

He never rises high who does not know how to kneel.

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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20.

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## Why Troubles Come To Christians

ROY MASON  
Tampa, Florida

portion in this life" (Psa. 17:14). The people of God have their main portion in the forever and ever to be. God's people have a future—the devil's people have worse than none.

### WHY DOES GOD ALLOW HIS CHILDREN TO SUFFER?

Why does the Lord let his people, whom he loves, go through hard experiences? As to the exact why of every trial and every circumstance, we cannot know. We must sometimes be willing to rest on Romans 8:28, and to await the time of future understanding. But generally speaking, we can know some of the reasons back behind the permission of trials and difficulties in our lives. Let us note some of these:

God sometimes allows troubles as a test of faith. (See I Pet. 1:7) Job is the classic example of this. His faith was demon-

strated and proven by the way he bore afflictions. Friends argued that his troubles came as chastening, but they did not. Not all troubles are in the nature of chastisement, and we must realize it. Job is made the first proof that the devil's doctrine of "falling from grace" is a lie. The devil said that he could make Job fall from grace, and the Lord proved that he couldn't.

God sometimes allows troubles as chastening, with a view to correcting us and bringing us back into line. David said, "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now have I kept thy word." Again we read, "As many as I love I rebuke and chasten." Chastening however is not punitive, but remedial and corrective. This is a truth that we must have if our theology is to be correct. While many trials are not allowed as chastening, we do well to seriously consider each one to find out if perhaps the Lord is trying to call our

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## "Mother Gilpin" Is Now With Her Living Lord



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## Is God An Honest Judge?

By A. M. Overton  
(Now In Glory)

Christ of the Bible? Eternal and inestimable values rest upon your answer to this question.

What kind of a Person is Jehovah God, the God of the Bible? What is His attitude toward sin? Will He deal honestly with sin and with the sinner? Is He an honest Judge?

In Habakkuk 1:13, we read, "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity." In I Peter 3:12, we find, "The face of the Lord is against them that do evil." Thus we see that the character and disposition of Jehovah God are such that sin cannot be passed over, but must be dealt with positively.

In Romans 1:16, 17, we hear

the Holy Spirit saying, through Paul, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it 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." How God deals with sin is revealed in the gospel message, the message of "good news."

"There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good and sinneth not" (Eccl. 7:20). "All are under sin . . . There is none righteous, no, not one . . . There is none that doeth good, no, not one . . . All have sinned, and

come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:9, 10, 12, 23). "Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things written in the book of the law to do them" (Gal. 3:10). "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (I John 4:10). "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but

is long-suffering to usward, not willing (wishing) that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9). "Moreover brethren, I declare unto you the gospel . . . How that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:1-4). "The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16).

Now, just how righteous does God reveal Himself to be in the Gospel of Christ?

Man, since Adam, has been a

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There are many false gods in the world. But, usually when we think of the gods of heathen lands, as China, Africa, India, etc., we give much consideration to the truth that there are many false gods right here in our own midst. To be sure, here in our country, all these false gods are called "God." But, when we examine the character attributed to these gods, we discover that they are not the Jehovah God of the Bible. Reader, search your own heart! Is the god you worship the God of the Bible? Is the Jesus you know the Jesus

### FATHERHOOD OF GOD HERESY

If God is the father of Catholicism, then the Pope is of more power than Jesus, and only Catholics are saved—at least they say so.

If God is the father of Judaism, as we know Judaism, then Jesus Christ is not the Son of God—at least they say so, and only a member of Judaism will be saved.

If God is the father of all Protestantism, then there is no less than a 1,000 ways of being saved, all of which are different. (In reality by works, according to most, if not all.)

If God in Heaven, my Father by faith in Jesus Christ, is the Father of Catholicism, Judaism, and Protestantism,

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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "AMBASSADORS"

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." —II Cor. 5:17-20.

I am sure, beloved, that all of you are at least somewhat acquainted with the word "ambassador", and in a sense, you know something as to its meaning. To be sure, of recent date, due to the political shuffle at Washington, we have had quite a lot of changes so far as ambassadors are concerned. There has hardly been an issue of the daily paper of recent date, but what has told of the recalling of some of the ambassadors and the reappointment of still others to take their places. So this morning in view of the fact that

the word "ambassador" has been paraded in the daily papers so much of recent date, and in view of the fact that you and I have been made ambassador-conscious of recent date particularly, I want to speak to you today about our Heavenly ambassadorship. I would like to remind you in this message that there is a greater ambassadorship as a child of God than there is in being an ambassador from the greatest nation of the world.

I rather imagine that the man who holds the post of ambassador

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### MY! MY! HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED

A Milwaukee newspaper recently gave a reporter's experience in going to New York City and attending church on a Sunday morning. It happened to be the great Marble Collegiate Church now pastored by the liberal Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, and the reporter says: "Going to hear a sermon is not the same in New York as it used to be in the old home town." He goes on to say that now it is psychiatry and television afterward—and movie stars.

Many years ago the editor attended Marble Collegiate Church one Sunday morning with his beloved father. He heard a masterly sermon, an exposition of Scripture long to be remembered.

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## MOTHER GILPIN IS NOW WITH THE LORD

"Mother Gilpin", who had made her home with your editor ever since he moved to Russell nearly twenty-four years ago, departed this life to be with the Lord on Tuesday morning February 10, after an illness of many months duration.

She was born April 1, 1870, and had she lived until April the first of this year, she would have been 83 years of age. As a young girl in her teens, she was saved, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Grant County), Kentucky on Nov. 18, 1887. All her life she was a devout and faithful member of whatever Baptist Church was nearest to her, which stood for the Truth of God's Word.

She had been a blessing to her family, as well as a blessing to many others. It is doubtful if any member of the First Baptist Church of Russell was ever loved or respected more than she. Everyone called her "Mother Gilpin", and she was just what that term implied. Strong men stood by her casket and told me just what she had meant to them spiritually.

There are recollections that come back today from out of the dim yesterdays — recollections of her devotion to her Lord. I can remember how she during a revival meeting walked two miles each way from home to the church house twice daily, without missing a single service. In memory now I see her kneeling by my bedside when I was an unsaved boy, asking God to save her boy for Jesus' sake. Through the years, her life was ever a testimony for our Lord that He lived in her.

"Mother Gilpin" loved this paper and its message. She was one of the most faithful readers we had. It was her desire to see it an eight page weekly. Two years ago, she gave me \$50.00 to help enlarge it — money which she had saved from her meager funds — funds given her from time to time as love gifts from various Christian friends. How thankful I am in prospect of enlarging it at a very early date. She'll never get to read it in this world, but she'll have the knowledge of it's enlargement up yonder.

She had made her home with me for the past twenty-four years, and had loyally stood with me in my trials. As most of our readers know, my ministry has not been a popular, nor a pleasant one. There have been many sunless days and starless nights through which I have passed, and she went along with me through them all, sharing both the sunshine and the shade. About eighteen months ago, a small group of Satan-inspired individuals attempted a smear campaign against my ministry.

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It was short lived, as an overwhelming majority of our church rose up to exclude from our fellowship those who had caused the trouble. This was the beginning of the end for "Mother Gilpin." It was just too much for her worn, aged body — to see folk whom she had trusted and whom I had trusted become bitter enemies. A few days later she had her first heart attack. She never completely recovered from this experience, but rather declined physically from that time. As the days passed, the muscles of the body grew weaker while the muscles of the soul grew stronger, until eventually the muscles of the soul pulled away from the body. As Paul said, the outward man perished, while the inward man grew stronger, until last Tuesday morning she went home to be with Him.

## Thank You

From the depths of my heart I express my thanks, both to God and to my friends, for all their kindnesses of this past week. The letters, the cards, the flowers which came from near and far, are most deeply appreciated. God's blessings on a great church who in this hour of sorrow relieved our family of all responsibility of the home, by providing for our physical needs, not only by furnishing food but by serving it as well.

To the pall bearers, the singers, and a faithful undertaker friend we extend our deepest thanks. The kindnesses of all will not soon be forgotten!

Funeral services were conducted from our church on Thursday afternoon, with the sermon being preached by Bro. Clarence Walker of Lexington, Ky., who was assisted by Elder Eli Williams of Ashland, and Elder Woodrow Brumfield of Russell — all men of God who had meant much to her through the years, as she loved each of them for what they stood. We took her back to our old home at Walton, Kentucky, where another service was held on Friday morning, which was conducted by Brother Roy Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Florence, Kentucky, after which her body was laid to rest beside that of my father in the Walton Cemetery, just waiting for the resurrection.

Blessings on the memory of this one, my mother, who had also been a mother to many, many others outside her family.

## Why Troubles Come

(Continued from Page One) attention to some wrong course that needs correction.

God sometimes allows trials to come as a purifier of faith, and a developer of Christian Character. (Mal 3:3) Trials may serve to purify and refine just as fire refines precious metals. As has been stated, it is the storms that cause the great oaks to send down roots that serve to anchor them firmly in the depths of the soil. In many years of experience in radio broadcasting, we have learned that the letters from listeners that express the greatest spiritual understanding come from sick people—especially invalids who have gone through the refining fires of affliction. Strong Christian character is not developed in a spiritual hot house, but out

The wisest among us is a fool in some things.

in the world of trials and temptations and human difficulties.

God sometimes allows trials to come that we may be privileged to obtain eternal reward. (See James 1:12) Great reward shall be given to those who face temptations and difficulties and overcome them for Christ's sake. One day we shall doubtless thank the Lord for every difficulty that he let come our way, for we shall see that he enabled us to "get rich" in eternal things by means of the testings that we came through. A great passage along this line is found in 2 Cor. 4:17. This passage tells us that in comparison with eternity, our afflictions are "Light . . . But for the moment . . . And have a purpose."



## "Ambassadors"

(Continued from page one) ador from the United States to England has in all probability, the most coveted ambassadorship of any. Others are of great importance, but doubtlessly none of them carry the prestige, the honor, the weight, and the earthly glory as the one who holds the position of ambassador from the United States to Great Britain. Let me remind you this morning that though that is the greatest ambassadorship that a man may have so far as this world is concerned, yet the humblest child of God who is faithfully living for his Lord and Master today has an ambassadorship for the Lord Jesus Christ here within this world that far exceeds the greatest that this world has to offer.

I

## AN AMBASSADOR IS ALWAYS A FOREIGNER.

For example, the man who goes from this country to England is a foreigner to the English people. In like measure, beloved, the ambassador who comes from France, Holland, Russia, or Italy to Washington is of necessity a foreigner to us. An ambassador is always, without an exception, a foreigner to the country in which he lives.

In this respect, beloved, the analogy is perfect, for you and I as ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ are foreigners to this world. We live here. Physically we were born here, but spiritually we were born from above and today we hold citizenship in Heaven. We have an Heavenly citizenship which has a priority and a superiority over our earthly citizenship, so that actually it can be said of us that in view of our Heavenly citizenship we are foreigners to this world.

"For our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." — Phil. 3:20.

Yes, beloved, as an ambassador who goes to another country is a foreigner to that country, so you and I, though we were physically born within this world, because of our Heavenly citizenship, and in view of the fact that we have been born spiritually from above, we are foreigners to this world.

As the old song has said:

"I am a stranger here, within a foreign land;  
My home is far away, upon a golden strand;  
Ambassador to be of realms beyond the sea,  
I'm here on business for my King.

This is the King's command: that all men, everywhere, Repent and turn away from sin's seductive snare;  
That all who will obey, with Him shall reign for aye,  
And that's my business for my

## The Secret

I met God in the morning  
When the day was at its best  
And His Presence came like sunrise,  
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered,  
All day long He stayed with me,  
And we sailed in perfect calmness  
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered,  
Other ships were sore distressed,  
But the winds that seemed to drive them,  
Brought to us a peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings,  
With a keen remorse of mind,  
When I too had loosed the moorings,  
With the Presence left behind.

So, I think I know the secret,  
Learned from many a troubled way:  
You must seek Him in the morning  
If you want Him through the day!

—R. S. C.

King.

My home is brighter far than  
Sharon's rosy plain,  
Eternal life and joy thro'-out  
its vast domain;  
My Sov'reign bids me tell how  
mortals there may dwell,  
And that's my business for my  
King.

This is the message that I bring,  
A message angels fain would  
sing:

'Oh, be ye reconciled,' Thus  
saith my Lord and King,  
'Oh, be ye reconciled to God.' "

II

## AN AMBASSADOR IS TO REPRESENT SOMEONE ELSE.

An ambassador doesn't go to a foreign country to represent himself. A man who goes from this country with business interests in another land is not an ambassador. Beloved, an ambassador is to represent someone else other than himself.

How I trust that this will strike home in your heart this morning as it has in mine already. You and I, as ambassadors of our Lord Jesus Christ living here in this world, are to represent not ourselves. We are to represent another—Someone Else.

Sometime ago I was talking with a preacher friend out in Oklahoma and he told me how that the Indians referred to a preacher as "the Jesus man." He said that many times he had gone into the Indian villages to preach and that the news would be carried from mouth to mouth that "the Jesus man" had arrived in town. He said that at first it didn't make much of an impression upon him, for he just considered it was the crude way they had of expressing the truth. Then he said that one day it dawned upon him as to the marvelous honor they were paying to him, when they referred to him as "the Jesus man," and he said that as he reflected upon it, it became even more precious when he realized that that was exactly what his business was—he was to be "a Jesus man"—he was to represent the Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved, I would insist this morning, an ambassador is not to live for himself. He is not to represent himself, but an ambassador is to represent someone else, and as Christ's ambassadors we are to represent the Lord Jesus Himself.

As I have often said, the world

will read a whole lot more of the Gospel according to you and me than it will the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The world will read much more of the acts of Jesus in your life than it will of the Acts of the Apostles. The world will certainly read more of the revelation of Jesus Christ as revealed in you than they will of the Revelation that was written by John as the last book of the Word of God.

As the poet has said:

"We are the only Bible,  
This careless world will read  
We are the sinner's Gospel,  
We are the scoffer's creed;  
We are the Lord's last message  
Given in deed and in word,  
What if the print is crooked?  
What if the type is blurred?"

Yes, beloved, as an ambassador is to represent someone else, so you and I should remember that we are to represent another—the Lord Jesus Christ.

III

## AN AMBASSADOR IS TO LOOK AFTER SOMEONE ELSE'S INTERESTS AND NOT HIS OWN.

If the Standard Oil Company sends a business man to a foreign country to represent them, you couldn't say that he was an ambassador. He is merely there looking after a business. He is merely there looking after his own interests—perhaps as a stockholder in the company. Beloved, when a man goes from this country to a foreign land as an ambassador of our Government, he goes there without one single business tie. He goes there without one single business interest. He goes there without the ability to so much as sell shoes strings on the street corner. He goes there without one single business tie. His only interest is the interest of the country that has sent him. He goes there to look after somebody else's interest and not after his own.

I am wondering this morning if that truth has ever completely captivated your heart and life. I am wondering if it has ever completely taken hold of you and caused you to realize that you are in this world not to serve yourself, but to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. I am wondering if it has ever gripped you in the fullest manner possible for you to realize that your business is not to advance your own personal gain in any wise at all. (Continued on page three)



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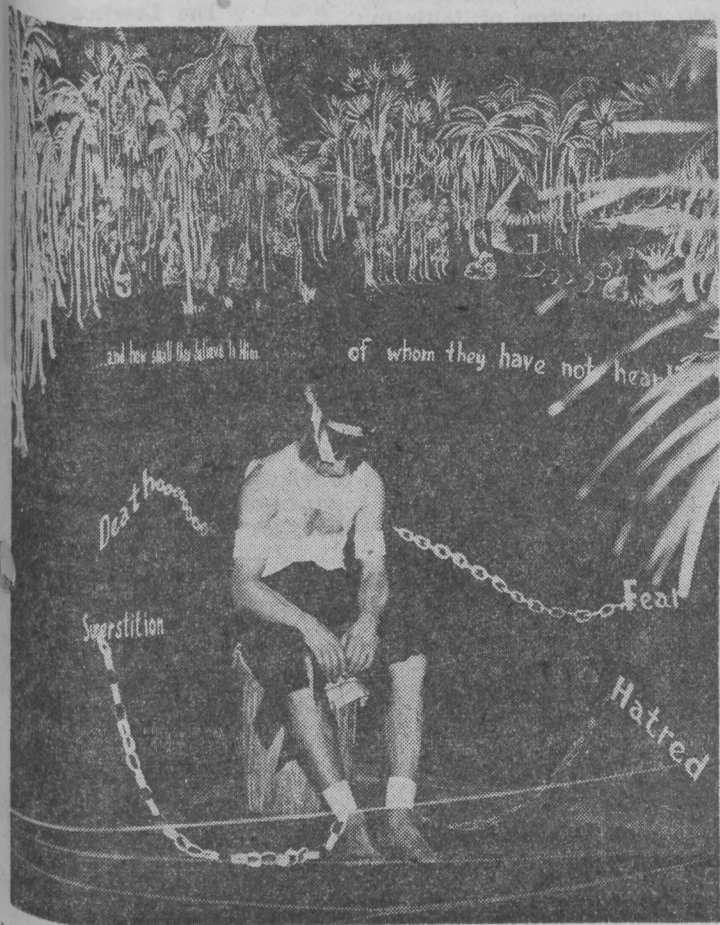
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## OUR MISSION: MISSIONS



## Missionary Conference To Be Held April 13-16 In Evansville, Indiana Tri-State Baptist Bible College To Be Host To Christian Workers Who Attend

MISSIONARY HALLUM AND WIFE TO BE PRESENT; OVERBEY,  
GARTENHAUS, CLARK, AND HALLFORD TO SPEAK.

All readers of the Mission Sheets are invited, together with their friends, to begin making plans now to attend the Missionary Bible Conference at Tri-State Baptist Bible College in Evansville, Indiana. The dates are April 13 through 16. Principal speakers will be Pastor H. H. Overbey, Secretary of BFM, and Bro. R. F. Hallford, Pastor of New Prospect Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Mississippi.

Of special interest to all those who believe in the work of BFM should be the fact that Brother and Mrs. R. P. Hallum are planning to be in attendance at the conference. Much opportunity will be given the Hallums to tell of the work the Lord has done through them in Peru. All BFM

supporters will also be privileged to meet Elder Z. E. Clark, Treasurer of the mission, and now a professor in Tri-State Baptist Bible College, also Pastor H. Hille, President of BFM and the other directors.

Bro. Jacob Gartenhaus, President of the International Board of Jewish Missions will also be present and will speak in some of the services of the conference.

Pastor James H. Sims and the people of Temple Baptist Church in Evansville (Tri-State Baptist Bible College is located in the Temple Baptist Church building) are making plans now for those who attend. Each supporter and friend of Baptist Faith Missions will soon receive a letter from Brother Sims giving

details of the conference. Plans are being made now to furnish meals and lodging for all full time Christian workers who attend; pray that the needs will be supplied so that this can be done.

Address all requests for information or reservations for rooms for April 13 through 16 to: James, H. Sims, Pres., Tri-State Baptist Bible College, 2007 West Franklin St., Evansville, Ind.

## A WATCHWORD

"Watch!" Some bells require to be rung very often. As there is constant danger from certain quarters so there must be constant warnings. When our Lord (Next page, column five)

## CALLEY'S APPEAL FOR HELPERS IN SIN-DARKENED BRAZIL

Dear Friends:

The purpose of this letter is an appeal. It is not a new one, but one that was given out over two thousand years ago by our Saviour, Jesus Christ and has echoed down to us from the ages past to this day. I say an appeal only in the sense that I make this reminder to you. Actually it was a command "Go you therefore and make disciples of all nations" given by Jesus Christ to the Church that he built while here on earth. It is just as fresh and forceful today as it was when the disciples first heard it.

As I write this I am praying that this letter reaches the right persons. There are many persons who feign to have a great interest in spreading the gospel, and their hearts are continually bleeding for lost souls (although their pocket book doesn't suffer much) and they go around feeling sorry for God because he does not have enough help. They visualize making the world one big brotherhood. They are continually laying their all on the "altar" and deem themselves that they are making great sacrifices when anything unpleasant happens to them. Sometimes when these people hear an appeal given to go on the field to preach the gospel of our Saviour, they feel that this is a good means of sacrificing themselves and volunteer to go. Though they do not realize it they are only seeking to glorify themselves.

I pray that if this letter reach-

es any persons of such a mind, that they will not heed this appeal. If you come here with the belief that you are making a sacrifice, there are plenty of things here to convince you that you are and you will soon feel that the sacrifice is too great and go home to find another way to help God that is more satisfying to your ego.

First of all it is not a sacrifice to be a missionary. It is a privilege. Since when did it become a sacrifice to be chosen of God to be a Christian, that makes it sound as if we had missed something because Christ has saved us from hell. I know that this is ridiculous, but if you deem that it is a burden to become a Christian you necessarily imply that there is something to be preferred in hell. And since when did it become a sacrifice to be a missionary. They are God's valiant men and their wives shall share in their rewards. That makes it sound as if it is preferable to be the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. I believe that Rom. 12:1, is a much abused verse. It is true that we are to present ourselves a living sacrifice, but the Bible does not say to MAKE ourselves living sacrifices. It says that by the mercies of God we are to PRESENT ourselves a living sacrifice, holy, or set apart, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Now there is a lot of difference between "make" and "present". This means that just as the sacrifice was set apart for holy use, even so by the MERCIES of God, we

ought to PRESENT our bodies as living sacrifices. Now if you want to come here to "make" your body a living sacrifice, no matter how many hardships you may suffer, your purpose whether conscious or not, will only be to glorify yourself, for since you are the cause of it you will naturally tend to give yourself the glory and to induce others to look at what you have sacrificed instead of what Christ has. Though reasonable service, and separateness from this world are a sacrifice we make them only because God has had mercy on us. As Paul said, "for by the grace of God I am what I am, and this grace was not bestowed in vain, for I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace that was with me."

Second, God does not need our help, we need His. It is true that all who have everlasting life must hear the word and believe in His Son. But we are only the vessels that He has chosen to be instrumental in bringing the gospel to those that he has elected. Since we do not know whom He has chosen, it is necessary that we go to every creature, knowing that God bids that whosoever will, may come and that salvation is offered to all freely even though none of us without the electing grace of God would choose him of our own free will. We are a help to God only in the sense that the pot that holds water is a help to the potter. The reason the vessel holds water for the potter's use is because he had created it

for that use, so in reality the potter has helped himself. So it is with us "for we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God has before ordained that we should walk in them."

There is no reason to feel sorry for God, for He is eternally happy, and can accomplish whatsoever He pleases. That is one of the reasons that Christ had to take on Himself flesh, He had to have a body to suffer in, since God's Divine nature can not suffer.

But perhaps there is one whom God is even now seeking to go in this Holy work. Oh that I might speak to you. Oh that I could have you here to work and rejoice with me. It is to you that I would like to tell about this field. I must admit that there is nothing attractive about this place as far as physical comforts are concerned, and if I sat down and talked to you for an hour about the weather, you would still not have any idea as to how intense this heat can become, and how it can drag every ounce of energy you have out of you. I'm sure that Bro. Lewis and Bro. Hallum and Bro. Brandon would tell you the same, that you must live in this climate to realize its intensity. There is no way to describe it. Many times your head will ring from the heat and that is no exaggeration. The food here is different and you must constantly be on guard about what you eat, for it will react on you in a most disheartening way and you will find yourself quite ill. The

water is very dirty and germ laden and you must boil every drop that goes for physical use. You will be sick a good deal of the time accustoming yourself to this country no matter how well you try to take care of yourself and what precautions you might take. I believe that I have taken every precaution that I could take for the sake of my health and my family's and yet I don't think that there has been a period of longer than two weeks wherein we were all well, if one isn't sick the other one is and so it makes the rounds. Such is the way that you will get accustomed to the drastic change. I would be lying, if I told you that you would not become discouraged. You will, and many times. Also you may expect to have vexing problems that arise from unfaithfulness with those that you have put your utmost confidence in. Furthermore, it is no easy thing to learn another language well enough to preach and you will find yourself forcing each new lesson on yourself, for it is a grind to concentrate on something new and strange, when you are feeling tired and sick and find the heat almost unbearable. How you will wish that you could use the sweet and noble words of the English language. I have only now begun to preach and how awkward I am with this stammering tongue of mine.

From what I have told you, you might suppose that I am trying to convince you not to (Next page, column one)



## NOTICE

Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

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## Calley's Appeal

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come, or that I am trying to give the impression that I am one to be greatly pitied. Well that is not the case. To those that these things are discouraging, it is better that they learn about them now, but to those who are earnestly ready to do as God leads them, they will be looking to God's grace to sustain them in their endeavors. Now I must tell you about what satisfactions you will get out of being a missionary to this field. One of the greatest blessings that you will have is the strengthening of your faith. When you are away from the help of others in so many things you begin depending more and more on God's sustaining hand. When I came here and saw how many little children died daily, it seemed that everytime that I passed the cemetery they were carrying a little coffin to be buried. I would look at my own, and watch them so anxiously as they lay ill with diarrhea or malaria or some other thing. I would think about how that over half the children here do not live to be three and how helpless I would feel, but Oh, Help of the helpless, He had come with me and how I have learned to trust and pray to Him to care for us in every way. You might not think that diarrhea is much to worry about but here it kills over thirty percent of the children that die. But that is just one example, how you will be drawn to look to Him in every way. Then too you will find yourself awakened as you have never been before to the desperate need for the gospel. There are so many things that bring this to mind and how your heart will yearn to tell them about your Saviour. I remember that when I first got here that as I was on my way to town, I saw a man and his wife carrying a little blue coffin. The man was carrying that little box in his arms and though it wasn't heavy, how burdened and weighted down he looked. As they walked along I saw that grived mother reach out her hand and caress her child's coffin. It was the saddest and most hopeless gesture that I ever saw. Then I thought that in all likelihood they were without hope. They had no assurance whatsoever that they would ever see that child again, and they seemed to sense it. Every time that I think back about it, I think about the hopelessness and the need these people have. I wanted so much to run to them and tell them that I knew of a Comforter, who was able to heal those deep wounds and who was able to give them the assurance that they would see their child again, and that I had a sympathizing Saviour who could be touched by their grief, but I was not able to speak one word in this language at that time. You will never know how badly I wanted to speak Portuguese at that time. I read Bro. Lewis's letter in the mission sheet and wondered how well those at home understood what he was conveying when he told about the little boy following him, crying "evangelista" after him. I think I know how he must have felt at that moment. I believe that if I were to ask him what that conveyed to his mind,

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 1953

Sylvania Hills Baptist Church, New Brighton, Pa.	1.80
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	5.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	15.97
Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, West Va.	15.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	28.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	11.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	50.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	21.12
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	93.34
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	87.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Ky.	55.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	65.45
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	57.61
South Road Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	25.00
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Hampton, Tenn.	6.61
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	6.45
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	52.94
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	25.00
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	156.60
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	28.29
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	24.90
Central Baptist Church, Lanett, Alabama	4.24
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	46.15
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	31.41
Faith Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich. (B. T. U.)	5.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	9.41
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	96.64
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	45.50
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	10.55
Grace Baptist Church, Ellaville, Ga.	20.00
Faith Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	11.50
Trinity Baptist Church, Keefeton, Oklahoma	30.00
Suwana Furnace Baptist Church, Kuttawa, Ky.	20.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	6.42
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	24.48
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	10.38
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	145.21
Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	25.00
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	19.20
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	115.04
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (For School)	5.57
South Bristol Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn.	5.00
First Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio	23.85
Kirbyton Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	46.93
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	38.50
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	22.00
Temple Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	30.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	241.87
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	300.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. T. U.)	8.73
Friends of Baptist Faith Missions, McLeansboro, Ill.	13.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robbins, Port Norris, N. J.	5.00
A Friend, Amarillo, Texas	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00
Friends of Baptist Faith Missions, McLeansboro, Ill.	12.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brown, Marion, Ky.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robbins, Port Norris, N. J.	10.00
Miss Ladye L. Hendley, Farmington, Ky.	1.70
Friends of Baptist Faith Missions, McLeansboro, Ill.	41.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Willis, Monticello, Ark.	5.00
G. E. Duncan, White Plains, Ky.	25.00
Friends of Baptist Faith Missions, McLeansboro, Ill.	11.00
R. E. Murphey, Castor, La.	7.00
Robert T. Odencrantz, Kent, Ohio	42.00
Some members of Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	25.00
Total	\$2565.36

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for this mission work to the treasurer of this mission. It is best to send by check or money order. Address all offerings to:

Elder Z. E. Clark, Treasurer,  
Baptist Faith Missions  
P. O. Box 551  
Evansville, Indiana

that he would have said that it made him think of the urgency and the need of the message that he was bringing.

Another joy that is beyond comparison is that of introducing the gospel to people who have never heard of it before. I know that ministers at home in one sense do this, but the people they talk to at least know of the gospel and though they do not believe it, perhaps they usually know why Christ died on the cross. But imagine hearing a person say, we have heard of Christ but we don't know who he is. Such was my experience lately and what a glorious privilege it was to be the first to tell them the story of Jesus.

As for Christian fellowship, I believe that there is more real fellowship here than at home. These Christians will go to any extreme to make a carrier of the gospel more comfortable. Their hospitality is incomparable. I have never gone into

their homes without them offering me the best chair, and giving me their precious coffee and sugar, and when you abide a night with them, they will prepare a regular feast for you at a real sacrifice to themselves. When I went to Cruzeiro do Sul, at two of the places where I stayed, they actually killed their hogs and prepared them that everyone might have the honor of dining with me and of hearing me preach and they had every thing imaginable to go with them. Fresh corn on the cob, watermelons, rice, kara, tomatoes, cucumbers, eggs prepared all different ways, chickens, fish, squash, beans, and many other dishes all in bountiful portions. In spite of my protests, they insisted. I knew that when I left that they would sorely feel the cost of my stay and offered to pay, but they would not hear of it. What a grand time we had. They brought out their Bibles to show

## Souls Are Saved Under Ministry Of Bro. Lewis

Lima, Peru  
Jan. 20, 1953

Dear Bro. Overbey:

We are in Lima and the change of climate certainly feels good.

The last sermon I preached in 1952 brought forth the visible results that we all long for. After the message and at the close of the service a woman said that she wanted to be saved. Monday morning I went out to her house and talked with her and her husband. They both made a profession of faith in Christ Jesus. They asked about baptism but I told them that we must observe their lives for a few months to see if they will bring forth fruit or evidence of salvation.

The only ones that attended our Bible school in Polis was the Nunes family. After we return to Iquitos, I plan to make at least two river trips a month. I am certain that with a steady preaching schedule we can be more effective on the rivers.

We will leave for Iquitos Feb. 17. You can send our check to:

Pension Noetzli  
Avenida Arequipa 3090  
San Isidro  
Lima, Peru  
c/o Mitchell Lewis

For the first time in Peruvian history, all the Catholic Bishops of Peru have met in a general conference. Their subject was "A Discussion Of The Sects", which means us.

There is only one Peruvian senator who is favorable to the evangelical work in Peru. He is a lost man, but can see the good that the gospel is doing.

Last week he addressed a group of evangelicals in Lima and told them that NOW was the time to act if they wanted to maintain what religious free-

me, and asked me to read to them during the afternoon since many of them cannot read, and we sang and prayed together. I don't think that there could be any better fellowship than this.

The harvest is ripe, everywhere there are those who are ready to receive the gospel. Of course, as always, the laborers are few. I think now of our own work here. How much more could be done if there were just one more, but we are hoping that more than one will come. Bro. Brandon is now in the hospital with his ailment and I am alone. I wish that I might have someone to work with. To the west of me, Bro. Lewis labors alone at present, while his partner, that faithful warrior, Bro. Hallum and his gracious family are home recuperating and taking a much needed rest. Now is the time to come, even more so I think than ever before.

Now as I look back I marvel at God's goodness to me. Amazing grace could it be that God had chosen a worm like me back in the halls of eternity to be his child? And love of all love could it be that as Christ was dying on the tree that he looked down through all ages and shed His blood for a rebellious sinner like me? And wonders of all wonders could it be that He has chosen me to have the honor and privilege of bringing the gospel to the world? Could it be that He has given me the privilege of being one of His valiant warriors? And Oh my dear brother, could it be that He has chosen you also? I pray so.

Your brother in Christ  
Royal H. Calley

dom they had in Peru.

We can definitely see and feel the hand of religious hatred rising up in Peru.

My attitude now is if we need persecution for the spreading of the gospel, then bring on the persecution. In Mexico, the persecution is terrible, but the gospel has made enormous strides. New churches are being organized and souls saved.

Again we say may the Lord bless all who make our ministry in Peru a reality.

Love,  
The Lewises

P. S. I do not know what action the senator suggests, but will try and find out.

## A Watchword

(Preceding page, column five) repeats an admonition five times over within the space of a dozen lines, we may be quite sure that He regarded it as one of supreme importance. If we turn to the 13th chapter of Mark, we discover that Jesus repeated His injunction to watchfulness several times, and then closed His solemn discourse with the sharp stroke on the alarm bell, "I say unto all, Watch!" — Sel.

## THE KEY TO OPEN

Did you every pray very earnestly and repeatedly for the Lord to open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing? Yet the blessing did not come. And perhaps you felt a little hard towards the Lord and accused Him of unfaithfulness. But notice the condition upon which the Lord promises the blessing: "Bring ye all the tithes (tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith (that is, with the tenth), saith the Lord of hosts if I will not open up the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that ye shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:8-10.

The tenth is the key. Apply the key. Take the tenth out of your pocket and give it to the Lord. Then what will happen? Why, He will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing. Fulfill the conditions and God will fulfill the promise.

We are told in Lev. 27:30 that the tenth is the Lord's. Men can not break into heaven and steal some of the harps, but many a man who prides himself on his honesty is guilty of stealing from God what really belongs to Him. The Bible asks a question, "Will a man rob God?" Then the people asked, "Wherein have we robbed thee?" and God answered, "In tithes and offerings."

Do not be guilty of this sin, but bring Him all the tithes, and then you can count on open heavens.

## PREACHING

A planter asked a Negro preacher what subjects he usually preached on in his labors among his people.

"Sometimes Ah preaches on love, sometimes on baptism, sometimes on heaven and such subjects," said the preacher.

"Why don't you preach occasionally on the subject of chicken stealing?"

"Well, Ah tell you, boss, when Ah preaches on dem subjects hit allers throws a kind of coldness over de meetin'."



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## "Ambassadors"

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but your business is to advance the interests of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sometime ago I came in possession of a rare set of books—some ten volumes of a pictorial history of the Civil War. When I first got them, being a "Rebel" at heart and having but little use for Yankees, and since this set of books was written entirely from that standpoint, I sat down and read them through and literally devoured them. I remember especially one incident that struck me forcibly. One general during the Civil War had given orders that at daybreak the army was to break camp and go on the march. That was along about Thursday in the week. There was one person in that segment of the army who had been a watch-maker back home, and he had brought along his watch-maker's tools and had taken in some half dozen watches for repair that belonged to the various fellows in the army. When he was told that they were to break camp at daybreak, he said, "I can't do that. I have a half dozen watches that I promised out by Saturday night." He had forgotten that he was a soldier and that his main business was to be a soldier. He was so engrossed in his watch-making that he had forgotten that his main business was to fight for his country.

I have often thought of it, and wonder if it isn't true of the majority of God's people, beloved, that the most of us have forgotten that we are ambassadors for the Lord Jesus Christ, and not for ourselves. You and I are so engrossed with the making of money so that we can make ends meet from week to week. We are so engrossed with all of our activities and we are so engrossed with the things of this world that I fear many, many times that we forget that our main business is not to look after ourselves, not to advance our own interests, but rather the interests of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We read:  
"But seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." —Mt. 6:33.

This is talking about food and drink and clothing—the things that we consider most essential for our bodily comfort. This would tell us that we are to put first things first and all these other things will be added unto us. Instead, beloved, the most of us put the last things first, and the first things last. We strive for all the world has to offer, and as a result we are poverty-stricken spiritually and materially; whereas God tells us that if we strive to put first things first, He will make us rich both materially and spiritually.

I tell you, beloved, this text of Scripture, along with that which I am using as a basis for my message this morning, ought to cause everyone of us to realize that our business as an ambassador, is one whereby we are not to look out for "number one," and we are not to be concerned about our own family's interests, but our business is that we be good ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### IV

AN AMBASSADOR HAS DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS.

For example, when a man leaves this country to go as an ambassador to another country, he doesn't originate his own message, but rather he has positive, definite instructions written down for him, and he carries

out the instructions that have been given him by others. I mean to say, beloved, the ambassador doesn't originate his message, but rather he merely delivers the message that is given to him.

That is my business as a preacher of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that is your business as a layman seated here before me as you shall meet with men in the marts and markets of the week. It is your business and my business today to remember that we are not to originate our message. We already have our message given to us, and as ambassadors, beloved, it is our business to deliver the message that is given to us and not to originate any other.

Now the trouble with this world today religiously, is that the majority of people are not willing to be ambassadors for the Lord Jesus Christ in this respect, for the majority of people, instead of being ambassadors for Him and taking His message have changed the message to suit themselves. As such, they have failed to be ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Here is a man who says infant baptism should be practiced, and he makes it plain that he is a sincere believer in infant baptism. When you ask him for a Scripture for it, he frankly admits that there is none. When you ask him for a logical reason relative to it, he admits that there is none. Instead, beloved, he tells you that it is a beautiful symbol and a beautiful ceremony; therefore, he thinks it is perfectly all right to believe in infant baptism.

Now, beloved, all the argument and all the persuasion in this world that you might bring to bear upon that individual will never change his mind one particle unless he comes to the place where he will accept the Word of God as final in every particular. All the talking that you may do to him will never change his mind. Why? Because he fails to see that an ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ should get his message from the Lord Jesus Christ. He fails to see that he is not to originate his own. Instead that man is merely originating his own message.

Or here is some individual who today is preaching apostasy, and as one of them said to me this last week, with emphasis, "I don't care if the Bible does say that you are saved forever, I don't believe it." Beloved, the trouble with that man is that he is just blind to the Word of God, and he fails to see that as an ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ his business is to get the message from Jesus instead of originating his own. What he has done though, is to originate his own.

I insist this morning, beloved, that every man who is preaching apostasy or falling from grace — every individual who talks about losing one's salvation has originated his own message and never got it out of the Word of God. I might mention sprinkling. I might mention the question of the universal church. Men didn't get those things out of the Word of God. They are the origination of some corrupted imagination. They didn't come from God's Word. You don't find sprinkling in the Word of God for baptism. You don't find a universal church in the Word of God as the church which Jesus built. The men who talk about the universal church have corrupted the very idea of a church and at the same time corrupted the teaching of the kingdom of God. They have confused the two. A man who realizes that as an ambassador his business is to get his message from God, and not to originate his own, will be mighty

### V

AN AMBASSADOR IS TO ADVANCE THE INTERESTS OF HIS COUNTRY.

That is my business as an am-

## REVEALING GOD'S WILL TO MAN



ty, mighty careful about what kind of a message he has to bring.

I remember that sterling character, that stalwart specimen of Scriptural ruggedness that we read about in the first chapters of the Gospel of Matthew—John the Baptist. I remember that one day as Jesus Christ passed along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, that John the Baptist lifted the index finger and pointed to Him and said to his disciples, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!" Listen, beloved, if all had been faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ as was John the Baptist, there wouldn't be but one demonation in the world today. It is when men begin to point to themselves as to what they think, and what they believe, and what they think the Bible says, thus ignoring the true teachings of the Word of God—it is then that the religious confusion comes. It is then that men cease being ambassadors for the Lord Jesus Christ. They cease getting their instructions from someone else—from Jesus. They then begin to give out their own instructions and they then begin to originate their own message.

Oh, would to God this morning, beloved, that you and I might be true ambassadors, that we might ever just fall back upon this old Book and not only hug it to our bosom to believe it ourselves, but to get our message from it; and not only to get our message from it, but to cling to the message that it has for us, and to deliver it,—and nothing else when we speak!

bassador of Jesus. That is your business. You are to advance the interests of the country where your citizenship is today. Now the Word of God says that your citizenship is in Heaven. Beloved, if that is where your citizenship is, your business is to advance Heavenly interests here on earth. I speak not as a preacher, but I speak as an individual Christian. You and I as God's own children have just one business today, and that is we ought to try to help everybody we meet to know and enjoy Heaven right here on earth, remembering that our citizenship is in Heaven. Listen:

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and TEACH ALL NATIONS, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." —Mt. 28:18-20.

"And he said unto them, GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, and preach the gospel to every creature." —Mark 16:15.

"As thou has sent me into the world, EVEN SO HAVE I ALSO SENT THEM into the world." —John 17:18.

"Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even SO SEND I YOU." —John 20:21.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be WITNESSES UNTO ME both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." —Acts 1:8.

These verses tell us that our business as an ambassador is to advance the interests of our

country—the interests of the country wherein we have our citizenship. As God's child you have citizenship in Heaven, and my brother, your business is to advance the interests of Heaven here on earth.

I have a hard time understanding the individual who claims to be saved and at the same time is not concerned as to the salvation of lost people. I have a hard time understanding that individual who claims to be saved and is not concerned as to missionary activity. I say, beloved, I have a hard time understanding any man or woman who claims to be saved who is not evangelistic nor missionary as to his deportment. I tell you, beloved, an ambassador's business is to advance the interests of the country that sends him out. Your ambassadorship is based upon your Heavenly citizenship. You ought to be trying to evangelize and to give the Gospel to those whom you meet.

### VI

AN AMBASSADOR'S BUSINESS IS ONE OF RECONCILIATION.

The chief work of an ambassador to a foreign country is to maintain diplomatic poise between two nations. Sometimes relations will become strained between nations just as they do between individuals and homes and in churches, and an ambassador to a foreign country has one primary objective—he is there to maintain that relationship that is brought about by reconciliation between nations.

What does my text say about your work and mine? Let's read (Continued on page four)



## Times Have Changed

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The reporter, having a ticket for the service, was therefore ushered to the "pastor's pew." After the sermon, he was ushered to the study to sit among the autographed pictures of famous people. Those having tickets were then taken by the pastor and his wife to a luncheon. There they learned of the various activities, chief among which were the services of nine psychiatrists. Of the sermon, the writer simply says:

"IT DIDN'T HURT A BIT!"  
(See Jno. 3:18-19)

— Christian Cynosure



## Fatherhood Of God

(Continued from page one)

Then he is a two faced, many sided, god.

If God is not the father of these,

Then there is no such thing as the fatherhood of god, and brotherhood of man, as supposed by the modern modernist, whose father is Satan.

Thank God, he is not the father of these.

— Eld. Leon Davison, Cromwell, Okla.



## "Ambassadors"

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it again:

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye RECONCILED to God." — II Cor. 5:20.

Beloved, lost men need to be reconciled to God. They are at "outs" with God. Listen:

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." — Rom. 8:7.

Beloved, carnal minded, unsaved folk are not subject to the law of God. They need to be reconciled to God. I look at man's condition as it is described throughout the Bible. The Word of God says that men are blind. It says that they are dead in sin. It says that men are going to be punished. It tells about a judgment. The Word of God tells us about Hell awaiting that man who dies unsaved, who is today in need of reconciliation. Listen to me, beloved, if men are blind, and dead, and in sin, and are going to be punished, if they are going to the judgment, if they are ultimately going to Hell, if they are at outs with God, if their carnal mind is against God as the Bible shows, surely you and I can see what our business is—it is the business of reconciling these unto God, that they might be saved.

That is what Paul meant when he wrote:

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men: — Cor. 5:11.

Many, many times when I bring a service to a close I quote this text of Scripture. I do it because of the fact that once, years ago I quoted it just by chance, humanly speaking, at the close of a sermon and it was the arrow that God used to go to the soul of a man who is here within the services. Many times I use it now, and thus, knowing the terror of God, I persuade men to be reconciled to Him.

## CONCLUSION

Sometimes ambassadors from one country are recalled because of a change of government, or because of a change of political power. Sometimes they are recalled because relations between nations become so strained that it is no longer considered proper to attempt to maintain a diplomatic poise. Sometimes ambassadors are recalled for other reasons, but remember this: God doesn't recall His ambassadors because the world is opposed to them, and the world is against His kingdom and His cause. You will admit this morning that the world is against us, and the world is against the Lord Jesus Christ, and the world is opposed to His kingdom. Beloved, God doesn't recall us because of that. He leaves us here in this world until we finish our work, and then when we have finished our work, whether it be big or little, irrespective of what the task or tasks are that He has entrusted unto us — when that work is finished, what a happy recalling God's people will experience then.

I'll grant you, beloved, it isn't going to be a happy experience for an individual who has been saved and who has not been a faithful ambassador. I'll grant you it isn't going to be a very pleasant experience for that person who is saved, but who has not lived faithfully for the Lord. Many a man when he comes down to the end of the way will say:

"Must I go, and empty-handed, Thus my dear Redeemer meet? Not one day of service give Him, Lay no trophy at His feet?"

Brother, sister, that man who has been faithful to His Lord, who has been what an ambassador ought to be, when he comes to the end of his way, when God recalls him, not because the world is at "outs" with the kingdom of Christ, but because his work is finished—when God recalls him in death, what a blessed, happy experience it will be for that child of God!

There's an old brother who used to live out in Texas. I have never known him personally, though I have had letters from him many, many times through the years. He was one of the first subscribers to **THE BAPTIST EXAMINER**. In those days he could see and could read and enjoy the messages. Though I have never seen him, I know a number of preacher brethren in Texas who do know him. They have told me what a "warhorse" he has been in contending for the truth through the years. I have only known him by correspondence in his declining years, but he has been such a blessing to me, and such an encouragement. Time and again he has written me, as a elderly preacher to a young preacher, to offer a word of advice and words of encouragement, which I deeply appreciated. A few years ago I got a letter written in a different handwriting telling me how much he was still enjoying the messages and telling me that he couldn't write me or that he couldn't read anymore because his eyesight had failed him. Down at the bottom was a postscript saying that the letter was being written by a daughter. Many times through the years I have heard from him, always written in the handwriting of his daughter, who has lovingly cared for him in his declining years. This last week I had a letter from her telling me of his home-going. I couldn't help but think this morning as I was bringing this message, what a happy, blessed experience there must be for that old Baptist preacher who was, as long as he was physically able,

on the firing line for our Lord, and who, even when he became incapacitated physically for further active service, was then an encouragement and an inspiration to me though he had never seen me in life. I couldn't help but think this week how wonderful it must be that our God has recalled him as an ambassador.

He didn't recall him because the world was against him. He didn't recall him because the world didn't like his message. Our Lord left him here just as long as He had a task for him to do. When the tasks were finished, an old blind, worn-out preacher, God recalled him to the country of his citizenship. What a wonderful experience is awaiting the child of God! May God bless you!



## Honest Judge

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rebellious sinner against God, of whom God can say that, "Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart are only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5). In God's great love, He desired to save a people for Himself (Acts 15:14), "that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:7). Now, in keeping with His character and Person, how can that be accomplished?

God gave Adam and Eve one law, and they immediately broke that (Gen. 1:17, 2:6). He gave the full law to Israel on Sinai, but every page of sacred history shows how miserably they fell down in keeping it. In every test man showed that he would not, could not keep the the perfect commandments of Jehovah God. Then, He graciously steps in, not as an afterthought, but in harmony with His eternal purposes of grace, and provides a sure remedy. "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin (sin-offering), condemned sin in the flesh" (Rom. 8:3).

Herein God reveals His character of righteousness. He cannot wink at sin, He cannot overlook it. As He declares thru Nahum, He "will not at all acquit the wicked" (Nahum 1:3). God cannot be the God of the Bible and acquit the sinner. The penalty against the sinner, eternal death, must be settled in full before He can justly, righteously, set him free. But, He gives His own Son to be a substitutionary sacrifice for man. He makes a sin offering out of His only begotten Son, lays our sins upon Him, condemns them upon Him, and "with His stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5). Jesus Christ paid our sin debt in full. Therefore, God can be just, and the justifier of every one that believes in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Saviour (Rom. 3:26). "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren that through this Man (Christ Jesus) is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses" (Acts 13:38, 39).

Now, let's reduce the case to human application that we may see what is involved. Let us suppose that a man is brought before the court of our own country accused of murder. He is duly tried. The evidence is submitted before the jury, and after thorough and deliberate consideration the jury returns a verdict of "guilty" with no mitigating circumstances, and no recommendation for leniency. The case comes before the judge to pronounce sentence. He has

# A Report As To The Printing Of Simmons' Book

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Previous appeals for funds to publish my book, "A Systematic Study of Bible Doctrine," in Brazil have borne some fruit. The Lord be praised for this! But to date (Jan. 5), as the report below shows, contributions have amounted to less than one-sixth of the amount necessary to get the publication of the book underway. We must pay the printer six hundred dollars when the manuscript is submitted to him. This requirement on the part of the printer is right and reasonable. In a letter dated Dec. 25, Brother Morris said: "The book is all ready, and the only hold-up in publishing it is lack of funds." We are not complaining; just stating facts. We are not blaming anybody. We fully understand the difficulties involved in raising funds for

sworn to uphold the law of the land and to administer it justly and honestly. The law demands that one guilty of murder in the first degree, without mitigating circumstances, shall be punished by hanging, or by electrocution.

Let us further suppose, that as the convicted man comes before the judge, he begins to weep, and tells the judge how very sorry he is that he has committed the crime. With many tears and much earnestness he fervently promises the judge that if he will only set him free, he will be a model citizen thereafter. A group of friends also gather around and plead with the judge for the convicted man.

The judge faces this problem: The law has taken its due course. The man stands guilty by the unquestionable verdict of the constituted authority in law. He, the judge, sits as one sworn to enforce and uphold the law. But, on the other hand, the doomed man is unquestionably sincere in his sorrow for his crime, and in his desire to do better if he is spared. And there are the many friends pleading with him for the convicted man. What shall he do?

Suppose he says, "Well, seeing that you are genuinely sorry for what you have done, and seeing that you promise to do the best you can in the future, and seeing that there are many of your friends pleading for you, you may go free. Case dismissed!"

What has he done? He has broken the law! He has broken his word! He has violated his oath! He has desecrated the court! He should be impeached. He is unquestionably a dishonest man.

But, there are multitudes of people who call themselves Christians, and who stoutly claim to believe in the God, and in the Jesus of the Bible, who believe that God saves sinners on the same basis as illustrated above.

Now, if after that man was convicted, and as he stands before the judge for sentence, there should come in one against whom there is no charge who could prove himself acceptable to the court in every way, and volunteer to go to the gallows, of the electric chair, for the doomed man, and the court should accept him, then the judge could be, and would be honest, and would uphold his word and oath, if he should set the guilty man free. But, only on the ground that the penalty of the law had been duly and justly met in full.

"Dost thou believe on the Son of God?"

such an undertaking as this. There are many worthy appeals. Our faith is in God, and we are confident that He will provide the funds. It is just a question of how soon we can get the funds necessary to get the printer to begin setting type. We are not asking anybody to give except as he is led of the Lord. But we feel obligated, because of the urgent appeal of Brother Morris and others, to keep the facts before those who are interested in the advancement of the doctrines enunciated in the book.

Heresies such as the denial of the verbal inspiration of the Bible, alien immersion, open communion, pulpit affiliation, postmillennialism, Arminianism, and feminism are prevalent among Baptists in many quarters in Brazil. We have been assured by Brother Morris and two native Brazilian editors and scholars that there is now no comprehensive work on theology in the Portuguese language that can adequately offset these. The work now to be published is such a work. That is the reason why its publication is urgent.

To stimulate interest in this project I give the testimonies of two outstanding men who are highly respected by all sound Baptists. The first is from Elder Roy Mason, pastor of Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., (a church with great influence, doctrinal strength, and missionary fervor—independent of supporting missionaries in three foreign lands), preacher over a network of radio stations in five states and the District of Columbia, author of "The Church That Jesus Built" and other sound and potent books and editor of "Faith and Life".

"The book is by far the best book on theology I have ever seen. The study of it will revolutionize the thinking and ministry of any preacher who is not blinded by his prejudices."

The second is from Elder Clarence Walker, pastor of Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., (one of the largest Baptist churches in the state—having around 3000 names on its roll), editor of the "Ashland Avenue Baptist" (which perhaps has the largest circulation of any Baptist paper in America), and president of Lexington Baptist Bible College and Bible Institute (two schools that bid fair to become the greatest training centers for sound preachers in the world):

"Every time I see your name I am thankful to God for you and your ministry, especially for your book, **A SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF BIBLE DOCTRINE**. We give a copy to every one of our preacher-boys, and I recommend it wherever I go."

Send your contributions to me at the address at the heading of this article. Each contribution will be acknowledged personally by me and then will be reported in these columns. (Names will be withheld on request.) Finally I will obtain and publish an acknowledgment of receipt of all funds from Brother Morris. Every cent contributed or realized from the sale of the book in Portuguese will be put into the first and succeeding editions of other sound literature.

Now for a report on contributions to date:

Zack Savage (Fla.)	\$70.00
Ralph Prince (Ill.)	9.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. F. Upchurch (Fla.)	6.00
Mrs. Winford Cavanaugh (Ind.)	2.00
Total	\$87.00