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What Does Religion Mean To You?

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Tampa, Florida

lives. (Matt. 6:33) Ahead of business—ahead of kinfolds—ahead of self. (See Luke 14:25-27)

We should regard the Lord and his cause as above all else.

WHY SHOULD THIS BE TRUE? REASONS:

Because the God who made us and redeemed us says so. We are to seek first God's Kingdom. The promise is, incidentally, that the Lord will look out after our material interests, if we will do this.

Because in the ultimate all that shall amount to anything shall be what we have done for the Lord. Business and property must be left behind. Pleasures of earth fail. Health and even physical life fails. "The world passeth away and the lust thereof." (Continued on page four)

home, and they do not aid the church in extending its ministry. If they get sick they get offended if not shown a lot of attention. They criticize their church and pastor very freely. In fact they want to be ministered unto while they do nothing toward ministering to others. Such describes thousands of church members. Moreover the average church does not arrange auditorium space capable of holding more than half its membership? Why? Because the church knows that half of the membership won't be present at meetings.

HOW SHOULD WE REGARD OUR CHRISTIANITY?

It should come first in our

Supposing that one is really a saved person, just how important is one's religion? Just how big a place should it be given in one's life? This is important to consider, for professing Christians are not all agreed by any manner of means.

HOW MOST CHURCH MEMBERS REGARD IT

The majority of church members regard their Christianity, involving their church membership as a thing of minor importance—something not to hold anything like the importance that business or pleasure holds. How do we know this? Because of their actions. People get their names on a church roll, then attend church only occasionally. They give very little, they win no one to the Lord, they maintain no warm devoted spiritual life and worship in the

MESSIAH

He came as a babe in a manger,
He came as a lamb to be slain;
He trod earth's lone way as a stranger,
In suffering and sorrow and pain;
But He's coming again in His glory
To reign as a king evermore.
Every knee then shall bow down before Him,
Every tongue His great name shall adore.

As the wise men of old watched the heavens
For the sign of His marvelous birth,
So today we await His returning
To call His redeemed ones from earth.
Caught up in a moment to meet Him,
Transformed to His likeness divine,
In the clouds of the sky we shall greet Him
And in His own radiance shine.

Then lift up your hearts, oh ye pilgrims;
Rejoice for the day is at hand.
Behold in the fast-fading darkness
The lights of Immanuel's land.
E'er long He shall reign in His glory,
Triumphant o'er every foe.
Every nation shall worship before Him,
His might and dominion shall know.

—Avis B. Christiansen

Why Baptists Do Not Receive Alien Immersion

We Offer This Reminder

When Will Gog Invade The Land Of Palestine?



This is a question of unusual significance, in the light of present world happenings. This all-important problem of the present hour is present in Ezekiel 38th and 39th chapters, and will be fulfilled as written, and not according to any of man's opinions, or speculations.

There are at least four schools of thought on this great subject, representing men of outstanding scholarship and ability, and all present many wonderful arguments upholding their school of interpretation. The four schools differ as follows: The first group says it will occur before the Tribulation; the second group says, some time during the Tribulation; the third group, during the battle of Armageddon; the last group, that it will occur at the end of the millenium, when Gog and Magog make their onslaught on the beloved city, surrounding the camp of the saints.

To answer these questions as best as possible, let us take them in their reverse order, making the last school first. That the last mad attempt of Satan, upon being loosed from his prison after the millenium, to gather an army and surround the saints and the beloved city, seems not to fit into the picture of the invasion of Palestine, for several reasons: (1) The army coming down on Palestine is localized and comes from one direction; (2) The army surrounding the camp of the saints at the end (Continued on page three)

ARE YOU TRYING TO BE SAVED?

"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." (Rom. 4:5).

Very often, when you ask a person if he is saved, you will get this answer: "I'm trying to be." And the sad part about it is that those who so answer seem to think that there is some degree of safety in such a statement.

One of the plainest of all truths is that every human being who is trying to be saved is lost! If one is trying to be saved, it is self-evident that he is lost. If one is saved he is not trying to be.

Ask the young man, "Are you married?" His answer "I'm trying to be," declares plainly that he is not married. Ask the candidate, "Are you a sheriff?" When he says, "I'm trying to be," you know positively that he is not a sheriff. No one is anything that he is trying to be. Only the blind can fail to see that.

The Lord flatly declares that one must quit trying before he can possibly be saved. The religious world believes and (Continued on Page Four)

19-20.

Third: The church was charged with the responsibility of disciplining its members and maintaining a holy walk before God.

Fourth: That every precept necessary to accomplish such a walk was given to the apostles. Matt. 28:20. Such precepts are contained in the Word and are sufficient for all times.

Fifth: Baptists are commanded to contend for these precepts against the assaults of the enemy. Jude 3.

Now that the Baptist position on the whole church question is set forth, let us examine the question of Baptism. If Christ built a church and commanded it to baptize, surely any other institution assuming that responsibility does so in rebellion against Him and cannot be considered anything other than a Satanic inspired imitation or counterfeit. When Baptists accept (Continued on page three)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"The Kingdom Age On Earth"

Read Isaiah 11

A little while ago, an elderly gentleman, one of the dearest friends which I have, though not a member of this church, yet a man who knows the Word of God in a very unusual way, asked me if our Lord were going to literally reign here on this earth. Somehow he had in mind that our Lord was going to set up a kingdom, but it had never dawned upon him that our Lord was going to literally reign from a literal throne, right here within this world. Of

course, it was a joy to me to try to offer some little explanation and to tell him that Jesus Christ is coming back to this world again, and that when He comes, after He has purged the world during the tribulation period, then He is going to set up His throne and literally reign from a literal throne in the city of Jerusalem for a thousand years, which is called in the Word of God, the Millenium.

Let me insist this morning that this is true. I don't know when the Lord Jesus Christ is

coming. I'm not even venturing a guess; I'm not even making a suggestion as to when He will come again; however, one thing is certain, I know from the varied and manifold teachings of this Bible, that the Son of God is coming back to this world some day.

I know, furthermore, that in the books of Daniel and Revelation particularly, as well as in other portions of the Word of God, we are taught that there is to be a tribulation period, which, in itself, while it only (Continued on Page Two)

THE PROFITABLE MYTH OF PURGATORY

One of the most profitable doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church is that of Purgatory. Every Catholic is obliged to believe that after death he will be sentenced to Purgatory, there to undergo torture of unknown duration.

He is further taught that the best way to shorten the sufferings of Purgatory either for himself or for his friends and relatives is to have masses said. Application of a low mass for the relief of a suffering soul costs a minimum of one dollar; a high mass costs about twenty to twenty-five dollars; a solemn high mass costs much more. The more masses said the better for an agonizing soul. Wealthy people are urged to leave several thousand dollars to provide for masses to be said perpetually for them after they die.

The Redemptorist Fathers, founded by St. Alphonsus Liguori, 173 East Third Street, in New York City, established in 1856 a "Purgatorial Society" that is still making good profits. Membership is fifty cents a year. It prints a manual for members of the Purgatorial (Continued on Page Four)

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lasts for seven years' time, will be a literal hell on earth for those who are living at that particular time.

I know, also, that the Word of God makes it clear that after the tribulation period that the Lord Jesus Christ is going to set up His kingdom and is going to demonstrate through His kingdom, what this world might have been if Adam had never sinned.

This 11th chapter of Isaiah tells us in a very decided way the story of that kingdom age when Jesus Christ reigns from Jerusalem.

I

You will notice the first verse tells us as to THE KING'S ANCESTRY. It says:

"And there shall come forth a rod, out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots." —Is. 11:1.

The King, beloved, of the Kingdom Age, is the Lord Jesus Christ. None other than the Son of God will answer for the King. This Scripture refers to Him as a branch growing out of the roots of Jesse. It is rather conspicuous that if you cut down a cedar tree, that tree stump will rot and perish in the ground and will never sprout again; however, if you cut down an oak tree, from the stump of that tree, new life will come forth. In the preceding or 10th chapter of Isaiah, he refers to Assyria under the figure of a cedar tree cut off, never to rise again; whereas in this chapter, he refers to Israel producing the Lord Jesus Christ under the figure of an oak tree that is cut off with the stump giving forth new life, and new growth coming from the stump. Thus it refers to the Lord Jesus Christ as a branch that shall grow out of the roots of Jesse.

At least three times in the Word of God we can see how the Lord Jesus Christ came from such a lowly ancestry. When, in the providence of God, a king was being chosen as a successor for Saul, Samuel went to the house of Jesse. When the first son passed before him, he thought that surely this was the Lord's anointed, but God said, "Not so." As the second stalwart, manly son passed by, Samuel thought surely this was God's anointed, but God shook his head in the negative. Finally all the sons of Jesse had passed before Samuel. God had refused them all. Then it was he sent out into the fields and brought in the shepherd boy, David, the last of the sons of Jesse, the least of the family, the very farthest from the throne in the eyes of man, and God said, "This is he." You might as well say, beloved, that God took the

sucker off the stump when He chose that little lad David to be the king over Israel, and thus an ancestor of the Lord Jesus.

Then, beloved, look at the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Of whom was He born? Why not of royalty in the sense in which we use the term royalty. Instead, beloved, he was born of peasants. His mother, Mary, was a Jewish peasant girl. Surely when you look at the Lord Jesus Christ being born of peasant stock and of peasant ancestry, you can see again the Lord Jesus Christ was just a "sucker off the stump."

Then, beloved, notice that He grew up in the city of Nazareth. The Word of God would indicate to us that Nazareth was a hated place because of the vileness and the sin of the city. The immorality of the city was such that when Philip came to his friend Nathaniel to tell him about Jesus, Nathaniel said:

"Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" —John 1:46.

I tell you, beloved, the King who one day shall reign from Jerusalem, the King who one day shall reign over this world, the King who one day shall control the nations of the world—the Lord Jesus Christ—from His earthly ancestry, He can surely be described as a branch that grew off the stump—despised by man and cast aside by the world, yet God will make Him the King over His kingdom within this world.

II

The second verse tells us something of THE SPIRIT THAT SHALL REST UPON OUR KING.

"And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord." —Is. 11:2.

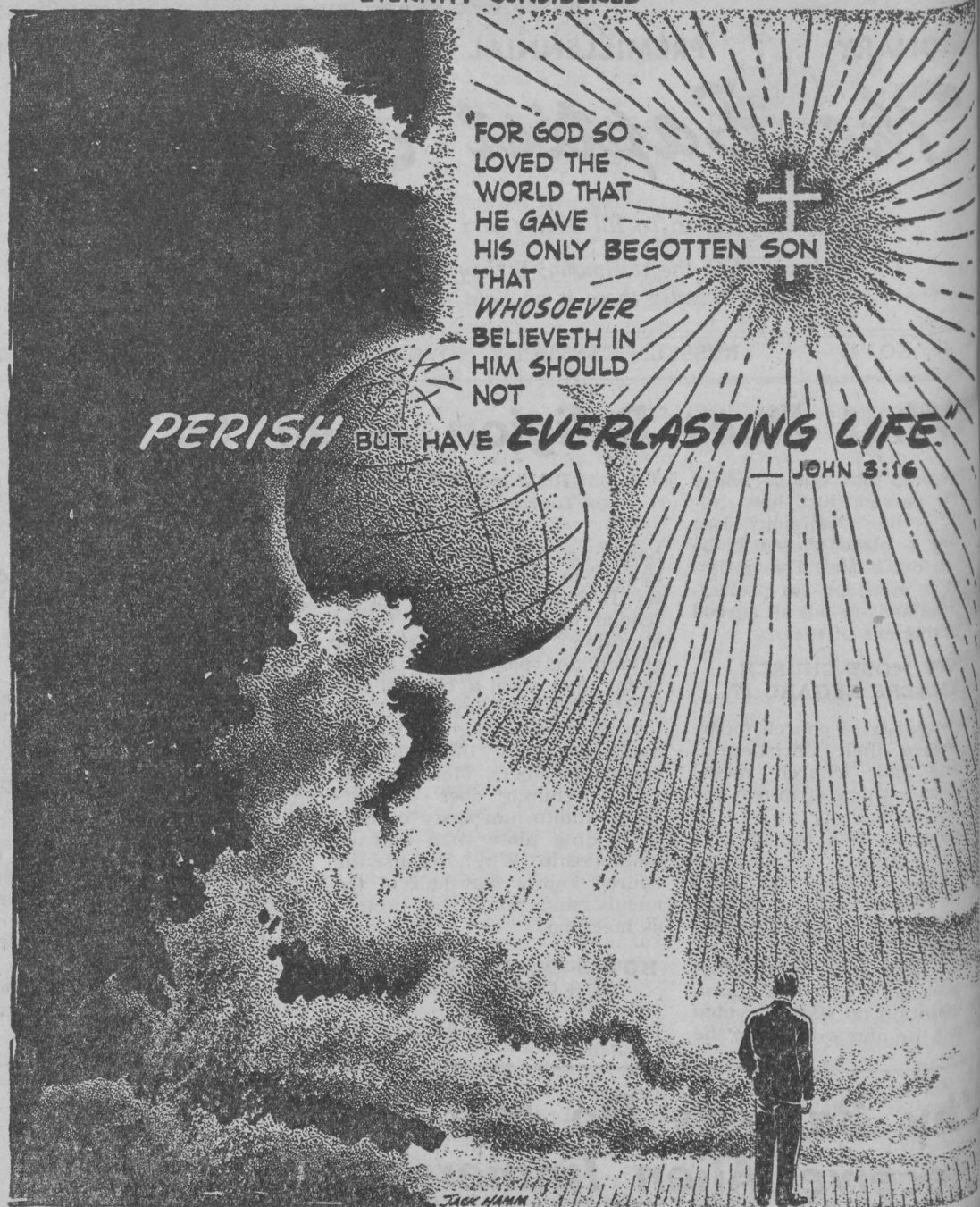
Notice: The Lord Jesus Christ is going to have the spirit of wisdom resting upon Him. He is going to have the spirit of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of knowledge. I'm glad that the Lord Jesus Christ who is going to reign over the world one day will be thus. If He is going to possess this spirit when He reigns, He possesses it right now, so that we can say this morning that the Lord Jesus who is going to reign from Jerusalem, has today the spirit of wisdom; He knows; He understands.

There are lots of things that confuse and confront you and me because of our lack of wisdom, but, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ has the spirit of wisdom. There isn't anything within this world that the Son of God doesn't know all about. Long before modern science discovered the intricacies of life, God knew all about them. Long before the secret of the atom was unfolded to man, the Lord Jesus Christ knew everything concerning it. I say to you, there isn't a discovery that man has made but what the Lord Jesus Christ knew all about it. He has the spirit of wisdom.

Then, beloved, it says that He has the spirit of understanding. I'm glad that He does. I'm glad He can understand you and me. So many times you have been misunderstood. So many times even those maybe of your own family, have misunderstood you. So many times even those of your friends have perhaps misunderstood you. So many times the motive of your heart has been misinterpreted. I'm glad the Lord Jesus Christ has the spirit of understanding. He understands the problems that confront you today. He understands the thorns that you trample upon and the stones that you stumble over. He understands, beloved, the trials

We often go wrong by debating with God instead of waiting on God.

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that you have and the testings that come your way. He understands the things which man could never understand. He understands when the tears flow thick and when your heart is broken, and when you can't see your way out. I'm glad there's--

"Never a heartache and never a groan,
Never a teardrop and never a moan;
Never a danger, but there on His throne;
Moment by moment He thinks of His own."

He has the spirit of counsel. That's what I need. That's what you need—the spirit of counsel. You don't have the intelligence to know what you ought to do. You don't have the mental capacity to know the moves you need to make. You certainly do not have the mental perception to know what you ought to do in this life, but thank God for this blessed truth—that Jesus Christ, the one who is going to reign over this world some day, has the spirit of counsel. I'm glad that he can counsel you, that He can direct you, that He can show you, that He can lead you, that He can teach you,—where you ought to live, what you ought to do, the attitudes you ought to take toward life and toward His church. He can guide you in all things. I don't know of anything that ought to thrill the child of God more than to know that the Lord Jesus Christ possesses the spirit of counsel, and that He can counsel and direct us.

III

You will notice in the 3rd through 5th verses that this passage talks about THE CHARACTER OF HIS REIGN when He sets up His kingdom. It says:

"And shall make him of quick

understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins." —Is. 11:3-5.

When Jesus Christ sets up His kingdom, He is not going to judge men by what He sees with His eyes nor hears with His ears. That's the only way earthly men can judge. That's the only way an earthly court can be conducted, — on the basis of what is heard with the ear and seen with the eye. The Lord Jesus Christ, however, beloved, is not going to reign on that basis. The Word of God makes it clear that the Lord Jesus Christ does not have to depend upon sight and hearing. Listen: "And Jesus KNOWING THEIR THOUGHTS, said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?" —Matthew 9:4

Notice: "Jesus knowing their thoughts." He doesn't have to ask you and listen to your answer. He doesn't have to observe you with His eyes. He knows your thoughts before those thoughts are ever put into words. Before those thoughts ever become actions, Jesus Christ knows all about you. Listen again:

"Judge not according to appearance, but JUDGE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT." —John 7:24.

The Lord Jesus says, "Don't judge by what you see and hear, but judge righteous judgment." Thank God that He is not going to judge by what He sees

and hears, but rather He knows all about us all of the time. Listen:

"Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I SAW THEE." —John 1:48.

Jesus not only saw the tree, He not only saw under the fig tree, but he saw Nathanael under that fig tree. I tell you, beloved, He doesn't have to judge on the basis of what He hears with His ears or sees with His eyes; rather, the Lord Jesus Christ is the only one who is capable of judging righteous judgment.

Notice again the character of His reign. It says, "But with RIGHTEOUSNESS shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the MEK of the earth."

There has never been a time when the meek of the earth have controlled this world. In the Beatitudes, in Matthew 5:5, we have these words:

"Blessed are the meek: they shall inherit the earth."

That's God's promise. Do you know who is going to control this world during the Kingdom Age? The meek, the saved of the earth. Who controls it today? You and I know that the world is not under the control of the meek today; instead, it is in the control of, and in the possession of, men of worldly standing; men, who, in the main, know not the Lord Jesus. Some time this world, in the Kingdom Age, is going to be controlled by the meek of the earth.

Was there ever a judge who judged righteously in this world? Was there ever a judge who reproveth the meek with equity. If a judge were to be (Continued on page three)

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A Lengthy Interesting Letter From Royal Calley

Manaos, Brazil
October 16, 1952

Elder H. H. Overbey
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bro. Overbey:

I have just returned from Cruzeiro do Sul. I have two letters from you dated Oct. 2nd and 6th. I was very glad to hear all the news that you had to tell me. I know that you know how we feel about the gracious increase in salary, the Calleys wish to thank all concerned for this. I know that I don't have to make a play on words in giving thanks. I feel that all who give me will understand my appreciation when I say that I give you my sincerest thanks and that I thank God for you all. I wish that I had the address of every giver to BFM so that I could tell each one of them that I thank them for making this possible. Perhaps you will publish this in the mission sheet so that they might all know our gratitude.

I am glad to hear that Canfield Avenue Baptist Church is progressing so nicely both physically and spiritually. I know that the new heating plant is very nice. I am sorry to hear though, of the illness of Bro. Morgan and Mrs. Hille. May God speed the recovery of both of them.

I received the books that Joe Tieson sent and have used them much already. You might ask his sister to tell him to write me a letter so that I might know how he is doing and also know his new address so that I might write him also.

I received a letter from those noble missionaries, the Lewises. They are all well and are doing fine at the present time. I enjoy corresponding with them very much. It is good to exchange news with them, since we have so much in common in our work. He wrote me an encouraging letter in anticipation of the problems that would come up with us here. Just as he expected, there have been times when I have been discouraged here and it was comforting to remember his kind words of advice. I wish that a missionary would come here to work with me like him.

Now I would like to tell you about my trip. I left Manaus at five thirty in the morning and arrived there the same day. How different this is from the long and tedious journeys that missionaries in other times had to subject themselves to in order to carry the gospel to the remote regions of the world. When I arrived in Cruzeiro do Sul, I was just as fresh as I was when I left. I flew there in a Cataline. They are great planes for this country because they can land in the numerous waterways here, and there is barely any

place that is beyond their reach.

On arriving, I looked for a place to stay. They have a place there they call a hotel, actually it is an old house that has four bedrooms and a large dining room in front. I went to the place to inquire about the charges. They said that I could have my room and board for two weeks for 900 crs. My baggage was still in the baggage room of the Panair Agency so I did not have to secure a room right then. I decided to look up Miguel before I did anything else and began to make inquiries. I found that Miguel was not in Cruzeiro do Sul but was in Rio de Janeiro for medical purposes and had had two operations on his eyes. He had boarded a government plane and went to Rio to get treatment that was not available in Cruzeiro do Sul. The government has a medical plan for taking care of the poor and the plane ride was free also so he did not have to pay anything for this. (The care of the sick is very poor though, and even the doctors admit that usually very little if anything is done for the unfortunate people who are forced to ask for this care that God gives to His children). I saw his wife and she asked me to go to the home of Bro. Newton, a deacon of the church and a preacher for many years. I went to his home, but found that he was working at his job as secretary of the Prefeitura of Cruzeiro do Sul. However there was a man there who I later found was a missionary of New Tribes Mission, a mission that stands for just about every thing and has no specific beliefs at all that I can find. He eats at the house of Bro. Newton and pays him so much every week. I did not realize that he was an American to begin with for he is very dark skinned, being of Spanish ancestry himself. He speaks the language so well that it is impossible to tell his speech from that of one of the natives of this land. He told me that he was living in the deserted house of Bro. Brandon's when he was in Cruzeiro do Sul which is very seldom. He said that he would get out and that if I wished he would lend me a hammock of his to sleep there. I told him that I would be glad to do this as I would just as soon stay there as in the hotel that they have there. During all this time he never spoke a word of English and I thought that he was one of the preachers there. I asked him what his name was and he said that it was Jose (Portuguese for Joseph). Since he even gave his name in Portuguese, I thought certainly that he was a citizen of this country. He told me that he was a preacher and I was trying to remember if his name was on the list of our workers and since I couldn't re-

member it, I thought that he probably was a new preacher that they had there and that he wasn't on the payroll of the mission. They do have quite a few there who are members of the church that preach all the time that they are not working. I invited him to stay on with me in the house and he thanked me and helped me set the other hammock up and a mosquito net. I, thinking that he would know all about the work there, inquired of him as to what they were doing in the various places. He said, "Why don't you go see for yourself?" I said that I would like to very much but that with Miguel gone I didn't know how that I would get to any of the places. He then informed me that Mario, Cicero, and Eufrazio were in town for they had not been paid for three months since Miguel was in the hospital in Rio and there was no one to receive the money at the bank. They had wired Miguel for him to give them authority to take out their salaries. He suggested that we all go to the different places together. I thought that this was an excellent idea and agreed to it at once. The next morning I went to Miguel's house and borrowed the motor. I then got Eufrazio and Cicero to go with me. Mario waited for the wire from Rio de Janeiro. We got some rice, beans, and eggs and started our journey. Neither Cicero or Eufrazio told me that

ANOTHER LETTER FROM R. P. HALLUM

Oct. 6, 1952
607 N. Magnolia
Hammond, La.

Dear Bro. Overbey:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of last week with checks for salary and half of cost of building trailer. We also received the telegram to father from the Association. Thanks for all.

We still are hoping that you will find it possible to come down to see us. The weather is still warm—in fact hot occasionally. Hope you had a good Associational meeting. Would have liked to have been there. I am trying to get a 16 M. M. movie projector and editor so as to be able to prepare my film for showing.

I am enclosing some pictures taken in Iquitos the Sunday before we left.

We were expecting some of the folks from Kentucky this past week-end, but they didn't come.

Father is supposed to go back to New Orleans for the heart specialist this week for examination.

Yours in Him,
Marguerite

he was a missionary of New Tribes, the same one that Miguel had mentioned so bitterly in his letters some time back. I can readily understand how, that Miguel mistook him for Lawrence sometime back. I go into all this detail in order that you might know how that a missionary from New Tribes missions happened to be accompanying me on my journey. It was not until I was half way to my destination that I found out who he was. I was musing on the problem of how that I could preach to these people with my limited knowledge of the language when he told me that he would translate for me. I asked in amazement if he knew English and he then told me who that he was. I did not like his deception one bit and told him so and asked for an explanation of his actions. He then told me that he was afraid that I would make him get out of the mission's old house and that he didn't have a cent and didn't know where he would have stayed in Cruzeiro do Sul (he only gets 60 dollars a month). I then asked him just what he was and he said that he was a Baptist, that he was baptized by Mr. Dye who was then pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Saginaw, Michigan. Mr. Dye is dead now. Savages killed him in Bolivia while he was carrying the gospel to them there. He then said that he knew one thing, that Jesus Christ had died personally for his sins and that he thought that that was all that was necessary to further the gospel. I told him that that was all that was necessary for the salvation of one's soul but that we must have much more knowledge of his will in order to serve Him intelligently and obediently. From that time on, I spent every spare moment teaching him the things commanded in the Word. I never had a more interested pupil. Since he was baptized into a Baptist Church, I thought that considering everything, that I might as well let him translate for me, and I was able to preach many times by this method during my stay there.

When we reached the point nearest our destination by water we then stored the motor and remaining gasoline away out of sight and put our packs on our backs and started to make our way inland. The current was very strong on the Moa river that day and we had not made good time. It was dusk before we started our overland journey. I never knew that walking could be so hard. We followed a trail through the jungle, and in the night time it seems as if every branch and snarling root reaches out to trip or scratch you. We stumbled along for some time and still did not reach our destination. It was supposed to have

been about a two hour walk but we did not arrive until about two o'clock the next morning. We were exhausted by the time we arrived at Yapiinei, a small settlement of people who have cleared a little of this land to raise mandioca, a plant they make farinha from, a horrible meal that the people like very much here, sugar cane, a few pigs and chickens and rice. We went to the home of one of the people there and they received us very kindly. They did everything possible to refresh us. The wife of the house got up and killed a chicken and fried it for us and we ate this with rice and beans and a starch bread they make from farinha. Then her husband gave us some soap and took us to a spring that he had built a bath house over. The water was clear as crystal and we all bathed and hung up our hammocks and slept until about ten o'clock the next morning. The man of the house left early that morning and went to every farm around there which covers some miles to tell them to come and hear me. By noon there were about a hundred people at his home and he killed a pig to feed them. I wonder how many people at home would go to that trouble in order to bring people to hear the gospel? I preached that afternoon and also again that night and it seemed as if they hung onto every word that I said. We stayed another night and then the next morning, we started back very early. We reached the river where we had left our canoe at about 9 o'clock and since we would be going with the current we expected to be back in Cruzeiro do Sul by evening, but on the way down we saw a little house off the bank of the river in a little clearing with a few chickens running around it. We stopped to see if we could buy some eggs and have them boiled to eat. While we were there, Eufrazio and Cicero asked these people if they were Christians. They said that they had heard of Christ, but did not know who he was. We then began to tell them the gospel. They were very interested and wanted us to stay and tell them more. We stayed for the night at this place and held a meeting in the evening. They went inland a little way and brought their neighbors to hear also. There were about thirty of them. I preached again and since they knew so little, I began with the account of the creation and fall of man in Adam and showed how that all men were sinners and that it demanded a Saviour to pay for their sins. I asked them if they were aware that they sinned, and they said that they were well aware that they were not good in any way and that it of-

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Calley Letter

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ten troubled them. This from people who had only heard that there was a Christ but did not know who he was. After I preached they were fascinated by the gospel and all wanted to be believers. Eufrazio and Cicero promised them they would stop again on their way back to their areas where they preach and tell them more that they might have a believing knowledge. The family that we spent the night with said they would not rest until they returned to preach to them. It was Sunday morning when we left again for Cruzeiro do Sul and we had another service before we left with Eufrazio preaching. The only ones that were there to listen in this service were the family we stayed with as the others had gone back to their homes after the evening service the night before. We arrived in Cruzeiro do Sul that afternoon. It gave us time to bathe and change our clothes before the Sunday evening service. That night I preached on the duty of a church to the pastor in Cruzeiro do Sul. I told them it was not right for them to have a pastor and not support him and also attempted to awaken them to the necessity of being missionary minded themselves. Later on, two of the members said that they were starting to tithe from now on.

The next day, Monday, I taught a class in music in the afternoon. They were very enthusiastic about singing and liked my voice an awful lot. There are some fine young Christians there and they were singing very well at the end of the class. They just love to harmonize their voices, but they did not know how. Of course you can't teach music in one lesson, but I did teach them to sing different parts on four songs. And they sing them continuously for the remainder of the time that I was there. That night we all had prayer together. I do not speak well enough to preach yet but I do pray in Portuguese in the meetings now. The women all went in one room together and the men in another and the fellowship that we had was very good for us all.

The next day was Tuesday, and we started on another journey to a place called Boa Fe. Cicero said that there were some Indians up there that were civilized to a great extent and would I like to go up there and preach. I wanted to go very badly so we started out early that morning. It is a nine day journey up there and a very tedious one for men to paddle against the current but with Miguel's 7 H. P. engine, we made it up there in three days and back in two, for we were going with the current on the way back. The river is low at this time of year and very treacherous and we had a couple of close calls after we got off the Jurua and went up a smaller tributary to Boa Fe. When we got there we found that they were quite away inland, and we had to walk about 7 hours to get there. Since none of us knew the country at all, we hired a man to take us the rest of the way. We got about half

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Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio,	\$ 2.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	5.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	11.62
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	35.85
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	16.95
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	
(Hope Bible Class)	50.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio,	25.60
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	15.02
Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, West Va.	15.00
The Prayer Group, (by Mrs. J. Vernon Rester,) Baton Rouge, La.	50.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	100.00
Good Will Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	18.65
Bald Creek Baptist Church, Bee Log, N. C.	
(Intermediate S. S. Class)	20.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	43.67
Ocoonita Baptist Church, Ocoonita, Va.	77.32
Sylvania Hills Baptist Church, New Brighton, Pa.	1.90
First Baptist Church, Derby, Ind.	61.70
Willisburg Baptist Church, Willisburg, Ky.	12.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	46.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio,	15.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Centerline, Mich.	50.00
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colo.	25.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	9.09
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	25.01
Temple Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	30.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	19.40
Suwana Furnace Baptist Church, Kuttawa, Ky.	25.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	24.15
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	39.50
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	35.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	62.81
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	126.62
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	24.80
South Bristol Baptist Church, Bristol, Va.	5.00
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	20.00
Faith Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	5.00
Bible Baptist Church, Burnsville, N. C.	56.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	38.30
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Trinity Baptist Church, Keefeton, Okla.	30.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	26.69
Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	25.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Buchanan, Ky.	6.25
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	586.55
Grace Baptist Church, Ellaville, Ga.	28.00
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	153.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	7.14
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	59.35
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
First Baptist Church, Woodway, Va.	7.57
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	27.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N. C.	27.00
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	12.80
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	300.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B.T.U.)	6.08
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	97.80
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (for school)	21.04
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	150.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	72.57
First Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio.	22.30
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	199.57
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A Friend in Pueblo, Ky.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robbins, Port Norris, N. J.	19.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Willis, Monticello, Ark.	10.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Mrs. C. W. Schuermeyer, Louisville, Ky.	50.00
Mrs. C. E. Benjamin, Orange, Texas.	6.00
W. H. Church, Denver, Colo.	25.00
Mrs. Mabel Holmes, Rome, Ind.	5.00
Katie Sparks, Vanceburg, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. Mattie M. Clift, Obion, Tenn.	7.50
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayless, Macedonia, Ill.	10.00
Mrs. William L. Stephens, Sanford, Fla.	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Heaster, Clintonsville, West Va.	5.00
Orville Ditchley, Grandview, Ind.	1.00
Mrs. M. A. Ailstock, Mansfield, La.	1.00
Miss Edith Mehaffey, Philadelphia, Pa.	9.50
Total	\$3494.36

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way there and we heard some people yelling in the forest in the strangest high pitch that I ever heard. Their voices carry for miles in the jungle. He said that they were savages and since they were not speaking in any language that he knew, he was convinced that they were wild. The man that we hired was a man who some years before was in a party that had tracked down a group of these savages and killed many of them. A few got away and he was afraid that they might see him and kill us. They say that they never forget a face. He has one of the

children of the savages today, that he has working around his house who is a child of one of the savages that was killed. It seems that these savages killed some of those living at Boa fe, so they tracked these down and killed them. He said that he wouldn't go on and went back. After coming all this way we felt that we just couldn't go back so we prayed about it and continued on our journey after Joe Morreno, the missionary from New Tribes, left some pieces of steel that he was carrying and some beans and rice. He also left a picture of him-

Lewis Gives Good Report Of His Work In Peru

Iquitos, Peru
October 21, 1952

Dear Bro. Overbey,

The following is Juan's report for Sept.

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self so they would know who left them if there were any savages about. We then went on and arrived without incident simply by following the trail. I became sick at this time and ran a high fever that night. I had come down with malaria but I brought along some arelin pills and really had only one bad night, for I caught it right at the beginning. By morning, my fever was gone but my lips were full of fever blisters and I felt quite miserable for I had gotten badly sunburned on the way up and it was really beginning to smart. I was hungry and I ate some meat the Indians there gave me. It was turtle. They really have some large ones here. It really doesn't taste bad but I couldn't eat much just knowing what it was. I felt so bad that we decided to go back. Eufrazio preached to them that morning and we started back. The walk back sure seemed long but we actually made good time. On the way back we noticed that the things that we left were gone. Somebody had taken them but we don't know who. The trip back was torture to me. The sun gets so hot on the river, there just isn't shade to be had. We arrived at Cruzeiro do Sul on Sunday afternoon and I preached twice on the way up to Boa Fe. The people here are the most hospitable people that I have ever seen. When dusk would come we would stop at the first little hut we saw and ask them if we could stay the night with them. We were never refused, and not only that, but were cared for in a very tender way. They were always willing to listen to the gospel so we had a service at every place that we stayed at.

I promised Mario that I would try to go to the place that he was preaching at when I first came there. Miguel had wired them the authority to take the money out of the bank so as soon as he received all of his pay he left for home, as his wife was expecting their 9th or 11th child, I have forgotten now which. Anyway he told those at Cruzeiro do Sul to tell me that he would announce to all the people there that I was coming to preach to them. There was nothing to do but go. I was sunburned very badly and did not feel like going anywhere, but intended to spend the remaining days in Cruzeiro do Sul. We started very early in the morning on Monday. It was four thirty when we left. We could not see anything for awhile and it made me uncomfortable in the canoe, but the Jurua is very navigable even when the water is low and there was not much danger of hitting a fallen tree or some other object especially near Cruzeiro do Sul. 300 ton boats come all the way up the Jurua from Manaus, so it is really quite some river. The canoe leaked badly, however, and I had to take off my shoes and bail out the water often during the trip. It was a very hot day and I had my pants rolled half way up to my knees to keep them from getting all wet from the water in the boat. (Continued next month)

Visits
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New Testaments sold
Gospel of Luke
Preaching services
Now for Don Simon
Conversations
Visits
Tracts
Bibles sold
New Testaments
Gospel of Luke
Preaching services
And now for Don Tomas,
months of July and August
July:
Conversations
Tracts
Professions of faith
August:
Conversations
Tracts
Professions of faith

Received the telegram from the Detroit River Ass. and made me to think upon the goodness of the Lord. We thank the Lord for the brethren that make this work possible through their gifts of love and prayers.

Was glad to hear of the Ass. meeting. We were surprised to say the least, with the increase of salary. But then the goodness of God is a surprise. Again we want to say that we will do our best to use what we have to the Glory of God.

Have not heard from Calley for a month now and have not received the mission sheet for two months which leaves us a little in the dark concerning the work in Brazil. When do you think that you will be able to visit the Hallums? They were very disappointed that you did not get here before.

It seems that so many folks have written the Hallums that they were coming and then the last minute they couldn't make it. Marguerite wrote that she wished they would come without writing.

We hope that Bro. More and Sister Hille are better now. The last few days have been a little cooler and Ruby has been some better. I do not want to leave the impression that Ruby is desperately ill in bed or anything like it. She is like a lot of other people here, anemic and runs a temperature during the hot days. The doctors wife is in the same condition and they are planning to move to Pulcalpa to a cooler climate.

Naturally the first year in a foreign country is quite a strain on the nerves etc. Since we are getting a better use of the language, it is becoming easier to feel at home here. I believe that the month in Lima will do Ruby a great deal of good.

As for myself, I am well, mean to get sick. Benny is just fine. Ruby took her temperature yesterday and it was up to 101 points. She then took mine and it was below normal three points.

The Catholics are putting out a tract in Iquitos "Why Don't You Become a Protestant?" In the tract they say that the Baptist Church was founded in the 17th century by Richard Blount. Do you ever hear of him?

They really lay into Chari Chiniqui, a converted priest, saying that he was excluded from the Catholic church because of immorality etc.

Well I must close for now. May the Lord bless the preachers brethren with power from on high.

Love
Mitchell

"The Kingdom Age On Earth"

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honest as it were possible for him to be, he could not because of the frailty of his flesh, judge righteously. Thank God, there is a day coming when that shall be a reality.

Several years ago when I was just a boy preacher, in a central Kentucky court, I saw a judge pass sentence after the hearing of his ear, and what he saw with his eyes, and he thought within his heart that he was doing the thing that he should. I don't think there was any doubt in that judge's mind, but what he did what he thought was right. I saw him sentence a man to the electric chair. He had heard with his ears, he had seen with his eyes, he pronounced judgment to the best of his physical ability, and he thought he did right. Twenty years passed by and I heard that judge say with my own ears that he had erred and sent an innocent man to the electric chair. Later and subsequent testimony that came from a dying man's confession, absolved completely the man sent to the electric chair. The judge who had sentenced him, had judged according to the hearing of his ear and the seeing of his eye, but had failed because he could not judge righteously.

There will never be a time when this world will be ruled justly until the Lord Jesus Christ reigns from Jerusalem—until the Lord Jesus judges this world in righteousness. There will not be any partiality then. Now it is mighty hard for judgment not to be on a partial basis.

I remember when Happy Chandler, for whom I have always had a high regard, was fired from his position as Baseball Commissioner. There was quite a lot of discussion as to how fair Happy had been in his rulings. I remember that one man used this expression—he said, "There isn't one drop of partiality in the blood that flows through the veins of Happy Chandler. He would call his grandmother out at home plate, that's exactly how you and I ought to be, but it isn't the way most of us are. We are partial, but when the Lord Jesus reigns from Jerusalem, all men are going to look alike—rich and poor, strong and weak, educated and uneducated. When our Lord Jesus reigns, beloved, he is going to reign with no partiality.

In the 12th chapter of Matthew, the Pharisees were plotting against Jesus. In the 15th verse, we read these words: "But when JESUS KNEW IT, he withdrew himself from thence."

No one had to tell Him about it. No one had to inform Him about it—He knew it. Thank God, beloved, that's the kind of King that is going to reign some day from Jerusalem.

IV

Now notice something about the QUALITY OF HIS KINGDOM. Verses 6-8:

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; together, and the lion shall eat like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den." —Is. 11:6-8.

Notice how he pairs the animals together: The wolf and the

Only when we die to all about us do we live to God above us.

lamb, the leopard and the goat, the calf and the lion, the cow and the bear, the very opposites paired together. That's the kind of kingdom our Lord is going to have. When all the natural instincts for destruction of mankind are taken from these animals, then it is the wolf and the lamb shall lie down together. Now the wolf would prey upon the lamb. Then, even the nature of the wolf, will be changed so that the wolf and the lamb shall lie down together.

Then, beloved, you will notice that it says the calf and the young lion and the fatling shall lie down together. Every natural instinct of these beasts will be changed when our Lord sets up His kingdom. Beloved, this old world is going to be worth living in then. Can you imagine a child putting his hand down into the hole of the asp? In that day, beloved, a child can play safely on the den of the cockatrice and he can put his hand into the hole of the asp with safety. Why? Because the Lord Jesus Christ is going to change the nature of the beasts in that day. It is going to be good to be in the world when our Lord sets up His kingdom.

Here is another text that tells us something also of what the world will be like when the Lord sets up His kingdom. Listen:

"Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest." —Is. 32:15.

When our Lord Jesus Christ comes back, the wilderness is going to be a fruitful field. You can drive along the highway today and see these old barren hillsides where you couldn't grow anything, but some day, the Word of God says they are going to be fruitful. I used to drive across the bridge in Ashland heading toward the Ohio side and I would look over at that hillside eroded with deep gulleys—a most unpleasant sight. Many a time I have driven along and looked at it and I have said, "That old hillside will look differently when the Lord Jesus Christ comes. He is going to make even the wilderness to be a fruitful place.

Furthermore, it says, "And the fruitful field be counted for a forest." What now produces as a fruitful field, will then produce so greatly, it will be like a forest.

Notice again what the Word of God says about the world when the Lord Jesus comes again:

"Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." —Isa. 55:13.

From whence did thorns, briars and thistles come? They came as a result of sin. God cursed the world as a result of sin, but some day, the thorns, briars and thistles are going to be taken away. It's going to be good to be in the world when the Lord Jesus Christ sets up His kingdom.

There is so much in the world today that is nothing but desert. Think, this morning, of the great Sahara desert in Africa. Think of the miles of burning sand there. Go out to Death Valley in California or to the Grand Canyon and there is nothing but desert—nothing but wasteland—nothing could grow there under any circumstances at all. God says that one day it is going to be changed so that even the desert will blossom like a rose garden.

It is highly conspicuous to me in reading about these animals that are mentioned that the Lord never mentioned the

crocodile, the tiger and other animals that are unknown to Palestine; but rather, that He mentioned the animals that are commonly known in Palestine. This certainly proves to me, beloved, the inspiration of the Bible, for if man had written it, he would doubtlessly have made mention of some animals which were unknown in the land of Palestine. It proves to me beyond any pre-adventure of a doubt that this Bible was written by God.

V

NOTICE THE EXTENT OF HIS KINGDOM.

When a man is president of the United States, he thinks he has an important place,—he thinks he has control of considerable of this world's goods. If a man were king of England, he would think he was reigning over a great portion of this world. If a man has a position as emperor over even a small portion of this world, he thinks his position is one of tremendous importance; but, beloved, listen to the extent of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ:

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." —Isa. 11:9.

Listen, beloved, there is a day coming when the whole earth is going to be full of the knowledge of the Lord.

I'm not a post-millennialist—I don't believe this world is getting better every day, and I don't believe that some of these days it will come to the place, of its own accord, where everybody in the world will be saved. I don't believe that, but I do believe that when Jesus Christ comes back and takes this world through the tribulation period, and when He sets up His kingdom with all the unsaved of this world bowing in subjection to Him, then and then only will the knowledge of the Lord cover this earth.

I'm not looking forward to a great time within this world. I've never lived in a town where everybody was saved, and I never expect to be. I've never lived in a county, a state nor a nation where everybody was saved, but I'm expecting to live in a world with the Lord Jesus Christ as my King, to live under Him, when everybody within the world does the will of God and the knowledge of the Lord covers the earth. It is going to be worthwhile to live then.

Would you like to live in a world where everybody did God's will? Would you like to live in a town, beloved, where everything that was done was according to the Word of God? Would you like to live here in Russell when everybody in Russell served the Lord? Some of these days, the whole world is going to be just like that. There will be no controversy about the Bible, there will be no controversy over doctrine, there will be no controversy as to what the Word of God says. Some of these days the whole world is going to be perfect in that respect, with our Lord Jesus Christ as King.

VI

HOW IS THIS COMING TO PASS?

The balance of the chapter tells us how His kingdom is going to be set up. I'll not take time to discuss it verse by verse, but will say this: It is all going to be set up on the basis of the rest that we find in Him. Listen: "And his rest shall be glorious." (Vs. 10) This is speaking about the setting up of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and it says that it is going to be set up

KINDA PUZZLING!

I cannot understand how any true believer can express joy over a person becoming a member of the "Holy Catholic Church." Yet America's best-known evangelist is quoted in the secular press as being well pleased with the fact that many of his converts are uniting with the same outfit that is today persecuting true believers throughout the world.

around the basis of that perfect rest that is ours in Jesus Christ.

I have a peace in my heart this morning. I have a joy in my soul today as God's child but beloved, the world knows nothing of that peace and joy. Some of these days, however, God is going to set up a kingdom and it is going to be centered around that peace which we have in Him. Do you want to know how you can participate in it? Listen:

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his." —Hebrews 4:9, 10.

What does it say? It tells you how you can enter that rest. God worked six days and rested on the seventh. Rest came after work ceased. Jesus Christ came to this world, lived and died, and certainly you can say that death for Christ was work, and after His work of death was ended, He entered into rest. Now it says that just like God worked and ceased from His works and then came rest, so beloved, you and I receive rest when we cease from our work. Do I speak to someone who is trying to work his way to heaven? Do I speak to someone who thinks if he joins the church, is baptized and lives the best life he can, and just before he dies, confesses his sins, he will go to heaven? You are still working—you haven't ceased from your work. There wasn't any rest for God the Father until He ceased His work of creation; there was no rest for the Son of God until He ceased from His work at Calvary, and there will be no soul rest for you until you cease from your works and then God will fill your soul with rest.

Beloved, the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ will be set up on the basis of those who have ceased from their work and have found that perfect rest that is found in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let me ask you a question: Are you ready for His kingdom? Suppose the Lord Jesus were to come back to the world this morning, suppose He were to set up His kingdom today—would you be ready for Him? If you are unsaved, you would not be ready for Him.

You that are saved, would you like to enter into the kingdom of our Lord this morning? Christian friend, are you ready to live in the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ? Do you have anything you would like to make right? Do you have anything you would like to settle up, Christian friends? Are you ready to live in His kingdom?

Might it please God this morning to take this message and draw you, who are saved, to a closer walk with our Lord Jesus Christ, knowing that some day you are going to walk with Him fully. May it please Him to take this message and touch the heart of some sinner and cause that one to realize that if he ever walks in this world with the Lord Jesus Christ, it is going to be on the basis of that peace which Christ alone can give.

May God bless you!

I cannot understand how any true Baptist can cooperate with and take part in the many ungodly plans crammed down their throats by so called "Leaders." No real Baptist has any real leader but Christ.

I am at a loss to understand what benefit is gotten from the average associational gathering of today. The time is all taken up by cut and dried reports that have a sound all too familiar to the ears of those who have a sense of true responsibility unto God. Any place on the program where any discussion might be called for or where any question might be called for or where any question might be asked is ALWAYS filled by a MACHINE STOOGES. The GREAT GOD of the BIBLE is "small potatoes" in comparison to the "GREAT PROGRAM" of the convention if we are to judge by the speeches made by those whose entire support depends on their loyalty to the PROGRAM rather than upon their faith in God.

—T. G. New

Ed. Note:

At the Greenup Association meeting, one of the brethren in making a report on hospitals, began talking about the sovereignty of God. Immediately one of the "me too" boys of the Co-operative Program called him down, reminding him that his subject was "Hospitals." Yea, verily, the machine loves their program more than they love God's Word.

Immersion

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C. W. Shafer
Poca, W. Va.

Gog

(Continued from Page One) of the millenium, comes from the four corners of the earth, and is led by Satan; (3) The hoards from the north come down on Palestine to take a spoil, the army led by Satan seem only to make an onslaught on the saints in the beloved city.

That this battle is Armageddon, surely overlooks some important facts. Gog's army does not fight the people of Israel. No blood is shed, save, as in their confusion, they turn on each other. At Armageddon the greatest conflict of all time takes place. The blood flows to the horses' bridles, and is likened unto a winepress of the wrath of Almighty God.

That it will occur sometime during the Tribulation prior to Armageddon, seems not to meet with the harmony of the facts gleaned from the record. The invasion of Palestine is to occur when there is peace and prosperity; for they are dwelling "securely," and "with neither bars or gates." Surely the Jews do not dwell with peace and security at any time of the Tribulation, but on the contrary, are hounded and driven from place to place, by their persecutors.

Another school, and last in this presentation, believes the invasion of Gog will be before the Tribulation, and might be, before the rapture of the saints. The last event is now imminent, and no one knows when it will occur. God has not revealed the time. But we believe, before the Tribulation, and sure that there

Religion

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of, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

Because what we do for ourselves is doomed to perish, but what we do for God brings eternal dividends. (Matt. 6:19-20) Most people center everything on self. Self is god. Death to such means complete loss. If saved they are saved "yet so as by fire." Win a soul to Christ, and you have done something that is forever. Turn others to righteousness, and you shall have reward for it that lasts forever. "And they that turn many to righteousness, shall shine as the stars of the firmament forever." One dollar invested in the Cause of Christ shall bring you greater returns in the eternal future than a million dollars invested in something of this earth that perishes.

Because the Devil's children serve him with all they have, and it is a shame for the children of God to serve a good Father with less zeal than the Devil's children serve a monster. When did you ever hear a child of the devil groaning and grumbling about staying up late in the devil's service? When did you ever hear one speak grudgingly of what their liquor and their cigarettes cost? (Both are of the devil) The devil's people give unstinted of their time, their money, their health, and their all to their "daddy" and without complaint. In contrast, some professing Christians take on something dreadful about what their church and their religion costs them. Yet, after they have faithfully given all for the devil, he pays them off with what? The answer is, with death! (Rom. 6:23)

CHRISTIANS OFTEN ACT LIKE FOOLS!

They waste themselves. They neglect the things that would bring eternal rewards. They fail to "redeem the time" in these days of evil. As Jesus said, "The children of this world are wiser in their generation, than the children of light." The children of this world have an outlook on this world only, and they pursue the things of the world diligently. The "children of light" profess to have an outlook beyond this world, yet they utterly neglect to live for the things of the beyond.

Purgatory

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Society that it also sells for fifty cents. In the front of this manual are a number of detachable pages for advertising the Purgatorian Society. The following is an excerpt from one of these advertisements:

"Many worry about what provision for masses will be made for them after death. Will any masses be said for them? Why not you yourself answer this question and settle this important matter during your lifetime by becoming a member of the Purgatorian Society?"

"Living as well as deceased persons may become members at any time during the year. The year begins with the day of enrollment. Absent persons may be enrolled by mail. The annual contribution is fifty cents. During the year contributions may be sent as often as a person wishes to do so."

Fear is the motive behind Catholic belief in general and behind the doctrine of Purga-

tory in particular. The following quotation from page 30 of the Manual of the Purgatorian Society, established in 1930 with the imprimatur of Cardinal Hayes, illustrates the truth of this statement.

"According to the holy Fathers of the Church, the fire of Purgatory does not differ from the fire of hell, excepting in point of duration. 'It is the same fire' says St. Thomas Aquinas, 'that torments the reprobate in hell, and the just in Purgatory. The least pain in Purgatory,' he adds, 'surpasses the great sufferings of this life.' Nothing but eternal duration makes the fire of hell more terrible than that of Purgatory."

Why masses afford the suffering souls the greatest relief from their torments and why masses should be said as frequently as possible is shown in the following quotation from pages 50-51 of the Manual:

"The Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest devotion of the Catholic church, and of all the means to assist the souls in Purgatory, none is more valuable or meritorious. . . . From this inestimable efficacy, however, we may not infer that the offering of one Mass is sufficient to release the souls we love; for though the Sacrifice on Calvary was infinite, we cannot conclude that the application of it, through the Mass, must also be infinite. St. Thomas Aquinas tells us, it was not the intention of Jesus Christ to bestow the full efficacy of His sufferings and death, which is celebrated in every Mass, upon us. . . . It is very salutary, therefore, to have the Holy Sacrifice offered frequently for the repose of a soul."

The above is in flagrant and blasphemous contradiction of New Testament teaching. The Sacrifice of Christ, once made, was complete, perfect, universal, and in the words of St. Paul, saves us "to the uttermost."

—The Converted Catholic

Are You Trying?

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teaches that one must work in order to be saved. God declares in His Word that one must stop working. "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." (Rom. 4:5).

The natural man thinks that it is "to him the worketh", but God says it is "to him that worketh not." How much work is there in "worketh not"?

One of the meanings of the word here translated "worketh" is "to produce", or "to exercise." Whatever man produces is a work of man. In the light of this truth it is apparent that there is much "works for salvation" being preached and taught by those who profess to believe in salvation by grace.

A "work" may be something done with the head, heart or hand. Of course if one says that he believes that one must be baptized in order to finally be saved, we know that he believes in salvation by works. We can see that. But, suppose someone preaches that the lost sinner must be sorry for his sins, turn away from his sins, give up his sins, beg God to save him, and "exercise" faith of a certain kind, before he can be saved. It that not salvation by works also?

God's gospel is good news. It is not something for poor, lost, helpless man to do, but it is a message of what a loving, gracious and merciful God has done for him. And what He has done for him is reckoned, or counted

to him, not for work performed or promised, but to him "who worketh not." It is counted for righteousness when he "believeth in Him that justifieth the ungodly." This verily is the message of grace.

If lost men are not to work for salvation, how then may they be saved? They may be saved eternally and unconditionally by grace. Grace is favor shown of God upon utterly unworthy sinners.

How does He impart His wonderful grace? He does it through the Lord Jesus Christ who is revealed only in His Word. "The Word of God is quick (life-giving), and powerful" (Heb. 4:12). "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever" (1 Pet. 1:23). "The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed" (Rom. 1:16, 17).

Men may hear His Word and learn of Him. "Every man there that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me" (John 6:45). Those who hear God's Word, and see Him Whom God reveals therein, come to Him, or believe in Him, and are born of God. "This is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one that seeth the Son, and believeth on Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:40).

Stop trying to be saved, and learn from God's Word how He saves sinners without their trying. — A. M. Overton



Gog

(Continued from page three) is ample scripture to establish that fact.

THE FORCES OF THE INVASION

1. Rosh (Russia), Meshech (Moscow), Tubal (Tobolsk). 2. Togormah (Armenia), now taken over by Russia and Turkey. 3. Libya, or Put. The name of Put is found on some Egyptian monuments, scholars tell us. They identify it as all the north shore of Africa, west of Egypt and the Nile river. It is possible that it may be Eritrea or Somaliland. 4. Persia (Iran). We are familiar with this land through much Bible history, and by happenings of recent time. For instance, the dispute with England over the oil question of recent history. 5. Gomer (Germany). Back in Old Testament history, we find that Gomer was the eldest son of Japheth, who was the oldest son of Noah. His oldest son was Ashkenaz. This name has been associated with Germany, and still is. For there are Ashkenaz speaking Jews as contrasted with Shephardic or Spanish speaking Jews. 6. Etheopia. Many people do not know there are two Etheopias in the Bible; one in Africa and the other in Asia. The Etheopia referred to here, is the one in Asia, in the region of the rivers Tigris and Euphrates. Situated in line to join the invading forces as they move south on their way to Israel.

All the names and countries we have sighted, are set forth in the 10th chapter of Genesis, and constitute the countries north of the Tigris-Euphrates rivers, which was the cradle of civilization. Because of this fact some have refused the accuracy of the interpretation just given. But your map will tell you they are north of the Tigris-Euphrates valley, and even now are seething and restless.

Ezekiel in his time could tell of them being in "the uttermost parts of the north," because that is exactly their position, when you include Russia.

THE CHALLENGING FORCES

1. Sheba and Dedan. These we think have been well identified as Adan and Muscat on the Persian Gulf.

2. Tarshish. This is the big question of significance. There are able scholars that reject Tarshish as England. But there are scholars of equal standing that believe that England is Tarshish beyond a doubt. When all the facts are assembled, we cannot help but believe that England is the country referred to. While England has not always been right in its treatment to the Jew, she has done many kind and wonderful things for them. During World War II she supplied them with sanctuary and help materially.

It is a well known fact that Spain ceased to be maritime power of any significance after the destruction of the Spanish Armada. England lunged forward and held the position of seafaring nation up to World War II, when she was surpassed by Uncle Sam. Tarshish is a nation of merchants. A comparison with Spain, indicates that England is that rather than Spain.

3. The "Young Lions," who are they? We are told that their voices are raised in protest. They must be nations, lions do not talk to be understood of by human beings. They must be the western democracies. The governments of the western hemisphere are young nations. The western democracies are constantly drawing nearer England in their thinking and political scheming. The southern republics are also working in close relation with England as time passes. There might be some things that seem to indicate the contrary as time passes, but minor moves will not change the over-all picture as it now appears.

WHEN WILL THE INVASION TAKE PLACE?

This is the question of paramount importance. As we have indicated before, we have only what God's word says, and any speculations would be of little value. What we desire to do is, assemble the facts that are set forth in the Word of God, and leave it to you and your heart to reach an answer.

THE INVASION, THE ORDER, THE RESULTS

1. The invasion is to take place when God's people "dwell safely," and "are at rest," and are "dwelling without walls," indicating a full cessation of any warlike hostility. The indications are that God's people will be enjoying a season of prosperity and peace, and so well established that no precautions are being taken as to defense; for they are dwelling, "having neither bars or gates."

2. Suddenly, this unforeseen force comes down from the north "like a cloud to cover the land," which sounds like an air armada. The description also indicates an army of horses and horsemen, clothed with all sorts of armor, which will undoubtedly arrive at the same time as the air forces, and will settle on the mountains of Israel, with one object in view: robbing the people of God of their land and possessions, necessary to world conquest and dominion.

3. Those opposing the invasion of Israel, which have been already named, will get together and issue a mild protest, as recorded in verse 13, chapter 38. It is not indicated what they will do beyond their mild protest. They may feel that they

are helpless in the face of overwhelming forces.

4. But in the midst of what seems a hopeless situation, steps into the scene. When he moves in, the anger of God kindled, and His fury comes in His face, and He declares His jealousy and the fire of His wrath He will speak; "Surely in that day there shall be great shaking in the land of Israel" (v 19, ch. 38). And a great cataclysmic upheaval shaking opens the judgments of God on Gog's army. This is a physical phenomenon, not effects the land and the people there gathered, but the creatures in the sea, the fowls of the heaven, the beasts of the field and the creeping things that creep upon the earth. Mountains are thrown down and the steep places laid low.

Pestilence is also one of the tools of judgment, with an overflowing rain, and great stones, fire and brimstone. Their confusion they will have on each other, and many invaders will be slain by their associates. When God's judgments are finished, Gog's army of invaders will be only a memory.

But a most important feature of the whole story is, the stage from which the invaders come. They suffer the same catastrophic devastating judgments, and will wipe out the great northern confederacy, and remove from the stage one of Israel's greatest sources of fear.

The removal of the northern confederacy, will also clear the stage for the Roman axis. Many of our best prophetic teachers think the great world dictator will come from Rome. That old Roman Beast will be rehabilitated in the end-time, the head that was wounded by the sword and did live, is the Beast that will come to life at that time. It is unlikely that any such federation, as the kingdoms that are to be established in the end time, could be successful, as long as the power of the north remains with its present influence.

The 39th chapter gives a detailed account of the events that succeed the invasion. This is what scholars call the law of recurrence. The artist when he paints a picture of some personage, first blocks out the outline, and later has the subject return to begin the making of the full likeness. So, the prophet in the first account, gives a general outline of events, and a birdseye picture of the invasion, then returns to give a more detailed account. This description ends at the 16th verse of the 39th chapter. The concluding verses of the same chapter (17-24) give a picture of Armageddon, and the vision of the restored Israel, verses 25-29.

To our judgment, there are two events yet to transpire before the great Tribulation breaks upon the world: the rapture and Gog's invasion. All now living may be here when either or both take place. We do not know where the rapture comes in this set-up, but we are persuaded that it will come before the Tribulation. We do not know which will come first, rapture or invasion. We believe both are pre-tribulation.

Now the writer will not be dogmatic; he does not profess to be a prophetic scholar. All he is trying to do is to put the word of God where it belongs in the end-time schedule. He does not allow to speak beyond that which is written, and he desires not to speak only of "Thus saith the Lord." May the simple collection of foretold events help you to a better understanding of the predictions concerning age-end, and he will be happy.