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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20.

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## THE DUTY OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

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There are two mistakes often made. One is the mistake of thinking that public worship is sufficient, and that one need not carry on any personal, private worship. The second mistake is the mistake of thinking that if one worships God in private he need not worship in public very often, if at all. This second mistake is the one that we wish to deal with at this time. How often we hear the expression, "I can worship God just as well at home, as I can at church." This is the excuse offered by many who are neglectful concerning church attendance.

Several things may well be said in response to the above excuses:

1. The person who puts up such an excuse, is trying harder NOT to go to church, than to go. That's a miserable attitude on the part of a professing Christian. There is something wrong down on the inside of the person who tries to find some excuse for not attending church.

2. The person who puts up such an excuse is telling a lie. It is NOT true, that one can worship God "just as well at home," when that person is able to attend church. The Lord says, (Heb. 10:25) "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves to-

gether, as the manner of some is . . ." God says for us not to forsake the public assembly, and one cannot worship God "just as well" and ignore that command.

3. The devout secret worshiper, will be the one who is most regular about public worship. One can't live close to God and not have the desire to associate with His children.

4. The neglecter of public worship is selfish. He has little concern that others know the way of salvation. That human beings are perishing in their sins, doesn't trouble him. He knows that few if any are won

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## 33 Prophecies That Were Fulfilled In One Day

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1. Prophecy. The Prophecy of the Betrayal of the Lord Jesus Christ by Judas, 1000 B. C. "Yea, mine own familiar friend in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me." Psalm 41:9.

Fulfillment. "And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them." Mark 14:10.

2. Prophecy. It was Predicted that the Lord Jesus Christ would be Forsaken by His Disciples, 500 years Before. "Awake, Oh, sword against my shepherd (Jesus), and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of Hosts; smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered."—Zech. 13:7.

Fulfillment. "And they all forsook him, and fled." Mark 14:50.

3. Prophecy. The Price Paid for His Betrayal was Foretold. "And I said unto them, if ye think good, give me my price; if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver." Zech. 11:12.

Fulfillment. "What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver." Matthew 26:15.

4. Prophecy. What would be done with the Money? How would Judas use the betrayal money? "And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter; a goodly price that I was priced at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the House of the Lord." Zech. 11:13.

Fulfillment. "Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took coun-

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## Simmons' Book Soon To Be Printed In Portuguese

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I am glad to report that we now have the necessary fund for getting the work started on the printing of my book, "A Systematic Study of Bible Doctrine," in the Portuguese language. The fund reported below has been forwarded to Missionary Harold Morris already, and the actual work of printing the book will be underway by the time this report reaches the readers of this paper. The translation of the book from English to Portuguese has been complete since the first of December. I want to thank those who have had part in contributing to this fund and also those who have prayed or helped in any other way.

As an indication of the circulation the book will have I call attention to the fact that the chapter on The Lord's Supper, which has been in print in tract form in Portuguese for some time, has been widely circulated not only in Brazil, but also in Portugal. Furthermore requests for this chapter have come recently from Cape Verde

Islands and from Mozambique, South Africa. The chapter on Election has been issued separately also, and has had good circulation. The indications are that it will not take long for the book when it is off the press to attain circulation wherever the Portuguese language is read. One reason why this is likely to be so is that this book is unlike anything ever published in Portuguese before. For this reason the book will open up to Portuguese people a great area of truth which has never before been expounded to them at least in modern times.

I will obtain from Brother Morris a written acknowledgment of the receipt of the amount shown below and will print this acknowledgment in The Baptist Examiner as soon as possible.

Now for the report:

Amount reported in the issue of May 30.....\$277.00  
Additional receipts:

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## DOWN A RAT HOLE

Since 1934, Americans have spent 118 billion dollars for alcoholic beverages. This is an amount large enough to build a \$10,000 home for every family in five cities the size of New York.

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!"—Hab. 2:15.



## OUR WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAMS

WIRO — 1230 On The Dial  
Ironton, Ohio  
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Matewan, W. Va.  
Saturday, 1:15 p. m.

WHTN — 800 On The Dial  
Huntington, W. Va.  
Sunday, 7:45 a. m.

WSNJ — 1240 On The Dial  
Bridgeport, N. J.  
Sunday, 2:45 p. m.

## A Prayer Enthused Servant Of Paul -- Bro. Epaphras

One of the State Officers was the King's Remembrancer. Epaphras was one of the Lord's Remembrancers—a heavenly honor. Very little is recorded concerning him in Holy Writ, but what is, is most impressive. Paul was certainly impressed by his power of intercession. He and Philemon were doubtless converted when they visited Paul at Ephesus. Paul had not visited Colosse (Philemon 19). On their return to Colosse the Gospel was preached in the house of Philemon and eventually as assembly was formed (Philemon 2). How it delighted the heart of Paul to commend his "dear fellow-servant" (Colossians 1:17) for the fact he was "always laboring fervently for the saints in prayer" (Colossians 4:12,13).

On returning from a Missionary Meeting one may have the feeling of being unable to do any "great thing" like those we have been listening to—but the Word comes to us, "Go home to thy friends and neighbors and tell them the great things the

Lord hath done for thee."

We may also ask ourselves—does my zeal for His Truth and those who preach it in distant lands manifest itself in prayer? This latter word is used exclusively toward God and therefore relates to the power of Him addressed. Indited by the Holy Spirit the chords are struck—first in our heart and then in the one we are praying for, thus symphonies (Eph. 6:18; II Cor. 10:4). The power behind the pieces of armor is prayer.

How it must encourage and hearten the workers in other lands as they look toward this land to know there are uplifted hands in supplication for them to the God of all grace—the God of all power! In this labor of love we become fellow-laborers with them. James 5:16 is still true.

The intercession of Epaphras was of the deeper spiritual character—"labored fervently." Paul uses the same word in Romans 15:30. In the former Scripture it is "a righteous man," but here Paul adds a little word translated "together." Therefore the sphere of prayer

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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "WHY DOESN'T GOD DO SOMETHING"

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds."—Heb. 1:1,2.

It has always been a rather common experience on my part to meet with individuals from time to time, who, in an emergency or in a crisis, have often given rise to this statement, "Why doesn't God do something?" I remember during

World War II one individual in particular who was very, very much disturbed and perplexed when conditions were going very definitely contrary to the Allies, and this individual in my presence, said, "Why doesn't God, with all of His power and all of His sovereignty, do something about it?" I say, beloved, repeatedly in life I have heard folk who have made some such assertion as this.

Only a few days ago a man said to me, "It just doesn't look like God has given us sufficient revelation. It just doesn't look

like the Lord has taught us enough or has given us enough information. Why doesn't God do something in our behalf?" Now this individual apparently felt that God had not done enough to make Himself sufficiently known. I believe the man was honest. I believe this fellow, knowing him as I do, was an honest personality; and I have in mind that he was definitely sincere when he said that he didn't believe that God had done enough to make Himself known, and therefore he was asking that

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## MADE RICH BY ANOTHER'S DEATH

The newspapers tell of two young businessmen who entered a partnership and, as a matter of course, took out life insurance policies on each other. One of the men was killed soon thereafter in an auto accident, and the other, after having paid one premium of \$30, received \$57,325.38.

By one man's death another was made rich.

But the greatest instance of this was when Christ voluntarily died on the cross for our sins. "By the righteousness of ONE the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life."—Rom. 5:18.

## SUPPOSE YOU TRY TO IMAGINE

1. John the Baptist attending a cocktail party.
2. Mary, the mother of Jesus, in a bathing suit on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.
3. Simon Peter sitting in the papal chair at Rome with his collar turned hind parts in front.
4. The Apostle Paul advising a trembling sinner to be "dipped or be damned."
5. The apostles pouring water out of rams' horn on the heads of believers for baptism on the day of Pentecost.
6. Jesus addressing his disciples as "Rt. Reverend."
7. Pastor James holding a

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## "Why Doesn't God Do Something?"

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God do something, when he said, "Why doesn't God do something?"

Now, beloved, that is just about the story of the rich man of whom we read in Luke's Gospel, when this rich man found that he couldn't get out of Hell to warn his brothers. At least when he learned that he couldn't secure any water to comfort his own thirst in Hell, then he desired that he or somebody might get out of Hell to warn his brothers, to keep them out of Hell. He knew that he had five brothers who were hot-footing the road of vice and who were fast approaching unto Hell day by day. He realized that those brothers of his needed a warning, and he had in mind that God hadn't done enough to warn his brothers. He knew that things had been done, but he felt like something else could be done, and therefore he asked, if possible that someone might be allowed to go from the dead and warn those brothers of the impending, threatening doom that awaited them. Now his idea was, "Well, why not give them a better revelation, a more sufficient revelation—why not give them something in addition to what they already have, by way of a revelation that they might know and understand about God."

Now, beloved, when the Lord spoke through Abraham, I think that He literally made this statement, "They have all the revelation that they need." I think when God said, "No," that He shut the door by way of an answer to this rich man when he requested that someone arise from the dead and go back to his father's house and preach to those Hell-bent individuals. I think when God said, "No" that God meant to imply thereby that He had given all of the revelation, and the only revelation, that was necessary for men to be saved.

Now to answer that question as to why God doesn't do something—why doesn't He give us more revelation, why doesn't He give us an additional revelation, why doesn't He do something else to make Himself known—in answer to that question, beloved, I would like to show you what God has done. I would like for you to see what He has done in order that He might make Himself known by revelation.

### I

GOD HAS MADE THE WORLD.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

—Gen. 1:1

"All things WERE MADE BY HIM; and without him was not any thing that was made."

—John 1:3.

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"For BY HIM WERE ALL THINGS CREATED, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."—Col. 1:16.

I might say in passing, that that word "consist" in Col. 1:17 literally means "held together." Everything is held together by God.

Now, listen, beloved, God has not only created the world, the principalities, the powers, the dominions, the things in Heaven and things on earth, and the things under the earth, but, beloved, He holds everything together. He is a sovereign God in His creative ability and His creative power. Now, beloved, to me, if I had nothing else, that is sufficient to give me a revelation about God. To that individual who would ask the question, "Why doesn't God do something," I would say that He has done something. He has created a world, and by speaking a word and individuals into existence, by creating a world and placing us here as tenants within this world, I say, beloved, He has revealed Himself not only as Creator, but as a sovereign being. Beloved, that in itself ought to be sufficient revelation to dispel all infidelity that may ever arise on the part of any individual. Why should a man doubt the existence of God?

I see a big building towering twenty stories into the air. Not for one moment's time do I doubt that back of that building was an architect. If I were to see a building with its spire reaching up into the ethereal of the blue, I would never for one moment's time doubt that behind every brick, and behind every board, and behind every electrical receptacle, and behind every plumbing receptacle, was an architect.

Beloved, what about this world? Oh, when I see this world in all of its grandeur, I can never doubt that behind all of it there is a God. My brother, if there must be an architect behind every building, how much more is it needful that we consider and remember that behind this world is the Divine Architect, even God Himself. When I see this world, I say that God has done something. He has revealed Himself not only as a Creator, but as a sovereign being in that He made this world and flung it into space and put you and me here as inhabitants to live within this world.

### II

GOD HAS BORNE WITNESS THROUGH THE CONSCIENCE OF MAN.

I would say that there isn't an individual in all the world but what God placed within that man a conscience, and through that conscience He has borne witness as to Himself. I don't have to say that I think that this is true, but, beloved, I know it is true. God's Word tells us so. Listen:

"Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their CONSCIENCE ALSO BEARING WITNESS, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another."

—Rom. 2:15.

This would tell us that even the heathen who have never heard the law of God, have within their conscience that intuitive feeling that there is an infinite being beyond them, above them, and greater than them. That will account for their heathen worship—seeking to find out God apart from the revelation of His Word.

Take for example the Indian who used to roam here within Kentucky. I went out on Tygart River one day several years ago

dug into one of those old Indian mounds. I found out after I had gone to the trouble of doing so, that somebody else had already beaten me to it, and had already exhumed the one that I spent a day digging into. But, beloved, there within those Indian mounds had been buried not only the individual who had died, but there had been buried with him other things that he himself expected to use in another world. When an Indian died, they would probably bury his horse, his gun, his knife, maybe his bow and arrow, maybe his tomahawk, and his dog—all buried in the grave with him. Why? He was expecting a happy hunting ground some place else. He was expecting a life beyond this life.

Now, beloved, that Indian had never read from Genesis to Revelation, as you have had the opportunity to do. That Indian had never heard a Gospel sermon preached. He had never attended a prayer meeting one single time in his life where God was invoked through Jesus Christ, His Son. He had never seen inside a church building like this. That old Indian had never had anybody sit down beside him in an attempt to teach him about Jesus Christ. My brother, I ask you, where did that Indian get the knowledge that there was a supreme being, and that he himself was only a finite being? Where did he get it, and how did he get it through his mind that there was a happy hunting ground beyond this life? Beloved, God has borne witness through the conscience of man.

You say, "Why doesn't God do something?" Beloved, God has done something. He has not only made this world and thereby given to us a revelation of Himself as a sovereign Creator, but He has borne witness through the conscience of man. I insist, beloved, that He has already given to us every bit of revelation that we need, whereby that we can know that He has made Himself known to us.

### III

GOD HAS GIVEN US THE BIBLE.

I say, beloved, God gave it. I make no apology for my belief in the fact that this Bible came from God. I don't think that God handed it down out of the skies with a Morocco binding like we have it, but I do say that God spoke the words of this Bible directly out of the Heavens, and that the men who wrote the words of this Bible wrote them down with no more liberty than a secretary would write down the words that a boss might pronounce within her ear. I tell you, beloved, I believe this Bible came as a revelation from God, and that every word of it was God-breathed, God-inspired, and God-spoken. Listen:

"ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

—II Tim. 3:16.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God SPAKE AS THEY WERE MOVED by the Holy Spirit."—II Pet. 1:21.

Beloved, I insist tonight that God has given us the Bible. When somebody says, "Why doesn't God do something to reveal Himself unto us," I say, beloved, that He has done something. He has made a world, He has borne witness through the conscience of man, and He has given to us a Bible as a distinct, inherent, infallible revelation of Himself. Beloved, that Bible in itself is sufficient to keep any man and every man from the brink of infidelity. How many

individuals there are who have read it, and as they have read it, have found that it was all they needed in order that they might find God! How many individuals there are who have come to the house of God and have heard a message from God's Word, and as they walked away the message of God's Word echoed and re-echoed through their ears, and it has been the means of them turning from infidelity and skepticism and agnosticism unto a confirmed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ! Beloved, He has done something. He has given to us a Bible to reveal Himself unto man.

I remember right here in this church one night several years ago preaching from the text in Amos 4:12—"Prepare to meet thy God." I remember that a man was saved as a result of that service—not here, but in his home that night. He told me that as he walked out of this building and down the street to his house, that every time he would take a step the echo of that footfall would come back to him, "Prepare to meet thy God," and as a result thereof he was saved.

Beloved, you say, "Why doesn't God do something to reveal Himself? He has done everything that was necessary within His Word."

I am thinking just now of a woman who, several years ago, came to a tent meeting down at Raceland, when I held a meeting there the first year that I was pastor of this church. She came because somebody else had insisted that she do so. She came not because she had any interest herself, but she came because of the fact that somebody had invited her. She was a Catholic. She didn't believe in the God of this Bible. She didn't believe in the Christ of this Bible. She didn't believe in this Bible. She had an idea that what the priest said was final. She had in mind that the virgin Mary was the one to whom she should look and to whom she should pray. In the providence of God, I preached that night from Galatians 6:7,8, which says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." I saw her that night, but I didn't see her again during that meeting. Some two weeks passed by and we had moved the tent here in Russell and was holding a meeting here. On Saturday night of that first week I saw this woman come in to the tent. I hadn't seen her for nearly three weeks' time. She was working, and her work had been such that she couldn't be in the services but the very first time that she could be in the services, she was there. That night that woman was saved. As we stood outside the tent and I talked to her and witnessed to her and presented Jesus to her after the service was over, and she was saved, she said, "Brother Gilpin, there hasn't been a wakeful hour in the last two weeks' time since I heard the message that you preached down at Raceland but what that text of Scripture hasn't been running through my mind. Beloved, God had given her a revelation through His Bible.

I insist that any man who reads the Bible will find God. I don't care how far a man may be removed from God nor how much a man may be steeped in infidelity and agnosticism, any man who is willing to take this Bible and sit down and read it, will find God.

Oh, do I speak to somebody tonight who says, "Why doesn't

God do something?" Why doesn't God give us a greater revelation? Why doesn't God teach us something further about Himself?" Beloved, He has given us all that we need. He revealed Himself when He made this world, He revealed Himself when He witnessed through the conscience of man and He has revealed Himself in the Bible.

### IV

GOD HAS GIVEN TO US HIS CHURCHES.

Every true New Testament church in this world is a revelation from God to the souls of men. Maybe you don't go to the house of God. Maybe some individual doesn't attend the services, but he hears the bell ring here within this church building. Beloved, that in itself is God's way of revealing Himself to that man.

You come here to the house of God and you hear the sermon that is preached, the prayers that are offered, and the songs that are sung, and all of it put together is just God's revelation of Himself.

Beloved, He gave the church. He said to Simon Peter and to the balance of the apostles, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." Beloved, He gave His churches as an answer to infidelity. He gave His churches as a revelation of Himself. The world would never have seen a church and the world would never have had anything equal to a church if it hadn't come as a revelation from God.

Several years ago I was over on the Licking River, about twenty miles out of Covington when I was pastor of a church at Visalia, Kentucky. It was my first pastorate. One day one of the men took me out on a big hill, and we could look around over the whole county, it seemed to me. Up there on that tall precipice he pointed down in the valley on the other side, a rifle range that belonged to the government. The soldiers from Fort Thomas, which was only a short distance away, would come out there in the valley for target practice. I asked this man why they came out there, fifteen miles away from their base, in order to have target practice. He said, "Brother Gilpin, don't you understand? This is the most perfect place in the world to shoot a high powered rifle." He said, "These hills all around act as a perfect blockade to stop the bullets, for if it weren't for these hills, the bullets would go right up the river and would wipe the town of Visalia off the map."

Beloved, as I stood up there on top of that hill, I forgot about the fact that I was looking down upon a rifle range and I remembered the fact that as that hill was there to block the bullets, God had put a blockade on man's roadway to Hell; and in that blockade which God had made, among other things, are His churches. Every time you hear a church bell ring and every time you come into the house of God and hear a sermon preached, or a prayer prayed, or a song sung, it is just a part of God Almighty's revelation to you. It is a part of God Almighty's blockade on the way to Hell to keep you out of Hell.

### V

GOD HAS GIVEN US THE HOLY SPIRIT.

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will re-

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He made the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: He made the world of sin, because they believe not in Him; Of righteousness, because they go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."—John 16:7-11.

Now, without trying to enter into any kind of an exegesis of that Scripture, let me say that it reveals to us that God has given to us the Holy Spirit. Why has He given us the Holy Spirit? To tell us when we sin, to warn us, and to bring us to a revelation of our condition.

Here is a man out in the field plowing. He sits down upon the plow to allow his team to rest and as he does so, he meditates on the things of God. The Holy Spirit speaks to his heart and that man is saved.

Or here is a business tycoon sitting in his office beside a steel desk, perhaps with plans and various things pertaining to his business before him, but he looks out of the window, and gets into the space, and he forgets about all the things pertaining to his business. As he does so, God speaks to his heart. Beloved, that is the Holy Spirit.

I ask you, haven't you ever had this experience sometime, somewhere in your life, when temptation came that something was a little voice said, "You had better not do it"? Beloved, that is the Holy Spirit.

Oh, brother, sister, do you remember that day, that hour, when Jesus Christ became precious to you, when the Word of God came to you, and when you received the Word of God into your heart and soul? How did it come? The Holy Spirit made real unto you. Jesus said:

**"God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."**

—John 4:24.

Beloved, God has given to us the Holy Spirit, not only to convict us of our sins, not only to warn us of our lack of righteousness, not only to warn us of judgment to come, but He has given to us the Holy Spirit to bring us face to face with Jesus, and He reveals Jesus to us in God's Son, Jesus Christ.

VI

**GOD HAS GIVEN TO US HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST.**

**"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."**

—John 3:16

Beloved, He has given His Son. How do I know that it was His Son? On the day of Jesus' baptism, as the Holy Spirit came down and lighted upon Him, the Father of God tells us that God the Father spoke out of the skies and gave a public attestation of the Sonship of Jesus, when He said:

**"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."**

—Mt. 17:5

Beloved, He has given His Son. What further revelation could be ask for?

I grew up in a community while it in itself was dry, nearly there was plenty of whiskey sold. I remember an incident which took place just a few miles distance from my home, which, to me, is quite appropriate in this respect. A very, very good father had a son who was very wild and careless as to his living. One day this son told his father that he was going to start a saloon, and the son's intention almost broke that father's heart. He pled with him not to do it, but his son spurned his father's advice and went ahead.

Days went by and he made an announcement through the paper of his intentions. Finally the time came when the son was to have the opening of his saloon. On the morning of the opening it was surprising that nobody came in. People were unusually dry in that they stayed outside of his place of business. Finally, the son stepped outside, and there was his father standing in front of the saloon urging everybody to stay away; and if any did approach, he would try to tell them of the evils of drink and to warn them of the wrong that they were about to enter into, and they would turn away. When this son saw what his father was doing, he struck the old gentleman and knocked him to the ground. The old father said, "You can knock me down, and you can tramp on me, but there won't be one person that will go into your place of business today but what will go there over my dead body."

My brother, listen, there won't be a man who will go to Hell, but what will go there over the dead body of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary. I recognize the fact that everyone of God Almighty's elect are going to be saved, and that not one of them will fail to get to Heaven. I recognize the fact that everyone whom God has chosen before the foundation of the world is going to be saved and will go to Heaven when he dies. But, beloved, every individual who goes to Hell will go there trampling under foot the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ who died on the Cross of Calvary. The people of this town, the people of this section, the people of this state, the people of this United States, generally speaking, have heard the story of Jesus Christ, and any man who goes to Hell will go there over the top of the Cross of Calvary, spurning and rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ.

### CONCLUSION

In closing, let me say that God not only has done all this, but He is doing something right now. He is calling out His elect. Not only has He done what He has in the past, in that He has made such a revelation of Himself, but, beloved, God is calling out His elect, and every one of His elect will be saved.

**"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.

**"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

**"For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to ELECTION might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth."**

—Rom. 9:11

Listen, beloved, God is working out His purpose right now. You say, "Why doesn't God do something?" He has done something, and He is doing something right now; and I'll go further and say that He is going to do something else yet in the future.

**"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."**

—Acts 17:30,31

Beloved, He has done something — He has revealed Himself; He is doing something — He is calling out His elect; He is going to do something, in that men are going to have to face

Him at the judgment bar of God.

Oh, I thank Him for what He has done, for what He is doing, and for what He is yet going to do, because in it all God is being glorified, by whatever comes, and by whatever takes place.

May God bless you;

### 33 Prophecies

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sel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in." Matthew 27:3-7.

**5. Prophecy.** The Prophecy of His Scourging. "I gave my back to the smiters and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; I had not my face from shame and spitting." Isaiah 50:6.

**Fulfillment.** "Then released he Barrabas unto them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified." "And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head." Matthew 27:26, 30.

**6. Prophecy.** Prophecy of Shame Reproach, and Dishonor. "Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor." Psalm 69:19.

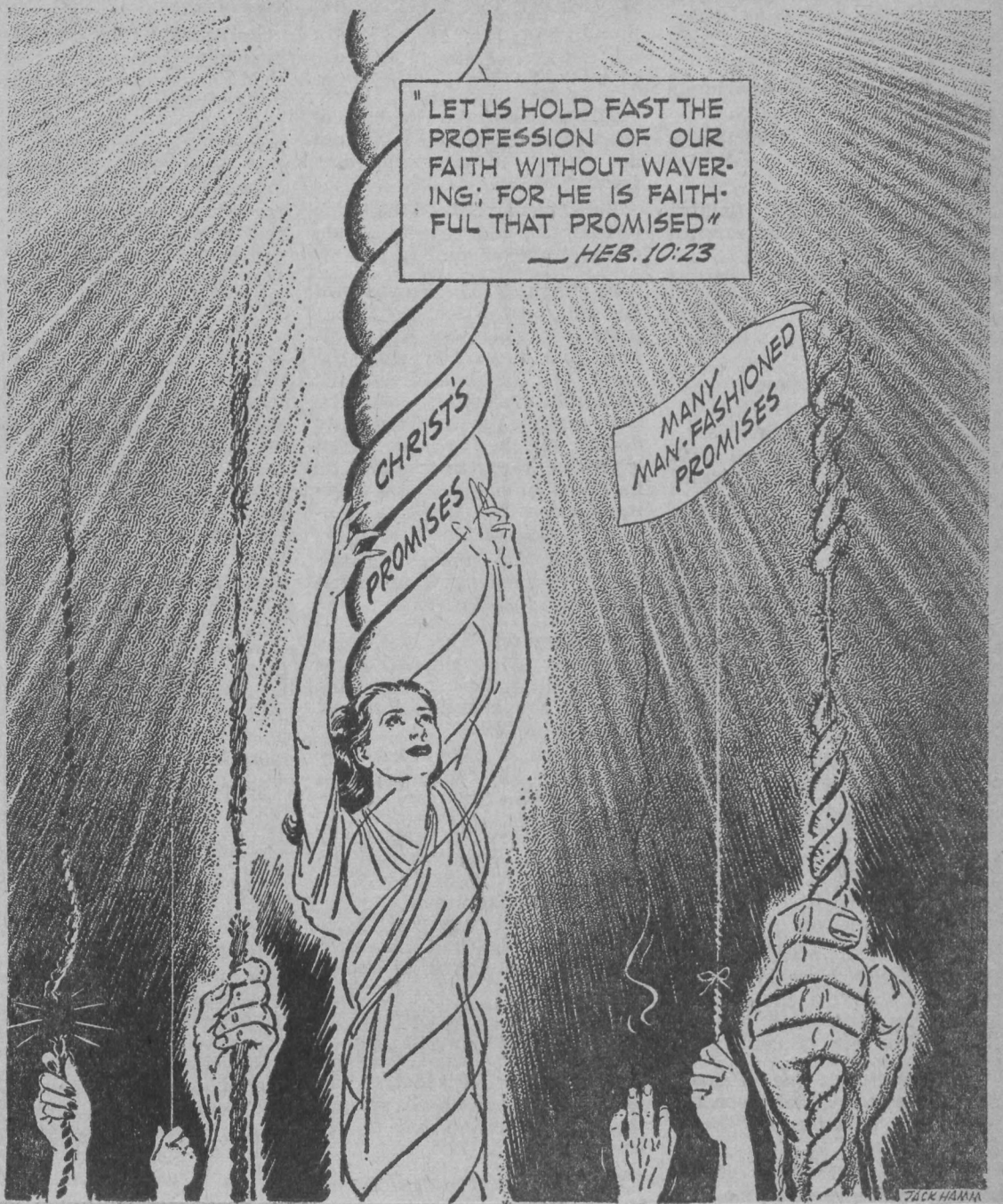
**Fulfillment.** "And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe." Matthew 27:28.

**7. Prophecy.** Prophecy of False Witnesses against Christ at His Trial. "False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not." Psalm 35:11.

**Fulfillment.** "Many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together." Mark 14:56.

**8. Prophecy.** A Prophecy of the Smitten Shepherd. "Smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered." Zech 13:7.

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**Fulfillment.** "Then did they spit in his face and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands." Matthew 26:67.

**9. Prophecy.** A Prophecy of the Parting of His Garments. "They part my garments among them and cast lots upon my vesture." Psalm 22:18.

**Fulfillment.** "They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be; that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture did they cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did." John 19:24.

**10. Prophecy.** It was Foretold that the Lord Jesus Christ would not open His mouth at the Trial. "He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." Isaiah 53:7.

**Fulfillment.** "Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly." Matthew 27:13, 14.

**11. Prophecy.** The Prophecy of our Saviour's Crucifixion. "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief; when thou shalt make his soul an offering

for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand." Isaiah 53: 5, 6, 10.

**Fulfillment.** "And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left." Luke 23:33. "Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away." John 19:16.

**12. Prophecy.** It was seen in Prophecy that He would Fall beneath the Cross. "My knees are weak through fasting." Psalm 109:24.

**Fulfillment.** "And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha." John 19:17. This tells us that Jesus came forth, carrying His Cross. "And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross." Matthew, 27:32.

**13. Prophecy.** The Prophecy of His Thirst. "I am weary of my crying; my throat is dried." Psalm 69:3.

**Fulfillment.** "After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst." John 19:28.

**14. Prophecy.** What would they give Him to drink? "In my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink." Psalm 69:21.

**Fulfillment.** "They gave him (Continued on page four)



## Imagine

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"union" meeting with the Pharisees at Jerusalem.

8. Mother Eunice smoking a cigarette before Timothy.

9. Sister Pricilla entertaining her friends at Rome at a bridge party.

10. A Campbellite walking through the Pearly Gates with a Baptist.

—American Baptist



## 33 Prophecies

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vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink." Matthew 27:34. "Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth." John 19:29.

15. Prophecy. They stare at Jesus on the Cross. The minutest details are prophesied. "They look and stare upon me." Psalm 22:17.

Fulfillment. "And sitting down they watched him there." Matthew 27:36.

16. Prophecy. The Pierced Hands and Feet. "They pierced my hands and my feet." Psalm 22:16.

Fulfillment. "And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left." Luke 23:33.

17. Prophecy. The Pierced Side. "They shall look upon me whom they have pierced." Zech. 12:10.

Fulfillment. "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water." John 19:34.

18. Prophecy. His Heart was Broken. "I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels." Psalm 22:14.

Fulfillment. "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water." John 19:34. The blood and water issuing from His side, indicated extravasation of the heart, a broken heart.

19. Prophecy. Our Lord's Mother and friends in Prophecy. "My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore (wounds); and my kinsmen stand afar off." Psalm 38:11.

Fulfillment. "And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things." Luke 23:49.

20. Prophecy. The Mockery of the People in Prophecy. "I became also a reproach unto them. When they looked upon me they shook their heads." Psalm 109:25.

Fulfillment. "And they that passed by reviled him wagging their heads. And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross." Matthew 27:39, 40.

21. Prophecy. The Railing, Hatred and Taunting of the Mob. "He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted

in him." Psalm 22:8.

Fulfillment. "He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God." Matthew 27:43.

22. Prophecy. The Prophecy of the Lamb of God. "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter." Isaiah 53:7.

Fulfillment. "Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

23. Prophecy. The Prophecy of His Intercession for the Transgressors. "Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death; and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Isaiah 53:12.

Fulfillment. "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34.

24. Prophecy. The intense Lonely Cry in the Midnight Hour of His Suffering. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Psalm 22:1.

Fulfillment. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46.

25. Prophecy. The Prophecy of His Marred Visage, due to the Brutality of the Soldiers. "As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men." Isaiah 52:14.

Fulfillment. Pilate called to the mob: "Behold the Man!", "Behold your King!", to call their attention to His marred visage, and to excite their sympathy, for Pilate wanted to release Him. John 19:5, 14.

26. Prophecy. The Cry of Victory and Triumph. In the Authorized Version the latter part of the verse reads, "He hath done this." In the original Hebrew it reads, "It is Finished!" Psalm 22:31.

Fulfillment. John 19:30. "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, IT IS FINISHED! And he bowed his head, and gave up the Ghost." Compare Luke 23:46.

27. Prophecy. The Lord Jesus Christ Commends His Spirit to His Father. "Into thine hand I commit my spirit." Psalm 31:5.

Fulfillment. "Into thy hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:46.

28. Prophecy. A Wonderful Prophecy Uttered 1490 Years before its fulfillment. "In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof." Exodus 12:46. Not a bone of the typical Passover Lamb was to be broken, and so it was with Christ.

Fulfillment. "But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs." John 19:33. "For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken." John 19:36.

29 Prophecy. It was Foretold 700 years before that He was to be Numbered with the Transgressors. "He was numbered with the transgressors." Isaiah 53:12.

Fulfillment. "And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left." Luke 23:33.

30. Prophecy. The Messiah was to be Cut Off, but not for Himself. "And after three-score

and two week shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself." Daniel 9:26.

Fulfillment. "Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; and not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." John 11:50-52.

31. Prophecy. The Oldest Prophecy of all Uttered by the Lord Himself, at least 4000 years Before. (Genesis 3:15). "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Fulfillment. The heel of the Lord Jesus Christ was bruised when He was crucified, for the nails were driven through His feet, thus bruising His heels. Fulfilled. (John 19:18). The serpent's head was there also bruised. (John 12:31-33). The execution of this sentence will take place when Christ returns. (Romans 16:20).

32. Prophecy. The Place of the burial of the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ is Predicted. "And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth." Isaiah 53:9.

Fulfillment. "When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed." Matthew 27:57-60.

33. Prophecy. A Great Calvary Miracle Prophecy. Wonderful! Uttered about 80 years Before. "And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord (Jehovah) God, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon and I will darken the earth in the clear day." Amos 8:9. One of the most profound prophecies of the Word of God. On the day that the Saviour would be crucified, there would be darkness at noonday.

Fulfillment. "Now from the sixth hour (noon, Jewish reckoning) there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour." Matthew 27:45.

My dear friend and reader, let us ask you three questions as given in the Bible: 1. "What think ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?" (Matt. 22:42). 2. "Whom say ye that I am?" (Matt. 16:15). 3. The third is Pilate's question: "What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ?" (Matt. 27:22). The only way to rightly answer these questions is: To believe this Son of the Living God, the Lord Jesus Christ, to accept and receive Him as your Crucified, Risen, Glorified and Returning Saviour, and obey Him and confess Him as such before the world. This is the only honest way. Your answer and mine will determine our Eternal Destiny.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.



The man who shakes the tree gets the least good fruit. Hand picked fruit is the best.

## Public Worship

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to the Lord by those who neglect public worship — he knows that to close churches would mean the cessation of all effort to reach the lost — yet by his negligence, he votes to close churches. If all acted as he does, then not one church would be open.

5. The neglecter of public worship often claims to be a Christian, but he doesn't follow the example of Jesus. Read Luke 4:16, and you will find that Jesus had the CUSTOM of regular public worship. The person who can get along without it, must feel that he is spiritually superior to Jesus Himself.

### What Neglectful Church Goers Are Guilty Of

On any Sunday, in most communities, there are more church members out of church, than are in attendance at all the churches. The truth is most churches don't expect members to attend with regularity. In Tampa, we have churches with membership of around a thousand, and with seating capacity of 250. Members are not expected to all come — and THEY DON'T! Few things hinder the cause of Christ as much as absenteeism. The persistent absentee — what is he guilty of?

1. HE IS GUILTY OF LYING. The Covenant of a Baptist church specifies that a member shall seek the advancement of the church. When without adequate cause a member lays out of church, he breaks covenant — he has promised to back his church — then lies about it.

2. He JOINS WITH THE UN-GODLY IN HELPING THEM TO GO ON TO HELL. That's exactly what one does when he takes Sunday for fishing, visiting, loafing around, or chasing some form of pleasure. If a person doesn't mean to back up a church, he shouldn't join it.

3. HE HELPS TO BLOT OUT THE TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE RESURRECTION. The Lord's day is a reminder that Jesus arose and lives. No one is reminded of this by Sunday desecrators.

We make bold to suggest that hell is going to be full of professing Christians, who didn't have enough religion to even

give them the impulses to worship God. Multitudes of such church members are fooling themselves. They need conversion as much as any rank heathen needs it, and they are more detrimental to Christianity than all the heathen put together!



## Epaphras

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is enlarged to take in the whole assembly (Acts 2:42). We also learn that the workers away in the field and the praying fellow-laborers at home are only "mighty through God."

Epaphras labored not only for God, but with God and did not become weary in well doing. God's heart planned and His hand guided and worked through him.

When he visited Rome, Rome could not stop him praying and he is described by Paul as his "fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus."

If our wills are in subjection to His will the Holy Spirit will enable us to stand perfect (matured) and complete (fully assured-perfected) in all the will of God (Colossians 4:12; 1:28).

Prayer indicates our interest in the working out of God's purpose of grace toward all peoples. May the great zeal of Epaphras be expressed in our experience.—Light and Liberty



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