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Concerning System We Call The World

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MAN SOLD HIMSELF TO THE DEVIL

In the beginning God had full and complete charge of man and the earth. But the first man and woman bargained with the devil, disobeyed God, and fell into sin. Satan got his clutches on the human race, and has had it ever since. He has organized the unregenerates of the human race against God and his government. He did that so successfully before the flood, that God destroyed the race. He has done the same thing over and over again, until John tells us that

"the whole world lieth in the evil one." And we are told that Satan is the "god of this age and the prince of this world." (See 2 Cor. 4:4). Reference here is to this world-system which has been organized by the devil.

This system that is called the world is based on force and greed and envy and such. It involves war and violence and crime. There is no peace — never has been, and never will be so long as this system is dominant. How ridiculous — yes, how idiotic to expect men to "Bring (Continued on page four)

Just an ordinary church member
Of the church, I heard him say,
But you'd always find him
present
Even on a rainy day.

He had a hearty handclasp
For the stranger in the aisle,
And a friend who was in trouble
Found sunshine in his smile.

When the sermon helped him
He told the preacher so;
And when he needed comfort
He let his pastor know.

He always paid up promptly
And tried to do his share
In all the ordinary tasks
For which some have no care.

His talents were not many
But his love for God is true,
His prayers were not in public
But he prayed for me and you.

An ordinary member?
I think that I would say,
He was an extraordinary
In an humble sort of way.
—Copied

There Are Some News Items Really of Prophetic Interest

An estimate reached by the Alamos Scientific Laboratory places the pecuniary value of a Ph.D. degree at \$40,000 additional income to its owner. A characteristic of the last years will be the accent on knowledge.

Knowledge shall be increased," Daniel 12:4. In Dallas a drunken mother called for her husband to "come and get this baby." When he de- she threw the 30 month child out the door, severely injuring it.

"Without natural affection." Timothy 3:3. A Catholic priest in Newfoundland, visiting a village, found the villagers up at midnight worshipping the bread he supposedly had transformed into Christ. He asked why, the people said it was not "every day we (have) the Lord in our village . . . We're making sure He has a constant companion during His stay with us."

"Having a form of godliness." Timothy 3:5. Communist Party agitators visit the State-run nurseries in Czechoslovakia and give the children candy and photos of Red leaders to take home. Returning (Continued on page four)

PREPARING FOR MISSION WORK

There seems to be a desire among Christian young people to prepare themselves for missionary work. First they want to know where to receive their training, then how to go to the field.

The Apostle Paul said to Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15). God needs young people who are prepared as Christian warriors to go out and fight against the enemies of God and the souls of men. We do not fight against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in heavenly places. This is exactly what the missionary finds he is doing when he is on the foreign field. The power of the Devil is real and strong.

HOW SHOULD YOU PREPARE YOURSELF FOR MISSIONARY WORK?

Perhaps you are a young person of high school age. You say, "I believe that God has called me to be a missionary. Now what

shall I do? How should I get myself ready for the mission field?"

There are two kinds of preparation. There is heart preparation, and then there is intellectual preparation — the educational side. As to your heart's preparation, there must be complete surrender to the will of God. Romans 12:1,2 says that you must "present your body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your

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reasonable service."

"If you are to be a missionary and want to be used of God in His service, you must make a complete surrender of your life, your talents, your plans, your possessions, and your desires. Everything must be surrendered. You will have to climb up on God's altar, lie down in submission to the will of God, and say, "Lord, here I am. I am ready to be a sacrifice for You." This is an absolutely essential step. No one is ever prepared to be a missionary until he has made full and complete surrender to the will of God.

You must begin being a witness for Christ and a soul-winner right where you are. Be a true witness among your chums and companions at school. Do not be afraid to take a stand for Christ. If you are afraid to take your stand for Him firmly now, you will find that it will be much harder out on the mission field. You may have to risk your very life out there. Prepare yourself in heart by taking a stand for Christ right where you are. Stand out boldly for the Lord Jesus Christ during your (Continued on page four)

Scandal Evidence Found 20 Years After The Crime

Workmen digging a post hole dug up the skeleton of a 20-year-old Salt Lake City scandal.

The hole, dug for a utility pole, disclosed a box containing city payroll withdrawal receipts — dated in the late 1920's. Those receipts were the object of a search in 1929 when auditors discovered a shortage in city funds.

No one ever was convicted in connection with the shortage — primarily because of lack of evidence which was dug up more than 20 years later. City officials said most of the persons involved at the time now are dead. Besides, the statute of limitations would prevent any prosecution now.

If the guilty persons did not place faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and receive forgiveness, they died in their sins and they will hear about those shortages again; for the Lord "requireth that which is past." (Ecclesiastes 3:15) There is no statute of limitations with Him.

"For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

A post hole is by no means deep enough to hide one's sins from the all-seeing eye of God; but if faith is placed in the Savior Who died for our sins and (Continued on page four)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"THE WHOLE FAMILY IN HEAVEN"

"The whole family in Heaven."—Eph. 3:15.

If you will go back and read the book of Judges, you will find a very interesting story as to the experience of Ehud when he met King Eglon. As he walked into the presence of Eglon, he said, "I have a message from God unto thee." At the very outset, I would like to repeat the words of Ehud unto Eglon, for I am sure that I have a message unto thee from the Lord. This is a mighty text—a text that always stirs my soul every

time I read it. I suppose I am sentimental enough that I am tremendously concerned that my whole family be in Heaven, and I think that it ought to be the desire of every soul that is here, that the whole family of which you are a part might be united as a complete entity in that land where we'll never grow old.

I am sure, beloved, when we get there, that we will find everything will be one grand surprise to everyone of us. If you will turn to the Word of God, you can easily see that

at the very best, there is mighty little that you and I know about Heaven, for Paul says:

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."—I Cor. 2:9.

Furthermore, if you would like to see just how ignorant we are concerning Heaven and how hard it is to understand concerning Heavenly things, listen to these words from Paul:

"How that he was caught up (Continued on page two)

MAN'S PROGRAMS VS. GOD'S POWER

Acts 1, verse 8; "But ye shall receive power."

We live in a day of slogans and propositions, of supposition and superstition. It is not the imagination of men, but rather the revelation of God that we must have. Men have supposed that until God is all but deposed from our lives. I feel if we should do a little less supposing from our pulpits and do a bit more exposing sin, we should make more progress. (Continued on page four)

A RELIGIOUS GIVE-AWAY PROGRAM

Hard on the heels of Christian evangelization have come the proselytizers of many religions. Wherever the exponents of these false systems have gone, they have gone only after Christianity laid the missionary groundwork.

A recent instance of this took place in Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, where Moslem missionaries, who would not have appeared on the scene in safety if it had not been for four decades of Christian preaching, are now winning con- (Continued on page four)

Satan may build a hedge about us and hinder our movements, but he cannot root us in and prevent our looking up.

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"The Whole Family In Heaven"

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into paradise, and heard UNSPEAKABLE WORDS, which it is NOT LAWFUL for a man to utter."—II Cor. 12:4.

Now the Apostle Paul didn't mean that there was any law against the uttering of the words that he had heard when he was caught up into Heaven, but he just simply meant that what he saw and heard was so vastly above, and so superior to us, that it would be impossible for us to comprehend in any wise at all the things that he had heard and seen when caught up into Heaven.

So I say, beloved, in the light of these two verses of Scripture, Heaven is going to be one grand surprise to everyone of us. I don't believe that if I preached to you on the subject of Heaven every Sunday until I die, and if you never read anything by way of Christian literature except messages on Heaven until you die,—I don't believe that even then you would know but mighty, mighty little about Heaven; and when we got there and saw all the glory and splendor of Heaven itself, I am satisfied that every last one of us would realize how little we had known and understood of Heaven as we traveled here within this world. We can only have a foretaste here at the very best.

You remember how it was that the children of Israel went over into the land of Canaan and how they brought back with them some of the grapes of Eschol when they returned from the Promised Land. Those grapes which they brought back were a sample of what was to be had in the land of Canaan.

Beloved, sometimes here the Lord gives us a happy Christian experience. Sometimes He gives us experiences that just lift us out of this world and take us away from the material plane and translate us, for the time being, to a spiritual atmosphere. I am satisfied, beloved, that the happiest Christian experiences that you and I have ever had within this world are but a very, very poor foretaste of what Heaven itself will actually be like.

Tonight, beloved, by God's grace, I would like to draw back the curtain and show you just a little of what Heaven is going to be like, to the best of my ability and to the best of your ability to understand, and perhaps as we do so, maybe you will have the same desire as I have when the services come to a close—the desire to see the whole family in Heaven.

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HEAVEN'S DESCRIPTION.

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At the very outset, let me remind you that Heaven is a PARADISE OF DELIGHT. We hear Jesus saying unto the thief who was saved the same day when Jesus died:

"Today shalt thou be in PARADISE."—Luke 23:43.

In this expression you are brought face to face with the thought that Heaven is a paradise of delight.

Listen again:

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."—Rev. 2:7.

Now, beloved, I can't begin to tell you how wonderful the God of Eden was. Even if I had ever seen inside it, I couldn't begin to tell it to you so that you could understand what Eden's beauty actually consisted of. I am satisfied, though, that there has never been anything that your eyes have feasted upon in this world that could in any wise compare with the beauty of the Garden of Eden, and yet, beloved, I insist that the beauty and splendor of the Garden of Eden will never in any wise at all compare with the paradise of delight and the joy and pleasure that is awaiting God's child when he passes over into the sweet by and by. I tell you, the greatest beauty that this world could ever imagine, the greatest beauty that you could even conceive of within this world, wouldn't begin to compare with that paradise of joy and happiness that awaits us after a while.

Furthermore, the Word of God reveals to us that Heaven is a PLACE OF REST.

"There remaineth therefore a REST to the people of God."—Heb. 4:9.

If you will read these verses carefully, you will see that it is definitely true that you enter into a state of rest when you come to know Jesus Christ. Every man who is saved has already entered into a state of rest. He is resting from his labors. He is resting from his works, and therefore he is saved.

But, beloved, this passage of Scripture goes beyond that and tells us about a time when the people of God are going to enter into a state of absolute rest—complete rest and satisfaction. What could be more welcome here within this world in view of the duties and the afflictions and the disappointments that come to us. What could be more welcome to a child of God than to know that after a while there is going to be a place of everlasting rest.

I have in my library that book by good old Baxter, entitled, "Saint's Everlasting Rest." Every once in a while I like to get it out and turn through the pages of it and just imagine that I understand all about Heaven and the things that are in store for me after a while. I tell you, beloved, as surely as you and I are here, Heaven is going to be a place of rest for God's child.

After you have worked hard all day, and after your day's duties have come to a close, isn't it wonderful to be able to go home at night and settle down and relax and rest? Well, beloved, the day's work through which we pass can well be likened to this little day of work which we put in in the service of our Lord. Some of these days, beloved, our little day is coming to an end, and then we are going to come into that place of rest where all the

duties and all the disappointments and all of our afflictions through which we have passed have come to an end. Surely Heaven is going to be a place of everlasting rest.

The Word of God tells us that Heaven is going to be a place where there is NO DEVIL. Now I am not sure as to how much the Devil has hounded your path, but I am positive that he has hounded mine, and I know that he has certainly been a splinter under my toe nail all the way along, ever since I became a child of God. I am glad that some of these days I am going to be in a place where there will be no Devil.

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."—Rev. 20:10.

Beloved, there will be no Devil in Heaven. There has been a Devil, beloved, in this world ever since the Lord Jesus Christ saved my soul. I know it because he has been there to tempt and provoke me. There has been evidence of the Devil all along the way. Ever since the Lord Jesus called me into the ministry, he has been present to frustrate the plans that I have made in the service of my God, and in every church where I have been a member, and where I have been pastor, I have had the Devil to contend with. He has tried to block every forward move that I have tried to make. He has tried to hinder every time that I have tried to press forward in the cause of Christ. I tell you, beloved, I am glad, and I rejoice from the depths of my soul, because of the fact that in Heaven there will be no Devil. He will never be able to enter therein. Beloved, Heaven is going to be a place that will be characterized by the absence of Satan himself.

Also, the Word of God tells us that Heaven is going to be a place of HOLY ASSOCIATIONS. I don't know, beloved, whether you realize it or not, but Heaven is going to be a place where there won't be one single unrighteous person, and there will never be one single unrighteous deed nor act performed there.

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."—Rev. 21:8.

This verse would show us that so far as Heaven is concerned, all the unrighteous are going to be on the outside thereof. No unrighteous deeds and no unrighteous acts will ever be performed in Heaven. Heaven will be a place of holy associations.

"For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."—Rev. 22:15.

It is rather conspicuous, beloved, that the crowd which is listed as heading that group outside of Heaven are dogs, and the word "dogs" as used here, and in the light of other Scriptures of God's Book would indicate false preachers. So, beloved, the very first group that is spoken of as being outside of Heaven, or, in other words, the first group that is spoken of that will not be in Heaven, but rather will be in Hell, will be the false preachers who, along with the

If you can trust the Lord when those about you
Are going mad in search for gain and gold;
If you can look to Him when the world without you
Is sneering at the message He has told;
If you can feel His hand nor move without it,
Or led by Him don't murmur or reply;
Or believe His Word and never doubt it;
And, lied about, can pray for those who lie.

If you can make the Lord your only Master;
If you can make His glory your only aim;
If you can meet with failure and disaster
And still sing praises to His blessed name;
If you can get your heart on things above you;
And forgetting the things that are behind
Can run the race for Him who has loved you
And let the mind of Him be, too, your mind.

sorcerers, and whoremongers, and idolaters, and liars, will be excluded and shut out once and for all from Heaven. I tell you, beloved, Heaven is going to be a place of holy, happy, blessed associations.

Matthew makes this statement:

"And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven."—Mt. 8:11.

I am looking forward to that day when I am going to have fellowship with those patriarchs of old. I never saw Abraham nor Isaac nor Jacob in the flesh, but some day I am going to see them, and some blessed morning I am going to gaze upon the faces of these three grand patriarchs of the past. What a blessed day it is going to be when all the false preachers and all the immoral folk and all the blasphemers and all the unrighteous crows are shut out of Heaven, and with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, and with all the redeemed of all ages, we shall sit down for a happy, holy association throughout all the ages to come.

Again, beloved, I would have you notice that Heaven is going to be A PLACE WHERE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF IS.

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."—Rev. 21:3.

"For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be WITH CHRIST; which is far better."—Phil. 1:23.

Whenever a child of God dies, that child of God departs to be with Christ. Beloved, when the hour that you and I leave this world, either by the route of death or else by way of the translation when Jesus comes, —regardless of which way we leave this world, when that hour comes, when that blessed day arrives, thank God, we are going to be with the Lord Jesus Christ.

I can think of nothing that ought to thrill the hearts of God's elect more than to know that some day all of the elect of God will be with Jesus Christ throughout a never-ending eternity. I go to church in order to

If you can turn your back on all earth's treasure,
And count the world's rewards as filth and dross;
And let Him use you of His own good pleasure;
And find your glory only in His cross;
If you can give your heart and mind and sinew
To serve Him long after others are gone
And hold to Him when there's nothing in you
Except the faith which says to you, "Hold on!"

If you can talk with the King of Glory;
Or walk with Him and feel His sacred touch;
If you can give your life to tell His story;
If you can hide your hopes and aims as such;
If you can fill every passing minute
With sixty seconds' worth of service done,
Yours will be the earth and everything that's in it,
And more — you'll reign with God's Eternal Son.
—Selected.

get near to Him. I read my Bible in order to come closer in fellowship and relationship with Jesus Christ. I pray and talk to Him in order that I might have closer fellowship with the Son of God, but, beloved, some day I am going to lay aside these means of grace. No longer will I go to church and read my Bible in order that I might behold His face and be drawn closer to Him. Then, beloved, I am going to see Him face to face.

Old Pat, one day, after he came to this country, was asked by those with whom he worked as to what he was going to do when he got to Heaven. He said, "Well, I think I'll just sit and spend the first five hundred years looking at the Lord Jesus Christ." How it must have thrilled the heart of that old foreigner to know that at the end of the way was Jesus, and that he would have the opportunity just to sit down and look upon the face of Jesus. Over in Ireland before he came to this country, he buried his father, old Michael, and on the way to this country, under cover of night, they wrapped his little son, young Michael, in a sheet and dropped him over-board to give him a sailor's burial at sea. But when he came to think of what he was going to do in eternity, he wasn't thinking about his father nor was he thinking about his babe, but he was thinking about that one who had died to save him.

I would have you to know that Heaven is going to be a place where there shall be NO DEATH.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall BE NO MORE DEATH, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."—Rev. 21:4.

Can you imagine a place with no more death? We are so used to thinking about death. We are so used to seeing the hearse creeping along the streets. We are so used to going to funeral services and having the casket brought into the church building. We just naturally think that death has always been, and shall always be. But some of these days there shall come a time when death is going to be robbed, when every grave shall be opened. There'll never be any

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"The Whole Family In Heaven"

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 to creep along the streets
 that fair city. The crepe will
 fly from the door knob
 your home in Heaven. Your
 asion will never have a casket
 it yonder in that land. I tell
 beloved, Heaven is going
 be a place where there shall
 no more death.

turn to God's Word and I
 But they which shall be ac-
 counted worthy to obtain that
 crown of life, and the resurrection from
 the dead, neither marry, nor are
 married: neither shall they
 marry: for they are equal unto the
 angels, and are the children of
 God, being the children of the
 resurrection."—Luke 20:35,36.

Mark it down, beloved, there
 is not going to be any death
 under in eternity.
 In England several years ago,
 a textile factory collapsed and
 as a result a number of young
 girls who worked within that
 factory were trapped and were
 unable to get out. Flames broke
 out and their little souls were
 taken out into eternity thereby.
 As the flames were leaping
 out them, and as they were
 about to be engulfed in flames
 crying no more, those little girls'
 voices could be heard as they
 cried, "I am going home to die
 no more." Beloved, that is what
 Heaven is. It is a place of no
 more death.

think how it is that death
 comes into the sacred precincts
 of our homes here and saddens
 them. There is no event of life that
 brings into the home more sad-
 ness of the human heart than
 death. There is no event that
 brings into the home more sad-
 ness than death itself. But thank
 God, Heaven will be a place of
 no more death.

would have you to notice
 that Heaven will be a place
 where there will be NO EVIL,
 as we read:
 And there shall in no wise
 enter into it any thing that de-
 ath, neither whatsoever work-
 ing, abomination, or maketh a
 shame: but they which are written
 in the Lamb's book of life."—
 Rev. 21:27.

Beloved, there will be abso-
 lutely no evil in Heaven. Can
 you think of any place where
 there could be no evil, no lies,
 hypocrisy? Can you think of
 a place where there will be no
 profanity, no blasphemy and no
 cursing? Can you think of a
 place where there will be no
 sins and no house of prosti-
 tution? Can you think of a place
 where all evil is removed there-
 in? Beloved, that is God Al-
 mighty's picture of Heaven—
 a place where there shall be no
 evil.

Then, beloved, the Word of
 God tells us that it is a place of
 ABSOLUTE SECURITY, for we
 read:

"And the gates of it shall NOT
 be shut at all by day: for
 there shall be no night there."—
 Rev. 21:25.

People go away from home
 and wouldn't dare leave with-
 out turning the key within the
 door. You wouldn't leave your
 house without locking the door
 when you go away. Why? Be-
 cause of a lack of security. You
 lock the door because you want
 to make the contents of your
 home secure. But, beloved, up-
 on the gates of that city
 shall not be shut at all by day.
 It is a place of absolute security.
 I remember how in the days
 of His flesh that on one occa-
 sion John reclined on Jesus'
 bosom. That was on the night
 of that last Passover supper that

There needs be more fear that we will not hear the Lord than that He will not hear us.

they enjoyed together, and John
 that night reclined on Jesus'
 bosom.

Beloved, the saints of God, the
 saved of the Lord, will forever
 recline on the bosom of the
 Lord Jesus Christ. I can think
 of nothing that ought to thrill
 our soul more than to think of
 the safety, the absolute security
 that shall be ours as we recline
 on the bosom of the Lord Jesus
 Himself.

I would have you to know also
 that Heaven is going to be a
 place of PERFECT KNOWL-
 EDGE. I believe that one of the
 greatest joys of Heaven will be
 having a knowledge that is ab-
 solutely complete.

"For we know in part, and we
 prophesy in part. But when that
 which is perfect is come, then
 that which is in part shall be
 done away. When I was a child,
 I spake as a child, I understood
 as a child, I thought as a child:
 but when I became a man, I
 put away childish things. For
 now we see through a glass
 darkly; but then face to face:
 now I know in part; but then
 shall I know even as also I am
 known."—I Cor. 13:9-12.

I tell you, beloved, I like to
 know things here in this world.
 To me knowledge is one of the
 greatest blessings that God ever
 gave unto a human being here
 within this world. I don't know
 of any greater joy that He has
 even given than the joy of
 knowledge right here, but up
 yonder we are going to have un-
 limited knowledge. We will
 know some things then that we
 haven't known nor understood
 down here. The hardships of
 life, the problems, the troubles,
 the heartaches—we will know
 then why they came.

As we often sing:

"Not now but in the coming
 years,

It may be in a better land;
 We'll read the meaning of our
 tears,

And, then, sometimes we'll
 understand."

There are lots of problems that
 have confronted us which we
 have never understood down
 here. There are lots of burdens
 that we have had that we have
 never been able to probe deeply
 enough to find out why they
 have come to us. But up yonder,
 thank God, we will know and
 understand.

One of the joys, I say, of Heav-
 en will be the joy of knowledge
 — not only knowing why the
 problems have come, but to
 know the languages and the
 sciences and all the mysteries
 of the world that have been hid-
 den to us here in this world. I
 tell you, beloved, knowledge is
 a joy here, but it will be multi-
 plied a thousand fold up yonder
 — in Glory when we will have
 a perfect, complete knowledge
 like the Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you know why God loved
 you? Well, I don't. It is a mys-
 tery to me. On the night that
 He saved me, I tried to analyze
 God's love. As I walked to my
 home, I thought to myself, why
 should he love me? Beloved, on
 that night I tried to fathom
 God's love, but I found it too
 deep. I tried to take the wings
 of faith and fly to it, but I found
 it too far removed. I tried to
 circumscribe it, but I found the
 circumference too great. I tell
 you, beloved, I will never know
 why He should love me so, in
 this world, but up yonder I shall
 understand the why of the love
 of God.

I have often thought about
 the entrance of sin into the hu-
 man family and why God ever
 permitted sin to come. I have
 often wondered why God al-

lows death to wreck the home
 and bring sadness unto the
 family. I have often wondered
 about it, but one thing I do
 know—up yonder we will have
 a perfect knowledge. In Heaven
 we will know all things, per-
 fectly, completely and entirely.

Notice also that in Heaven
 there is going to be a HAPPY
 REUNION of all the loved ones
 that have lived here within this
 world. I think that is what Paul
 meant, when he said:

"For now we see through a
 glass, darkly; but then face to
 face: now I know in part; but
 then shall I know even as also
 I am known."—I Cor. 13:12.

I am going to know just like
 I am going to be known by
 others. I will not need any in-
 troduction. I never saw Moses
 nor Abraham nor Isaac nor
 Jacob nor any of the Old Testa-
 ment saints, but I will know
 them just like they will know
 me. We will not only have
 recognition, but will have cog-
 nition — that which we have
 never had within this world.
 We will be able to know those
 whom we have never known,
 just like they will be able to
 know us.

Heaven, beloved, will be a
 place of reunion of the loved
 ones of the Lord. If that be not
 true, then what is the meaning
 of that Scripture when Samuel,
 speaking of his baby who had
 died, said:

"But now he is dead, where-
 fore should I fast? can I bring
 him back again? I SHALL GO
 TO HIM, but he shall not re-
 turn to me."—II Sam. 12:23.

If that be not true, then what
 is the meaning of that Scrip-
 ture in Matthew when it says:

"And I say unto you, That
 many shall come from the east
 and west, and shall sit down
 with Abraham, and Isaac, and
 Jacob, in the kingdom of

heaven."—Mt. 8:11.

What is the meaning of the
 passages in the Old Testament
 which speak about the men of
 God who died and were gather-
 ed to their fathers? What does
 it mean unless it means a
 Heavenly recognition, being
 gathered unto the redeemed of
 the Lord that had gone on be-
 fore?

As I have thought about this
 text and subject, "The Whole
 Family in Heaven," I have tried
 to bring you mentally these ten
 descriptions of Heaven — some-
 thing of what Heaven is going
 to be like.

II

IN VIEW OF THIS, I ASK
 YOU, HOW FAR IS EACH
 FAMILY FROM HEAVEN?

Mark it down, every individ-
 ual of every family was born
 in sin. It doesn't make any dif-
 ference how lovely a personali-
 ty your wife or your husband
 might have. It doesn't make any
 difference how wonderful the
 child is that God has given to
 you in your home. Every indi-
 vidual of every family was born
 in sin, with a sinful nature and
 a sinful disposition, and was
 born a sinner before God.

David said:

"Behold, I was shapen in ini-
 quity; and in sin did my mother
 conceive me."—Psa. 51:5.

"The wicked are estranged
 from the womb: they go astray
 as soon as they be born, speak-
 ing lies."—Psa. 58:3.

I tell you, beloved, your whole
 family is in sin, and every day
 that family gets farther and
 farther from God without Jesus
 Christ. You can take a little
 babe and set that baby's bare
 foot down on concrete, and you
 can make an imprint of that
 baby's foot on fresh concrete.
 However, you can allow that

concrete to dry in the sun and
 in a few hours' time you can
 take a hammer and pound that
 concrete, but never dent it. Lis-
 ten, beloved, that is exactly the
 way that every individual gets
 farther and farther away from
 God the older he becomes. As
 the days go by, man becomes
 more and more hardened by
 the things of this world.

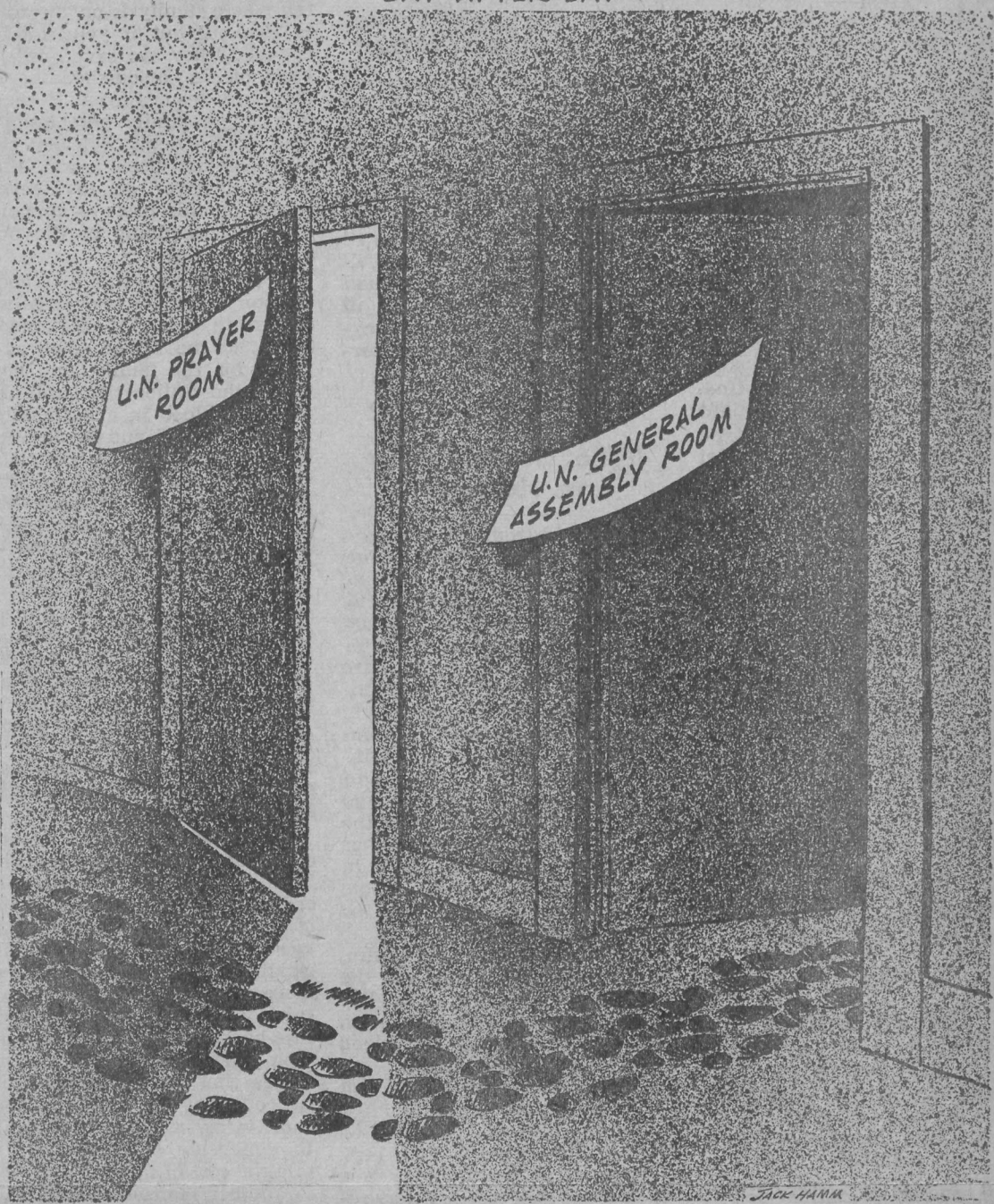
Oh, listen to me, beloved, your
 family, your whole family is in
 sin; you are a sinner unless you
 have been born by the Spirit
 of God, and have become a child
 of God by His grace.

III

HOW CAN THE WHOLE
 FAMILY GET TO HEAVEN?

This is a message that I
 preached to you a long time
 ago. As I look down at the me-
 mor notes that I have before me,
 I see that I preached it to you
 on April 26, 1931. Well do I re-
 member a man who sat yonder
 in the balcony that night—a
 man who had been brought up
 in an irreligious home. He had
 been brought up in an ungodly
 atmosphere in Elliott County.
 He had never known in any
 wise at all what it was to hear
 prayer offered in his home. He
 had never know what it was to
 have the Bible read within his
 home. In some manner, God
 saw to it that that man, his
 wife and children were in the
 services that night. As I preach-
 ed this message, I saw that man
 lean forward yonder in that bal-
 cony seat. I saw him as he le-
 aned forward and drank in every
 word that I said. As he came
 down the stairs and passed me
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DAY AFTER DAY



Man's Programs

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When the power of the New Testament fell, men did not cry for programs, but for a Saviour. The need is the same today. While sinners perish in their sins most of our modern church machinery is geared to soup rather than salvation. A Wednesday night stew in your church kitchen doesn't have the power to reach the man in the stew of sin. It is still the blood of Christ that saves rather than the blood of an old "tough-hen" stewed in a soup-room supposedly for the glory of God. Some of church troubles might easily be traced to another type of "old-hen." I mean the model that thinks more of her bridge club than she does of the Cross-of-Christ that bridges the gap from sin to salvation.

Leaders of others need power, and the power of God comes not from your position in this world, but from your position before God. Show - going, World - chasing, Christ - disgracing leaders will never be able to give one single solid word of help to the man-in-need. A man must be 'cleaned-up' from this world and its sin, before he can be "steamed-up" with this power of God. Our need is not a new idea or brainstorm, but the pentecostal power from above. "O Lord, Wilt Thou send that power even now?"—T. G. New.

World System

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In The Kingdom" when such a system is dominant! The Bible gives us a description of the world under this satanic system. (Romans 8:19-23).

THE DEVIL OFFERED JESUS THE RULERSHIP OF THIS SYSTEM

Read Luke 4:1-8. The price was that Jesus go in league with Satan. Satan wasn't bluffing — he could have made Jesus the Dictator of the world, just as he will one day make the anti-Christ the dictator of the world. Jesus means to rule the world—but NOT in league with Satan.

THE UNSEEN GOVERNMENT OF THIS WORLD

Back behind the muddle of confusion — back behind the constant world strife — back behind the inability to get at peace, there is Satanic influence. The real government of this world-system is invisible, and is described by Paul in Ephesians 6:12-18.

WHAT SHOULD BE THE CHRISTIAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS WORLD?

1. We are not to love it. (1 John 2:15).
2. We are not to be "conformed to it." (Titus 2:12).
3. We are to live godly in this world. (Titus 2:12).
4. We are to deny the lusts of this world. (Titus 2:12).

To line up with the present world (world-system), and to go along with it — to set our affections on it and live for it, is to TAKE SIDES AGAINST GOD, with whom the present system is at enmity.

HOW THIS WORLD-SYSTEM CLIMAXES

It climaxes by going atheistic. It ends by worshipping a man—the anti-Christ, and by plunging the earth into such a situation

that were it not for the elect, "no flesh should be saved."

WHAT FINALLY HAPPENS TO THIS WORLD-SYSTEM?

It is destroyed completely at the return of Christ, and the ruler of it, Satan, is jailed, where he "can deceive the nations no more." Jesus starts a new rule and a new system entirely. This rule will constitute the Millennium "The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed. It shall break in pieces and destroy all these kingdoms (earthly kingdoms) and it shall stand forever."

"The Whole Family In Heaven"

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at the door, he shook hands with me and invited me to come to his home. I went to his home the following week and talked with him. Some weeks later that man and his wife were saved, and I baptized them into the fellowship of this church. I'll never forget when I went into that man's home and talked to him, how he told me of his irreligious background and his ungodly associations of the days gone by. He said, "Brother Gilpin, if I have one desire in my heart, it is that my whole family shall be saved and go to Heaven."

Beloved, if that is your desire, and it ought to be, how can the whole family get to Heaven. Beloved, there is just one way, and that is through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Jesus saith unto him, I AM THE WAY, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."—John 14:6.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures."—1 Cor. 15:3.

"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.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."—1 Pet. 1:18,19.

I tell you, beloved, it is a joy to have the assurance that the whole family is on the road to Heaven; but if your family is saved, they are saved on the basis of the blood-shedding of the Lord Jesus Christ. If there is a single family here tonight who is divided, or even one who has not been saved, that one will never go to Heaven except on this basis — namely, the blood-shedding of the Son of God at Calvary.

I was reading this afternoon the story of the Passover as recorded in the Old Testament, how that the father acted as a priest for the family, and how that father killed the lamb and took the blood in a basin after it was caught, and with some hyssop struck the side posts and the lintel above the door with that blood, thus staining the door thereby. As I was reading it, the thought came to me — what the father did was for the family. It was for the family's spiritual assurance and protection. He did it for the spiritual and the physical life of his entire family, and thus his whole family was saved by the blood.

Brother, sister, if your whole family is ever saved and go to Heaven, it will be on the basis of the blood-shedding of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sometime ago I was in another town and I saw a wealthy home. It wasn't just a home of ordinary wealth, but it was one of those mansions which had been built by an unusually wealthy individual who had more money than he knew what to do with. As I drove around that house with a friend of mine who called attention to various things that were obvious from the outside, the question that came to my mind was, what did that mansion cost. After I was told the cost of it, my mind went to another mansion. Mentally, I drifted off in space and I thought about that mansion which the Lord Jesus Christ has gone to prepare, when He said:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."—John 14:1-3.

As I thought about that mansion up yonder, the thought

came to me—what did it cost? Beloved, it didn't cost me one thing, but it cost the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and no one can ever enter into that mansion that has been prepared by God yonder in the skies, without being blood-washed. I didn't say white-washed by some preacher, but blood-washed by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Might it please God to help you to see this truth, that the only way that the whole family can be in Heaven is by the blood-shedding of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We read about a crowd which comes out of a great tribulation. Listen:

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me. These are they which came out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."—Rev. 7:13-14.

How I thank God from the very depths of my soul for that blood-washed multitude that is going to be yonder in Glory, saved, with the whole family saved on one basis—the blood-shedding of the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Friday afternoon of this past week, I preached a funeral sermon in Ashland for a man who used to listen to my broadcast years ago and who has of recent date been listening since we have been preaching over station WIRO. He died rather suddenly and I preached the funeral on Friday afternoon. The family doesn't know whether he was saved. How pathetic it is for one to die and the family not to know whether he was saved. A meager hope, a meager ray of light was all they had on which to hope that there might be a Heavenly home awaiting him beyond the skies. After I came away from that funeral, I thought, there's many a family that doesn't even have that much hope. There's many a family that doesn't have as much hope as this family has. Then, beloved, I got to thinking about the balance of the family that is left here within this world. I tried to tell them, to the best of my ability, how to be saved. My understanding is that only one of the family is saved, and that the mother and two daughters of the home are in all probability unsaved. I got to thinking about the rest of that family, and I thought that if that father and husband of that home were saved, the rest of them will never see him again unless they meet him on the basis of the blood-shedding of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh, hear me tonight, I have no hope for any family to ever be in Glory, except on the basis of the blood-shedding of the Lord Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION

With the words of this little poem I'll bring my message to a close:

"I shall steer my bark where the waves roll dark,
I shall cross a stranger sea;
But I know I shall land on that bright strand
Where my loved ones are waiting for me.

There are faces there divinely fair,
The earth lost long ago;
And foreheads white, where curls lay bright,
Like sunbeams over snow.

There are sunny eyes like their own blue skies—
Eyes that I've seen before—
That will grow as bright as the

stars of night
When I near the welcome shore.

There are little feet that I loved to meet
When the world was sweet to me;
I know they will bound when the rippling sound
Of my boat comes o'er the sea.

I shall see them stand on the gleaming sand,
Their white arms o'er the tide,
Waiting to twine their hands in mine
When I reach the farther side."

Thank God for the hope that you have that the whole family shall be safe in Heaven. Thank God for whatever hope you have. If there is a family here that is not united, might it please God in this hour to save some soul, that the whole family might be in Heaven after a while.

As the old song says:

"They tell me of a city far up in the sky,
I want to go there, I do.
It is built in the land of the sweet by and by,
I want to go there, don't you?"

Give-Away Program

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verts by offering them a new suit of clothes.

A poor substitute for the white robes of the redeemed!

Prophetic Interest

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the next day, the agitator asks the children what their parents did with the pictures. If the children say their parents disposed of them, the parents are listed as "political unrelies." "Many . . . shall betray one another . . ." Matthew 24:10.

Scandal Evidence

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rose for our justification, the sins, so to speak, will be cast into the sea of God's forgetfulness. He has promised, "their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." (Hebrews 10:17). It is futile to attempt to hide one's self or one's sins from God, for "There is no darkness, nor shadow of death where the workers of iniquities may hide themselves." (Job 34:22).

The wise and satisfying thing to do is to accept the following invitation: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

Missionary Preparation

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high-school years. As for intellectual preparation, or education, a thorough knowledge of the Bible is absolutely necessary for any kind of Christian work. Whether you go to the foreign field, or whether you stay in your own land in some Christian capacity, a thorough knowledge of God's Word is indispensable if you are to be a workman for God.—Selected.

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