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When And How To Worship God

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It is to be feared that there are many people who attend some sort of religious services with the feeling that this constitutes a sufficient worship for them — at least enough to keep them out of hell. Such persons have no personal, private worship of God at all. The truth is, they didn't worship God when they went to church. They didn't pray and perhaps sat like a knot in a log during the singing. If it was a ritualistic church they attended, then they may have

chanted their responses, like a parrot repeating something, but there was nothing that came from the heart.

We need to recognize the truth that no amount of church attendance — no amount of going through a form of worship in public can take the place of the personal, private worship of God. People may attend public worship to see and be seen, but when they worship God in secret, then such is done with no expectation of the notice or praise of men. The regularity and the fervency of our private

devotions really tells the story as to our real spiritual state and condition. There — in private, our real selves are manifested without any pretense of camouflage.

EXAMPLES IN THE BIBLE

Let us take note of some of the examples of private worship, prayer and devotion as given in the Bible. Let us first consider JESUS. Read Mark 1:32-39. There we read that after a strenuous day, Jesus rose up "a great while before day, went (Continued on page four)

How God Works In Redeeming His Elect

"He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and eye seeth every precious thing."

—JOB 28, 10

We live in an hour when men of this world ridicule the doctrine of God's Sovereignty; ridicule the doctrine of the limited atonement. Preaching that Christ died for all and that it is now up to man to come unto Christ. Friend of mine, these doctrines sound plausible to the carnal mind of man, but they are contrary to the revealed will of God in His holy word.

The point I make is this: We find many people saying, "Well, preacher, what if God doesn't get His word unto His people?" Job replies, "His eye seeth every precious thing." Friend of mine, those for whom Christ died on Calvary's Cross are truly precious in the sight of God. They are God's gifts unto His Son. Bought and paid for by the Blood and with the Blood of Jesus Christ. And every one of these precious ones shall be

drawn unto the Father through the riches of His grace. Yes, that which God ordained to do in the beginning shall be eternally accomplished.

Yet, we have the carnal mind replying: "but it is so hard to win sinners." It certainly is. It is so hard that no man can do it. Only God can bring His sheep into the fold. I will grant you that He uses human instruments in accord with His divine purpose but the increase is ever due unto Him. The harder the rock, the more blessed the work. Job gave God the credit when he said, "He cutteth out rivers among the rocks." Even among the hard hearted, if they be precious, God is able to cut out a river and unto that poor heart shall flow rivers of living waters—rivers flowing from the heart of God into the life of that one who needs a saviour. Into that life of that one who has a Saviour; for the Christ of God did die for His own. He died (Continued on page four)

NINE FACTS CONCERNING THE NEW STANDARD REVISED VERSION

FACT NO. 1

Every informed and intelligent person knows that our State Department and government as a whole, is crawling with communists, or those who sanction and encourage communism. One needs only mention such names as Alger Hiss, Dean Acheson, Willard Tydings, etc., to realize how deadly is the danger that faces us. And every informed and intelligent person in Christendom knows—or can very easily find out—that most churches in the leadership are crawling with those who aid and abet and encourage communism. This is especially true within the National (Federal) Council of Churches. There is much evidence to prove this statement—evidence we have presented again and again—that it is impossible to adduce it here. We shall gladly furnish it on request.

The conclusion logically follows: if we are concerned as patriotic Americans about this terrible menace of communism within our government, how much more should we as born-again, blood-bought Christians (if the reader is such) be concerned about this monstrous menace within our churches.

FACT NO. 2

This National (Federal) Council of Churches has edited and copyrighted the HOLY BIBLE, which they have termed "the Revised Standard Version." In the main it contains intact the great doctrines of the Bible and the original meaning of the words. God saw to that; He didn't let them do otherwise. But their unclean fingers have tampered with this blessed Book; subtly, and with all the cleverness of the adversary which makes it imperative we sound this warning. This Revised Standard Version will doubtless do some good and we believe God will use it for His glory and the salvation of souls, as He always uses His Word. It makes no difference to us WHO recommends this Revised Standard Version. If something is wrong with it and should be exposed, with God's help we will expose it no matter if the angel Gabriel should recommend it (Read Galatians 1:8, 9).

FACT NO. 3

One major and most serious

change has been made in Isaiah 7:14. The Revised Standard Version reads "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." The correct reading, according to the best Christian scholarship should be, and is in the King James Version of 1611 and the American Standard Version of 1901 "Behold a virgin shall conceive . . ."

Dr. Robert Dick Wilson, our Hebrew professor at Princeton Seminary, was a world renowned scholar. He knew and spoke over 45 different languages and dialects. He was recognized by modernists and fundamentalists alike as one of the greatest scholars in his field throughout the world. He taught us that the word for virgin, which is "almah" in the Hebrew is found fourteen times in the Old Testament and every time it means a virgin. The modernists hate the doctrine of the Virgin Birth of Christ. Thus they use this method to eliminate it. In Matthew 1:23 of the RSV they use the word "virgin" as the evangelist quotes from

Isaiah. This will cause questions in the minds of many as to the accuracy of Scripture when Isaiah is made to say by these modernists "a young woman," and Matthew in quoting Isaiah, uses the word "virgin."

FACT NO. 4

The preface written to this Revised Standard Version is clearly Barthian. We quote (page 9) beginning with the last line "The Bible is more than a historical document to be preserved. And it is more than a classic of English literature to be cherished and admired. It is a record of God's dealings with men . . . The Bible carries its full message, not to those who regard it simply as a heritage of the past or praise its literary style, but those who read it that they may discern and understand God's Word to men. That Word must not be disguised in phrases that are no longer clear or hidden under those words that have changed or lost their meaning." The Bible is not "A record of God's dealings with men . . ." It is THE ONLY AND FINAL INFALLIBLE OBJECTIVE REVELATION OF GOD

TO MEN. The words and phrases "precious blood," "born again," "bore our sins," "atonement," "blood of the lamb," etc. are still very clear and have never "changed or lost their meaning."

FACT NO. 5

To the best of our knowledge the scholarly editors of the Revised Standard Version of 1885, the American Standard Version of 1901 and also the authorized Version of 1611, were Godly men, every one of them. They believed the Bible to be just what it claims to be, the infallible verbally inspired Word of God which is God's objective and final revelation of Himself to sinful men.

To the best of our knowledge, not one of the editors of the Revised Standard Version believes the Bible in this way just mentioned. Look at the names and where they teach. Luther A. Weigle, Yale University, Julius Beyer, Union Theological Seminary, N. Y. (one of the rankest, modernistic seminaries in the country). There are no less than (Continued on page four)

A BUNCH OF SWEET "P's"

The first P is for PARDON, as given through Christ's precious blood. Set free from condemnation through real regeneration. Freed by grace and brought to Christ's embrace. Declared free in one way alone, the way of the cross, the Jesus Way.

When pardoned, we shall find another P in PEACE. Yes, the true peace of God. The man who is free from the penalty and power of sin, rests in the peace of God. This peace is real to the heart and comforting to the life. And as we receive this peace, we long for others to have the same peace.

Not only pardon and peace, but the P in PURITY, is ours through Christ's grace. And in (Continued on page four)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"THE FEW OF GOD'S CHOOSING"

"For many are called, but few are chosen."—Mt. 22-14.

I would like to begin my message by an illustration of what I think this text teaches. A long time ago God rejected Saul as king over the Jews, and He told Samuel to go to the house of Jesse, to anoint a new king in the place of Saul, whom He had rejected. Samuel, as God's prophet, desirous of doing God's will, went immediately to the home of Jesse and asked Jesse that his sons be brought in, and from these sons he expected to

choose one who should be king over Israel. Immediately, when those sons began to parade before Samuel, he looked at the first one, a tall, handsome, manly fellow, and naturally supposed that this would be the one whom God would choose, but God said, "Samuel, not so." Beloved, God looks on the heart; man looks only at the outward appearance. God said, "Samuel, don't let that fellow's physique deceive you. Don't be deceived by his height and his outward appearance." God pass-

ed him by.

Then came the second with the repetition of the same experience, and on down, one by one, those sons paraded by Samuel, and each time God answered negatively—this was not His choosing. Apparently, Jesse, the father, had forgotten about little David, or at least he never thought him important enough to have him come into the house. When Samuel inquired if there were any more sons, then it was that Jesse (Continued on page two)

BEWARE OF THE BOTTLE

"When I was a little boy," remarked an old gentleman, "somebody gave me a cucumber in a bottle. The neck of the bottle was small and the cucumber so large that it was not possible for it to pass through, and I wondered how it got there. Out in the garden one day I came upon a bottle slipped over a little green fellow that was still on the vines, and then I understood. The cucumber had grown in the bottle. I often see men with habits that I wonder any strong, sensible man could form and could allow; and then I think that likely they grew into them when they were young; and although they condemn themselves for them when older, they cannot slip out of them then; they are like the cucumber. Look out for such bottles."—Youth's World

Some men, by hating vice too much, come to love men too little.

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"The Few Of God's Choosing"

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said, "There is a little lad tak-
ing care of the sheep. When
they sent for David and he
walked before Samuel, God
said, 'This is he. Anoint him
to be my king.'"

If you will notice, beloved,
all the sons of that family were
called, but there was only one
that was chosen to be king.
Every member of the family of
Jesse was called to walk in the
presence of Samuel, but there
was only one of that family
whom God chose to be His king.
I believe, beloved, that that cor-
rectly illustrates my text: "For
many are called, but few are
chosen."

We are living in a day when
it has come to the place when
churches are considered big
business, and most all preach-
ers want a big church. There
are mighty, mighty few preach-
ers who are contented to be
pastor of a small church. As
I say, the majority of them
want something big, and the
world looks upon a preacher
and measures him on the basis
of the bigness and the mag-
nitude of his church.

I

I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND
YOU THAT GOD NEVER HAS
DEALT WITH MULTITUDES.

Suppose we go back to the
ante-diluvians, to the day of
Noah. Do you know how many
people were saved in that day?
I couldn't begin to tell you how
many people were on the earth
in that day, but I do know that
there was a mighty, mighty
small crowd that was saved.
God's Word tells us just how
many were saved.

"Which sometime were dis-
obedient, when once the long-
suffering of God waited in the
days of Noah, while the ark was
a preparing, wherein few, that
is, EIGHT SOULS WERE SAV-
ED by water."—I Pet. 3:20.

Beloved, God didn't save any
multitude in the days of Noah.
Out of that ante-diluvian civil-
ization, there were only eight
people that were saved. I rather
imagine that the population of
that day ran into millions and
maybe billions. If you will do
a little calculating, you will be
amazed at how fast the popu-
lation could have increased
from the day of Adam to the
day of Noah. There wasn't any
little handful of people that
lived in those days. There was
a tremendous multitude of peo-
ple living here within this
world, but out of all that mul-
titude there were only eight
people whom God saved.

Suppose we come to the days
of Abraham and see how many
were saved in that day. You
recall that God called Abraham

when he was living in the Ur
of the Chaldees. Abraham left
the Ur of the Chaldees journey-
ing over to Haran and then
finally down into Canaan, the
place where God called him.
Now, beloved, out of that civil-
ization of the Ur of the Chal-
dees, how many of them were
saved? God's Word tells us.

"Look unto Abraham your
father, and unto Sarah that bare
you: for I CALLED HIM
ALONE, and blessed him, and
increased him."—Isa. 51:2.

The Ur of the Chaldees was
the height of civilization in that
day. In fact, the Ur of the Chal-
dees was the cradle of civiliza-
tion. I don't know just what
Abraham's position may have
been. It has often been con-
jectured that he was a heathen
priest in a heathen temple in
Babylon. I don't know whether
that was true, but I do know
that out of all the multitude
that lived in the Ur of the Chal-
dees that God passed every last
one of them by, save one —
Abraham by name.

Let's see how many people
were saved in the days of Lot.
There was a big population on
the earth in those days. That
day when God burned up the
cities of Sodom and Gomorrah
and the other cities within the
plain, there were plenty of
people whom God might have
saved, but, beloved, would you
believe me when I tell you that
God only saved one individual
out of that city of Sodom? Lis-
ten:

"And turning the cities of
Sodom and Gomorrah into ash-
es condemned them with an
overthrow, making them an en-
sample unto those that after
should live ungodly; And DE-
LIVERED JUST LOT, vexed
with the filthy conversation of
the wicked."—II Pet. 2:6,7.

It looked like Lot's wife was
going to be delivered, but she
was turned into a pillar of salt.
It appeared on the surface that
his daughters were going to be
delivered, but, beloved, they had
already adopted the morals of
the city of Sodom to the ex-
tent that their names go down
in everlasting shame, to the
extent that God said that their
descendants should not ever be
permitted to enter into the ta-
bernacle of the righteous unto
the tenth generation. The only
man that was saved in Sodom
and Gomorrah and in the cities
of the plain was Lot. God
through the ages has never
dealt with the multitudes.

Suppose we come down to the
days of David. There wasn't
any multitude saved in David's
day. If you are inclined in the
least to doubt that fact, then
listen:

"Help, Lord; for THE GODLY
MAN CEASETH; for the faith-
ful fail from among the chil-
dren of men."—Psa. 12:1.

Beloved, things were mighty
bad in David's day—so bad that
that man of God cried out as
to how the faithful were fail-
ing and how the godly man was
ceasing. You can't read that
plaintive wail from the soul of
David without the realization
that it was a mighty, mighty
small crowd that was being
saved in those days.

The same was definitely true
in the days of Isaiah.

"And the daughter of Zion is
left as a cottage in a vineyard,
as a lodge in a garden of cu-
cumbers, as a besieged city.
Except the Lord of hosts had
left unto us a VERY SMALL
REMNANT, we should have
been as Sodom, and we should
have been like unto Gomorrah."
—Isa. 1:8,9.

Isaiah said that if God hadn't
left them a small remnant, that

it would have been as bad with
them as with Sodom and Gomor-
rah.

Beloved, don't think for one
moment's time that these men
of God in the Old Testament
had multitudes of people to fall
back upon, and fellowship with.
Don't you ever think that they
had an easier time preaching
the Word of God than your pas-
tor has today. I tell you, beloved,
there were mighty few peo-
ple back there who believed
the Word of God. Of course,
there were plenty of Jews back
there who were religious. There
were lots of people who had a
form of religion just like we
have it today, but as far as be-
lievers were concerned, Isaiah
said, "If God hadn't left us a
very small remnant, we would
have been as bad as Sodom and
Gomorrah."

The same thing was true in
the days of Jeremiah. We read:

"Run ye to and fro through
the streets of Jerusalem, and
see now, and know, and seek
in the broad places thereof, IF
YE CAN FIND A MAN, if there
be any that executeth judgment,
that seeketh the truth; and I
will pardon it."—Jer. 5:1.

It had gotten to the place
where nobody could be found
who would stand up for the
Lord in the days of Jeremiah.

It is said that old Diogenes
used to walk through the streets
of his city with a lighted lan-
tern in mid-day and would
gather a crowd around him in
view of his eccentricities, and
would hold that lantern up and
look up into the faces of men
and cry out for an honest man,
and then in disgust would turn
away and say, "I called for men,
not for pigmys."

Jeremiah was looking for an
honest man in his day. In his
day he was looking for a man
who knew the Lord and who
stood for the truth, and the im-
port of his exclamation is that
as far as saved people were
concerned, they had ceased in
the days of Jeremiah.

It was thus in the days of
Micah. Listen:

"Woe is me! for I am as when
they have gathered the sum-
mer fruits, as the GRAPE
GLEANINGS of the vintage;
there is no cluster to eat: my
soul desired the first ripe fruit.
The GOOD MAN IS PERISH-
ED out of the earth; and there
is none upright among men;
they all lie in wait for blood;
they hunt every man his bro-
ther with a net."—Micah 7:1,2.

Micah said that as far as his
salvation was concerned, it was
just like one little grape hang-
ing up there in a grapevine. He
said that there wasn't one
cluster left—not one cluster of
grapes could be found, but in-
stead just a grape here and
there might be seen.

I tell you, beloved, these pro-
phets of God in the Old Testa-
ment certainly knew what it
was to walk alone and to find
no fellowship so far as their
fellow-man was concerned.

Beloved, what was true in the
days of the Old Testament was
just as true in the days of the
Lord Jesus Christ.

"Strive to enter in at the
strait gate; for many, I say un-
to you, will seek to enter in,
and shall not be able."
—Luke 13:24.

We find here the Lord Jesus
making a similar assertion, as
if to say there will be many
who will seek and shall not
find. The Lord Jesus gives us
a further explanatory state-
ment, for He says:

"Because strait is the gate,

WHICH ONE DO YOU BELIEVE

Russell says:

The MAN JESUS is dead,
forever dead.

Vol 5, p. 454.

Russell says:

Our Lord is no longer a man,
but a SPIRIT.

Vol. 2, p. 131.

Russell says:

The full establishment of the
Kingdom of God in the earth
at A. D. 1914.

Vol 3, p. 126.

Russell says:

Those who accept God's gift
live everlastingly on CONDI-
TION OF OBEDIENCE.

Vol. 1, p. 106.

Russell says:

There is no Scripture which
teaches that death ends all
probation. Vol. 1, p. 105.—Men
are to have a second chance.

Evidently Russell is a false teacher, a tool of the Devil,

BUT, the Bible says:

"There is one mediator be-
tween God and men, The MAN
CHRIST JESUS."

"He EVER LIVETH to make
intercession."
1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:25.

Evidently Jesus is NOT dead!!!

BUT Jesus said:

"A SPIRIT hath not flesh and
bones as ye see me have."
Luke 24:39.

Evidently our Lord is NOT a mere spirit!!!

BUT Jesus said:

"It is not for you to know the
TIMES or the SEASONS (of the
Kingdom) which the Father hath
put in His own power."
Acts 1:7.

Evidently Russell does NOT know the date

BUT, the Bible says:

"NOT BY WORKS of right-
eousness which we have done,
but according to His mercy, He
saved us."
Titus 3:5.

Evidently Russellism contradicts God!!

BUT, the Bible says:

"It is appointed unto men once
to die, but AFTER THIS THE
JUDGMENT."
Heb. 9:27.

"FROM SUCH TURN AWAY" 2 Timothy 3:5

and narrow is the way, which
leadeth unto life, and FEW
there be that find it."

—Mt. 7:14.

Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ
never attracted the multitude
but one time in His life, and
that was when He put on a
free feed. Five thousand men,
not counting women and chil-
dren, hung on to Him when He,
miraculously and supernatural-
ly, fed them with fish and
bread. They were so impressed
by what He had done, that
though He crossed the waters,
they follow round about, hoping
that He would repeat the mir-
acle that He had performed the
day before. They had found the
greatest thing in the world —
a man who could take a hand-
ful of food and multiply it to
the extent that it would last,
and it would care for the ma-
terial needs of the multitude.
They would never have to work
any more. They would never
have to do anything. They had
found one who could take care
of all their material needs.

Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ
isn't in the business of taking
care of the material needs of
ungodly sinners. It is true that
the rain falls on the just and
the unjust, and the sun shines
on the just and the unjust. The
only reason for that is the just
is the salt of the earth and if
God weren't blessing the salt,
the saved, He wouldn't bless
the unsaved. He never came in-
to this world to satisfy a crowd
of lazy, trifling, ungodly, hel-
lions. When they followed Him
around on land, they gave Him
a good strong hint that they
were hungry, by telling Him
how that Moses fed their fa-
thers in the wilderness for forty
years, as if to say, "It was a
pretty good dinner we had yes-
terday; how about having a
repetition of the same today?"
The Lord Jesus, instead of feed-
ing them, gave to them a ser-
mon. In that sermon four great
things were emphasized — de-
pravity, illustrated by their own
selfishness; election and the sov-
ereignty of God; justification by

faith; and the security of the
saved. All four of those great
doctrines came out of that ser-
mon as recorded in the sixth
chapter of the gospel of John.
As Jesus emphasized those four
marvelous doctrines, the crowd
began to thin out; and as He
looked in every direction, He
could see people leaving Him.
Finally, it got to the place, if
it had been a human being
rather than the Lord Jesus
Christ, he would have been
pitifully embarrassed, for it got
down to where there was only
a dozen left. Jesus turned to
them and said, "Will ye also go
away?" and one of them as the
leader of the group, said, "Lord,
to whom shall we go? thou hast
the words of eternal life."

Beloved, that is the only
time that Jesus reached the
multitudes, and He reached
them then with a free feed, for
when He preached the Word of
God, they left Him.

There were only a dozen that
stood by Him at that time. Even
when He died and went back
to Glory, there were only 120
who were followers of Him. In
better than 30 year's time even
the Lord of Glory had only at-
tracted unto Himself about 120
individuals. Beloved, some of
these modern whirlwind evan-
gelists have that many in one
service. The Lord Jesus said
that there were only going to be
a few that were going to be
saved.

What was spoken by the
Lord Jesus, was also spoken by
the Apostle John.

"And we know that we are
of God, and the WHOLE
WORLD lieth in wickedness."
—I John 5:19.

Are you expecting multitudes
to be saved today? Are you ex-
pecting everybody in Russell's
come to know the Lord Jesus
Christ? Are you expecting
everybody round about is go-
ing to come and be saved? John
said, "The whole world lieth in
wickedness." You needn't ex-
pect multitudes to be saved.
God has never saved the mul-
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"The Few Of God's Choosing"

(Continued from page two)

John gives us a similar statement as he wrote the book Revelation, for he said: "Thou hast a FEW NAMES written in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy."

—Rev. 3:4.

Sardis was the dead church. It was the church that was said to be a live church, but God said it was a dead church. But in that dead church there were a few who had not defiled their garments. There weren't any, but there were a few.

Now, beloved, I have taken me thus far to show you from Isaiah and Abraham and Lot, from David and Isaiah, Jeremiah and Micah, from Jesus and from the Apostle John — have taken this time to show you that God has never at any time in earth's history saved multitudes, but rather God has dealt with a few.

II

GOD DEALS ONLY WITH THE ELECT.

"According as he hath CHOSEN us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

—Eph. 1:4.

What has He done? He has chosen us in Him. When? Before the foundation of the world. Beloved, if God has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that means that you and I who are saved, are older than creation. Actually, I came to know that I was a child of God when I was about sixteen years of age. You can say that that was my spiritual birthday and that I am 22 years old, dating from my sixteenth birthday until now. Yet, beloved, in the mind of God, I am older than creation. I am older than the ground you walk on. I am older than these mountains that you view. I am older in the mind of God than anything in this world. I am older than creation, chosen of God in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Beloved, that ought to put a man on shouting ground. Maybe there is somebody here who hasn't been a child of God very long, but, beloved, before God ever made this world, before God ever put down one stone on top of another, before God ever put down one clod of earth, God had already chosen you in Christ Jesus so that you are actually in the mind of God, older than creation.

Beloved, God isn't saving the multitudes. The ones whom He is saving are those whom He has chosen from before the foundation of the world.

Listen again:

"For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for MANY for the remission of sins." —Mt. 26:28.

The majority of Baptist preachers will tell you that Christ died for everybody, and that the only thing that is keeping a man from being saved is his own cursed meanness. Beloved, when a preacher tells you that, he is preaching a lie. That is not so. When the Lord Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He said, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

I am amazed when I read the various papers that I receive at the stupendous ignorance that apparently preachers have.

I get from 75 to 100 papers every month, and I dare say that 99 percent of the editors of those papers will tell you that Jesus Christ died for everybody; but, beloved, Jesus Christ Himself didn't say that. He said, "My blood which is shed for many."

Now who are those many? Listen:

"And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord; and AS MANY as were ORDAINED to eternal life believed."

—Acts 13:48.

Beloved, those "many" who are going to believe are those who were ordained to eternal life.

Years ago, a deacon in a Baptist church heard me preach. After the services were over, in a very astute manner he tried to set me right as to what was the truth. He told me a little story about a Hardshell whom he had known. He said that this Hardshell Baptist talked about the elect, and that his answer to this Hardshell as to who are the elect, was that the elect are the people that believe. He stood up in my face as a deacon seventy years of age, who had sat under a good man, who had been his pastor through the years, and had the audacity to tell me that the elect were the very ones who believed. It is not so, beloved. The believers are the ones who were the elect. A man isn't elected because he believes, but he believes because he is one of the elect.

I like that word "ordain." It is a big word. It just means that God plans the whole thing — the time of your salvation, the proper time and place of your salvation, and the way that salvation is to come to you. I believe with all my heart this morning that the God who chose us to salvation before the foundation of the world, that that same God ordained the day, the time, and the manner of your salvation, and ordained preachers to present the Word of God to you and the way whereby you should be saved. Oh, beloved, the man who realizes that all he can do, is to look up and say, "Thank you, Lord, for what you have done for me" — when a man realizes that, he sees then that salvation is what God has done for him — what God has ordained in his behalf.

I tell you, beloved, there isn't going to be any great multitudes saved, but as many as He has ordained to eternal life, those are the ones who will believe.

Let's read again:

"As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him."

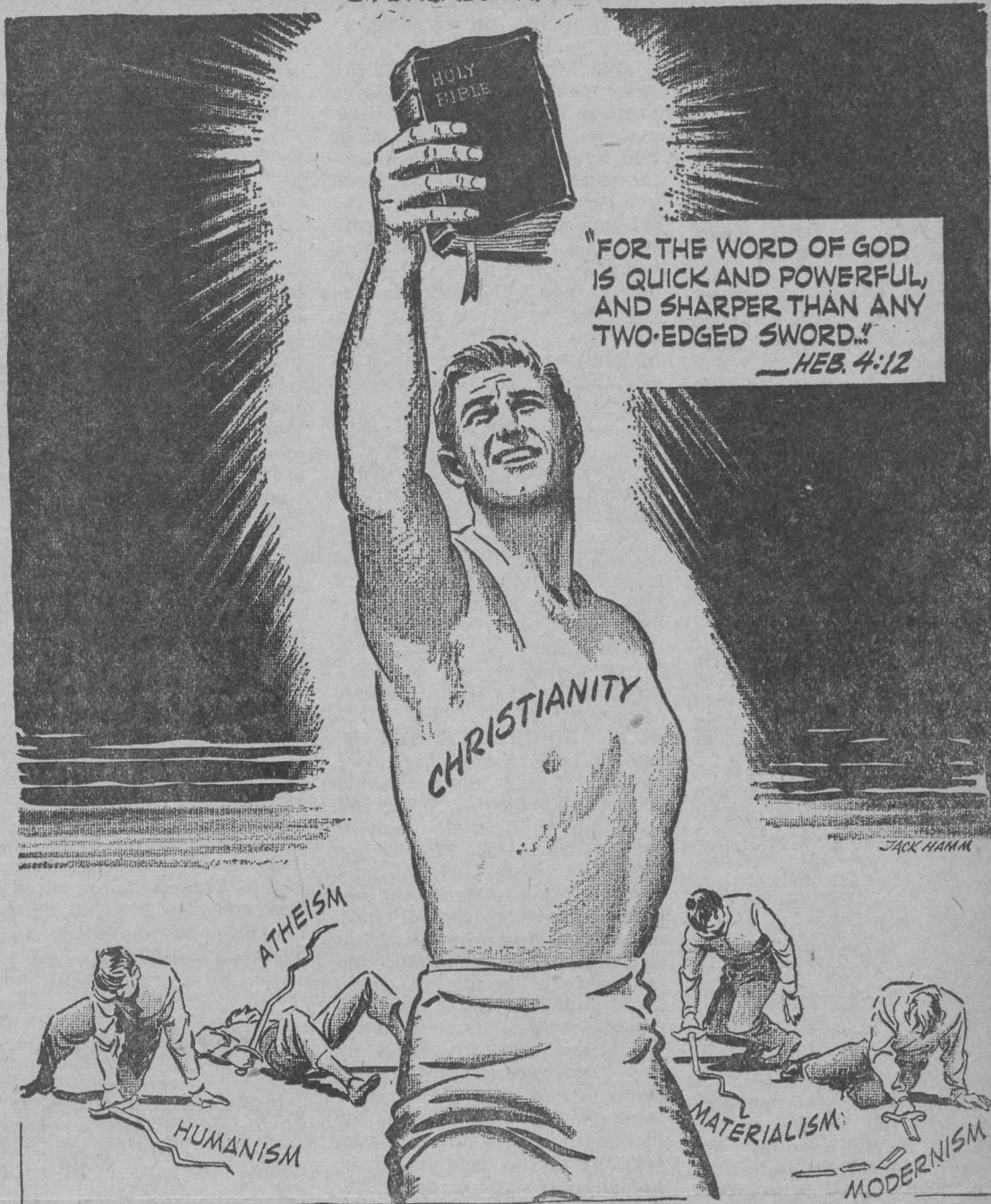
—John 17:2.

How many are going to be saved? Beloved, I don't know the exact number, but God has given to Jesus Christ an elect number, and He has ordained that He give eternal life to that group.

"I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word." —John 17:6.

Let me tell you this morning, Jesus Christ never came to this world to save the world, but He came to this world to save God's elect. He didn't die to save the world. The man who preaches a general atonement and tells you that Jesus' blood was sufficient to save the old world, preaches a lie. Jesus said that He came to give eternal life to as many as were given

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to Him.

Haven't you gone to church and heard some dear brother, who was a good brother but who certainly was ignorant of God's Word, pray that God save the whole wide world and that everybody in this world would come to know Jesus Christ. Beloved, that is a prayer of ignorance. It may be a prayer of sincerity, but it is a prayer of ignorance to say the least.

Christ, in His high priestly prayer, said:

"I pray for them: I PRAY NOT FOR THE WORLD, but for them which thou has given me; for they are thine."

—John 17:9.

Notice again:

"So Christ was once offered to bear the SINS OF MANY; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." —Heb. 9:28.

An evangelist held a meeting for us a number of years ago, who was strictly a modern evangelist. He had been a good evangelist in the days gone by, but in his old age he had gotten to the place where numbers looked mighty good to him. I remember one day that he stood here on this same rostrum, beside this same sacred desk which I cherish and prize above all other pulpit stands in the world, and said to a congregation, "You had better be careful or you will sin away your day of grace. God will quit calling you. He will call you for a while and then He will get tired of it, and He will quit calling you and let you go to Hell."

Beloved, there was not a word of truth in it. Christ was once offered to pay for the sins of

many, and everyone of those "many" are going to be saved. There won't be a big multitude that will be saved, but the many for whom He died are going to be saved.

Listen again:

"For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing MANY SONS UNTO GLORY, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

—Heb. 2:10.

This tells us that many sons are going to be brought to glory. Beloved, if the Lord Jesus Christ died for everybody, and if everybody in this world is going to be saved, and if everybody in this whole wide world is going to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ, then why didn't God just say that instead of saying "many?" I'll tell you why: God is a God of omniscience. He knows all things. He knows for whom Jesus Christ died. He knows everyone that shall be saved, for they are the love gift of God the Father, unto God the Son, from before the foundation of the world. There isn't a one of that crowd that God has chosen but what will someday be saved.

Beloved, God has never dealt with the multitude. He has always been with the few. How does He explain it? Listen:

"All that the Father giveth me SHALL COME TO ME; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." —John 6:37.

Sometime ago I heard a preacher over the radio talk about the vacant chairs in Heaven. He used one of the most touching illustrations that I ever heard. He was talking about how you can go into a home and the table is set and

they have one empty chair. He said that ever since World War I his mother and father had set the table and left one vacant chair, and that one vacant place was for his brother, who was killed during the war. Beloved, it was the most touching illustration that I ever heard in my life, but, beloved, it was the biggest lie I ever heard. There are not going to be any empty chairs in Heaven. There are not going to be any empty plates in Heaven. There aren't going to be any vacant rooms in Heaven. There won't be a single house that will have a "For Rent" sign on it. But, beloved, everyone that God chose before the foundation of the world is going to be saved.

There used to be a preacher who preached in the South by the name of Jesse Handley. He was one of those whirlwind evangelists who preached a lot of truth, and also a lot of error. He could make you think that Hell wasn't a half mile away. In that respect, I rejoiced for his ministry, but there were other things that I didn't rejoice in.

For example, in his sermon based on the first chapter of Proverbs, entitled, "God's Last Call," he said that God will keep on calling and calling and calling until God will get tired of it, and then He will stop. Then it will be too late, because you have sinned away your day of grace.

Beloved, that is a wonderful sermon to get church members. You can fill up a church with a group of ecclesiastical corpses, (Continued on page four)

"The Few Of God's Choosing"

(Continued from page three) with a sermon like that better than anything that I know of, but that doesn't get people saved.

Beloved, if you can withstand God, if you can resist God, if you can turn your back on God to the extent that you can go on to Hell, or you could have been saved if you had turned to Him, then, beloved, you are bigger than God. What does God's Word say? Listen:

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."—John 6:37.

Every once in a while somebody will say something like this to me: "Brother Gilpin, doesn't it discourage you to preach to such a little crowd?" Not one bit. Listen, beloved, I am preaching today to everyone that God wants me to preach to. A man said to me sometime ago, "Doesn't it discourage you to have so few people make professions of faith?" He said, "I held a meeting just recently and I had 65, I think it was, saved." He said, "I wanted to tell you about it, but I was afraid it would make you feel badly if I told you." In the first place, beloved, I wonder seriously if they were saved, for he was preaching in a church where the pastor believed in falling from grace, and I doubt seriously about anybody being saved under circumstances like that. But assume that they were saved. If they were saved, I'll rejoice and thank God because of it, but listen, it doesn't discourage me one particle about the fewness or the smallness of the results. My business, beloved, is to preach God's Word and to wait on God for the results. He is going to do the saving, and He will do it in His own time.

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will finish it until the day of Jesus Christ."—Phil. 1:6.

Beloved, if He begins to work within your life, He will never turn loose of you until you are saved. Sinner friend, if God has begun to work within your life, God is never going to turn loose of you until you are saved. I have good news for you, encouraging news, the best news in this world, and that is if God begins to work within a man's life, He doesn't begin and then turn loose of him, but He will hold on to him and ultimately that man will be saved.

There are folk who talk about a sinner sinning away his day of grace—that he could have been saved, but that he put it off too long. He just waited too long.

Sometime ago, there was one of these heretical Baptist preachers who held a meeting at Wurtland, Ky. He told the story about the two boys who were attending services. One of them made a profession of faith and the other one didn't. They started home riding horseback. When they got to the forks of the road they parted, one going one direction and one the other. After they had parted, the one who had been saved heard the other shouting, "Come back! Come back, come back!" He turned his horse around and went back to the forks of the road and caught up with this other lad, and said, "What do you want?" In reply,

he said, "Oh, I wasn't calling for you. I was calling for the Holy Spirit. He has left me and I can never be saved."

This Baptist preacher told this story that every Holy Roller preacher in the country has told over and over again. When he told it, he said, "You had better be careful or God will treat you the same way. You will put off your salvation too long until you sin away your day of grace and God won't have a thing to do with you." Beloved, when he gave the invitation, there were eight little children who came up and sat down on the front seat. Two of them couldn't have told their right hand from their left. There was no salvation about it, for he scared eight children into the church—eight little ecclesiastical corpses became members of the church.

Beloved, the Word of God tells us that there is no such thing as a man sinning away his day of grace. If God has called that man, He is going to save him.

"The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and AS I HAVE PURPOSED, SO SHALL IT STAND: For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?"—Isa. 14:24, 27.

Beloved, what God has purposed is going to stand, and nobody is going to disannul God's plans. Everyone whom God has chosen unto salvation before the foundation of the world is going to be saved in God's own appointed time. I thank God for this blessed truth. It thrills my soul and blesses my heart through and through when I think about it. I look up into His face and I say, "Thank you, Lord, for all this goodness to me. You chose me, you predestinated the way whereby I should be saved, and you ordained the means of my salvation; and here I am saved, Lord, because of what you have done for me." Beloved, all the praise and all the glory and all the honor goes to Him.

Sinner friend, if God is dealing with your heart this morning, the God who is dealing with you is never going to let loose. He has a time, a place, and a purpose to be fulfilled so far as your life is concerned. It may be that this is God's time; I don't know. It may be that this afternoon as you are sitting in your home,—may be God's time. It may be that as you are driving along the road tomorrow that it will be God's time. I don't know when God's time may be, but I know one thing, the God who elects men to salvation never lets a one of them go to Hell. May it please God to save you now.

If you are saved, get up and walk down the aisle and say, "Brother Gilpin, I see the truth that God elected me, He chose me, and He gave His Son to die for me. I see it all, and I believe it." Beloved, if you believe this, you are saved. You can't believe that Jesus Christ died for you and go out of this house unsaved.

If you can say that this morning, I'll thank God. If you don't and go out of this house without making a public profession, I'll still thank God, because I know, beloved, I have preached to you God's Word. I know that when God's day comes, if you are one of His elect, God will save you. I am not looking for any big, brown sandstone church, nor am I looking for multitudes to preach to. Rather, I am happy where I am—pastor of a little church, but happy in a pastorate where I am free to preach His Word. He isn't saving the multitudes, but He is saving as many as were ordained. Has He saved

you. Thank God, if He has. If He has saved you, you ought to be a member of this church. You ought to let your life count for Him. You ought to let your life be a testimony for God.

May God bless you!



Sweet "P's"

(Continued from page one) our day when sin is so prevalent, purity is a virtue lacking in so many lives. Purity in heart is commanded by God as a prime requirement within those who shall see him. Daily reading and meditation on God's word are necessary to those who would remain pure in heart.

Those who are pure in heart find working in their lives another of God's P's, as found in POWER. The power of God is a vital necessity if we are to conquer with Christ. God's power cometh down from above, have you received this power? Powerless lives are defeated lives. We should earnestly call on God to send the old-time power.

The power of God brings our last sweet P for this time, PERSEVERANCE. God's power never runs out, neither does His grace, therefore those who are truly saved shall live forever in Him. Those who are saved by God are kept by God, blessed by God and forever sustained by the Spirit-of-God.



How God Works

(Continued from page one) for the sins of many and everyone of God's many shall come home. "All that the Father hath given unto me, shall come"—the words of the Son of God. Do you believe them? Shall come. Jesus didn't have any question in His heart about it. He knew that the all-seeing eye of God, the Father, did see every precious one. Not only did see them, but had seen them even from all eternity.

Therefore God, seeing the precious one, sends His servant with His word to reach that heart. The Holy Spirit prepareth, God draweth—God the Father, God the Son washeth with His own shed Blood. God's eye seeth every precious thing. I trust today that you are precious unto God. Precious enough to belong to Him. For if you are, you are safe for all eternity. God's blessings are real. God's blessings are sure. God's power is available and God's power is able even to the cutting out of rivers among the rocks. May the rivers of living water flow unto that rockribbed heart of yours today and help you to know that you too are one of God's precious things. To know this truth will bless your heart even forever. May the Lord teach it to you, this day!

—T. G. New



Worshipping God

(Continued from page one) out, and departed into a solitary place to pray." If Jesus, the Son of God thus needed prayer and communion with the Father, what about US?

Then we have the example of David who said, "In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee." (Psa. 5:3). He had time in the early morning for prayer. Again he said, "Morning, noon and night will I pray unto thee." There is indicated a threefold devotional period for each day. Daniel knelt before his window,

which opened toward Jerusalem, and prayed three times a day, when this practice jeopardized his life. Cornelius (Acts 10:1-6) was a man who worshipped the true God according to the light he had, and the Lord took note and furnished him with more light. We could go on and on citing Bible examples of men and women who devoutly worshipped God in the secrecy of their own personal lives. Jesus rebuked the Pharisees who paraded their worship so as to be praised of men. He told them to enter into the private place and pray, and told them that God seeing their secret worship would "reward them openly."

WHEN TO BEGIN REGULAR PERSONAL WORSHIP

The time to start definite worship habits is immediately upon CONVERSION. We believe that God will give every saved person the impulse to worship. The spirit of adoption given one causes him to look up and say, "Abba Father." A newly converted person by failing to adopt a regular time and place of personal devotion, is liable to become loose and lax about worship, and this always means backsliding.

WHEN SHOULD ONE PRAY AND WORSHIP GOD?

Upon awakening in the morning is a good time. It is a good time to ask guidance, help and strength for the day. Before going to sleep at night is another good time. That gives time for expressing thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Then as special need arises all through the day. As things arise that should be prayed about, pray right then — don't put it off until later. The nature of one's work — their surroundings and circumstances will to some extent determine the opportunity to pray and worship, but most any person can find time to commune with God through the day. You will keep out of wrong places, wrong company, wrong habits, wrong speech if you pray and worship God all along through the day. Likewise you will carry a sense of God's presence that you will otherwise know nothing about.

Right habits of personal worship will do away with 95 per cent of the backsliding. Backsliding is the product of spiritual neglect.



Revised Version

(Continued from page one) five) editors listed on the back flap of the Revised Standard Version who are instructors in Union Seminary. This is the school where Dr. J. Gresham Machen, the renowned Christian Greek scholar, was asked to speak some years ago. He told us himself, when he mentioned that one of the reasons why he believed in the Virgin Birth was because his Mother believed it, they laughed at him!

FACT NO. 6

There is a cleverly disguised Unitarianism these modernists have woven into the Scriptures concerning Christ. Let William Childs Robinson speak, a recognized scholar today who still believes that the Bible is God's verbally inspired Word. "The Revised Standard Version uses Thee and Thou for God and you for Christ. This is particularly objectionable in such passages as the conversion of Paul. According to the several accounts of this event, Saul was smitten down by a Theophany and arrested by a heavenly Hebrew Voice saying: 'Saul, Saul why

are you persecuting me?' And Saul, who had been reared on the Old Testament accounts of the Theophanies to Abraham, Jacob and Moses, replied to the Lord (Jehovah - Adonay). Whom he had worshipped from you 'Lord, who art Thou?' Only the Revised Standard Version renders this august passage by the flat: 'Who are you, Lord?'"

FACT NO. 7

Edgar Goodspeed is one of the editors of RVS. He is on the faculty of the University of Chicago, Divinity School, from which school Duncan Littlefair graduated. Dr. Goodspeed and his co-editors didn't go as far as they dared. We had personal correspondence with Dr. Goodspeed some years ago. I took him to task severely for his translation of Isaiah 1:18 which appears in the "Goodspeed Bible" which you can purchase at most bookstores. Do you know how Isaiah 1:18 reads in the Goodspeed Bible? Listen, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, shall they be as white as snow? though they be red like crimson, shall they be as wool?" Can you hear the hiss of the serpent in that one? When I remonstrated with Dr. Goodspeed about this he took it as a good joke that a young man just out of Seminary would question his authority. He even published a statement about it in a brochure which he sent me.

FACT NO. 8

We have mentioned that the Revised Standard Version has been copyrighted by the National (Federal) Council Churches. What little we know about copyrights we know they involve royalties of usually 10 per cent. The RSV sells for \$6.00 and \$10.00 a copy. We are informed that a million copies have already been printed. At \$6.00 per copy total sales would amount to \$6,000,000 with royalties amounting to \$600,000. And remember—every copy you buy you are enriching the coffers of the National (Federal) Council of Churches which is professedly communistic, socialistic, modernistic and apostate!

FACT NO. 9

The very fact that names of such modernists and infidels as Preston Bradley, Harry Emerson Fosdick, etc., are linked with the wide publicity recently given to the Revised Standard Version should cause us to ask, "What's wrong with the RSV when such men who hate the Bible as God's verbally inspired Word, and Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God, speak well of it?"

My God help us who believe the Old Book to be what it claims — GOD'S VERBALLY INSPIRED WORD AND HIS FINAL REVELATION TO MEN — to stand up and be counted in the number of those who refuse to bow the knee to the Baal of modernistic scholarship and expose their subtle and pernicious falsehoods whenever and wherever we can—so help us God!



Depended On

A simple man who carried on his business in Manchester, about whose integrity certain rumors were abroad, was asked, "Do you ever fear you will break?" "Aye," said the man emphatically, "I shall break when the Fiftieth Psalm breaks in the fifteenth verse: 'Call upon me in the day of trouble, I will deliver thee.'"