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## Here's A Question For All: Is Your Preacher Blind?

If your preacher says that you can join a church and that you can go to Heaven by joining a church, your preacher is blind. Does your preacher tell you that this is all you need? The Lord Jesus Christ Himself said, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." (Jn. 3:7). Listen again. "I tell you, Nay: but except, ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3-5).

I remember many years ago reading the experience of Peter Cartwright. He was one of those early Methodists who believed much of the Word of God. He believed that men were lost and that they had to be born of the spirit of God or else it meant a Devil's Hell for them. One day he walked into a blacksmith shop and started talking to the smithy. The blacksmith said, "You're a Methodist, aren't you?" Peter Cartwright replied that he was a Methodist evangelist. The blacksmith said, "When the Methodists got too thick in Vermont, I moved to New York, and then to northern Ohio and then out here. Now since you've followed me, I guess I'll have to move on." Peter Cartwright said, "You can go out to the prairies and you will find some Methodists there; you can go down to the Golden Gate in California, and you will find some Methodists there; you can die and go to heaven, and you will find some Methodists there; and you can die and go to Hell and you will find some Methodists there." Peter Cartwright was right. There will be Methodists in Hell — great loud-shouters, hallelujah swelling Methodists. There will be Presbyterians in Hell — Presbyterians that would swallow the whole of the Westminster Catechism. There will be Catholics in Hell; there will be Campbellites in Hell; there will be Protestants of all kinds in Hell; there will be Jews in Hell; and there will be Baptists in Hell who thought that they needed to do was to join the church and they would go to Heaven when they died.

## FARMERS BRING IN TITHES

A group of Abernathy, Texas farmers brought in their tithes. What they brought filled two wash tubs with \$14,132.65 in cash and checks—money from harvest on land they dedicated to God last spring. Each farmer dedicated one-tenth of his acre-

The First Baptist Church has 500 members. Most of the adult members are farmers on the rolling plains around Abernathy, a town of 1,692, in west Texas, north of Lubbock.

Last spring their pastor, C. A. Kennedy, 35, asked them to dedicate one-tenth of their land to God and see what the returns would be.

They did, each dedicating anywhere from 1 to 68 acres. Kennedy said the farmers who dedicated their land had "phenomenal results."

"There is Albert Hart, with five acres dedicated," the pastor said. "He called me to his farm late in the summer to show that his acreage was bountiful, but on the dedicated land the

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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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## God Does Not Want Us Ignorant

(No. 2)  
ROY MASON  
Tampa, Florida

NOTE THAT GOD WOULD NOT HAVE US TO BE IGNORANT CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

God's measure of time. (2 Pt. 3:8) We are told here that with the Lord a thousand years is as a day. We are prone to take the short look at things, and often we are discouraged. For instance:

1. We take the short look and put time ahead of eternity in importance. Unsaved people do this—that is why they stay unsaved. They put a few uncertain years ahead of millions of years in eternity.

2. We take the short look, and feel that if God's promises are not immediately fulfilled, they won't be fulfilled. "But the Lord is not slack concerning his pro-

mises." He is not in a hurry—and in his own time, he will fulfill his word.

3. We take the short look concerning our trials, forgetting that they "are but for the moment"



ELD. ROY MASON

in contrast to eternity.

4. We take the short look as concerns the prosperity of the wicked, and are inclined to envy them. But the Bible says "their feet shall slide in due time."

God would not have us ignorant concerning Israel. (Rom. 11: 25) Israel has been judiciously blinded during this age, until only a remnant have turned to Christ, but God has it on his program to deal further with Israel as a nation. Blindness shall continue "Until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in." That is, until God's day of privilege for the Gentiles is over—then the conversion of national Israel shall be brought about. (See Rom. 11:26-27) It is for this cause that God has preserved the Jewish race, and it is for this cause that he is now restoring them to their own land.

God would not have people ignorant concerning the return of His Son. (2 Pet. 3:5) The Word tells us that as the age comes toward its close, scoffers will arise to deny the Lord's return. This is happening right now. That there is no excuse for such

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## BEARING THE BONES OF JOSEPH

Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. 2 Cor. 4:10, 11.

Isn't that rich? This fourth chapter of 2 Corinthians is Paul's statement of qualification for ministry. He shows us in these stirring verses that God is not looking for brilliant men, is not depending upon eloquent men, is not shut up to the use of talented men, in sending His gospel out into the world. God is looking for broken men, for men who have judged themselves in the light of the cross of Christ. When God wants anything done, He takes up men who have come to an end of themselves, and whose trust and confidence is not in themselves but in God. "For we are

not sufficient in ourselves to think anything of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God." 2 Cor. 3:5.

There were those who were calling in question Paul's apostleship, for he did not seem to them to be what an apostle ought to be. They said his bodily presence was weak and his speech contemptible, 2 Cor. 10: 10. There was no drawing attention of his natural ability, and in this, the method of the apostle Paul was in vivid contrast to the method pursued by many today who pose as servants of our Lord Jesus Christ. This man went through the world a broken man, a lowly man, a man seeking only the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul was a man who might have occupied a very high place among the great and distinguished of the earth, but, for Jesus' sake, he turned his back upon all that, and could say, "God forbid that I should glory,

save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Gal. 6:14. That cross spoke of the deepest shame and the most ignominious death, and Paul gloried in the cross because through the blood that was shed upon the cross, his soul had the preaching of the cross, while being saved. He had learned that it is to them that perish foolishness and is unto us which are saved the power of God. 1 Cor. 1:18. And so he went forth content to be broken in order that the light of the grace of God might shine out. Notice verses 6 and 7: "God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." It is easy

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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "AN ENEMY THAT CONTINUALLY TROUBLES THE CHRISTIAN"

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."—Mt. 26:41.

At the very outset, I would like to remind you that the Christian life is not an easy thing to live. If you are a child of God and have been such for any period of time, you know that that is true. It is not an easy thing to live as a Christian ought to live.

When I was just a boy preacher, I used to preach differently. I have some sermon notes stored away in the office that I have not preached for thirty years, and I don't ever expect to preach them again. I used to tell folk when I first started to preach, that it was an easy thing to be a Christian, and that it was an easy thing to live the Christian life, but beloved, both by observation and by my own ex-

perience, I have learned long ago that it is not an easy matter for a man to live like a child of God ought to live. Even at that though, let me say that it is a whole lot easier to live as a Christian than it is to live for the Devil. If there is somebody here this morning who is lost, let me remind you at the very outset of this message that it is a whole lot harder for you to

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## Widespread Is The Interest As To The Enlargement Of TBE

Ever since we started talking about increasing this paper from four to eight pages, we have been receiving a lot of wonderful letters from our readers telling of the blessings they are receiving from it. We share a few of these with you this week.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Please accept this small contribution (\$5.00) toward enlarging THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Although I have only been reading your paper a short time, it has come to be my favorite paper of any kind.

S-Sgt. Clyde W. Davis,  
USAF — Arlington 2, Va.

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I am enclosing another small offering (\$10.00) for enlarging THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I surely enjoy your paper.

Hobart Noel and Wife  
Monterey, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I still think of you and I am praying that I will soon be able to see THE BAPTIST EXAMINER an eight-page paper. You will find \$10.00 enclosed for the same.

E. H. Craft  
Dille, W. Va.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

It has been my intention for sometime to help enlarge the BAPTIST EXAMINER, which should be in every home. Why all Baptists don't appreciate it I can't understand.

Alton Waggoner  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

The enclosed is from members of the Port Norris Baptist Church. One member gave \$5.00, two of the members gave \$10.00, and one \$25.00.

Richard Robbins  
Port Norris, N. J.

In addition to these letters which we have shared with you, our hearts have been thrilled by letters from Mr. and Mrs. William Church of Denver, Colorado, (Continued on page four)

## APOSTASY IN RELIGIOUS CIRCLES

Come Out From Among Them  
2nd Cor. 6:17

On October 30, 1921, the late I. M. Hadleman preached a sermon upon the subject: — "Is The Protestant Church Going To Pieces?" His audience was informed that it was, that it could not be saved, that the way was being prepared for a purely undocctrinal and ethical Cult, on the one hand, and the solidarity of a Religious Romanistic Political System on the other. In 1953, the disintegration of the Church, is more apparent and pronounced.

### Fraternizing With Religious Apostates

1. An Advent Christian minister, who preaches Soul Sleeping, and the Annihilation Of The Wicked, was allowed to preach from a Baptist pulpit and to preside at a Prayer Meeting.

2. A Jewish Rabbi permitted to preach in The Church of Christ (Disciples).

3. Local ministers co-operating (Continued on page four)



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## "An Enemy That Troubles The Christian"

(Continued from page one)  
live for the Devil than it is for  
me to live for the Lord Jesus  
Christ. The Word of God tells  
us that this is true.

"But the way of transgressors  
is HARD."—Prov. 13:15.

"THORNS AND SNARES are  
in the way of the froward: he  
that doth keep his soul shall be  
far from them."—Prov. 22:5.

If you are unsaved, your way  
is a hard way. If you are un-  
saved, there is nothing but  
thorns and snares for your path-  
way.

An unsaved fellow was talk-  
ing sometime ago to one of the  
brethren of this church and he  
made mention of some half  
dozen fleshly pleasures, such as  
gambling, drinking, and licen-  
tiousness, and he said to this  
fellow, "You can't do any of  
these things." This Christian  
fellow said, "No, I can't say that  
I can, or that I want to," and  
he said, "You must live a ter-  
ribly drab life." This Christian  
brother said, "That may be so,  
judging from your position to-  
day, but let's wait a few years.  
Let me live my life as I am,  
and you go on and live your  
life as you are. Let's talk about  
this a few years hence." Time  
passed by. I suspect nearly ten  
years passed between that con-  
versation and the time when this  
Christian brother stood beside  
that man in a cell and talked  
to him concerning the Lord  
Jesus Christ, and said, "That  
conversation which we had back  
yonder a long time ago—whose  
life has proven to be the most  
drab in the end?"

I tell you, beloved, it is not  
an easy thing for a man to live  
like a Christian ought to live,  
but it is a whole lot easier than  
it is to live for the Devil. All  
you have as an unsaved man to  
look forward to is thorns and  
snares in your froward way. As  
an unsaved man, all you have  
to consider is that God has said,  
"The way of transgressors is  
hard." You will find, beloved,  
that it is mighty hard.

Several years ago there was  
a lad who grew up in this town  
who never made a profession of  
faith, though he used to come  
to this church considerably. He  
was quite a good typist, and  
after he had become grown I  
would have him come in and  
help me quite often with my  
work. One day in the course of  
the conversation as we were  
working together, he said, "I tell  
you, Brother Gilpin, that text  
that says 'Whatsoever a man  
soweth, that shall he also reap,'  
is true." Beloved, he had found  
by personal experience that the  
way of the transgressor is a hard  
way.

As I begin my message by  
reminding you that it isn't easy  
to live as a Christian ought to  
live, I want, at the same time,  
for the benefit of that unsaved

man who is here, to insist that  
it is a whole lot harder to live  
for the Devil than it is to live  
for the Lord Jesus Christ. When  
you try to live for the Lord  
Jesus, you have God on your  
side; whereas, when you are  
living for the Devil, you have  
both God and the Devil against  
you. I repeat, it is harder to  
live for the world than it is to  
live for God.

However, be that as it may,  
I say it is a hard thing to live  
like a Christian ought to live.  
You will agree with me that that  
is true. There isn't a saved per-  
son here this morning but what  
would admit that it is a difficult  
thing to live like you want to  
live. In fact, there isn't a saved  
person here of intelligence who  
would say that he lives like he  
wants to live. I would even go  
so far as to say that if I knew  
positively you were saved, and  
heard you say that you lived  
just as good as you wanted to  
live, I would absolutely declare  
you to be a lunatic. If you are  
saved, beloved, you are not sat-  
isfied and content with the way  
which you live today.

There are a lot of enemies that  
you have that make it hard for  
you to live like you want to  
live. For example, the Devil is  
an enemy. He certainly makes  
it mighty, mighty hard for a  
Christian to live as he ought to.

Then, beloved, deep down  
within you there is an old na-  
ture that you are born with,  
that you inherited from your  
parents and they from their  
parents all the way back to sin-  
ful Adam, and that old nature  
that you have on the inside of  
you certainly isn't any friend to  
Christian living.

Then, beloved, there are wag-  
ging, gossiping tongues which  
make it hard for you to live as  
you ought to live. One dear  
soul said to me some months  
ago that he became so tempted  
sometimes because of gossiping,  
wagging tongues, to do some-  
thing desperate and to take  
things into his own hands.

All these are enemies which  
make it hard to live as you  
ought to live. The world, your  
old nature, the Devil, wagging,  
gossiping tongues, and many,  
many other enemies confront  
you every day. You know within  
your heart that it is a difficult  
thing in view of all these to  
live for God like you ought to.  
However, this morning I want  
to talk to you about the one  
enemy above all others which  
continually troubles the Chris-  
tian, and which constantly har-  
rasses him and which keeps him  
from Christian growth, and  
which negates and nullifies his  
Christian influence, I think,  
more than all others. Yes, be-  
loved, worse than the Devil,  
worse than gossiping, wagging  
tongues, worse than the world  
is the enemy of your FLESH,  
which certainly makes it hard  
for you as a child of God to live  
as you ought.

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### THE FLESH CAUSES THE BELIEVER LOTS OF TROUBLE.

Great man as he was, the  
Apostle Paul admitted that this  
was true. When he wrote to the  
churches of Galatia, on two oc-  
casions within that book he  
makes mention of the trouble  
which he was having with his  
flesh. Those churches of Galatia  
had departed from the faith.  
They were a burden to Paul in  
that they had turned to false  
preachers and had turned from  
the true Gospel. Burdened as he  
was concerning those churches  
which had apostatized, in all the  
book you can get an under-  
current of something else that  
was troubling him at the same  
time, namely, his old flesh. Lis-  
ten:

"And my temptation which

## A Bible Riddle

God made Adam out of dust,  
But thought it best to make me first;  
So I was made before the Man  
To answer God's most holy plan.

My body He did make complete,  
But without arms or legs or feet.  
My way and action did control  
And I was made without a soul.

A living thing I then became,  
And Adam gave to me my name.  
Then from his presence I withdrew  
And more of Adam never knew.

I did my maker's law obey,  
From then I never went astray.  
Thousands of miles I run, I fear,  
But seldom on the earth appear.

But God in me did something see  
And put a living soul in me.  
A soul of me my God did claim  
And took from me that soul again.

But when from me the soul was fled  
I was the same as when first made,  
And without hands or feet or soul  
I travel now from pole to pole.

I labor hard by day and night,  
To fallen men I give much light.  
Thousands of people young and old  
Will by my death great light behold.

No fear of death doth trouble me  
For happiness I cannot see,  
To Heaven I shall never go  
Nor to the grave nor Hell below.

The scriptures I cannot believe,  
If right or wrong I can't conceive.  
Although my name therein is found  
They are to me an empty sound.

(Look On Page Four For The Answer.)  
(Republished From A Former Issue By Request.)

was in my flesh ye despised not,  
nor rejected; but received me as  
an angel of God, even as Christ  
Jesus."—Gal. 4:14.

"For the flesh lusteth against  
the Spirit, and the Spirit against  
the flesh: and these are con-  
trary the one to the other; so  
that ye cannot do the things  
that ye would. But if ye be led  
of the Spirit, ye are not under  
the law. Now the works of the  
flesh are manifest, which are  
these, Adultery, fornication, un-  
cleanness, lasciviousness, Idol-  
atry, witchcraft, hatred, vari-  
ance, emulations, wrath, strife,  
seditions, heresies, Envyings,  
murders, drunkenness, revelings,  
and such like: of the which I  
tell you before, as I have also  
told you in time past, that they  
which do such things shall not  
inherit the kingdom of God."—  
Gal. 5:17-21.

No individual can read these  
words of the Apostle Paul with-  
out the realization that Paul's  
fleshly nature continually har-  
rassed and vexed and troubled  
him. Listen to him again a little  
later when he gives his own  
personal experience:

"For that which I do, I allow  
not: for what I would, that do I  
not; but what I hate, that I do.  
If then I do that which I would  
not, I consent unto the law that  
it is good. Now then it is no  
more I that do it, but sin that  
dwelleth in me. For I know that  
in me (that is, in my flesh)  
dwelleth no good thing: for to  
will is present with me; but how  
to perform that which is good  
I find not. For the good that I  
would, I do not: but the evil  
which I would not, that I do.  
Now if I do that I would not,  
it is no more I that do it, but  
sin that dwelleth in me. I find  
then a law, that, when I would  
do good, evil is present with

me. For I delight in the law of  
God after the inward man: But  
I see another law in my mem-  
bers, warring against the law of  
my mind, and bringing me into  
captivity to the law of sin which  
is in my members. O wretched  
man that I am! who shall de-  
liver me from the body of this  
'death? I thank God through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. So then  
with the mind I myself serve the  
law of God; but with the flesh  
the law of sin."—Rom. 7:15-25.

When we think of the Apostle  
Paul, we think of him as a  
great preacher, a great mission-  
ary, a great evangelist, a great  
writer of New Testament truth,  
and a man who was used great-  
ly of the Lord, but, beloved,  
when you read this seventh  
chapter of Romans, you will get  
a picture of what Paul was in  
his own natural flesh. He had  
an inward man that was just as  
good as the Holy Rollers say  
the outward man is—perfect.

Beloved, if you are saved, you  
have the same kind of inward  
man. You have an inward man,  
a new nature, that is perfect,  
that is positively pure, that is  
righteous, that is Godly, and  
that hates sin and abhors evil.  
At the same time, beloved, if  
you are a saved man, you still  
have an old nature of flesh that  
is just as devilish and depraved  
and debauched and sinful as is  
possible to be. The things that  
you don't want to do as a Chris-  
tian, you find yourself doing,  
and the things you want to do,  
you find that you don't do. I  
think what Paul says here is a  
careful summation of the life-  
experience of every child of  
God. Your flesh causes you a lot  
of trouble. If you don't do things  
outwardly that are wrong, if  
you don't do things openly that  
break the moral decorum, even

then you find thoughts pass-  
ing through your mind that you  
don't want there. I ask you  
simple, solemn question: Isn't  
true with you that many a time  
you have said, "Oh, God, what  
did I even think such a thing  
How could such thoughts ever  
pass through my mind?" Belov-  
ed, that is the flesh. That  
the enemy that continually har-  
rasses and troubles and vexes  
the child of God.

We have illustration after  
illustration of that in the Bible.  
In our prayer meeting on Wed-  
nesday night we have been  
studying of recent date the life  
of Jacob. Certainly the trouble  
caused Jacob lots of trouble.  
don't think there is a doubt but  
what Jacob was saved on that  
night that he went toward Pa-  
danaram and camped at Beth-  
El. I think that on that night Jacob  
became a child of God. There  
isn't a doubt in my mind that  
he had died the next morning  
he would have gone straight to  
Glory. Beloved, for the next  
thirty years he was controlled  
entirely by his fleshly nature.  
You read the story of his trav-  
eling and his trafficking with his  
father-in-law, Laban. You read  
the story of all the experiences  
that came into his life and how  
he deliberately lied to his bro-  
ther, Esau, when he met him after  
having been separated from him  
for a number of years. Even on  
these two occasions he lies and  
brings God into it and says  
"The Lord is helping me." I  
tell you, beloved, Jacob's flesh  
caused him lots of trouble.

I think the best illustration of  
the flesh causing children of  
God trouble is found in Kadesh-  
Barnea when the children of  
Israel left the land of Egypt.  
They went out toward Canaan  
with a light and a cloud to  
guide them. The light shined  
upon them and the cloud moved  
above them. All they needed  
was to look up to see how to  
go forward. They didn't need  
a road map. They didn't need  
a guide book. They didn't need  
to send out spies. They didn't  
need a report of any human be-  
ing to know what road to take.  
they had to do was to look up  
and move on.

After all, beloved, that is the  
true of God's children today.  
That is just as true of the  
Baptist Church of Russell to-  
day as it was of the Jews back  
yonder in the days when Moses  
was leading them through the  
wilderness. All you and I have  
to do today to move on and  
move out, is to look up for  
guidance.

When these Jews came to  
Kadesh-Barnea, instead of look-  
ing for the cloud in the sky for  
guidance, they sent spies over  
into the land of Canaan. Those  
spies came back with a report.  
Notice, first of all, that  
even the sending of the spies  
was an act of the flesh. They  
didn't need to send out spies.  
They didn't need the report of  
man. All they needed was to  
look up and be guided by the  
Lord in the cloud. When the  
spies came back, ten of them  
said, "It is a wonderful land,  
but we saw some giants over  
there and we can't take the  
land." They weren't looking  
up to the cloud; they were look-  
ing at giants. That was the  
flesh.

Then the Lord said to them  
"I am not going to let you go  
into the land. You are going to  
have to wander for forty years  
one year for every day that the  
spies were gone into Canaan  
spying out the land." They  
went on for forty years in the  
wilderness. We will go. They  
persisted in their attempt to  
so until they were defeated by  
the enemies and were forced to  
wander for forty years in the  
wilderness. Beloved, that is  
the flesh.

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ELD. J. F. BRANDON  
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We are hoping to see many of you at the Missionary Conference in Evansville, Indiana, April 13 to 16. We shall be guests of Brother James H. Sims and the Tri-State Baptist Bible College and the Temple Baptist Church. Brother Sims is president of the College and pastor of Temple Church. Write to Brother Sims immediately and tell him so that he can assign you a place to stay.

It would be a fine thing if the churches would pay their pastor's expenses for the trip to this Missionary Conference. He will come back a better pastor and preacher and more in love with missions. Your church will profit by doing so. Come and fellowship with the visiting brethren and we will do thee good. Free lodging and meals to full time Christian workers.

Write to Pastor, James H. Sims, 2007 West Franklin St., Evansville, Indiana.

You will enjoy the fellowship and the messages. Perhaps you have often thought that you would like to ask a lot of questions about Baptist Faith Missions—well, this is your opportunity. We will have a session and Brother Harry Hille, president of Baptist Faith Missions, will preside and you can ask any questions that you like and we will try to answer to the best of our ability. Brother Hille is pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Michigan.

**WE HOPE  
TO SEE YOU  
IN EVANSVILLE**

**All Aboard For Evansville April 13-16**

**Catholics Threaten Calley As He Preaches The Truth**

Elder H. H. Overbey  
Detroit, Michigan  
Dear Bro. Overbey:  
I hope that this letter finds you well and all of yours. As for ourselves we are getting a fine at present. My son had a tooth pulled and got over without any complications so we are thankful for that. That may sound strange to you for that is what you would expect at home. But here the climate is so different and humid that the least little scratch is liable to get infected and cause trouble. My son already had an abscess but the dentist that we have is very good and he took care of it without him having to loose the tooth, but this last one had to go.  
The work here is coming a long better than it ever has, in spite of the opposition that we are having at present. The priests are working in the sectal where we are, very hard, in order to destroy the progress that we are making. They have made all kinds of threats lately but as yet they have not done anything. I am thankful for that. This last Sunday as Helen

and I were on the way to church with our children we were stopped by a person living near the church. He is not a member of our church but he comes to hear me quite often. He said that I had better watch out for myself that the priest had come around telling the people that I was preaching heresies and since heresy could not be tolerated, it was the duty of every Catholic to do everything that they could to stop me. He said that the priest said that no matter what they did it would be alright since we were preaching doctrines that would destroy the soul. They warned that if I kept preaching the way that I have for the past few Wednesdays that they would be forced to do something about it, and that it wouldn't be pleasant for me.  
As I told you before, on Wednesday nights, I have been preaching about heresies and showing by the Bible that they were false doctrines. Last Wednesday I preached on the church about what it was as a body, a building and a bride. I also spoke about the necessity of having the authority to baptize, preach, give communion, etc., by (Next page, column one)

**Hallum Family To Attend Conference At Evansville**

607 N. Magnolia  
Hammond, La.  
March 13, 1953  
Dear Brother Overbey:  
I hope this shall find you all well. By the mercy of the Lord we are well as I write this.  
I hope you are still making progress on the new church house. You have set a good example to a lot of preachers that want new houses but don't want to do any dirty work to get it done.  
I, wife and daughter expect to be at the Bible Conference in Evansville with Brethren Sims and Clark if the Lord is willing in April.  
We have been attending a series of meetings at the First Baptist Church in Hammond this week. As yet we have not seen much results.  
No news of interest, so will close.  
As ever, yours in the Lord,  
R. P. Hallum  
P.S. Check for month received. Thanks.

**Encouraging News From Mitchell Lewis In Peru**

Iquitos, Peru  
March 9, 1953  
Dear Brother Overbey  
And Friends:  
Last Sunday was the first time that I have missed a service at the church since we have been in Iquitos. I had to stay home on the account of a cold.  
Last Wednesday Simon and I went to Piquroyaco, a small village on the Nanay River. While traveling on the Nanay we met a large river tugboat named "El Tigre." I moved over to the other side of the river because I had heard that "El Tigre" had swamped a few small boats by means of its great wave. We passed safely enough but about two city blocks later we met the first big wave which carried us up and up, when we went down on the other side of the wave and started up the next wave quite a bit of water entered the boat and Simon and I became thoroughly soaked. I did not have an extra pair of shoes along so I wore wet shoes all that day. That night we slept in an open house, that is a house with no walls and it was quite

cool because it had rained all day. I am feeling much better now.  
The teniente - gobernador (lieutenant - governor) of Piquroyaco has given us much encouragement to preach the Gospel there. We had about 3 persons out Wednesday night and I had a great liberty preaching the Gospel as I ever have had. The people were very attentive and expressed their desire that we have more regular services there. The lieutenant-governor wants us to put up a native style house to use as a regular preaching place. The place where Simon preaches now isn't very satisfactory as the man has a store in his house and someone is always interfering with the service. The lt. - governor probably wants to use our house as a town meeting hall. A native style house 24 x 24 ft. would cost between fifty and sixty dollars.  
We are now having our D. V. B. S. at the Primera Iglesia Bautista in Iquitos with 32 enrolled. Our lessons are from the book of Luke.  
Very soon now I plan to give (Next page, column one)



## NOTICE

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

H. H. OVERBEY  
1210 E. Grand Blvd.  
Detroit 11, Mich.

## Lewis Letter

(Preceding page, column 5)  
a lecture on "The last ten days of our Lord's life." I want to put an add in the paper stating that we plan to prove that the Lord was crucified on Wednesday and that he was buried three days and three nights. Therefore there is no Good Friday, no Palm Sunday and no Easter. We plan to use the Catholic Bible in our lecture.

The Jehovah Witnesses now have one of our young men. I met him on the street and asked him why he hadn't been to church. He told me that he was a Jehovah Witness. I then asked him why he was following their teachings and he told me that they (the witnesses) were far more advanced than we, that they explained scientific things and were prophetic teachers. I then asked him how he was saved and he said "I will be saved by my good works." After talking with him for some time I am convinced that he never understood the plan of salvation at any time.

The Adventists and Witnesses are forever giving lectures on the Atom Bomb, Hydrogen Bomb, or the book of Daniel.

Jeremiah 28:9 proves that the Adventists and the Witnesses are false prophets. "The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet SHALL COME TO PASS, then shall the prophet be known, that the Lord hath truly sent him."

It would be difficult to enumerate the number of prophecies of the Adventists and Witnesses that have failed.

Earnestly contending for The Faith,

Mitchell Lewis

## Calley Letter

(Preceding page, column 2)  
the church that Jesus built. There were more people there than for any other service up until then. Each time more have been coming to hear this series of sermons. Last night as I continued with the book of John, we had more people in that service than on any other Sunday night. So far, the services have increased each week. I think I am enjoying these services more than anyone.

I just got through giving a lesson to John Dias and John Bentes. I taught them their Greek lesson today. Every Monday I give them a lesson in Greek. I had misgivings when I first began. I was wondering if I could translate the Greek lessons that I have to Portuguese, but so far I haven't had a bit of trouble. We are going right along. Fortunately, I studied Latin three years in high school and though I have forgotten some of the vocabulary since that time, I never did forget any of the grammar. The grammar of Greek is very similar to the grammar of Latin, only slightly harder. The grammar of Portuguese is very similar to Latin only much easier. The result is, that I have a rather easy time translating Greek to Portuguese. When I studied Latin, I often wondered what good it would ever do me, but I find now that it is a tremendous help to me. The other two weeks I am teaching doctrines of the Bible, on Wednes-

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1953

Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	\$ 10.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	50.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	35.00
Sylvania Hills Baptist Church, New Brighton, Pa.	3.20
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	5.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	14.42
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	53.18
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	26.33
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	25.29
Faith Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	5.62
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Hampton, Tenn.	9.27
Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, West Va.	15.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
First Baptist Church, Ashland, Ky. (B.T.U. Young People)	11.15
Faith Baptist Church, Lawley, Fla.	7.85
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	37.22
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	10.88
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	21.60
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	10.70
Water Valley Baptist Church, Water Valley, Ky. (Jr. S. S. Class)	10.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	15.48
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Hazel, Ky.	12.42
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	46.30
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	29.18
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	25.00
Faith Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich. (B.T.U.)	5.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	18.50
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	10.70
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	10.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	33.51
Bible Baptist Church, Burnsville, N. C.	68.41
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	40.90
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	6.46
Temple Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	30.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
Emmaus Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	52.70
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	17.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	26.05
Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	25.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	126.63
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (For School in Manaus)	10.15
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.)	8.94
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First Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio	18.00
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Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	25.00
Trinity Baptist Church, Keefeton, Oklahoma	25.00
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South Bristol Baptist Church, Bristol, Va.	5.00
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Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer  
Baptist Faith Missions  
P. O. Box 551  
Evansville, Indiana

day, and the harmony of the gospels on Fridays at present.

The man that I told you about that was living with his woman without being married is supposed to be married today. He said it was to take place at two thirty this afternoon. He wanted me to come. I will have to try to get down there if at all possible today. It costs quite a bit to be married here, 550 cruzeiros is the price, and that is a considerable sum for these people. He had to arrange to pay it on time. I would have given him the money to be married but I just didn't have it with the school opening and everything. I had to make sure

that I had enough to take care of those expenses. Well, that will be two more additions to our church. That will bring the total up to fourteen. When Billy left there were eight members in the church. He had more than that to begin with, but one by one, for one reason or other, they were lost. Manuel was excluded, Laudomiro went to Santa Irem, one died, and then as he said, some were towed off by the Pentecostilists. So it left only eight of us. Well, since that time there have been 10 professions but only 6 of them have continued in the faith, the rest have gone back to their old ways. At the next business meeting

we will have to take up the business of excluding two more—Sister Demedis and her daughter. They have not attended church for a little over three months. One of the rules that our church has, is that anyone who does not come to the service at least once every three months will be excluded unless he were providentially hindered. It is a rule that Billy advocated when the church first began, and I think that it is a good rule. Well, we have gone to visit them, but they say that they are not able to get there since they have moved to a different neighborhood. But the neighborhood is still quite near and they could easily walk to church in about twenty minutes, and besides, I see them in town quite often which is about four or five times as far. So the church will exclude them this next meeting. That will cut down our number again, but all the members that we have will be active. I don't believe in keeping the dead wood around, they do nothing but hinder a church.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Royal H. Calley

Second Letter  
From Bro. Calley

Dear Bro. Overbey:

We send our greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ. We are all in good health and enjoying the rainy season here very much. Really it is very pleasant in the winter here at Manaus. Right now it is raining very hard but we like it very much for it keeps the temperature at a pleasant level.

We have been doing our usual work this month. We have services every day of the week now as we did before, but we will soon lose a place that we have been preaching at. This is the house of Tito and his wife. They are our most faithful members of the church here. They are moving to a village off the Amazon River about two hundred or so miles from here. They will be joining the Baptist Church there. We hate to lose them as members but, our loss is the other churches gain so we can take some consolation in that.

We also had to exclude two members this month for non-attendance, so altogether we will have a net loss of four members this month. Our church has a rule that anyone not attending church three months in succession will be excluded, unless providentially hindered. It keeps the dead wood out of the church.

Our school started this month on February the second. We have had much opposition this year getting the school started on its second year. There have been four Catholic Priests going around to all the houses in the area where we preach and teach and they have done everything that they could to keep the people from coming to the services and attending the school. It has had its effect but there were fifty who enrolled and are now studying.

We have divided up into two classes. Twenty-five in each class. One class studying in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The ages range from five years to fourteen. There is only the one student that is fourteen though, the others are in between five and twelve. We have two teachers, Francisca de Franca Cunha, for the morning class and Juana Mendonca Pereira for the afternoon. Our students are learning to read, write and mathematics—just as they do at home in the U. S. They

are learning history and geography, and music. Four times a week I am instructing them in the Bible. At first I thought I would do this by teaching them English, but I found that you could not very well do that with a group so young, so we have begun teaching them from the Bible. We don't know how the parents will react to this. We pray that they will not deprive their children of listening to the Word of God.

I am leaving for Cruzeiro Sul, next Tuesday, March 3. I had planned on leaving this week, but I could not get a flight reservation until March the 3rd. I thought that I had a reservation for this week, but was informed that they could not take me, later on.

You remember that I told you that there was one man who wanted to be baptized on his confession and become a member of the church? Well, if you recall, I wrote that he was married and was getting married so that he might be baptized to the church along with the woman that he is living with who has also made a confession. They are still trying to get married but no one will perform the marriage. They tell them they are too busy to marry them now that there are some trials going on and that they must attend to them and don't have time to marry them. I wonder if that is the real reason or if it is because they have learned some way that they want to be married so that they may be baptized into the church? Pray with us that they may be married soon.

I and my family are sorry to hear that Bro. Gilpin's Mother has died. We pray that those who grieve will be consoled in the refuge of Christ.

May God bless you all.  
Your Brother in Christ,  
Royal H. Calley

## MISSIONS

## The Edge Of The Map

There is a tale of a tank on its map. Somewhere on the British front a big push was progress. The Germans were in retreat. The battle was on, with much lumbering of the great tanks that made nothing of flattening a house and moving over the debris. But one tank had stopped. It was not disabled. It had no casualties among its crew. There was plenty of ammunition, yet it stopped dead in its tracks. An officer came up, and with much forcing language demanded why the huge iron beast should have when the job was yet far from finished. The tank men understood his impatience, but the monster rested. "The trouble is, sir," said one of the crew, "we've got to the edge of our map." There may be many like in our churches who are like that tank crew. But if this is true of their missionary effort, they have the wrong map. The mission map takes in "the whole creation," "every creature," "the world."

## Is Christianity A Failure?

"How is it," asked a man of a minister, "that your religion has been going on for nearly two thousand years and has not influenced more people than it has?" For reply, the minister asked another question: "How is it that water has been flowing for more than two million years and many people are still dirty?" The Bible isn't a failure. Wherever it is preached in fidelity it wins. But there are some who "put it from them."



## "An Enemy That Troubles The Christian"

(Continued from page two)

I tell you, the worst enemy you have in your spiritual life, the worst enemy to hold you back in your Christian growth, the worst enemy you have to keep you from developing into a full grown stature as a child of God, is your own fleshly nature. The Devil doesn't hurt you nearly as much as your flesh does. I am personally persuaded that the Devil doesn't have to tempt the most of God's children but very little. The flesh gets us into enough trouble without the Devil having to do but mighty, mighty little.

### II

**GOD GIVES US SOME ADVICE AS TO WHAT WE ARE TO DO ABOUT OUR FLESH.**

In the first place, God tells us we are to **STARVE THIS FLESHLY NATURE.**

**"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and MAKE NOT PROVISION for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."**—Rom. 13:14.

To express it as a human, if I don't make provision for my body, I will starve to death. If I don't make provision for my family, humanly speaking, my family would starve to death. Beloved, if we don't make provision for our fleshly nature, we wouldn't be long before that old fleshly nature would be completely dried up and starved out and absolutely dead, and we would be just as good as the Holy Roller, lyingly, says he is.

You know the sad thing about it is that most of us just reverse the matter. The Bible says we are to feed the new nature and starve the old nature. Listen:

**"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."**—I Pet. 2:2.

I am persuaded as I look back on almost twenty-four years as pastor of this one church that the majority of God's people that I have known in these twenty-four years have fed their fleshly nature until it has continued robust and healthy, and have starved the new nature until that new nature is a walking skeleton in the sight of God. Thank the Lord, there have been some noble exceptions, but in the main, we just don't starve this old nature.

God also tells us to **PUT NO CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH.**

**"For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh, I have none."**—Phil. 3:3.

Several years ago a Baptist preacher in this area had the misfortune to have a church treasurer steal several thousand dollars. Later the pastor was speaking from this pulpit one day and he told of that experience, and he said, "Since that time we have had six people to receive and count all money that comes into our church. We just simply will not allow any one individual to handle the funds again. I would recommend that to every church." After the services were over, I said to him, "Will you please give me half dozen watchers of the treasury?" He said, "Yes sir, put 'no confidence in the flesh,' not even Baptist flesh." Beloved, I think he was right.

Some of the hardest falls I have had in this world is because I have put confidence in the flesh. Some folk whom I have thought stood for the Word

and the things of God have disappointed me the greatest. I think this morning of one man and his wife that have been close to me — unusually, unduly close to me so far as I am concerned. I couldn't expect nor ask for greater friendship than they carefully gave to their pastor, but, beloved, to my sorrow and to my utter amazement that friendship turned into the bitterest of animosity. I say to you this morning, I have learned we are not to put confidence in the flesh.

Every once in a while something will happen whereby some believing child of God does something that he should not. Someone will say, "Well, I am surprised," or "I was surprised to hear about that." Beloved, I will always say to myself, "Well, I wasn't." I have learned we are not to put confidence in the flesh. Your flesh is just as devilish as it was the day you were saved. It is just as capable of the commission of the worst sin today as it was the day that the Lord Jesus Christ saved you, and God advises you and me to put no confidence in the flesh. In that way we won't be disappointed after a while.

Again, the Bible tells us not to let the flesh influence us when we desire to know God's will.

**"But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I CONFERRED NOT WITH FLESH AND BLOOD."**—Gal. 1:15, 16.

Paul wanted to know God's will. God had called Paul into the ministry, and Paul wanted to be sure. He didn't want to try to preach if God hadn't called him. He was determined to know the will of God, if it were really God's will for him to be a preacher. What did he do? Did he talk it over with his mother? Did he confer with his friends of the Sanhedrin with whom he had erstwhile been affiliated and associated? Did he call off some of his closest friends that they might caucus together that Paul might learn the will of God? Nay, beloved, he said, "I conferred not with flesh and blood."

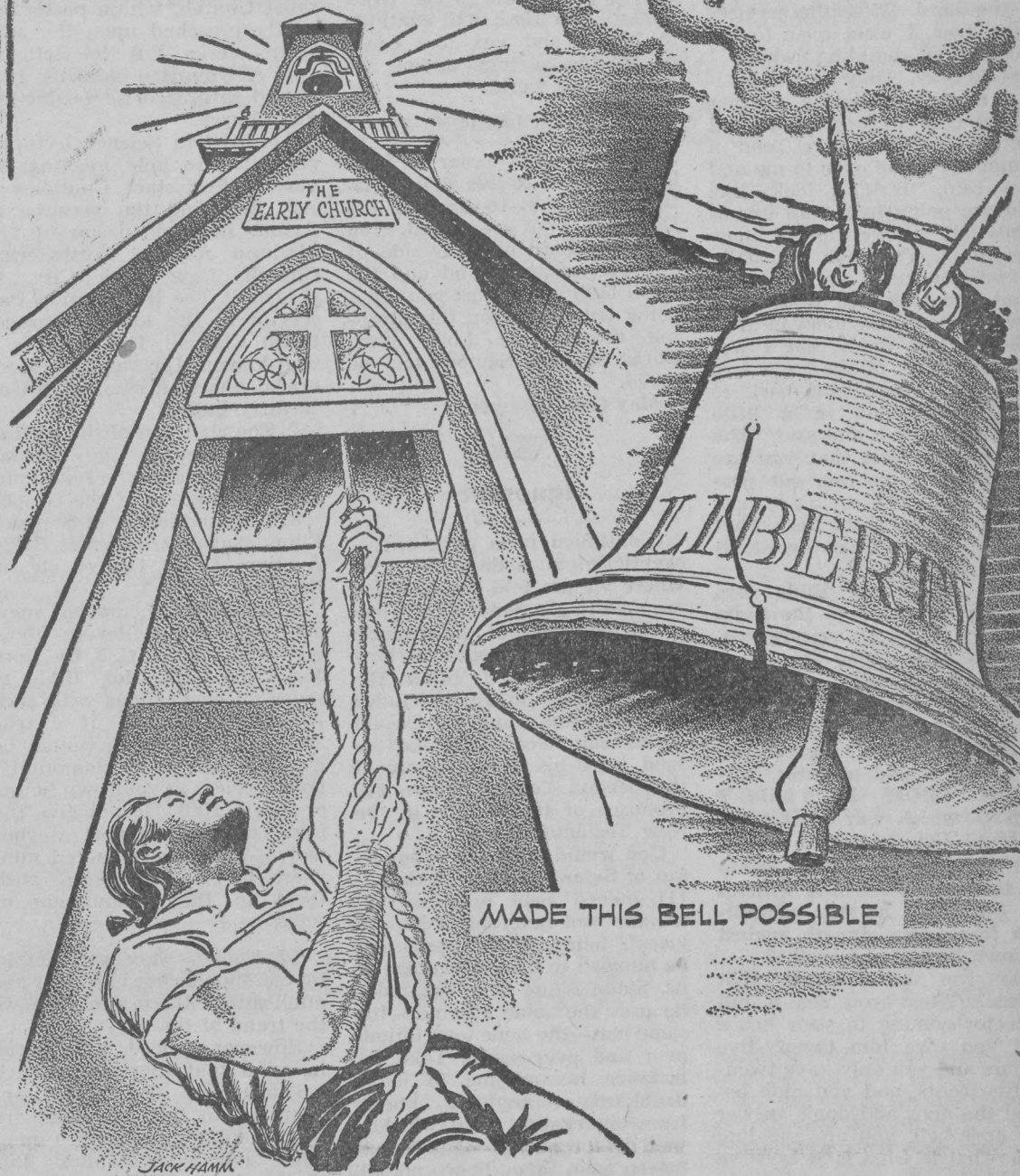
I tell you, beloved, if you want advice as to how to handle your flesh, don't let it influence you when you want to know God's will.

Here is a man who wants to know if it is God's will for him to marry someone who is divorced. Listen, brother, don't let your flesh get in the way. Here is an individual who wants to know about the matter of baptism, who says to me, "Baptism by immersion is an immodest way." Speaking of one experience in that respect, I said to an individual, "You can't let your flesh get in the way when you want to know the will of God. You will find God's will in His Book."

I am trying to say to you, beloved, that we ought not allow our flesh to influence us when we are trying to know God's will. Let's look at it from the preacher's point of view. He is called to be pastor of a church. The membership of that church that has extended a call to him makes things sound mighty nice. One preacher friend sometime ago was being courted by a church to become their pastor. They made him all kinds of propositions. They were appealing to the flesh. A few days later I was talking with him and he was telling me his experience, and he said, "Well, I don't know, but I always hoped I would go to Heaven when I die. If I don't get to Heaven, I certainly hope I'll get as far as Mount Hope

## LEST WE FORGET

### THE RESPONSE TO THIS BELL...



MADE THIS BELL POSSIBLE

on the way." They had appealed to him from the flesh. They had made all kinds of propositions. They told him about how many hams that the membership of the church brought in to the pastor during the course of a year, and how they just kept a ham in his ice box all the time. They told him about the hardwood floors in the parsonage. They made every fleshly appeal in this world, and as far as salary was concerned, they topped the salary that he was receiving in his present location.

Beloved, I am saying to you this morning, if you want to learn the will of God, don't let the flesh influence you in making your decision.

The Bible also tells us to know no one after the flesh.

**"Wherefore henceforth KNOW WE NO MAN AFTER THE FLESH: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more."**—II Cor. 5:16.

In my first pastorate there was a little woman who seldom spoke unless she was spoken to — an inconspicuous little worshiper in the church. She knew how to pray, and she spent hours praying. I have often said to myself that I would rather have lost any member of the church than to have lost that one woman, because I knew she bore her pastor to God in prayer day by day. She moved away. The same week that she moved into a town, a wealthy family, father, mother and son, also moved into this same town. The first Sunday that she went to the Baptist church in that town this wealthy family went also. When the Sunday morning service came, the pastor went out of his way to announce that this wealthy family was worshipping with them and how happy they

were to welcome them, but not one word was said about this little woman that was such an inconspicuous individual. The pastor kept the road hot to the home of this wealthy family to get them into the membership of that church. Not one time did he ever call upon this little woman. When this family did become members of the church, they made the man the president of the men's brotherhood, the wife was president of the missionary society, and the son was president of the B. Y. P. U. Not one time had any member of that church ever spoken to this woman. One year after she had moved to that town, she told me that not one member of that church had ever asked her to cast her lot with the church.

Now, beloved, that is knowing people after the flesh. Paul says, giving us advice, that we are not to know anyone after the flesh. We are not to consider a man's flesh in any wise at all when it comes to the work and the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Again, the Bible tells us not to let our flesh cause us to do things for show.

**"As many as desire to make a FAIR SHOW IN THE FLESH, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ."**—Gal. 6:12.

You recognize the fact that there are lots of people who do things just for show. Maybe somebody has an unusually good voice, and what a blessing it is when such a one is blessed with a remarkable voice to sing God's praise. Do you know, beloved, many, many times a person who is so blessed, allows the flesh to get in the way and instead

of singing for the glory of God, he sings for the glory of his own flesh?

Sometime ago a woman in another church was telling me about her pastor. She told me what a handsome man he was. Beloved, she told the truth. He was a good preacher, and I love him as a man of God who preaches His Word. She said, "You know, Brother Gilpin, you just can't help being impressed by him because he is such a handsome, good-looking fellow."

Listen, beloved, we are not to do things for show. Lots of churches have the flesh in them to such an extent that they won't call a man for pastor unless he has a D. D. Degree. Whenever I think of it, I think of the statement of old Brother Gambrell when he said that the D. D. degree reminded him of the curl in a pig's tail—a little more beauty, but not a pound more pig. It sounds mighty pretty to call a pastor "Doctor," but, beloved, he is not a bit more preacher by calling him "Doctor" than if you don't. That is the flesh.

When I was just a boy I was invited to come to Jenkins, Kentucky, in view of a call to the Baptist church there. I went up on a cold, wintry night, and in spite of the fact of it being in the dead of winter and a very, very bad time as far as the temperature was concerned, the house was filled with people. A marvelous crowd met me on that Wednesday night. I recall even to this day the sermon that I preached. I had a glorious time (Continued on page four)



## "An Enemy That Troubles The Christian"

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in the Lord. After the services were over, I went over to the recreational building where I was to stay. They had a business meeting to decide whether or not they were going to call me as pastor. Pretty soon a committee came over to me and they said, "Well, it looks like you are going to get an unanimous call, but we want to know one thing. You look unusually young. You surely are older than what you look. We would just like to know how old you are." When I told them that I was nineteen years of age I saw two faces fall. They went back to the meeting and in a little while came back and said, "The church just feels that you are too young to become our pastor."

Beloved, that is the flesh. That is doing things from the standpoint of the flesh.

Once again, the Bible says, that we are to avoid the flesh.

**"FLEE ALSO YOUTHFUL LUSTS: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."**—II Tim. 2:22.

**"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, ABSTAIN FROM FLESHLY LUSTS, which war against the soul."**—I Pet. 2:11.

**"FLEE FORNICATION. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."**—I Cor. 6:18.

Do you know what that means? When you see a bill collector coming to your house and you owe him twenty-five dollars and you only have twenty-five cents, and you hide behind the door and don't answer the door bell, you are avoiding him. That is what God says we are to do concerning our flesh.

Several years ago when we had our school for preachers, one evening just before prayer meeting a man in Ashland called up, and told me that a few days before his wife had died and he had a lot of furniture that he didn't need and that he would give it to our school. I got hold of a fellow here who had a truck, and I hired a couple of fellows to work with him. I promised them a dollar a piece if they would go haul that furniture. It had to be moved that night because the house had to be vacated the next morning.

So while we were having prayer meeting I was thanking the Lord and making mention of the fact as to how happy I was to have that gift for our school for preachers. After prayer meeting was over one of the men came in to see me, and I gave him his dollar. That was a lot of money in those days, for two or three hours work. The other fellow didn't come around to see me to get his dollar. On the following Sunday night just as I started out the door of the church he came staggering in and said, "If you don't pay me that dollar that you owe me, I am going to garnishee you before tomorrow morning." He meant it. He wouldn't have come to see me if he hadn't been drinking. I had been trying to see him all week to pay him. Of course I didn't pay him then because I wouldn't give anybody that was drinking, a penny. That fellow sobered up, and I chased him for three weeks around this town, and finally one day I ran him up an alley in order to pay him that dollar. He just simply avoided me.

Now, beloved, the Word of God says for us to avoid the flesh. How much trouble it does cause us unless we heed the advice as given here in the Word of God. Our flesh will continue to harass and vex and cause us trouble as long as we are here in this world.

### CONCLUSION

I repeat, it is easier to be a Christian and to live as a Christian than it is to live for the Devil. If you are saved, you have the Lord on your side. If you are unsaved, God and the Devil both are against you. That being true, may you this morning receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour and be saved.

May God bless you!



### Ignorant

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skepticism is made plain here, where we are told that scoffers are "willingly ignorant." They could look back at the promise of the flood, and could see how completely God fulfilled His word, and could rightly judge that the same thing will obtain concerning God's promise to send back his Son. Deniers of the Second Coming ignore 318 promises of the Return in the New Testament alone.

**God would not have us ignorant of Satan's devices** (2 Cor. 2:11) Indeed Paul tells us that we are "not ignorant of his devices", hence Satan needs not be allowed to take advantage of us. Satan is not very original—he uses the same schemes—the same bait—the same temptations over and over again. Take for instance his scheme to make drunkards—anybody knows from observation what whiskey will do for people—that it will utterly ruin them, hence no one need be deceived when they start drinking. The same is true of other habits and practices.

**God would not have us ignorant concerning our Christian dead.** (I Thes. 4:13) There is no room for a Christian to despair in the loss of a Christian loved one. We are given a revelation which is designed to keep us from sorrowing as people who have no Christian hope. Several things are revealed in the Scripture referred to above.

Our Christian dead are not "asleep" body, soul and spirit, for God will "bring them with him." The body sleeps—the spiritual part does not.

Their bodies shall be brought forth at the Lord's return.

They shall be resurrected even before the living shall be changed.

We shall meet them, for we shall be "caught up together with them." Of course that involves recognition. They shall not be strangers to us, but the same loved ones—except they shall be perfect and complete.

Following all this, there shall never be any separation any more for we shall all be forever "with the Lord."



### Enlargement

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Ed Alvis of Griffin, Georgia, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marcum of Miami, Florida. Many others have sent contributions, but without letters. The letters and contributions from these dear friends have been a real blessing to this editor. Thank God, within a few weeks, we will be printing eight pages for His own glory each week instead of four. As the Lord may enable you to do so, we covet your gifts, prayers, and interest in the furtherance of this paper.

## Apostasy

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in the services of The Universalist Church, whose pastor recently preached upon the subject:—Jesus Will Not Return.

4. A Unitarian minister permitted to preach in the Methodist Church.

5. Christian Science lecturers permitted to hold meetings in various Protestant Churches.

6. Engaging the services of Arthur Buttrick, pastor of The Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, to preach at The Reformation Day service at the local Congregational Church. This man is a well-known Liberal and Modernist—the man who called God "a dirty bully."

7. The abolition of the weekly Prayer Meeting, the Sunday evening preaching service, and the proclamation of the Gospel.

8. The sanctioning of Suppers, Films, Plays, Card Parties, Sales, Auctions, Clubs, Dances, etc., in the House of God.

It should be incumbent upon all Born-Again Believers—those who would honor God, the Lord Jesus and God's Holy Bible, to sever all connections with such Apostate Churches. If a true and spiritual Church cannot be attended in your community, hold services in your own house, or hire a Hall. Do not give the Lord's money to support grievous wolves and unregenerated ministers, to be co-workers with them in their damnation of souls.

Ed. Note:—This was sent in by a Connecticut subscriber for publication. It certainly shows the trend of the day.

However, it needs to be borne in mind that there is no such animal as the "Protestant Church." In fact, all these are but organizations that are man-made and Satan-inspired. Our God has no churches but true New Testament Churches—Missionary Baptist Churches that are true to His Word.



### Tithing

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cotton stood 12 inches higher than the rest and yielded one and three-quarters bales an acre, compared with an average yield of one bale an acre on his other land.

He asked me why.

"Why? In Malachi 3:10, it says: 'Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in Mine house and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'"

"That is why."



### The Bones Of Joseph

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to see what he has in mind. He is thinking undoubtedly of that very striking incident of which we read in Judges, when Gideon and his three hundred men took their lives in their hands, were delivered unto death, as it were, and went forth against the vast armies of the Midianites.

Surely no other army was ever equipped as this one. They carried in one hand a trumpet, and in the other a pitcher, and in this pitcher was a lamp. The light was not seen though the lamp was already lighted. It was not seen as long as it was in the earthen jar. They surrounded the army of the Midianites in the middle of the night, and suddenly, at the command of their leader, the jars crashed

to earth, the lights shone out, and the Midianites sprang up startled. They heard the crash, saw the lights, thought they were surrounded by a tremendous army, and then turned their swords upon one another. It was God through Gideon who led the army to victory. A pitcher broken that light might shine out! Paul the apostle says, as it were, "That is it! If you want to be a light for Christ in a world like this, be content to be broken, to have your hopes, your ambitions, all dashed to pieces, and then God can take you up and use you to carry the light of Christ to darkened hearts."

While you are reading this, perhaps some of you may be asking yourselves this question—How are we broken? By affliction, by trouble, by the discipline of the Lord, sometimes by sickness, by pain and anguish. All these are the divine methods for breaking God's pitchers in order that light may shine out to His praise and glory. Men may misjudge us, misrepresent us; persecute us bitterly; we may not have enough food to eat, or water to drink; we may be cast down; we may suffer all kinds of sorrows. But it is all right if it breaks us that God may be able the better to use us. And so Paul says, "We are troubled on every side, but not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed"; for in all these experiences we are simply "bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our body."

We sometimes sing a little hymn that always stirs the heart. It is, "I surrender all; all to Thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all." But that hymn never had the appeal it ought to have had for my own heart, until one day I found myself changing that chorus. I was thinking of my Jesus, of Him who though He was "in the form of God, thought equality with God not a thing to be grasped; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Phil. 2:6-8. He surrendered; yes, he surrendered all—all for me, my blessed Saviour, He surrendered all.

And then my heart said, "O Lord, it will be easy to sing it the other way now, for what have I to give up, to surrender, in comparison with what Thou didst give up to redeem my guilty soul from going down to the pit?" It is as you and I realize from day to day what it all means to Jesus, that we can bear about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus. Dying day to day to our own hopes and ambitions, dying to the good opinion of people, dying to human praise and adulation, to everything that the natural heart grasps, dying in the death of Jesus because He died for us that "the life of Jesus may be found manifest in our body."

This seems to me to be linked very intimately with several Old Testament references to which our attention is drawn in Hebrews 11. We read, "But Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones." Heb. 11:22. Did you ever stop and ask why the Holy Ghost selected that particular incident

to dwell upon? You and I would probably have passed over it altogether. What of Joseph do? He "gave commandment concerning his bones." Genesis 50:25 we read where Joseph, talking to the children of Israel, says, "God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry my bones from hence. So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt." That is the close odd way to close a book! But God wants us to think about the bones of Joseph. They are to be carried to Canaan, and we read, "Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry my bones away hence with you." Ex. 13:19.

Who was Joseph? He was the saviour of Israel. If it had not been for him, they all would have been destroyed in the famine; but he was their saviour, and now he says, "When I leave Egypt to go to Canaan, carry my bones with you." When they left, they were very careful to do as they had been told, and all the way across the sands of the desert, wherever that great caravan went, they were always bearing about the body of the dead Joseph.

I think I see that great procession winding its way up over the hills; and the Amalekites and Midianites, looking at them in wonder, ask, "What is this strange dark casket?" Presently they call an Israelite and ask him, and he says, "We were once in great distress; if God had not had mercy upon us, we should have been left to die, but He raised up a saviour for one of our own. His name was Joseph, and he delivered us. But our saviour died, and we are marching on to the land that our God has given us. Until we get there, we carry with us the memorial of death, the bones of Joseph. We can never forget him, though he died; we have the memorial still."

And by and by, when they arrived at the place that God Himself had selected, and when everything else was properly attended to, we are told that "the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for an hundred pieces of silver; and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph." Joshua 24:32.

There was no need to carry the bones of Joseph any more for they were at home now. And, beloved, you and I are passing on through the wilderness of this world. We, too, will soon be at home; yes, at home, the place that Jesus has selected for us. Yes, Joseph their saviour is dead. But glory be to God, Jesus Christ our Saviour, is dead but liveth. And, behold! he is alive forevermore! Our Saviour is not dead! Our Saviour lives! We shall see Him face to face; and when we see Him we shall bear about in the body the dying of Jesus no longer.

—Gospel Gleanings



### ANSWER TO RIDDLE

The fish that swallowed Jonah