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Positive Christian Living

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Real, genuine conversion changes all life, and no person who has been born again can ever be the same. It is ALL IMPORTANT that one know the meaning of true conversion, for it is Satan's trick to slip over a substitute. There is clear indication that most church members know nothing about the new birth. Their lack of spiritual appetite is one indication. Often such want a church to furnish them with amusement and entertainment, which shows that they are not satisfied with spiritual things. They would "fiddle" while a world goes

to hell, and while they remain spiritual pygmies. Every one should KNOW that he is vitally related to Christ—that he has committed his soul unto His care—that God has changed him. Careful self-examination should be indulged in. "Examine yourself whether ye be in the faith," should be taken seriously. Then, when one knows he has been truly saved, he should live a definite, positive Christian life, in which every phase of his life is dominated by his Christianity. Suppose we make plain our meaning just here.

IN HOME LIFE,
CHRISTIANITY SHOULD
BE POSITIVE

(Josh. 24:15) Established principles should be laid down:

As to family worship. Children should be required to be present and to show reverence and respect during such worship.

As to public worship. Without fail, barring providential hindrance, the family should attend the regular worship services of the church. Suppose children "don't want to." When you have answered the question "suppose they don't want to go to grade or high school, what will you do?" you have answered the question. When parents let their children start wandering off to other churches, they lay the

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The New Bible Is Surely The Devil's Masterpiece

An exposition concerning Satan, his agents and a verse of Scripture (Isaiah 7:14) that shows the Revised Standard Version of the Bible to be their work.

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"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." (2 Cor. 2:11).

Satan's purpose in religious work has always been to supplant the issue of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ as the only hope of man's redemption with something that seems just as good and acceptable. It was Satan that led Adam and Eve to clothe themselves in fig leaves but God never accepted them until He had made them a coat of skins—an innocent animal had to die before that coat could be made, blood had to be shed and in being shed it had to typify the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It was Satan that directed the actions of Cain as he made an offering to God of the fruit of

the ground. No doubt he was sincere in his effort but we read: "But unto Cain and to his offering he (God) had not respect" (Genesis 4:5a). Abel's offering was acceptable because it contained an innocent substitute, blood was shed and God was satisfied. Cain's offering could not be accepted as it contained no acknowledgment of sin — no death of a substitute — no blood. God never has nor never shall give remission of sin except on the basis of blood. "Without shedding of blood is no remission." (Heb. 9:22b).

There are many other illustrations in God's Word that show the characteristics and purpose of Satan in his war with God but in the actions of Cain we see the pattern he uses in every instance. We can follow him from the Garden of Eden to the flood of Noah's day, from the call of Abraham to the days of Moses, from Mt. Sinai to Calvary's Cross, from Pentecost until now he continually imitates God, has preachers that imitate God's preaching (Continued on page four)

HOW THE DEVIL DECEIVES IN THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY

A lot of people believe it, but it just isn't true, that the Holy Spirit is just waiting to bring the right person into contact with certain human personalities, and when that moment of contact arrives, said person will be saved. There is, of course, a sense in which certain people appeal more effectively to some than others, and in the matter of "feeding the flock" that factor may add or detract from the presentation. However, God does not allow salvation itself to hang upon such a slim support. Those who are by God elected to be saved will reach out and accept salvation from anyone who will give them the Word of God. God uttered a mighty rebuke in this matter when He saved Charles Spurgeon. That young man, who later became one of the greatest preachers of all time, was seeking for salvation. In an effort to find it he walked long distances and whenever he heard of a "big" preacher anywhere near, he went to hear him in the hope that he would speak the words needed to bring him the salvation for which he longed. One day he had set out

for the distant city when a terrific snow storm arose, and he was forced to turn aside for worship in a small church beside the road. The storm was so intense that the preacher himself had been unable to get through the storm to conduct the meeting. As a consequence, one of the officers of the local church had to preach the sermon. He was no preacher. He took a text. In five minutes he had exhausted the text. In ten minutes more he had exhausted himself, and in fifteen minutes he had exhausted the audience. Then it was that he looked up into the balcony where the young Spurgeon sat all alone and said, "Young man, you look miserable. Look unto God and be ye saved." Charles Spurgeon looked and was saved. No invitation was given and the man never knew, probably, that he had won a soul to Christ. Spurgeon went back and tried to find him in later years but never succeeded. Who would have believed that the mighty mentality that was Charles Spurgeon should ever bow before the inarticulate preaching of an uneducated

man? It didn't. It bowed before the omnipotence of the mighty God. The man was only God's instrument. That is all that was needed.

Paul had some trouble with the Corinthian church in this respect. It had been visited at various times by Peter, Apollos, and himself, and each of them had ministered the Word to the congregation gathered there. It is likely that each had also gathered his quota of converts from among the people of that locality. Controversy arose among the people as to which was the greatest preacher and, of course, each had his own favorite. There was nothing wrong with that until the difference of opinion developed into contention. Then it was that he had to intervene and write them a letter to set them straight. His message to them was; "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that

watereth, but God that giveth the increase."

He makes very plain the fact that, no matter who they may be discussing, the all important factor was not the human personality, but the message that they were called of God to bear. We can well imagine that there were people in that church who were saying of some unsaved friend, "If only Paul would come this way, I think he could win Jacob to the Lord." Another would be bound to reply, "You're all wrong. Apollos is the man we need for that job." And so the contention grew.

The general idea seems to be that it takes a certain amount of spiritual pressure to shove people into the kingdom of God. That pressure is contained in the personality of some man and when that is applied salvation will result. Some years ago a preacher came to us in a most disturbed state of mind. People were not responding to his leadership in the church as he thought they should and sinners were not being saved as he wanted them to be. In the course

of our conversation he said, "I have half a mind to get here (mentioning a leading evangelist). He's the boy that would turn things bottomsides up." Here is the old idea in one of its many forms. I haven't been able to stir things up the way they should be. We need a man with more power to get these sinners over the line.

His attitude was characteristic of a good many who have fallen into the devil's trap and we might add that he finally resigned against our advice, and left his flock to drift at will. However the man was down, discouraged and that is about as good as one can expect from such a person. The attitude that we have been writing about ultimately leads to discouragement. That is its worse feature. This is the reason that we have such a rapid turnover in the ministry. A man finds ready reception during the first years of his ministry in a locality, only to see a drifting away on the part of his converts as the years multiply. Too many times he starts to look around for another field, and other fields (Continued on page three)

HONESTY VS. DIPLOMACY

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"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." II Cor. 4:1-2.

In these few words, God's method of preaching the word is set before us clear and simple. Contrary to popular opinion, it is our business to preach the word without fear or favor, in season out of season, Paul said (Continued on page four)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"What God Wants Us To Remember"

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." —James 1: 22-25.

In this Scripture James refers to man as a forgetful hearer. I know there isn't a person within this house this morning but what would plead guilty to the fact that that certainly includes you and that you are a part of that group of which James is speaking. It is mighty easy to be a forgetful hearer. I think sometimes that the theme song for most Christians after services are over is "I forgot." It is so easy, beloved, for God's man to preach a sermon and for the

folk who listen to go out and forget immediately the message to which they have listened. There are mighty few people who have a memory for the retention of the Word of God they hear on Sunday. Surely, beloved, there are none of us who have the memory of the proverbial elephant. We just naturally forget what we hear when we come to God's house.

Now, beloved, that is just definitely in contrast to the (Continued on page two)

OUR NEW RADIO PROGRAM

Commencing March 20, your editor began a new series of broadcasts on Sunday, which will continue indefinitely over WIRO (Ironton, Ohio), from 9:00 to 9:30 each Sunday evening.

We invite our readers who live within listening distance to tune in on Sunday evening for the messages in sermon and song. Of course we are always glad to have our readers attend services in person with us in our church. Even if you can't do this, we will be most glad to have you in our invisible radio audience on Sunday evening. Don't forget; Each Sunday evening, 9:00 — 9:30 o'clock, over WIRO.

"What God Wants Us To Remember"

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Lord. While man forgets so easily, God never forgets anything. For example, we read:

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." — Heb. 6:10.

Whereas God doesn't forget you and your labor of love, and whereas God remembers everything, you and I have a tendency to forget the things we hear when it comes to applying the message to our lives in the days to come. Now, remembering the fact that we are so prone to forget, there are some things that I want to call to your attention that we need especially to remember. God knew you needed to remember them, and therefore God has already especially and particularly called certain things to our attention.

I

IN THE FIRST PLACE, WE ARE TOLD TO REMEMBER OUR CREATOR.

"REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." — Eccl. 12:1.

Surely, beloved, we ought to remember Him. Surely we ought to remember that God is the Creator of us all. Surely everyone of us should never forget about the Lord, but, beloved, we do. We are so fleshly-minded. We are so given over to the appetites and the lusts and the desires of the flesh. Our bodies are so depraved to the extent that our memories are affected. We are so taken up with the world and with the making of a living and with the doing of things that have to do with our mortal lives that we just naturally forget about God. I wonder if it isn't true that sometimes you work all day long and are so engrossed in your business, and so taken up with the affairs of living, that you never one time think about God and God's Book and God's program for a sinful world.

I remember that Spurgeon said that if ever an hour went by that he didn't think about God, that he called it a wasted hour, and that he himself was in a backslidden condition. Beloved, there are mighty few Spurgeons in that respect, for many of God's own people go through a day so engrossed by the things of this world that they forget about God, and God is ruled out of their minds.

Now Solomon knew that that would be true and therefore Solomon insisted that we re-

member our Creator, even in the days of our youth. When people get old they don't give God much consideration. In fact, the older a person gets without the Lord the more probable he will continue without the Lord. Years ago in my first pastorate, I made a careful survey of the folk who claimed to be saved within that church. Of those who were saved, I found that about 85% of them were saved before they reached the age of twenty, and of that group who had been saved after they had reached the age of twenty, they were actually only about 15% of the church. Of that group who were saved after they had reached the age of fifty, there was less than 1% that had thus been saved. In the light of this, you can easily understand why it is that Solomon insisted that you remember God in the days of your youth.

I look backward across my pastorate here in Russell and I think of the number of folk who have been saved through the years, and you will bear me record that there have been mighty few grey heads that have come into the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ in these years. I tell you, beloved, God would insist today through this Scripture that you remember Him now in the days of youth, before you get old, and before the things of this life have completely engulfed you.

You know the longer a man lives in the world the more worldly-conscious he becomes and the more worldly-minded he is. The longer a man lives here within this world, making his living, dealing with the world, and thinking only in terms of the world — the more conscious he is of the world and the less conscious he is of God. I tell you, beloved, if you are even thirty years of age, there is far less probability that you will ever trust Jesus Christ as your Saviour, than you realize. To be sure, if you are one of God's elect, in God's own appointed time you will be saved; yet, beloved, you need to remember today God calls upon you to remember Him, even in the days of your youth.

II

GOD TELLS US WE ARE TO REMEMBER FROM WHENCE ALL BLESSINGS COME.

"But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day." — Deut. 8:18.

Some years ago in conversation with a strong, able-bodied man, who was giving God but mighty little consideration, I asked him concerning his blessings. I can see him now as he took hold of the muscle of his right arm and said, "Brother Gilpin, what I have, I have it because I have worked hard for it." No, no, beloved, the clothes you wear, the automobile you ride in, the house in which you live, the food you eat, and the blessings you have to enjoy today didn't come because you have worked for them. They didn't come because of your own mentality, but, beloved, they have come because God Almighty has given them as a gift from Him. You breathe God's air, you eat God's food, you drink God's water, you enjoy God's sunshine, you live off of God's bounty, and it is God's blessings that you enjoy every day. Oh, let me remind you this morning for the Lord, He wants you to remember today from whence your blessings come. We are so prone to forget

that they come from Him. We are so apt to think that we have them because of what we have done and accordingly we are so apt to rule Him out as far as our use of our blessings is concerned. God didn't give you an automobile for you to ride to church by yourself if there is somebody else that you might bring along. God didn't give to you clothing and food to enjoy all by yourself if there is somebody else that you can share with. God didn't give to you a good salary, beloved, if there is somebody else who needs your assistance. God didn't give to you the blessings of a good salary and a good job for you to use selfishly upon yourself when there are multitudes in need of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the end of the world.

That is why it is that our Lord comes back to us, and tells us how much of our income we are to bring to Him, as the very minimum. Listen:

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, 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." — Mal. 3:8-10.

Beloved, I know God keeps His Word. There isn't a doubt in my mind but what some windows to Heaven are closed to the lives of many of God's people just because God's people don't trust Him in the light of this Scripture. Beloved, God tells us to remember from whence our blessings come.

III

GOD TELLS US TO REMEMBER THE SABBATH.

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." — Ex. 20:8.

Let me remind you, beloved, that we don't worship on the Sabbath. This is not the Sabbath; this is the Lord's Day. Yesterday was the Sabbath. If you are a Sabbath worshipper, then that means that you worship on Saturday. I repeat, beloved, this is not the Sabbath; this is the Lord's Day. The Sabbath came to an end with the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. It had been prophesied in the Old Testament that the Sabbath would come to an end. We read: "I will also cause all her mirth to CEASE, her feast days, her new moons, and HER SABBATHS, and all her solemn feasts." — Hosea 2:11.

Now this prophecy was given by the Lord relative to Israel and He said He was going to make the Sabbath to cease. Beloved, the day that Jesus Christ rose from the dead, He arose not on the Sabbath, but at the end of the Sabbath on the Lord's Day. From that time down to this, Christian worship has not been on the seventh, but on the first day of the week — not on the Sabbath but on the Lord's Day — not on Saturday but on Sunday.

We have a concrete example in the Word of God. Listen:

"And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode SEVEN days. And upon the FIRST DAY of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until mid-

night." — Acts 20:6, 7.

Notice that Paul was in Troas for seven days. It doesn't make any difference on what day he got there, he was there for one full week. He was there for one each of the seven days of the week. He was there for one Sunday, one Monday, one Tuesday, one Wednesday, one Thursday, one Friday and one Saturday. He could have preached on any one of these days if he had desired to. I ask you, beloved, on what day did he worship with the Christians? This Scripture would tell us that on the first day of the week when they came together to break bread that Paul preached unto them. This would show us that though he was there for a whole week and could have preached to them on any day of that week, instead of preaching on the Sabbath which is Saturday, the seventh day of the week — instead, he preached on the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, the day of our Lord's resurrection.

I tell you, beloved, it is wrong to refer to this day as the Sabbath. It is wrong to even refer to it as the Christian Sabbath, for the man who does so is guilty of inexcusable carelessness in the handling of Scriptural terms, for he is mixing that which was under Law with that which was under Christ. We don't worship on the Sabbath; we worship on the Lord's Day; but, beloved, if God called upon those Jews of the Old Testament to remember the Sabbath, to keep it holy, how much more would He in spirit call upon us today to remember the Lord's Day that we might keep it holy. Beloved, if a Jew under the Law was required to keep the Sabbath holy, surely God's people, saved by grace, ought to reverence the Lord's Day even more than the Jews revered the Sabbath.

There is a remarkable passage of Scripture in the book of Revelation relative to the Lord's Day.

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet." — Rev. 1:10.

If you will read the balance of the book of Revelation, you will find that what John heard and saw on the Lord's Day was the unfolding of all the ages to come. When did that vision come to John? When he was in the spirit on the Lord's Day.

I don't believe that a child of God is apt to have many visions of the Lord who doesn't have a Lord's Day. I don't believe that a child of God is apt to be in the spirit who never observes a Lord's Day. Some people look on the Lord's Day just the same as every day. Some people consider the Lord's Day as a day of visitation and as a day of relaxation. Some people look upon the Lord's Day as a time of excursion, or a picnic into the country. Let me remind you, beloved, John was in the spirit on the Lord's Day when the revelation came to him. I am persuaded to believe that you will never have the Lord speak to you nor will you ever have a revelation from God if you don't have a Lord's Day in which to worship Him.

I feel sorry for that man who has to work, or maybe I should say thinks he has to work, on the Lord's Day. I feel sorry for that individual who may be providentially detained from the house of God. I tell you, my brother, my sister, you and I need to remember one day — this day — the Lord's Day. We need to make it a holy day and not a holiday.

IV

WE ARE TOLD TO REMEM-

BER THE BREVITY OF THE LIFE.

"Remember how short time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?" — Ps. 89:47.

Beloved, life at best is mighty brief. Suppose you live out the seventy-year span that is allotted to man. That is a mighty short time compared with eternity. Suppose you do attain to the full three-score years and ten. That is only a little while. How fast the days have passed since you were twenty years of age! Beloved, you need to remember how brief this little span of life is. Christian friend, if you are going to do anything in the service of the Lord, now is the time to do it. We hear the Lord Jesus say-

ing: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." — John 9:4.

Listen again: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might: there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." — Eccl. 9:10.

Christian friend, if you are going to do anything for the Lord, now is the time to do it. Remember how brief your life is.

Isn't there somebody here this morning who would say, "Brother Gilpin, this is my experience: I planned I was going to do better. I said I was going to live closer to the Lord. I planned that I was going to let my life count for God, but I just never have gotten to do it." Listen to me, yesterday is gone, today is fast passing by and the tomorrows will all soon be yesterdays. If you are going to do anything for the Lord, now is the time to do it.

I stand here on Sunday and I look out at my congregation and I see some who have been tithers in other churches. Their lives ought to be counting for God in this church. I see folk here who claim to be saved, who have never followed the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism. I see a whole host of us who ought to be living closer to the Lord that what we are. As I look at you and as I stand before the mirror and look at myself, I am reminded that life is just a brief thing and if we are going to do anything in the service of God, we should do it now.

Sinner friend, let me tell you the same thing. Life is mighty brief. Sometimes it is even briefer than we anticipate. In fact, death always comes before we expect it, and even if you live to an old age you will find that death will come when you least anticipate its approach. Sinner friend, remember the brevity of life and how swift it is passing by. Oh, might it please God that this would be His day of election unto salvation for your soul, that you might remember how brief your life is, that you might be saved, and that you might not waste the balance of it as you have that has gone before, and that you might be used in the service of the Lord.

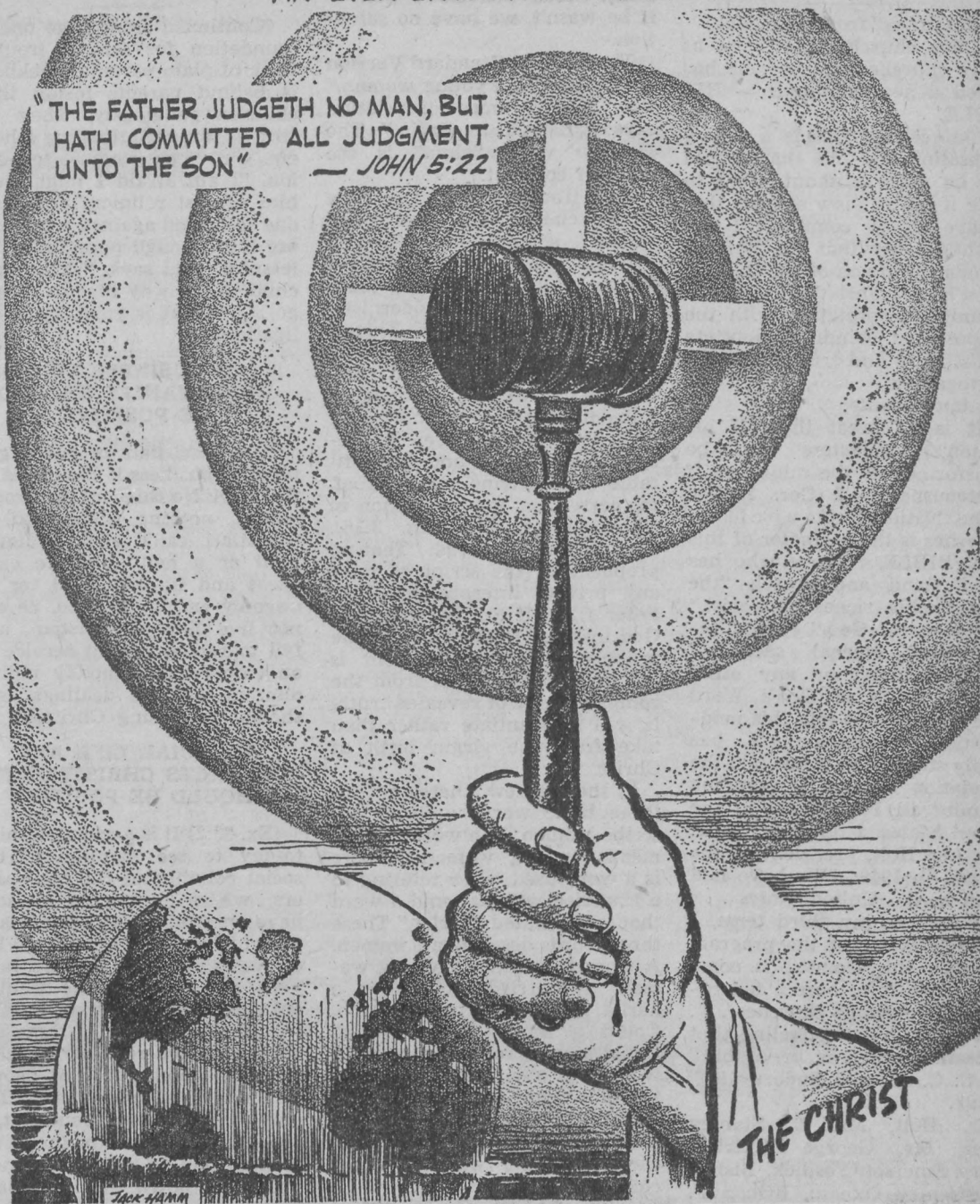
Can you imagine some fellow who is courting a girl rather tentatively, buying a beautiful corsage and then keeping it for himself to enjoy until it is wilted and the fragrance is all gone? When there is nothing left but dried stems, he brings this erstwhile beautiful bouquet and gives it to the girl of his choice. You say that no man would do a girl like that. No, beloved, you are doing God ten thousand times worse when you

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None preaches better than the ant, and she says nothing.

AN EVER-ENCOMPASSING CIRCLE

"THE FATHER JUDGETH NO MAN, BUT
HATH COMMITTED ALL JUDGMENT
UNTO THE SON" — JOHN 5:22



to you this morning is passed into oblivion so far as you are concerned, and by the time this day is over, probably 90 per cent of what you now remember will be gone. There will be mighty, mighty little Scriptural retention of this message at the end of the day.

Oh, might it please God to help you to remember these things: to remember your Creator, to remember from whence your blessings come, to remember our Lord's Day, to remember how brief life is, and to remember Lot's wife — almost saved, but lost.

May God bless you!

How The Devil Deceives

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are not hard to find because preachers are on the march all over the land.

We speak of these things because we have been through the mill. We know with what self condemnation a preacher is tempted to view himself when his people begin to live like devils instead of Deity. Retiring to his study he pours his heart out before God and bitterly questions, "Lord, what is wrong with me, that my converts don't seem to make a go of it?" In agony of soul that must please the devil no end, he pours out his heart to God with bitter tears. What he has tried to do in a given field appears to have been fruitless, and the people he thought to influence for God are still far from the kingdom. Well, heart-searching is good for preachers—it is even better for the pew, but in a majority of cases there is no reason why a preacher should reproach himself for the failures of those who professed conversion under his ministry and no reason why he should be disturbed because the many he hoped to win were not won.

This responsibility does not lie at the door of the preacher if he is born again and God called. It is well for him to search his heart, but there is no reason why he should assume the blame. The responsibility is not at his door. All preachers make mistakes. They are human, but in a general way they keep themselves within the center of God's will. After all, the greatest reflection comes against them if things do not go right in their churches and they are anxious for that reason, if no other, to have things run smoothly and according to the Word of God. He has a greater interest in the condition of the church than anyone else there.

• God does not hold preachers responsible for winning the lost. He only holds them responsible for telling them. Men say, "But he preaches such poor sermons." We wonder where such people get their standards. Who knows what a sermon should consist of if he has never preached one? We have had at various times, sitting under our ministry, various people who were most critical about our preaching. They didn't criticize us to our face, but their criticism came back to us just the same. The truth is that in every case we could have criticized the way they were living, which to us was far more serious than they way we were preaching. Our experience with listeners leads us to believe that the "good sermon" is usually the one that doesn't hit the sins of that particular listener and the "bad" one is the one that treads on their particular method of sinning. The truth is that the very sermon that is labeled "bad" by the listener may have the unqualified approval of the One who inspired it.

Certain personalities appeal to certain people, but it is not "personality" that saves souls. That is the work of the Holy Spirit. From time to time there arises among the sons of men a preacher with an amazing personality and with it, the ability to attract huge crowds to the preaching of the Gospel. Now this gift is not distinctly the possession of those who believe the Bible. There are many who think of the Bible as only another book who attract even greater crowds than those who preach it as the Word of God. We submit that if the same gift seems to be possessed alike by those who stand for the Truth and those who stand against it, that it is not the power of God in either case, but is rather the power of human personality.

Let us disabuse our minds of a lot of hysteria in this matter. We don't know just what these men have that we, the rank and file of the ministry, do not possess. We have tried to analyze it, but it defies all analysis. In the case of some whom we have heard, we have often felt that what they had was not only not of the Lord, but actually Satanic in origin. When we were studying theology in Los Angeles, Calif., Aimee Semple McPherson was at the height of her power. She had built a huge church and was attracting huge crowds, probably the biggest crowds that any regular pastor of any church had ever attracted in that great city. She not only attracted them to the regular services of the church, but conducted a Sunday afternoon service that was as largely attended as were the others. It was a Sunday afternoon service that this preacher and his wife finally decided to attend. There was nothing wrong with the message that we could put our finger upon

but, as the service concluded, we whispered to Mrs. Dewey, "Let's get out of here. The Devil is here in power." That was our feeling and we still stand by it. Aimee had power with people, but it was the power of the Devil.

At the same time we know of any number of people who would condemn her for her ministry (and properly so) who will commend others for the same thing simply because in the latter case the theology agrees with their own. We are not attempting to judge any man, but we do question as to whether the power of a lot of these crowd gatherers may not be more Satanic than spiritual. We seem to recall that the Lord Jesus once said to His disciples, "If they have kept my sayings they will keep yours also."

Before proceeding farther, let us pause and ask a few pertinent questions. In spite of all efforts, it is literally true that only a small proportion of the population can be visited by these "whizz bang" preachers. New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Los Angeles, and many other big centers can be visited by them and many professions counted in their wake. But how about Oshkosh, Pine Tree Corners, and other "whistle stops" that cannot afford to have these men in their churches for even a short time? All that these places can afford is "little" men. They do not gather huge crowds to their church and, in spite of their best efforts a great many sinners will not yield to the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now these "little" preachers, believe it or not, are born again, called of God people who have been called to these "little" localities by the Holy Spirit, but the poor benighted people in the "whistle stops" just do not have

the same chance for salvation that the people in the large centers possess because they can never see and hear the "big shots" who attract such huge crowds to their churches. Of course there are a few "easy cases" that the little man can reach alright, but there are many hard cases that demand the attention of an "expert" and the expert just cannot get there. As a consequence the hard cases must go to Hell. What rot! Why leave God and the facts of the case out of the matter? Let's get down to basic facts.

Human personality, no matter how powerful, cannot save souls. It can attract people to church and into a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It can even attract those people so that they make a fairly good appearance before the people of the church and perhaps go down to their graves still in the church.

This preacher does not claim to have that attractive personality possessed by these "big" preachers. Nevertheless we recall that in one church that we pastored we succeeded in attracting to church a man who had paid no attention to such things for years in spite of the fact that his name was on the books. Upon our arrival he started coming and his interest grew to such an extent that he was elected superintendent of the Sunday School. His interest amazed even his wife. To the last day of our pastorate there he was one of our most faithful supporters and he openly wept the morning we read our resignation. Wonderful! What a wonder!

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The New Bible

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ers, has churches that pose as God's churches and now he has added a new imitation — HIS BIBLE.

I know that this is a strong accusation and one that should not be made without proof to back it but in view of facts that I have at my command I can truthfully say that the Revised Standard Version of the Bible is not a New Translation but it is a Satanic interpretation with the purpose of binding apostate Christianity and true Christianity together.

Satan's agents:
"It is no great thing if his (Satan's) ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness."—2 Cor. 11:15a.

The National Council of Churches is the promoter of this NEW BIBLE. Anyone who has dared stand and preach "the unsearchable riches of Christ," "the grace of God," "blood redemption," "eternal security," "predestination" or any other cardinal truth of God's Word has run across or into this modernistic organization. It has openly stated that it has laid the foundation for and is planning to unite all Protestants in the United States. I quote from Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, president of the Council in 1946: "We have laid union in the United States . . . As I turn to my third term, I am fully aware of the program to which this Council is committed. We have here a federation of Protestant churches . . . There is a growing feeling that Protestant union is inevitable." (F. C. C. Annual Report, 1936, p. 10).

Mr. Holt, Mr. E. Stanley Jones, Mr. George Buttrick, Harry Emerson Fosdick, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Bishop F. J. McConnell, Mr. W. P. Merrill, Bishop William C. Martin and hundreds of other past and present leaders of the National Council have put up a Christian front while openly advocating salvation by character, denying the blood, laughing at divine inspiration, making jokes about Calvary and eternal punishment. The Word of God brands them by saying: "These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest: to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error."—2 Peter 2:17-18.

Just knowing these men and their approval of the Revised Standard Version is enough for me to approach the new Bible with caution. Nevertheless, I believe the Bible should be accepted or rejected by its content and not by the characteristics of its promoters. A close examination will cause all who love the Lord to refuse this modernistic work as it carefully and subtly covers the truth with a masterpiece of mistranslation.

The key verse:
"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."—Isaiah 7:14.

My entire fight against the Revised Standard Version will be waged on this one verse for it is here that Satan makes his major attack upon the blessed Son of God. There are many verses and thousands of things that could be said but in the

words "behold a virgin" lies the issue. Jesus was God's Son — if he wasn't, we have no salvation.

The Revised Standard Version says: "Behold a young woman." The King James translation says: "Behold a virgin." The Hebrew word "alma" is the point of contrast.

The translators of the New Bible claim that the word "alma" should be rendered "young woman" and a poll of known Hebrew scholars (both fundamentalists and modernists) show that this is true. This is however not a point for us as Bible believers to retreat from but one that we should pursue in diligent study for we know that: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Tim. 3:16). And God also tells us: "That no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." (2 Peter 1:20). If this be true then God inspired Isaiah 7:14 and the prophecy contained therein is not to be taken apart from the complete body of revealed truth. It will substantiate rather than take from the virgin birth of Christ.

In the Hebrew, there are but three basic words used to describe women. The word "alma" means "young woman". There is a word used when referring to a "married woman", and a word that is translated "harlot." These three words describe all women. A woman is either a young woman, a married woman or a harlot. I ask you the question. Could a harlot be a virgin? Could anyone refer to a married woman as a virgin? No—never, the only word of the three that COULD mean virgin is the word for "young woman". Although the word "alma" was and is now correct translation, every Hebrew knew that the term implied "virgin".

The reason I object to the word "young woman" in the Revised Standard Version is because the word "young woman" today doesn't mean what it did in Bible days. Today a young woman is any woman under 30 years of age. In our language a young woman can be married—a young woman can be a harlot. THE SATANIC PURPOSE OF THE NEW BIBLE HERE IS TO CAST A DOUBT UPON THE MOTHER OF JESUS SO THAT THERE IS A QUESTION ABOUT WHO HIS FATHER WAS. If she were married, Joseph could be the father of Jesus.—If she were a harlot, then anyone from a Roman soldier to a Jewish tax collector could have been the father of Jesus.—But Mary was a virgin and only God could have been the Father of Jesus.

There are many other points where these men have erred: "Not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God." (Matt. 22:29) In every instance there is an effort made to pull Jesus down to a more human level and leave a question as to the extent of His divinity.

I do not say that the King James Translation is as ideal as the original Hebrew and Greek but I do know that the translators of that books were God-fearing, Christ-loving men,—that for 341 years God has used this work—that fundamental preachers holding up a blood-bought gospel have used and are using it.—It presents a virgin-born Saviour who went to Calvary for me. If the Lord tarries, maybe one day we will have a translation that will hold up Christ and bring forth the Bible language more clearly than the King James.—But until that day comes, I shall declare from the pulpits: "Behold a VIRGIN shall conceive and bear

Positive Living

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foundation for serious trouble. Lack of plain parental backbone is behind parents losing their children religiously. They are firm as to their attending school, etc., but when it comes to religion, "I am afraid I might turn him against religion. For every one so turned against, a hundred are lost through parental spinelessness. God says, "Train up a child in the way that he should go . . ." That is your direct obligation.

IN BUSINESS LIFE CHRISTIANITY SHOULD BE POSITIVE

If a Christian is running a place of business it should be on the level. No thievery, no crookedness, nothing, underhand. A Christian can't run a liquor joint or a hell hole. He can't cheat and lie and steal for an ungodly employer. Also, he can not live like a Christian, and fail to render decent service to an employer. A shoddy individual in business dealings, is a shoddy professing Christian.

IN SOCIAL LIFE AND CONTACTS CHRISTIANITY SHOULD BE POSITIVE

(Ex. 23:2) It is a common thing to-day to see mention in the social columns of the newspapers, where prominent persons have entertained at a "cocktail" party. Then follows a whole list of guests including doctors, lawyers, and some of the leading citizens of the community. The names of a number of those are on the church rolls of the city. They are helping to start people off on a life of drunkenness. The only thing positive about that, is something positive for the devil. A Christian of any devoutness will turn down all invitations to "booze parties" (and that is what they are) no matter how prominent the society.

Often a man is expected to "take a drink" to be "social" and it is supposed to be good business policy to do so. A Christian, fit to bear the name, will throw business advantage to the winds, and will let it be known without apology that he doesn't drink. A heathen Mohammedan would have that much courage.

Young people in high school and college should have the backbone to decline the things that are inconsistent with their religion. Some pity them and say, "I feel so sorry for the young people. Everybody else is doing thus and so." They don't need pity—they need encouragement to stand for what is right and keep their heads up. Thus is character formed.

How The Devil Deceives

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derful preacher I must be.

But, wait a minute. A couple more ministerial administrations came along. One day the church and town were electrified. This man's wife was suing him for divorce. She charged and proved in court that he had been untrue to her. In fact, if our memory serves us right, he admitted the charges and accused her of the same kind of conduct. So far as we were able to find out, this sort of thing was going on while we were his pastor. After his wife divorced him he married one of the young women of the Sunday School. As of this moment he is an active member of that church. What shall we say of the manner in which he was attracted to

a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

church through our efforts. Our personality appealed to him, that is all. Evidently he had no salvation of any kind. We do not feel any responsibility for his condition. We did our best, got him as far as he would go—but it wasn't far enough.

So we say of the greater personalities. The people who flock to hear them and profess salvation under their ministry are not necessarily saved. Fundamentally a man can only be saved by God, and will only be saved by Him as he is predestinated to salvation from the foundation of the world. Such people do not need a whizz bang preacher to save them. The simple presentation of the Word of God is the thing for which their hearts long and they will respond to that alone, no matter who presents it.

Of course we are discussing born again preachers in this article. We carry no brief for the other kind. To them the ministry is just a profession, a way to make a livelihood. To say that they did their best or put their hearts into their work is far from the truth. They just do not belong. Unfortunately, they represent a large sector of the men who man the pulpits of our land. Theirs is a tremendous responsibility and they will bear their shame before the judgment seat of God.

It is the real God-called born-again ministers that we are here discussing. A majority of them are not big men. They labour on with little pay and not many "thank yous". They are criticised and maligned. They are blamed if people don't get saved and blamed again if they do. They have to know that their labour is not in vain in the Lord in order to keep sweet and steadfast. They can only do it as they realize that the rejections that they must face are not their responsibility. It is not because they lack power that people are not converted. The elect of God are amazingly easy to bring into a knowledge of the Lord—and the rest are not worth worrying about. It is true that the Word of God seals to hell more people than it seals to heaven. That is their responsibility, not ours. As God told Ezekiel: "Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."

—The Tabernacle Trumpet

Honesty

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we walk not in craftiness (commonly called diplomacy) but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty.

A common thought among present day preachers is to handle the word with diplomacy or in Paul's words, "to walk in craftiness toward men." But Paul says his method was to preach the word and by so doing renounce the hidden things of dishonesty.

Many preachers seem to think the all-important thing in the ministry is to hold the favor of the group even at the sacrifice of their personal convictions. It is considered good diplomacy to shoot all around the mark as long as they do not hit it. In so doing they can have the coveted reputation of a fearless Bible preacher without offending any of the carnal minded brethren.

A modern substitute for honesty in preaching is various programs that have a religious flavor yet has a strong appeal to the flesh. By the use of such programs, many have built up attendance and made a fair show

in the flesh.

Many observe looseness in lives of their people and looseness in the government of church. Looseness which are sure cannot result in Glory of God, yet they are powerless to cry out against the fear of cutting their attendance and injuring their reputation as a pastor.

Many Baptist preachers press themselves off the road as opposed to open communion and alien immersion but not raise their voice in protest yet they wish to be respected as a faithful minister of the Word.

Many Baptist churches at time honored God by standing for the truth, and contended godly living among the membership but have now sold out the flesh and have no other way to operate only by a conglomeration of programs. Programs that will not permit the sternest rebuke against the evils of our day. There was time when Baptist churches glorified God by standing against adultery in any form, especially against divorces. Churches are few indeed where the membership has not been swelled by these terrible offenders. They try to bend the Word of God to fit the case, rather than renounce it.

The apostle Paul loved the Lord more than he loved praises of men and to glorify Him was his whole heart's desire. He could conceive no other way to do this than by men walk by the Word here in the flesh. He loved people enough to tell them the truth knowing that was the honest and honorable thing to do. He says of himself, "I would not have known it was wrong until except the Law had said thou shalt not covet." (Rom. 7:7). It is clear from that there is nothing in all the world that will rebuke sin as reveal to people their true condition before God, whether sinner or sinner, like an honest fearless manifestation of the Word of God.

Greater honor cannot come any man than to be called by God to represent him on the field of battle, yet many follow the way of Cain and substitute programs for the Word and appealing to the flesh.

Again the apostle says in Cor. 3:10: "According to the grace of God which is given unto us as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation and another man take heed how he buildeth there upon."

In I Cor. 3:13, he also says: "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the fire shall declare it because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work what sort it is."

It is quite clear from scripture that if preachers expect their work to endure the fire, they must shoot at the mark and trust the result to the Lord.

THE SWORD MOST NEEDED

When Edward VI was crowned, three swords were brought to him, signs that he was king over three countries. But he was not satisfied. "There is one wanting yet," he said. When the nobles about him asked what that was, he answered, "The Bible. That Book." He said, "is the Sword of the Spirit and to be preferred before the swords." Then he commanded the Bible to be brought and that he be carried reverently before him. Those of you who have read the history of his short reign know how he ever tried to rule according to its precepts.