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Proper Attitude Toward Radio And TV

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and without indulgent ostentation. The use of one's means for the Lord, will prevent this. BUT, certainly God is not glorified by a low, squalid standard of living. We are told to "be diligent in business." Such lends itself to acquiring a good standard of living. No one commits a sin by honestly acquiring a good home, good clothing, good food, and good car. The sin comes from making those things the main things of life, and in having no compassion for the less fortunate, and in using on self that which should be used to for-

ward the Lord's cause in the world. Some people make poverty (and shiftlessness) a virtue. It is NOT a virtue. We have no right to envy those who by their industry are successful.

WHAT ABOUT MODERN INVENTIONS?

We think of a religious group who for a long while refused to own cars. They stuck to buggies and wagons. Cars are abused by many. They are made to be instruments of destruction. They are used for petting. They are used to transport liquor and for a thousand evil purposes. Should we ban cars because of this a-

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How God Answered Prayer In A Mysterious Way

"No," said the lawyer, "I shan't press your claim against the man; you can get someone else to take the case, or you can withdraw it, just as you please."

"Think there isn't any money in it?"

"There would probably be a little money in it, but it would come, as you know, from the sale of the little house the man occupies and calls his 'home.' And I don't want to meddle with the matter."

"Got frightened out of it, eh?"

"Not at all."

"I reckon the old fellow begged to get off."

"Well, yes, he did."

"And you caved in, I suppose."

"Well, yes."

"What in creation did you do?"

"I believe I shed a few tears."

"The old fellow begged hard, you say?"

"No, I didn't say; he didn't speak to me."

"Well, may I ask, whom did he address?"

"His Father in heaven."

"He took to praying, did he?"

"Yes, but not for my special benefit. You see, it was this way;

after finding the little house, I knocked on the outer door which stood ajar; but no one heard me, so I stepped into the little hall; and looked through the crevice of the door into the sitting room, and there upon the bed with her silver head high on the pillows, was an old lady who looked just like my mother did when I last saw her on earth. I was going to knock again when she said: 'Come father dear, I am ready now.' So down on his knees went the silver-haired man, still older I suppose than his wife and I couldn't have knocked then for the life of me. Well, he began; first, he reminded God that they were still His submissive children, mother and him, and no matter what He saw fit to bring upon them, they would not rebel against His will. Of course it was going to be hard for them to go out homeless in their old age, especially with poor mother so sick and helpless; but still they had seen sadder things than that. But oh, how different might it now be, had even one of their boys been left to them! Then his voice

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The Miracle Concerning Israel As A Nation

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The history of Israel is unique in that it was written in advance in the minutest detail. No other nation has had such a remarkable history as has Israel. From the call of Abraham to be the ancestral father four thousand years ago to this day their history has been clear and unbroken. No other nation can trace its lineage as far back as these people. It has been well stated that "the history of Israel is the history of miracle, and it is the miracle of history. We can eliminate the miracles from the past history and pre-empt position of the Hebrew people, if we can explain from mere natural causes the perpetuation of this people on the conditions which have obliterated the identity of other great races who have been subjected to similar though less severe and less prolonged ideals of conquest, of enslavement, of hateful disabilities, then we can attribute the present world-wide movement of the "dry bones" of Israel back to the land of promise, to chance."

Twenty-five centuries ago the prophet Jeremiah wrote: "And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine and the pestilence, and will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth to be a curse." (Jer. 29:18) It is simply remarkable how literally this and other prophecies concerning the dispersion and persecution have been fulfilled. Why deny, then, that the prophecies concerning their restoration and future glory will be just as literally fulfilled?

As a student of God's Word I had anticipated the restoration of Israel but little did I dream that I would be an eye witness to it. When I saw with my own eyes the desert blossom as a rose, a wilderness turned into a Garden of Eden; when I saw the people gathered from the four corners of the earth, and then read in my Bible: "For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon

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LEADERS ASK PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT

Religious leaders in the capital have written President Eisenhower informing him that all Washington churches and synagogues have been requested to offer special prayers for the success of the Administration.

"As responsible religious leaders of Washington," the letter said, "we greet you as you come among us to take your oath of office and to assume the overwhelming tasks of the Presidency. We are asking that in all our churches and synagogues special prayers shall be offered for you and for all who will share responsibility with you in the executive branches of our government and in Congress.

"Our prayers will be offered for your health and safety. Even more we shall pray that you may be granted the wisdom to guide us into the way of peace, the spirit of servanthood that can alone preserve us from the pride of power, and the courage to withstand Godless tyranny abroad and the threats to personal freedom at home.

All believers are enjoined to pray for those in authority (I Tim. 2:1-3).

Reasons For Using Wine In The Lord's Supper

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The desire to have one's own way is one of the fundamental characteristics of fallen human nature. Isa. 53:6 gives the essence of sin when it affirms that "we have turned every one to his own way." The common excuse by which men try to justify themselves is, "It makes no difference." The advocate of sprinkling for baptism says that it makes no difference as to the amount of water or the form of baptism. The liberalist says that it makes no difference what one believes so long as he is sincere. The defender of man-made churches says that it makes no difference what church one joins. In the same vein and with equal error some say that it makes no difference what elements are used in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Now, it is to be admitted that some things are indifferent in nature—they are neither good nor bad, neither right or wrong, within themselves. Any moral

quality possessed by such things results from the use that is made of them and the effect of such use. See Rom. 14; I Cor. 6:12; 8:8,9. I would not be found among those who elevate trivial matters to a place of undue importance. I do not want to be found wasting my time and that of others with "doubtful disputations" (Rom. 14:1). But I cannot admit that the matter of the proper elements to be used in the Lord's Supper is an indifferent thing or a thing of doubtful value; for the maintenance of the full typical significance of the Supper is involved here, just as the maintenance of the full typical significance of baptism is involved in the form or mode by which it is administered. A departure here is likely to be attended or followed by other departures. "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" (Jas. 3:5).

My reasons for believing that wine rather than mere unfermented grape juice should be used in the Lord's Supper are as follows:

1. Jesus used wine in the in-

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DIVORCE RATE INCREASING AGAIN

Marital relations experts determined that one of the disturbing by-products of World War II was a rush of hasty marriages, followed when peace came, by an alarming jump in the divorce rate.

Figures on 1952 divorce in Los Angeles county indicate that much the same socially dangerous situation is occurring now as the Korean War drags along in a version of suspended animation.

During the year divorce court actions numbered 29,496. Marriage licenses, at 30,177, exceeded partings by only 681.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"A Lesson In Optometry"

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see." — John 3:3.

I would remind you, beloved, that all people, naturally, are spiritually blind. Even though an individual may have the keenest and sharpest of physical eyesight, all individuals born into this world are spiritually blind — they cannot see, and they never are able to see and understand spiritual truths until the Lord Jesus Christ saves them,

and they are made new creatures in Him. I am satisfied, beloved, that I can read to you dozens of Scriptures to show you that this is true; however, I will only take time to read you two of them.

"In whom the god of this world hath BLINDED the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." — II Cor. 4:4.

The god of this world, as you and I well know, is the Devil, and he has blinded the minds

of them that believe not.

Listen again:

"But he that hateth his brother is in DARKNESS, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that DARKNESS HATH BLINDED HIS EYES." — I John 2:11.

I don't want to argue this, but for fear that somebody may not realize the importance of this text, let me insist again that every individual who is born into this world comes into the world spiritually blind and

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LATEST STATISTICS ON RELIGIONS

A newspaper gave the following statistics on the world's greatest religions:

Christians, 742 million.
Mohammedans, 316 million.
Confucians, 300 million.
Hindus, 256 million.
Buddhists, 150 million.
Taoists, 50 million.
Shintoists, 25 million.
Jews, 11 million.
Other religions, or none, 470 million.

The figures add up to 2,320 million, and this is believed to be fairly close to the total population of the world.

The non-Christians outnumber the Christians better than two to one.

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spiritually unable to see the
truths pertaining to God and
His kingdom. I'll go further and
say that no individual will ever
be able to see spiritual truths
until that one has been saved.
We just waste our time trying
to indoctrinate and teach unsaved
people anything. Except a
man be born again, he cannot
see. I say to you this morning,
beloved, it is absolutely a waste
of time to try to teach the Bible,
or to try to indoctrinate any per-
son in the Scriptural teachings,
unless that individual has come
to have the Holy Spirit work
within his heart.

We read:

"He that is of God heareth
God's words: ye therefore hear
them not, because ye are not of
God." — John 8:47.

How many times I have sat
down beside some individual
and tried to tell that one, some
of the great truths of God's
Word, only to have that one,
though a professing Christian,
say, "I just don't see it that
way. I just don't understand it."
Well, beloved, I can understand
very easily after that I have
tried to explain to him the Word
of God in simple fashion, and
he makes such an assertion — I
can easily understand, in the
light of this text, what is wrong.
He just doesn't know the Lord
Jesus Christ as his Saviour, for
this text says, "He that is of
God heareth God's words." The
man who refuses to hear — the
man who just doesn't have the
ear for the reception of spiritual
truth, in the light of this verse
of Scripture, knows not the Lord
Jesus Christ.

Let me read you another
Scripture of like nature.

"But the NATURAL MAN RE-
CEIVETH NOT the things of the
Spirit of God: for they are fool-
ishness unto him: neither can
he know them, because they are
spiritually discerned." — I Cor.
2:14.

The natural man, beloved, is
the unsaved man — the man
who has never come to know
Jesus Christ as his Saviour and
his Lord. This tells us that the
natural man, the unsaved man,
doesn't receive the things of the
Spirit of God and that spiritual
things are but so much foolish-
ness to him, and the reason why
that is so is because spiritual
things have to be spiritually dis-
cerned. That is, beloved, the
Holy Spirit has to bear witness
to his spirit concerning the
spiritual truths of the Word of
God.

We read concerning the man
who was born blind, but who
was healed of his blindness by
Jesus. He said:

"Whether he be a sinner or
no, I know not: one thing I
know, that, whereas I was blind,
now I see." — John 9:25.

Here is a man who had been
physically blind, but who had

been healed of his blindness by
the Lord Jesus Christ. Now after
he has been healed and his
enemies, and the enemies of our
Lord interrogate him, he said,
"I cannot answer all of your
questions, but one thing I know,
whereas I was blind, now I see."

Beloved, what was true of that
man physically is true of every
man spiritually. If you are sav-
ed, you can say the same words
as this man. Whereas you were
blind to spiritual truths, now
you are able to see the things
that hitherto were holden from
you.

I say, then, beloved, by way of
preface to my message, that all
men who come into this world
are spiritually blind, and no man
can see and understand spiritu-
al truths who never has been
saved by the Spirit of Almighty
God. Now if this introduction
is true, then I think that such
will explain many things with-
in this world. If I am right in
what I have said to you thus far
— that men are spiritually blind
without the Lord, and only can
see spiritual truths when they
are saved by the Lord — if that
be true, then I say that that will
explain many things in the re-
ligious world that are seem-
ingly hard to understand.

I

IN THE FIRST PLACE, IT WILL EXPLAIN UNSAVED PREACHERS.

I am frank to confess to you
that unsaved preachers have
been a great big problem to me,
even in my own understanding.
There are lots of them that are
unsaved. I am satisfied in my
own mind today, judging by
what they teach and preach and
believe, that there is a far
greater number of preachers
that are unsaved than there are
who are saved and know the
Lord Jesus Christ. I say, if you
look at what they believe and
teach, that must be so. If they
believe what they preach, sure-
ly they must be unsaved, be-
cause they preach contrary to
the Word of God.

I say, then, beloved, this will
explain unsaved preachers. You
meet with some preacher and
he talks about Jesus as a great
teacher, or he speaks of the Lord
Jesus as a great philosopher or
as the Great Physician. You hear
some of these preachers who
speak of Jesus in terms like this:
that He is the greatest in history,
or that He is a wonderful ex-
ample. Beloved, this first pas-
sage of Scripture that I have
read to you this morning tells
us that Nicodemus was doing
that very thing, for he said:

"Rabbi, we know that thou
art a teacher come from God."
— John 3:2.

That was all that Nicodemus
knew about Him, that he was a
teacher. Many and many a man
who stands before a congrega-
tion, even with a Bible in his
hand, has never known what it
means to have his heart cut
by the grace of God and quick-
ened by the Holy Spirit. He
talks about Jesus just like Nico-
demus. He speaks of Jesus as a
teacher, a philosopher, the great-
est of all and as a wonderful
example, but he doesn't know
Jesus Christ as a Saviour. Now,
beloved, I ask you a question,
why is it that such an individual
doesn't see Him as God? My
text tells us. "Except a man be
born again, he cannot see."

The Apostle Paul refers to
Jesus as being "the fulness of the
Godhead bodily," for we read:

"For in him dwelleth all the
fulness of the Godhead bodily."
— Col. 2:9.

In that body in which Jesus
dwelt was all the fulness of the
Godhead. He was God Incarn-
ate, yet thousands and thousands
of preachers have never seen
Jesus other than as a man —
a good man, a wonderful ex-

No Time For My Lord?

"He that misseeth me wrongth his own soul"
(Prov. 8:36, R. V., marg.)

There's time for the mending and making;
There's time for the cooking and baking;
For the letter I write,
Or the words I indite,
But what time do I give to my Lord?

There is time for trimming a hat;
There is time for a neighborly chat;
There's time for some pleasure,
But scarce any leisure
To give to my Master and Lord.

There's time for a book so compelling;
There's time for the buying and selling;
For the office or mart,
For music or art,
But where is the time for my Lord?

There's time for the digging and hoeing;
There's time for the raking and mowing;
For the sowing of seeds,
And removing of weeds,
But what time do I give to my Lord?

There is time for the news on the air;
To which I must listen with care;
For the claims of my health,
Or the spending of wealth,
But what time do I give to my Lord?

Lord, Thou gavest Thy time here below,
Salvation and grace to bestow;
Dost Thou wait for my voice?
Can I make Thee rejoice,
As I give of my time to Thee, Lord?

O Master, forgive me, I pray;
I'm sorry, repentant today.

From this hour make me wise,
And teach me to prize
The time that I spend with my Lord.

—Beth Coombe Harris

ample, a marvelous philosopher,
and a wonderful teacher. They
have never seen Him in any
wise at all as Saviour. Why?
"Except a man be born again,
he cannot see."

I have heard preachers per-
sonally who talked much about
the principles of the Sermon on
the Mount, but who knew abso-
lutely nothing of the Christ of
Calvary. Let's illustrate it like
this: Can you imagine a baby
that has not yet been born, giv-
ing a learned discourse, in an
intelligent manner, on the won-
ders of the natural world? Can
you imagine an unborn babe
who has never looked upon the
beauties of this world, talking
intelligently and learnedly of
the wonders of the natural
world? You say, "Brother Gil-
pin, that is foolish; it is ridicu-
lous; it is preposterous." Yet, be-
loved, there are those who pose
as authorities in spiritual mat-
ters who have never yet experi-
enced the spiritual birth. I can
imagine an unborn babe stand-
ing up and giving a learned dis-
course on the mighty torrent of
Niagara. I can imagine an un-
born babe giving a learned dis-
course on Niagara Falls just as
easily as an unsaved preacher
could preach the truths of the

Word of God. I tell you, my
brother, my sister, the reason
why men fail to see Jesus Christ
as God, the reason why unsaved
preachers fail to preach Him as
the Saviour, the reason why
that unsaved preachers are
never able to see anything in
Him except a mere example or
a mighty teacher or philosopher
of this world is because they
themselves have never yet been
born of the Spirit of God. "Ex-
cept a man be born again, he
cannot see."

II

IT WILL EXPLAIN THE OP- POSITION OF LOTS OF CHURCH MEMBERS TO CHRISTIAN LIVING.

Now, beloved, I believe that a
born-again person ought to live
a born-again life — a Christian
life. I believe that if a person is
saved, that one ought to live
for his Lord. There ought to be
an all-consuming, over-
whelming passion that grips the
soul of that individual who is
saved, to the intent that he
wants his life every day to be
conformed to the will of the
Lord Jesus Christ. Even though
you may not live as perfectly
as you want to live, and even

though your life may fall far
short to what you would like
for it to be, I still believe that
the man who is saved has a de-
sire within him that his life
count in the service of Jesus
Christ. I think the Word of God
tells us this over and over again.
Listen:

"I beseech you therefore, bre-
thren, by the mercies of God,
that ye PRESENT YOUR BODIES
as a living sacrifice, holy, ac-
ceptable unto God, which is
your reasonable service. And be
not conformed to this world: but
be ye transformed by the re-
newing of your mind, that ye
may prove what is that good,
and acceptable, and perfect will
of God." — Rom. 12:1,2.

"What! know ye not that your
body is the temple of the Holy
Spirit which is in you, which ye
have of God, and ye are bought
with a price: therefore GLORIFY
FY GOD in your body, and in
your spirit, which are God's
— I Cor. 6:19,20.

"Whether therefore ye eat, or
drink, or whatsoever ye do, DO
ALL to the glory of God." —
I Cor. 10:31.

Do you think for one moment
time that there is anything that
you ought to do except for God's
own glory? If you think thus,
you need to revise your think-
ing, because this verse plainly
and unequivocally tells us that
everything that we do, even
to the matter of taking a drink
of water, ought to be for God's
own glory.

Listen again:

"Be ye not UNEQUALLY
YOKED together with unbeliev-
ers: for what fellowship have
righteousness with unrighteous-
ness? and what communion have
light with darkness?" — II Cor.
6:14.

"Having therefore these pro-
mises, dearly beloved, let us
cleanse ourselves from all filthi-
ness of the flesh and spirit, and
PERFECTING HOLINESS in
the fear of God." — II Cor. 7:1.

Now, beloved, I don't know
how you have lived this past
week or how closely you have
brought your life unto submis-
sion to the Lord Jesus Christ,
but I know one thing: there is
not a person within this house
of God this morning who can
read these Scriptures without
the realization that his life ought
to be lived in the light of the
Cross of Calvary day by day,
365 days out of every year. Even
the Apostle Paul says, as he
writes to the church at Thessa-
lonica:

"Abstain from all appearance
of evil." — I Thes. 5:22.

I say to you, I believe that a
Christian, in the light of these
verses, ought to live for the
Lord. However, here is some
church member who says, "I
just don't see anything wrong
with dancing or with the things
of the world." Here is some
church member who says, "I
just don't see anything wrong
with mixed bathing." Here is
some church member who says,
"I don't see anything wrong
with women wearing shorts or
round town." Beloved, I am not
going to fall out with you. I
am not going to fall out with
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body when he speaks thus, "I am going to fall back on what God says within His Word and know exactly what message I will need a message on be- born again."

A woman who is a member of a Baptist church in Ashland, Ohio, who just recently, "I just don't see any wrong in social drinking in moderation." I did not fall out with her, but I remember what my Lord said. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see." I know why she couldn't see. Beloved, she has never been born again. I know why the folk who parade around in shorts in the summertime, and the folk who go in mixed bathing argue and say, "I just don't see anything wrong with it." My Lord has already told me why they can't see. He said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see."

I think most of you folk realize that I have as much use for a man smoking as I have for a woman smoking. In other words, I have no use for it for anybody. I don't believe any of God has a right at all to use the temple of the Lord as a smokestack. I think if the Lord had intended for any woman or any man to smoke, He would have put a pipe right up through the top of your anatomy. Why, it is a slam on a architect to have the smoke come out the front door of an house and that is what happens anytime a man or woman smokes — the smoke comes right out the front door. So what I am saying, is said to any man, the same as it is said to any woman. I see not one bit of difference to a woman smoking as a man smoking. To me it is wrong, and it is no more wrong for one than it is for the other.

Here is somebody who will say, "Brother Gilpin, I don't see anything wrong with me smoking." The Bible says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see." I heard a Christian man, or at least a church member, this last week defending gambling. I heard him say, in speaking about the Derby, that he wished that he had had a lot of money on the horse that won. He said that he had a very definite feeling that it was going to win, and that if he had known that that horse was going to win, he would have bet on it, because that wouldn't have been gambling. That would have been a sure thing. Isn't it surprising how the Devil works overtime helping the people to think up excuses to justify their orneriness. He asked me what I thought of his reasoning. I tell you truly, I didn't fall out with the fellow, but I did read him this text of Scripture: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see."

Beloved, a lot of church members who want to live for the world and still retain membership in the church, will say, "I just don't see anything wrong with these things in social life. I just don't see anything wrong in liking them." My brother, I don't expect the average church member to see why. Nobody is going to see how he ought to live until the Holy Spirit has come within his soul, for my text says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see."

III

IT WILL EXPLAIN THE ANTI-MISSIONARY SPIRIT ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAUGHT THE TRUTH.

If a man has never been taught the truth, I can expect

lots of wrong things from him. I can expect him to be given over to all kinds of error and heresy, but when a man has been taught the truth concerning what God says within His Word as to missions, and for that individual to go on contrary to the Word of God with an anti-missionary spirit, I say to you this morning, it can only be understood in the light of this text, which says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see."

Listen to God's Word:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." — Mt. 28:19,20.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." — Mark 16:15.

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

Now, beloved, you can't read these verses without the realization that we are not only to evangelize Russell, but we are to evangelize to the ends of the earth to the best of our ability. There never was a church who had missionaries in all parts of the earth. There never was a denomination that had missionaries in all parts of the earth. There never was any religious organization, nor all religious organizations put together, that had missionaries in all parts of the world. There are parts of the world where the gospel has never yet been preached, yet, beloved, though that may be true, I say that anytime a man is taught the Word of God and then objects and manifests an anti-missionary spirit to the preaching of the gospel to the ends of the earth, I can understand that man without a bit of difficulty at all, for my text says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see."

Let me give you two conversations in essence. Here is one fellow who says, "I just don't see foreign missions. We have enough heathen here at home." Surely, beloved, he doesn't see. He sat under the ministry of a man who preached missions repeatedly. He had a mother who was a very saintly woman, who believed strongly in missions, and who tried to inculcate the principles of missions into her child, yet he says, "I just can't see missions."

Or here is another conversation spoken to me personally: "I just can't see this idea of sending men to foreign countries to preach. Within twenty-five years, at the rate we are going, those foreign countries will be sending missionaries here to preach to us." Beloved, that in itself is insanity, but it was spoken by an individual who had sat under the sound of a great man of God for years who preached missions far more than your pastor has ever preached missions, and who had emphasized the truth that the Word of God is to be given to the world. Yet this man, a deacon in a Baptist church, after hearing his pastor expound the Word of God for years, said, "I just can't see foreign missions." What is wrong? "Except a man be born again, he cannot see."

You may say, "Brother Gilpin, would you say that that deacon is unsaved?" Why, absolutely. Any man who has sat for twenty-five years in a house of God Sunday morning and Sunday night and heard a great man of



"...WHEN THOU HAST SHUT THY DOOR, PRAY TO THY FATHER WHICH IS IN SECRET..." MATT. 6:6

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God preach on missions, and yet says that we oughtn't send missionaries to a foreign country, and that within twenty-five years those foreign countries will be sending missionaries here to us, that man is either one of two things — he is either insane or he is spiritually ignorant. Since the courts haven't declared him insane, I am inclined to believe in the light of my text that he is spiritually ignorant, for Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see."

IV

IT WILL EXPLAIN THE FAILURE OF MANY OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF OUR CHURCH TO ATTEND THE SERVICES IN THE HOUSE OF GOD.

I think, beloved, that every member of our church ought to be present for the church services every time the church doors are open, unless providentially hindered by a reason that would be approved by a good conscience before God. I mean by that, beloved, the Sunday morning service, the Sunday evening service, the Wednesday evening service, the Sunday School service, and certainly, beloved, the revival meetings and the Bible conferences that we have. Unless an individual is hindered providentially from his attendance, that person ought to be here in the house of God. It isn't a question of what you think or what I think; it is a question of what God says. Listen:

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." — Heb. 10:25.

Then in the Old Testament we

find Jonathan saying to David: "Tomorrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because THY SEAT WILL BE EMPTY." — I Sam. 20:18.

What Jonathan said to David is true of every member of this church when he is absent.

We also read in the Old Testament when Nehemiah asked the question:

"Why is the house of God forsaken?" — Neh. 13:11.

Beloved, you can't read these verses without the realization that God's people ought to go to church. I am satisfied this morning that everybody who is a member of this church ought to be here on Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday night, in revival meetings, in Bible Conferences, and for all other special services of this church, yet somebody will say, "I just can't see this idea of always going to church. You know when I was little, my father whipped me and made me to go church." Why did he have to whip you when you were little? Beloved, you had the same spirit then as you have now. You were just a little rebel to the Lord then, like you are a big rebel to the Lord now.

"A person ought to be allowed to do as he pleases on Sunday." About two weeks ago I was talking to a man who is a very good friend of mine, and who is a member of a Baptist church in Ashland, but who does not attend services a bit better than a lot of folk of this church, and this was his answer. He said, "I guess you are right, but I just can't see this idea of always going to church." Beloved, I didn't fall out with him, but I came back in my mind to my text. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see."

You know when Sunday comes, most every woman has

to pass three tests in order to make up her mind whether she is going to church. She has to pass the clothes test as to whether or not she has anything to wear. She has to pass the weather test — whether or not the weather is suitable to go out. Then, beloved, that individual has to pass the feelings test — whether or not she feels like attending services.

You know there are a lot of Baptist folk who ought to have been Catholics. A Catholic can go to church one time on Sunday and go to the Devil the rest of the day, and a lot of Baptists ought to have been Catholics. That is the way they live. You have heard of two-timers — well, we have a lot of three-timers. They go to church on Xmas, they go to church on Easter, and they go to funerals, and that is about as much as they go to God's House any time during the year.

Do I speak to somebody this morning who says, "Brother Gilpin, I just don't see why you expect me to be at church on Sunday mornings and Sunday nights and Wednesday nights. I just don't see it?" Beloved, I am not going to fall out with you, but I will say one thing, after all the Scripture that I have read to you this morning, and not only this morning but many other times — I will say to you, I know the message that I need to preach to you. I need to preach salvation by grace, for Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see." Now if you say, "I am mighty ornery, and mighty devilish, and mighty" (Continued on page four)

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(Continued from page three) contemptible, and mighty contrary," I might feel differently toward you, but when you say "I just can't see it," that just proves to me that there is something wrong within your heart that you need the grace of God to rectify for the first time in your life, for Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see."

V

IT EXPLAINS THE OPPOSITION THAT WE HAVE TO THE TEACHINGS OF GOD'S WORD.

There's so much opposition to the doctrines of God's Word. Take for example the teaching as to the woman's place in a New Testament church. Paul said:

"Let your woman keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to SPEAK; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law." — I Cor. 14:34.

Some people say, "I just don't see it."

Then there's the question of unionism. Some people will say, "I just think we ought to unite with all the denominations. I think we ought to get together and have a big union meeting." A man here in Russell this last week said, "I tell you, Brother Gilpin, the thing that this town needs most of all is a great big union campaign this summer." God's Word says:

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and AVOID THEM." — Rom. 16:17.

Then there is the question of open communion. Some people say that we ought to have open communion — that every denomination ought to come together and observe the Lord's Supper — but when our Lord instituted the Lord's Supper, He instituted it so closely that He didn't even ask his own mother to the table. He didn't even ask the man in whose house the Lord's Supper was held. Now that is just about as close a communion as you can expect.

Or consider the doctrine of election. Jesus said:

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have CHOSEN you." — John 15:16.

Or take the doctrine of salvation by grace. We read:

"For by GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." — Eph. 2:8-9.

Beloved, you can preach these great doctrines of the Word of God to some church members time and time again, but they will say, "I just simply can't see it. I don't see why women don't have as much right to speak in church as a man. I just don't see why we can't have union meetings. I can't see why we can't have open communion. I don't see why that we have to talk about security. I just don't see why we have to even make mention of election. I don't see this idea of salvation by grace." Why don't they see it? The Bible says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see."

Now if a man had just joined the church and had heard the truth only a few times, I can understand why that man needs further teaching; but if a man sits under the ministry of a sound preacher Sunday after Sunday, year in and year out, I tell you, beloved, there is only

one way to explain that man when he says, "I can't see these teachings of God's Word" — "Except a man be born again, he cannot see."

I go back to the words of my Lord Jesus Christ, when He said:

"He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." — John 8:47.

Beloved, the man who knows the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour will hear God's words and will do them.

CONCLUSION

The Word of God tells us why Jesus came. Do I speak to somebody who is just absolutely spiritually blind? Do you know why Christ came? Listen:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and RECOVERING OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, to set at liberty them that are bruised." — Luke 4:18.

Stephen heeded what He had to say, and beloved, God opened Stephen's eyes, to the extent that he got them wider open than any other man that ever lived. He got them so wide open that he looked straight out of this world into Glory, and he said, "I see Jesus standing on the right hand of God."

The Apostle Paul heeded the words of Jesus, and his eyes were opened to the extent that he was caught up into the third heaven and he saw things yonder in Glory which were not lawful for a man to see.

John heeded the words of Jesus and saw, on the Isle of Patmos, Heaven open, and God revealed to him all that was yet to come, and all that shall yet take place.

Brother, sister, are you spiritually blind? If so, then remember that Jesus came to open blind eyes. Long ago, the prophet Isaiah said:

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." — Isa. 45:22.

Oh, may God open your blinded eyes and help you to see Jesus Christ on the Cross as your Saviour, and then seeing Him, may you take your stand for Him, and then day by day, just read His Word with eyes opened to see the truth.

May God bless you.

Answered Prayer

(Continued from page one) somewhat broke, and a thin white hand stole from under the coverlet and moved softly over his snow white head. Then he went on to repeat that nothing could be so sad again, as the parting with three sons — unless mother and himself should be separated! But at last he fell to comforting himself with the fact that the gracious Lord knew that it was no fault of their own that mother and him were threatened with the loss of their little home which to them meant beggary and the alms house — a place they prayed the Lord to deliver them from entering if consistent with His will. Then he quoted a number of promises concerning the safety of them that put their trust in the Lord. Yes, I should say he begged hard. In fact, it was the most thrilling plea to which I ever listened. And in conclusion he prayed for God's blessing upon those who were about to demand justice."

Pausing a moment in silence the lawyer continued slowly, saying, "And I believe I would rather go to the poor house myself than stain my heart and

hands with the blood of such a prosecution as that."

"Little afraid to defeat that prayer, eh?"

"Bless your soul, man, you could not defeat that prayer. I tell you he left it all subject to the will of God; and he did not fail to make known his desires, claiming that we had been commanded to make our requests known unto God. But of all the pleading I ever heard, that was the most impressive. You see, I was taught that kind of thing myself in my childhood; and why I was sent there to hear that prayer, I am sure I don't know—but I hand the case over."

"I wish you hadn't told me about the old fellow's prayer," said the client, uneasily.

"Why not?" asked the lawyer. "Well, because I greatly desire the money that the little place would bring. But like you, I also, was taught the Bible straight enough when I was a youngster, and I hate to run counter to what you have just related. I wish you hadn't heard a word about it, and another time I wouldn't listen to petitions not intended for my ears."

The lawyer smilingly said, "You are wrong again, my dear fellow; it was intended for my ears, and yours too; and God intended it. I remember hearing my aged mother sing about God moving in a mysterious way."

"Well, my mother also used to sing the same," said the client, as he twisted the claim-papers in his fingers. "You can call there in the morning if you like, and tell 'mother and him' the claim has been met."

"In a mysterious way," added the lawyer, smiling.

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Use Of Wine

(Continued from page one) institution of the Supper. In instituting the Supper, Jesus used the Passover cup. We know that the Passover cup contained wine because the Passover was observed in the spring and the Jews had no means of preserving grape juice in an unfermented state from fall to spring. For that reason wine was the only kind of "fruit of the vine" that was available for the Passover. The Jewish Encyclopedia, an authority on all such matters as this, tells us that true wine was used in the Passover.

2. The church at Corinth used wine in the Lord's Supper; and, though they drank it to excess, received no correction in this matter from the Apostle Paul. This is eminently significant. The word translated "is drunken" (I Cor. 11:21) means exactly that and nothing softer. Even if we should suppose here that Paul spoke by hyperbole (permissible rhetorical exaggeration), we cannot reasonably assume that he would thus speak if the Corinthians were using unfermented grape juice. Paul rebuked the Corinthians for their abuse of wine, but not for their proper use of it in the Lord's Supper.

3. Only wine can properly represent the sinless blood of Christ. Grape juice contains leaven. That is the reason it ferments. This leaven passes out of the grape juice in the process of fermentation. Wine, therefore, contains no leaven. (This has all been established by the Bureau of Plant Industry of the federal government.) Leaven is characteristically a type of sin. See I Cor. 5:6-8. Thus when grape juice is used in the observance of the Lord's Supper there is affirmation by way of symbol that the blood of Jesus was sinless blood. There is just as much reason for using

wine as there is for using unleavened bread.

Some have become prejudiced against the use of wine in the Lord's Supper because of their fight for prohibition. I, myself, am a dyed-in-the-wool prohibitionist. As a small boy I marched in a parade in the campaign that put the city of Ashland dry for the first time. At the age of fifteen I won a silver medal in a contest conducted by the W. C. T. U., delivering an oration against the liquor traffic. Wherever I have been I have never failed to lift my voice against the legalizing of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks as beverages. But I do not think that the cause of prohibition needs a denial of facts or a perversion of the Lord's Supper to support it. Nor do I believe that a sip of wine in the Lord's Supper will tempt any child of God to turn to drunkenness.

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WHAT ABOUT RADIO?

The devil makes great use of every invention, and he greatly uses radio. The air is cluttered with crooners and "swing" and plays that feature murder. It is also a tremendous evangelizing agency. Thousands of communities hear the true gospel, when locally it is scarcely preached at all. Fuller, DeHahn, Percy Crawford, Graham and others make clear God's way of salvation in almost every nook and corner of America. What is the right thing for a Christian concerning radio? USE it — and don't ABUSE it. How abuse it to our hurt? By letting filth and crime come in over it. Turn the stuff off. By neglecting church to hear some big program. By any use that is injurious to you.

WHAT ABOUT TELEVISION?

Many are arguing that Christians should have nothing whatsoever to do with television. Admittedly it has potentialities for evil beyond anything yet devised. But an astonishing invention like this can no more be gotten rid of than can automobiles. If some don't want a television set and won't have one in the house, then no criticism should be leveled at them. But we doubt that we should criticize the person who does have television. We see no solution to the problem other than the one that we should apply to the radio — USE AND BE SURE NOT TO ABUSE. Let the decent come in to your home and turn off the indecent. We can't avoid traveling the highways because the billboards advertise beer — just travel and look at something else. We can't quit walking the streets because there are shows and whiskey joints and night-clubs all around. Go ahead down the street, and stay out of the wrong places.

Give me a chance to broadcast the gospel over television, and I'll take it, just as I take the opportunity to broadcast over the radio. I have no television set, and if I ever get one, we will have a family understanding that when things come on that offend Christian sensibilities — off it will go!

The principle of "use this world as not abusing it" will keep us right on a lot of things, as we go through this life. The Christian pretty well knows what is wrong. When a thing is wrong — don't indulge in it!

Israel

(Continued from page one) you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart will I also give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 36:24-26) "And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations." (Is. 61:4), I could hardly refrain from shouting.

God is not through dealing with Israel as some would have us believe. Far from it. He is now turning to them their unfinished task. Space does not permit us to relate in detail God's plan and purposes for Israel through Israel.

In response to several letters and cables urging me to come to Israel without delay, I put everything aside and at great sacrifice of time and strength answered that Macedonian call. In our magazine, THE EVERLASTING NATION, will be found a most thrilling account of what the Lord is doing among Israel's "dry bones." I shall be most happy to send a copy to anyone upon request.

Not since apostolic days has there risen up a man in Israel who has rocked the entire Jewish world as has Rabbi Daniel Zion, former chief Rabbi of Bulgaria who, since his remarkable conversion, has been residing in Jerusalem. Wherever he goes crowds listen spellbound as he expounds to them the Scriptures, and they go away saying, "Do not our hearts burn within us?" Already thousands of conversions have been reported, without doubt, to this man's influence and the wide circulation of the Word of God. As another venture of faith we have underwritten his and his noble companion's complete support.

For some time there has been a crying need for a building in Israel which would serve as a mission home and headquarters for seekers after the truth, a meeting place for young believers where they might be instructed in the Word of God, a place of refuge for some who have been cast out of their homes because of their stance for Christ. We have prayed earnestly about this and the Lord has seen fit to answer our prayers. A down payment has been made on a building which we think will adequately meet the need for the present. It is located on the slope of Mount Carmel from which Elijah once prophesied. And so once more a prophet's voice will be heard. May God grant that thousands of the lost of Israel may find the One of Whom Moses in the law and all the prophets have written.

With tears in his eyes one of the workers pled with me to help answer the great need for the Word of God, and he showed me letters from Jewish leaders written in English, Hebrew, German, Russian, etc., thanking him for that "most precious Book." Just imagine what it would mean to place 10,000 copies of it in the hands of principals of schools, teachers, doctors, lawyers, government officials, etc.! It could well start a world-revival for which many have been praying.

The doors and hearts of Israel are wide open. How long they will remain open, no one can tell. It would be tragic if we failed to seize this God-given opportunity to meet what I consider the greatest challenge facing the Christian world today. As you know, this work depends entirely on those who take the command, TO THE JEW FIRST.