infidels, Communists and so many who are not interested, are still "Dead in trespasses and sins." (Eph. 2:1-5). That is the natural condition of man, the condition in which he comes into the world, and of all who continue that way it is written, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (I Cor. 2:14).

Jesus said, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matt. 24:13-14). He also said, "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the

Son of man cometh, shall find faith on the earth?" (Lk. 18:7-8).

I do not believe that Scripture teaches that the world will be saved through the preaching of the gospel although the gospel is to be preached every where for a witness. The world will be saved when Christ comes again.

May the Lord quicken the people and gather them out of the nations.

Life's Course

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coaxed him to unite with the church, which was one of the Arminian persuasion. Shortly thereafter, he was given a license to preach, subsequently entering college, and receiving ordination, followed that course for forty-one years. He knew the little of Baptist doctrine, any other doctrines of Christianity; he knew he was saved and loved the Lord.

After being away from the community where he first joined the church several years, he was invited back to preach one beautiful Sunday in June. The house was full to welcome him back and to hear him preach the first time since he had been with holy unction, and God blessed the message. Just as he was about to pronounce the benediction, the senior deacon arose and asked to say a word. He came forward and faced the people, and said, "The curse of God has been on this church ever since we did to this what we did when we refused to give him license to preach. The people here today are with me, and I speak in their behalf. If our visiting brother today will place his name back on the roll of this church, we will immediately license him to preach and call him to the pastorate of the church. What do you say, brother?"

There wasn't anything he could say. He owed the nomination he was laboring with a sum of money borrowed for school expenses; and the nomination the debt became due and collectible. He had no way of paying it, only over a period of years, which he did. So the service closed without a decision. What had happened in the board of deacons several years prior to that day, had changed the course of the young man that continued forty-one years. At the end of that period, he withdrew from the ministry, the communion with which he had labored so long, and he turned to the Baptist fold. He said that he had any personal graces, but it was a matter of New Testament doctrine, church that Jesus built. He found for himself over that period of New Testament security of the believer, election and baptism by immersion as a picture of what saves the sinner: the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And this blessed ordinance is for the believer only.

There is a moral to this story: viz: If God has laid His hand on some young man to preach the gospel, keep yours off. Don't stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless?" (I Sam. 26:9).

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