

Idleness is the burial of a living man, death anticipated.

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Why We Shouldn't Spread Scandal

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while, is really just as much of a robber as someone who robs stores or even banks, and if such persons were to get what they justly deserve they would receive the same punishment.

I feel certain that any intelligent person will agree with me that robbing others of intangible things like their good name, their piece of mind, or their sleep, for example, is just as much of a robbery as robbing them of tangible things like money, and that it is frequently even worse, as people usually prize the intangible things even higher than tangible things.

I have little patience with these scandalmongers, who

when they hear anything unfavorable about someone, will go around telling it to any-and-everybody. I wonder if they realize that they are not only breaking just one commandment in the Bible, but breaking a rather long list of them.

Should the report be untrue, such a person is breaking the commandment in regard to bearing false witness. Whether it is true or false, he is breaking the commandment in regard to stealing or robbing. He is not treating the person involved as he would like to be treated—another commandment broken. He would be setting a bad example for others, therefore putting a stumbling block in his brothers' pathway — another

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Definite Signs Of The End Of This Age

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By "End of the Age" we do not mean the end of the world. Matt. 28:20 is wrongly translated "end of the world," when the term world should be translated AGE. Elsewhere the same mistake is made. God has time laid out in orderly ages or periods. We are living in what may be termed the age of grace, and following this will come the Kingdom Age. Many who know little about the Bible say they believe that we are coming down near the close of this age. They can't give you any Scriptural reasons—they just "think so." The question is, **Is there any Bible justification for believing that we are in the last days of this present age?** We believe that there is. Below we suggest some reasons for believing that we are nearing the end.

The regathering of the Jews to Palestine is an indication that we are coming near the close of the age. In Scriptures too numerous to mention, it is promised that the Jews shall return and that God will deal with them as a nation once more. Jesus in Luke 21:24 made clear that "Jerusalem should be

trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles should be fulfilled." For nearly twenty centuries this has been true. The Jews are back in the land by the millions, but the old part of Jerusalem is still in alien hands. It may shift to Jewish hands any time now, closing the "Times of the Gentiles." (See also reference to the budding of the fig tree, Luke 21:29-31)

The great apostasy or "falling away," (See II Thess. 2:3) This would seem to be a falling away from the true doctrines of God's Word. We certainly have this. Most of the great denominations of today are honeycombed with Modernism. Even among Southern Baptists, a preacher can be a Modernist and get by with it, but if an orthodox man deviates from the denominational program, he is blacklisted. The time has come, when "men will not endure sound doctrine."

Moral conditions paralleling the days of Noah. (See Matt. 24:36-42) This is a day of unspeakable moral corruption. Government is corrupt, drinking and drunkenness common, moral standards at an all time low. The reading of a report of

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HOW IN HIS PROVIDENCE, GOD SAVED A CATHOLIC

DID YOU FORGET?



calling out to "Someone" to make me happy, for I realized I was very unhappy but knew not the remedy. I didn't know that there was One who loved me with an everlasting love.

One night, in church, my attention was drawn to one of the beautiful windows—it portrayed Christ as the Good Shepherd, and the sheep with Him seemed so peaceful. My heart ached for that peace but I didn't know what was wrong. I would make many novenas and send up many prayers but—no peace.

There were several things in the Catholic system that puzzled me. On Saturdays the nuns baked the communion wafers in a big flat pan and allowed me to eat what was left after they had cut out small, round pieces. Then on Sunday, this same substance was changed into the body of Christ. This indeed was a mystery. Also, not eating meat on Fridays and going to confession when I always had the same sins to confess bothered me a little, but my faith in the great church system was still strong. My activities changed when I attended high

Thanksgiving has come and gone, and with it came God's blessings on this paper. Many of our friends responded most nobly to our appeal for financial help and by their contributions, our burdens were greatly lessened although not complete—

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school and for the first time in my life mingled with those who were not of my "faith," but I still attended to my church duties very faithfully.

I started studying voice with a teacher in Chicago. There was another girl from my school who also studied with him. This girl was the soloist at the Baptist Church. When she left to go on a singing tour, it was suggested that I take her place as the soloist in the church. I was aghast . . . a Catholic girl who was going to be a nun sing in a Baptist church!

I had never been inside a church of any other faith than my own. I talked it over with my priest, and, to my surprise, he said it would be all right because it would be a paying position and I could keep up my own church too. Thus, I took my first step to religious freedom and started singing in the Baptist Church.

I shall never forget my first Sunday. I came up the steps, and the strains of "Dwelling In Beulah Land" greeted me. It was a revelation to hear such joyous singing. The Sunday School superintendent met me

and invited me inside. I asked him if the church service had begun and he said, "No, this is the closing session of the Sunday School, won't you join us?" I said, "Oh, no, I can't come in now. I can only sing for the church service; that is what I am paid for." So I waited outside the door, like a poor lost sheep, for the church service to begin. The song I sang that day was "The Ninety-and-Nine," and truly I was the lost sheep "far off from the gates of gold."

For over a year I would attend early Mass and receive Holy Communion and then sing in the morning and evening services in the little white church on the other side of town. How the Lord's hand can be seen in it all—that I was allowed by the priest to sing—and that I was allowed by the wonderful group of praying Christians in the Baptist church, to stay and sing.

By this time I had heard God's plan of salvation and I also read the Bible, which had been a closed book to me before. But I still was not ready to take an open stand for God.

After a revival meeting one summer, the visiting evangelist spoke to me and seemed to

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"Mercy Killings"

(Repeated at the request of many readers.)

"Thou shalt not kill." — Exodus 20:13.

I would like to begin my message to you tonight by reminding you of the fact that all of us are going to die, that is, unless Jesus Christ comes back to this world and catches us away before the hour of death.

I would like to emphasize the fact that some of these days the

Lord Jesus Christ is coming and that when He comes, He is going to catch away all of the redeemed that are alive then and they are not going to die. Yet, beloved, unless our Lord comes within the next one hundred years, every person in this house will have died and will be in eternity, — either in a Devil's Hell or an angel's paradise.

I realize that most folk don't like to think about death. I realize that the majority of

people would rather not think about the time they are going to die. However, beloved, that's the very thing I want you to think about tonight. I want you to remember that death is sure and that some of these days, unless our Saviour comes first to catch away the redeemed, every one of us are going to fold our arms for the last time across a pulseless breast and our friends are going to look down upon our cold dead faces

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CONSIDERING MORMONISM

The next time a Mormon elder comes to your home, ask him to explain how Mormons have persecuted those differing with them. As a sample:

Mountain Meadows is located in southwestern Utah, fifty-five miles from Cedar City. Here a caravan from Arkansas had encamped. Church leaders had persuaded the Indians to attack this company. The Paiutes, however, were repulsed. The Mormons, then under John Doyle Lee, treacherously offered to befriend and protect them

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HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"THOU FOOL THAT SHALL SAY, A Bible, A Bible, we have got a Bible—because that we have a Bible ye need not suppose that it contains all my words; neither need ye suppose that I have not caused more to be written." Book of Mormon, II Nephi 29:6-10.

"ADD ALL THIS IMPERFECTION to the uncertainty of the translation and who in his right mind, could for one moment, suppose the Bible in its present form to be a perfect guide." Apostle Pratt in "Discourse" (Continued on page four)

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"Mercy Killings"

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to see us for the last time within this world. As the poet has said—

"Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud
Like a swift flying meteor, a fast flying cloud;
A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave,
Man passeth from life to his rest in the grave.

'Tis the wink of an eye, 'tis the draught of a breath
From the blossom of health to the paleness of death;
From the gilded saloon to the bier and the shroud.
Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?"

I would ask you that question tonight. Since you know that some of these days that will be your experience—since you know that sometime death is sure to be yours, then "why should the spirit of mortal be proud?"

I

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SOMETIME ALL OF US ARE GOING TO DIE—IS IT RIGHT OR IS IT WRONG TO END THAT LIFE, AS WE MIGHT SAY, PREMATURELY BEFORE GOD'S TIME.

Within the last few weeks, the entire nation has waited with expectancy, wondering what would be the outcome of the trial that was held in an eastern city wherein a doctor was accused of a mercy killing. I could not begin to say how many conversations have been directed to me as a result of that experience in a New England state.

I say, beloved, you and I realize that death is sure, it is positive, it is certain, and the question is—has a doctor any right to bring that death to pass one minute or one second earlier than it would come to pass if nature were allowed to take its course?

I will answer that question by saying that mercy killings are ONE-HUNDRED-THOUSAND PER CENT WRONG, for God says in my text, "Thou shalt not kill." If there were no other verses in the Bible, that's enough for me. It doesn't take but one peg for me to hang my hat on, and it doesn't take but one passage of Scripture to convince me of a truth, and when this one verse speaks so plainly, I can't doubt it—I can't, in any wise at all, begin to question it, for God says, "Thou shalt not kill."

For the last twenty-five years there have been brought up before Congress again and again two bills asking that they be passed. I receive every day the Congressional Record, which is the verbatim report of all that transpires in the Senate and in the House at Washington. I say, beloved, that these two bills have been presented again and again in Washington

in the last twenty-five years. What are they? One is a bill to legalize mercy killings and the other is a bill to legalize birth control, and if one were passed, it is just as logical that the other be passed. If one were allowed, it is just as right that the other be allowed. The fact of the matter is, though, beloved, both are contrary to God's Word.

II

MERCY KILLINGS ARE ANTI-MERCIFUL SO FAR AS THE LOST ARE CONCERNED.

A mercy killing just hurries a lost man into worse misery than he has ever had in his life. Suppose this case: Here's a man who is dying, writhing in agony and pain. The doctor administers an opiate and sends that man's soul into eternity. His friends will stand by and say, "Well, he is out of his sufferings."

Some months ago I saw a woman die with trench-mouth. She died a horrible death. I heard one of her friends say, "I'm so glad to see her go, she is out of her misery now." But her mother, who knew the Lord and who knew her daughter died unsaved and had gone to Hell, turned to me and said, "No, Brother Gilpin, her misery and sufferings have just begun."

Mercy killing in itself is a misnomer so far as the unsaved are concerned, for it merely hurries an unsaved man out of what seems to be suffering into real, actual, eternal and unending suffering throughout the future.

I don't know that it is true, but I have learned, and I think on good authority, that the doctor who was supposed to have committed a mercy killing recently in the east, believed that there is no future and that when a man dies, he is dead—whether saved or lost, it made no difference. As I say, I don't know that to be absolutely true, though I have been informed that such was his religious belief.

Listen, beloved, I want to remind you that there is a future, and I want to burn it into your soul that when you die, you are going to live on. If you die saved, you will live eternally with the Lord. If you die unsaved, you will go into Hell, and it isn't going to be mercy for you to go there. Listen:

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."—Psa. 9:17.

Don't you let anybody deceive you, and don't you believe that when a man dies he is out of his suffering—he is just getting into his suffering. Listen:

"But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire."—Matthew 5:22.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, do you believe in old-fashioned Hell fire?" I do. I'm not very old in years, beloved, but I'm terribly old-fashioned in my theology. I'm just as old-fashioned as this Book and I believe every word of it from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21, and when God talks about Hell fire, I believe just exactly what He says. I heard a preacher say some months ago that the fire of Hell was only a figure of speech. The preacher said it—the Word of God didn't say it. The Word of God talks about Hell fire. If you die in your sins and go to Hell, you will go into a lake of fire, for God says so. I believe what God said and you had better believe it

too. Listen:

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."—Matthew 10:28.

Why be afraid of any man? As far as I'm personally concerned, I have never known what it was to be afraid of man. It doesn't make any difference what any man can do to you, it doesn't make any difference what man does to your body, but the one you need to fear is He who is able to destroy both soul and body in Hell. If man were to do his worst to your body, the worst that he could do would be to mutilate it, but when you fall into the hands of an angry God, it will mean a lake of fire for both soul and body. Listen again:

"And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day."—Matthew 11:23.

Here our Lord was speaking of those cities which had been favored by His personal ministry, and He said, "You are going to be brought down to hell." He went further and said that it would be more tolerable for those Old Testament cities which had never heard the Gospel as they had heard it.

Lost sinner, you had better learn something tonight—those of you who have been coming to this church for years and who are still unsaved. If you were to die and go to Hell tonight, Hell would be a lot hotter for you than for the man in Africa. There will be degrees in Hell just like there will be degrees in Heaven, and to the man who has heard the Gospel, Hell for you will be ten thousand times hotter than it will be for the man who has never heard the story of the Son of God. Listen again:

"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"—Matthew 23:33.

Our Lord was talking here to the religious leaders of His day, and He called them a bunch of snakes. If He were back here tonight, He would call the majority of the religious leaders worse than a bunch of snakes. A bunch of snakes have more principle than a lot of Baptist preachers, to say nothing of the other crowd. Some people think that so long as they are members of some church, they are going to Heaven when they die. I expect there are people here tonight who think because they have joined the church,

they are going to Heaven. Jesus was talking to religious people, and He said, "You look like a bunch of snakes to me—how are you going to keep out of Hell?" Don't think that because you are religious or because you have your name on some church record book that you are saved. Our Lord Jesus Christ, in talking to religious people, said, "How are you going to keep out of Hell?" If religious people go to Hell without Jesus, how about the irreligious, the ungodly who have never yet professed faith in the Son of God?

"And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."—Mark 9:43-48.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was speaking of drastic operations—the most drastic operations that could be suggested, for He said that if your hand, if your foot, or if your eye causes you to be offended, you had better get rid of that offending member—you had better go to Heaven with a mutilated body than to go to Hell with a body that was perfect. Oh, beloved, listen to me, there is a Hell of fire and brimstone and suffering awaiting every man who dies outside the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen again:

"There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried: And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water,

and cool my tongue for I am tormented in this flame."—Luke 16:19-24.

Tell me there is any man in hurrying a man into a Hell like that? Tell me that mercy killing is anything but a misnomer when you hurry a man out of this life into eternity when you hurry a man into his physical suffering into only physical suffering but suffering as well. This is the story of two men of whom Jesus knew. They lived, died and they lived on after death. You are now alive, are going to die and you are going to live on after death. These two men were far different when they were alive. One man had a new suit, clothes for every day of the week; his table groaned beneath the weight of the food while the other fellow was as poor in contrast with the riches of this rich man. One poor and the other rich, but and by the great leveler, death, which levels every man and reduces all to the same plane, caught hold of the man and Lazarus, the beggar. Now they stand on the plane of equality. However, their death, there was a difference, for that poor man knew the Lord Jesus Christ, his Saviour, had the angels of his pallbearers. The angels carried him into Abraham's bosom. It is wonderful when a man God dies. Just think—angels and pallbearers to carry the man into the presence of God. The rich man also died. I imagine he had a grand funeral. If he had lived in Russell, I'm sure that there would have been a tremendous distinction made the way in which the report of these two deaths was given. Over on the classified advertising page you would have had a picture of that rich man, list all the lodges of which he was a member, all the folk who gave floral offerings and an account of all the good things he had ever done. But listen, beloved, the editor nor the reporter of the daily paper didn't write this story. This is God's story. God says that the rich man died. Not one word is said about his burial. The next thing we see is that the rich man is in Hell. Beloved, before your breath gets all the way out of your body, your soul will be in Hell. You tell me it is mercy to hurry a man into Hell.

What kind of place is Hell to which this man went? (Continued on page three)



A Summons

—from the—

POLICE DEPARTMENT

would seem like an invitation to a Banquet compared to the summons from the Judge of the Universe, before whom "everyone of us shall give account of himself to God"—Rom. 14:12, including "every idle word"—Matt. 12:36. If you were Summoned today before the Judgment Bar, who would plead your case?

TO AVOID JUDGMENT

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.—Acts 16:31. He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already.... Jn. 3:18.

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says, "In hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments." You say, "I don't believe in a Hell of torment." Well, all of your denials won't put the fire out. Hell is still hot whether you believe it or not. Here's a man who died and went there and the Word of God said that he was in torments. Does that sound like it was mercy for him to die? Do you want to know how he suffered? Listen to him as he cried and said, "Let Lazarus dip his finger down into a glass of water — I won't ask for a glass — I won't ask for a drink — I won't even ask for enough to quench my thirst — all I'll ask for is just let him dip his finger into a glass of water and all the water that will cling to his finger, let him put it on my tongue that it might cool me." Tell me there is any mercy in sending a man to a place like that! The worst suffering any individual ever went through in this world is a picnic — it is a pleasure in comparison to what a man will pass through the moment the breath leaves his body and his soul gets to Hell. Listen to another Scripture:

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power."—2 Thess. 1:7-9.

How long? Everlasting destruction. Do you want to know what Hell is like? Listen:

"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."—Rev. 14:10, 11.

Stand by a bedside and see a man that I looked upon a short while ago, who was afflicted with a spinal condition — the same that I had in 1934. See that man's head drawn until it touches his hips. See that man in all of his suffering, how the pain is so great that when he would squeeze his hands together, even though his nails had been cut as short as possible, almost into the quick, that when those hands were unclashed, those nails had bitten into his very flesh. Hear his cries and his shrieks of pain as he suffers. You say, "It's a shame to see that man in his agony — it is a shame to see him suffer in that way." Beloved, see that man when he goes into eternity. He was an unsaved man, and when his breath left his body, then began a suffering that would beggar description — smoke, fire, for ever and ever. The physical suffering that this man went through lasted only a short while, but, beloved, there is no time limit in eternity. When a man dies, time comes to a close, and it is all just one eternity for ever and ever. You tell me it is mercy to send a man out into that!

Let me ask you a question — you that are unsaved? If you were dying, would you consider it an act of mercy for somebody to end your suffering and send you out into eter-

nity where not only your body would suffer, but your soul would suffer throughout eternity?

Listen once again — I want you to see that Hell is sure and Hell is hot, and, beloved, it is a place for every man to avoid:

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

Did you ever go to the Rolling Mill and take a trip of inspection through it? Did you ever see those furnaces with the hot metal? Put on a pair of smoked glasses and gaze into that furnace if you want to know what a lake of fire looks like. Twenty-five or thirty years ago, a man here at the Armco fell into one of those furnaces and the man who told me about it, said that it looked like he dissolved into nothingness as his body fell into that molten metal. He hardly knew what hurt him, for he died immediately.

What is it going to be like for you to go into a lake of fire when you will know what is happening? You will be conscious and you will know all that happens from then on throughout all eternity. You can not tell me there is any mercy in sending a man into a place like that.

III

FOR THE CHRISTIAN IT IS ANTI-TRUSTFUL TO THINK ABOUT MERCY KILLING.

When you go to your work tomorrow morning, suppose you turn around and say to your foreman, "This looks like a long day. I surely will be glad when five o'clock comes." About one-half hour later you look up at the clock and say, "I never saw time pass so slowly. I surely will be glad when this day is over." All throughout the day you keep wishing for quitting time. All throughout the day you keep lamenting the fact that you have to stay on the job and keep watching the clock, wishing the hands would hurry by to five o'clock. Would you be very valuable to your employer tomorrow under those circumstances?

Well, tonight, beloved, suppose you are sick, suppose your body is suffering with pain, suppose tonight your old body aches in every joint. You know you would be better off dead than alive, because you know you would be with the Lord, and like that laboring man, you keep saying, "Oh, God, I will be glad when quitting time comes — will be glad when you take me out of this world." Beloved, I ask you, how valuable an employee of the Lord Jesus Christ would you be? As His people, the Lord wants us to keep busy in His service until quitting time comes, — when the Lord calls us home.

IV

MERCY KILLINGS ARE A REBELLION AGAINST GOD.

God has a time appointed for every man to leave this world. Listen:

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up."—Eccl. 3:1-3.

Beloved, there it is. God has a time for you to be born and He has a time for you to die. Listen again:

"Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world."—Acts 15:18.

There are no accidents with God. Nothing ever slips up on

A SET OF WIRES JOE KNOWS NOTHING OF



Him. Nothing takes place by chance. God has a time for every thing that happens in our lives. God knows when you are going to die. God knows the manner — He knows just exactly the time, the place and the circumstances that will attend it. Mercy killings are an attempt at rebellion and revolt against a sovereign God.

Let's think about the Apostle Paul. He had a lot of suffering. Did you ever read and study how Paul suffered in order that he might preach the Gospel to lost sinners? I think sometimes that I have difficulties and problems, but did you ever stop to think how the Apostle Paul suffered in his preaching of the Gospel? Listen:

"Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren: In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness."—2 Cor. 11:24-27.

I never did get whipped publicly for preaching the Gospel. I never was beaten with rods. Think how Paul suffered. Why didn't Paul say, "I'm getting tired of it." Why didn't he say, "I have taken these whippings just about as long as I can. I can't go through another ordeal like I have." Why didn't he say, "Dr. Luke, you have been my attendant, you have gone around with me, you have

cared for me physically, you have been my personal doctor all through my ministry; now just open up my veins and inject some air into my veins and let me die — get me out of these sufferings. They have whipped me five times, 199 times the lash has fallen on my body. I am tired of being the target for stones. I am tired of being whipped, stoned and beaten. Dr. Luke, be merciful — let's have a mercy killing — send me out into eternity." But, beloved, he didn't do that. I'll tell you what he did do. Paul, as God's great man, went right on serving the Lord. It didn't make any difference what happened, he went right on serving the Lord. When it came down to the time when he was going to die, he said:

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand."—2 Timothy 4:6.

Paul is now taking a downward look into the grave. Paul had always looked up and out in the service of the Lord. Now he looks down and says, "Oh, yes, I know I'm going to die. I know the time for my departure is at hand." Oh, listen, beloved, he might have ended all of those sufferings a long time before, but he didn't. He went through them and came down to the end still looking up, trusting, depending upon the Lord, saying, "The Lord, the righteous judge, has a crown of righteousness awaiting me."

V

YOU NEED MERCY TONIGHT, BUT YOU DON'T NEED A MERCY KILLING — YOU NEED THE ONE WHO DIED, WHO WAS KILLED

THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE MERCY, THAT THE GRACE OF GOD MIGHT BE YOURS.

That's the mercy you need tonight. I look out over this congregation and think of men and women who are here lost, some trying to save yourselves, some depending upon the church — what you need tonight is mercy — not a mercy killing, but you need Him who was killed for you at Calvary that mercy might be yours in Him.

Go back to the day when Abraham was about to offer his son, Isaac, as a burnt offering. He looked behind him and saw a ram caught in the thicket and offering him up instead of his son. Beloved, Isaac needed someone to die in his place and God provided a ram that died for him.

And now come down to Calvary. You and I needed someone to die for us. We had to die for our own sins unless we could find a substitute who might die in our behalf. God found that substitute in the person of His Son, and His Son went to Calvary where they drove the nails in His hands and feet. They made Him suffer every way they could. Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary for what purpose? To keep you and me out of Hell. The mercy we need tonight is that which is ours in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you know Him tonight? You need Him. You don't know what day nor hour you are going to leave this world. Sooner

"Mercy Killings"

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or later all are going to die unless Jesus comes.

One day this last week Bro. Overbey and I were standing in the front of the printing shop talking. We looked across the street as an ambulance drove up in front of a restaurant. They brought a man out in a few minutes time on the cot and took him over to the hospital. The dishwasher had been stricken with a heart attack. He didn't know when he came to work that morning that they would haul him away before the day passed by.

Sometime ago I saw them bring a man out of a hotel dead, in Huntington, West Virginia, a man who had rented a room the night before. When he went to bed and to sleep, he didn't know he would never see this earth again.

You never know when that hour of death is coming. I say it is coming. You may be in Hell before I finish this sentence, or if you are saved, you may be in Heaven. It will all depend on one thing — do you know Jesus Christ as your Saviour? I don't say that if you join the church and do the best you can, maybe you will get to Heaven after a while. I want to be honest with you. It is either Jesus Christ or a Devil's Hell. Oh, may God save your soul tonight, and if He saves you, come out on God's side and publicly profess your faith in Him.



The End Of This Age

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J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I. makes this plain.

Dictatorships are such that is only a step from these to a world dictator. Such Anti-Christ will be. The world would very readily follow off after any great character who might seem to show the way out of the world confusion of this day.

Earthquakes and signs in the heavens. (See Luke 21:11) We saw a chart sometime ago listing the earthquakes of the last few centuries, showing a steady increase—and more recently a remarkable increase. Then the "flying saucers"—are they among the "signs in the heavens?" Flying Saucers are not being laughed away by many scientific men, and the government agency established to investigate them has been unable to explain them away. More and more the belief has come to obtain that these are visitors from some other planet.

Such prophecies as we have in the second chapter of Daniel.—in the image vision of Nebuchadnezzar, make clear that we are living in the very "toe age" of history as at present constituted. The world empires predicted there in that chapter have all arisen and vanished, and only the part represented by the toes lacks complete fulfillment.

The mental state of world leaders co-incides with that which is foretold concerning them. "Perplexity of nations. . . men's hearts failing them for fear of what is coming upon the earth." Newspapers and radio news reports show this confusion and perplexity and fear.

What should be the Christian attitude toward the impending end of the age? It is found in these words, "Lift up your heads, for the time of your redemption draweth nigh." And

again, "Therefore be ye also ready, for in such a hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."



A Catholic

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make many thing plain to me. I had been thinking along the line of the right church—which I should choose, and he pointed out to me that Salvation was something between myself and God—no church could help me.

I went home from the service, and that night knelt beside my bed and prayed for the first time in my life. Oh, I had "said" many prayers but this one came from my heart. God heard and answered it. A great wave of joy came over me as I knelt there. In memory my mind traveled back to the time in church when I had gazed longingly at the picture of Christ and the lambs, and had yearned for the peace I knew I didn't possess. Now, at last, I had the real peace and joy that I had been seeking for so long. I was now a Child of God, and He not only saved me from sin, but made up for all I had ever lacked in my lonely life. I found Him not only necessary, but enough—He completely satisfied me and became Father, Mother, and Friend—All-in-All to me.

Shortly after my conversion, the priest called and tried to get me back to the "fold" again, and God gave me a wonderful opportunity to witness to Him of my faith and trust in Christ.

Later again, I had an opportunity to witness among my Catholic friends. I was stricken very suddenly with appendicitis and a ruptured intestine, and peritonitis set in. My folks had always been so healthy that we didn't even have a family doctor, so several physicians were called but could not be reached. The only doctor available on that Sunday afternoon was a young man who had just recently graduated from medical school. He was summoned even though not much faith was placed in him—but the Lord's hand could be seen in this because with God's people, things never just "happen." Everything in our lives and circumstances is controlled by His love and power, and we know that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

After the doctor had made his examination, I was taken to the hospital—it was a Catholic hospital and as I raised my eyes to the cross above the entrance I realized they had brought me to a Catholic hospital to die. I thought of the saying, "once a Catholic always a Catholic, and on your deathbed you will always repent."

Just before I was taken into the operating room, the priest came in with Extreme Unction and intended to administer it to me and also hear my confession. My mother had informed him that I had at one time been a Catholic and he was ready to bring me back to the "fold." I was able to witness to the priest and the nuns in the room, telling them of my faith in God, and in Jesus Christ as my only mediator. I said, "I don't have to confess my sins to any earthly priest. If my God wants to take me home now, I know I will be with Him in Heaven as soon as I leave this earth—but, if His purpose and training for my life is not yet complete, I will live even though the doctors have given up hope for me."

The young doctor asked permission to perform a new method of operation on me be-

cause he thought I didn't have a chance to live anyway, and it would be a good experiment. The permission was given and I became guinea-pig number one; but I fooled them all and came through the operation. I was very ill after that, and on Wednesday night they thought I wouldn't pull through, but about nine o'clock I rallied and made steady progress after that. I was able to explain this to the wondering doctor and nuns: the whole church prayer-meeting time on that Wednesday night was spent in prayer for me, praying that God would spare my life, if it were His will. My Christian friends proved God's promises, "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" and, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick."

It was with a deep sense of humbleness and thanksgiving that I came back to my activities again, for I realized that I was yet needed in the Lord's work. I knew He would have taken me home if my work had been ended.

In looking back over the years of fellowship with my Lord I can see His leadership in every step of the way. There were times when I was out of His sweet fellowship because of disobedience to His commands, but He always brought me back again. Trials, too, came my way, for this was my training place, and my Lord allowed these to come that His child would be drawn closer to Him. Through these tests and in completely surrendering my heart and life and talents to Him, I found the unspeakable joy, peace and satisfaction which come only from a life wholly yielded to God.

Now I am living a happy, victorious life, rejoicing not only in the knowledge of sins forgiven, and the daily leading of the Holy Spirit in my life, but in the blessed hope of the near return of Christ, when I will be taken up to be with my precious Lord and Heavenly Father forever.

—Margaret J. Smith
Psalm 84:11

—The Converted Catholic



Scandal

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commandment broken. There is probably malice involved—another one would be broken. He wouldn't think of treating his own brother like that, but would think nothing of treating someone else's brother like that—another one broken, as he wouldn't have the same mind one toward another. He would be very unkind—another one broken.

I have a ruling which I strive to keep, and that is that whenever I hear anything unfavorable about anyone to just keep it to myself. For example, if I were to hear anything unfavorable about a friend, it wouldn't matter if it were true or false, it wouldn't matter whether I believed it or not, if he were to wait for me to mention it to anyone, I am mighty afraid that he would have to wait forever, and not only that, but I would keep his friendship as well. That happens to be, my idea of the way a Christian should live.

Why should I be so unkind to my friend by robbing him of the different things which have been mentioned, and at the same time be so very unkind to myself by breaking all the commandments which have been enumerated, when it all can be so easily avoided by the simple expedient of merely keeping my mouth shut.

I feel certain that any sane person would agree with me on this verbally, but when it comes to actions, I am mighty afraid

that there are countless millions who don't agree with me at all. Anyone who fails to see it in this light surely must be either imbecile or else someone who lives on such a low moral plane as to make seeing it impossible.

I have an idea that these scandal-mongers who make a practice of spreading scandal, do so for two principal reasons. One is that they get pleasure and satisfaction out of it, and the other reason is that they have an idea that by so doing they are indirectly emphasizing their own alleged good qualities, while even an imbecile should know that such a person couldn't possibly be anything much to begin with, because if he had all the virtues he should have, he would spend that same time either saying something nice about someone, or else talking on some interesting subject—certainly not scandalizing his fellow man, who in all probability is much better than the dirty scandal-monger who is doing the talking.

I just wonder if there is anyone who is foolish enough to think that maybe he will receive an extra star in his crown, so to speak, for being so faithful to promptly report all the scandal he hears, and is able to entertain his friends so well with that brand of gossip. Should there be such a person, I would like to advise him that if he doesn't give up his dirty way of treating his fellow men long before he dies and do a lot of repenting in the meanwhile, I am mighty afraid that instead of receiving an extra star in his crown, that he will be more apt to go to some place where he might receive an extra horn on his head. The reader has doubtless already guessed the place I have in mind. Yes, it begins with an H and ends with two L's.

Anyone who is really and truly a born again Christian positively wouldn't consider slandering a fellow man for all the money in the world, but it is a well known fact that there are people who will do such a thing and apparently think nothing of it. My advice to everyone is to resolve never to slander anyone nor even spread any kind of scandal no matter whether it is true or false.



Mormonism

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if they would surrender their guns. When this was done the Mormons turned and shot or butchered one hundred and twenty men, women and children. One man who escaped was later captured. His throat was slashed.

After seventeen years government attorneys revealed the details of this incident and Lee was executed by a firing squad of government militia. Why was it so hard to learn the facts of this incident? Here is the answer.

Soon after the Mountain Meadows massacre Brigham Young appeared in Cedar City and denounced its citizens for being alarmed at the presence of federal investigators. Said he, "Keep the secret of all you know or you will die a dog's death, and be damned and go to Hell. I do not want to hear of any more treachery among my people."

As John Doyle Lee faced the rifles of the firing squad he knew that the church and the prophet he had served so faithfully and long had now forsaken him. With his last breath he cursed his betrayer, Brigham Young.

Here's Something To Think About

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vine Authority of the Bible page 218.

"GOD HIMSELF WAS ONE as we are now, and is an exalted man." Joseph Smith in "Principles of Doctrine" VI; p. 4.

"THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION by faith and faith alone is false in theory, as it necessarily must be pernicious practice." "Faith and Repentance," p. 4.

"NEVER WAS THERE worse deception than 'salvation by faith only.'" Elder Peters in "Salvation by Faith."

"JESUS CHRIST WAS a polygamist; Mary and the sisters of Lazarus, were plural wives, and Mary Magdalene was another." Brigham Young.

"EVERY SPIRIT THAT OFFENSES that Joseph is a prophet, et, that he lived and died a prophet, and that the Book of Mormon is true, is of God, every spirit that does not is anti-Christ." Brigham Young, "Millennial Star," Vol. V, p. 118.

"ENDLESS PUNISHMENT interminable bliss is a perverted and mis-called Christianity." Talmage in "The House of the Lord," page 90.

"MORMONISM CLAIMS ORIGIN and authority from Deity himself. It claims all other Christian sects apostate. We Mormons stand that, as confident we are as we are that we live. We base this testimony to the world from 'The Mormon Church News,' page 12, May 18, 1924.

"GOD, ANGELS AND MEN are all one species, one great family." Key to the Kingdom, page 41.

"NO BOOK CAN BE THE sole and sufficient guide. must have the Priesthood pilot us." Apostle Whitney "News," May 27, 1924.

"I AM INCLINED TO THINK that there is such a being as personal Holy Ghost, but it is not set forth as a positive fact and the Lord has never given me any revelation upon subject, and consequently cannot make up my mind one way or the other." Orson Pratt in "Journal of Discourses," Vol. 2.

"IF THE LATTER DAY SAINTS do not constitute the Kingdom of God on earth, the church of Jesus Christ, it nowhere to be found upon the face of the earth." Brigham Young in "Journal of Discourse," Vol. 2, page 173.

MORMONS OFTEN SAY:

"What have you? You have nothing. No Prophets, no Priesthood, no Revelations, no Holy Spirit, no Baptism for the dead, no eternal Marriage." We say that the Mormons have everything except an Infinite Holy God; an Inspired and Living fallible Bible; a True and Living Saviour; Salvation by Faith through Faith and the Church of Jesus Christ.

—Apostasy



Did You Forget?

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ly removed.

Now, here is a question for the many who failed to respond to the question:

DID YOU FORGET?

Well it isn't too late yet to send your offering. It is as acceptable today as if you have been on Thanksgiving Day.

Your offering will especially be appreciated just now, in the name of Jesus we ask you to pray for us and give us your offering.