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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 Believer's Attitude Toward Satan

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Next in power, might and intelligence to God Himself, is that malignant being which we call the devil. We have to do something about him whether we want to or not, for he will let us alone. You may try to fight him alone, but he will not let you alone. It is necessary to take up our minds as to what attitude we will assume toward the devil and his associates and their works. Several things may properly be said in this connection:

**WE SHOULD REGARD THE DEVIL AS A PERSON.** He is

not just an "influence" as modernists teach. If he were, whose influence would he be? He is everywhere spoken of in the Scriptures as a person, and he manifests himself as a person.

2. **THE DEVIL HAS CHILDREN IN THIS WORLD—AND PLENTY OF THEM!** (See John 8:44 and Acts 13:10). These Scriptures make it impossible for us to believe the popular doctrine that "God is the Father of all men, and all men are brothers."

3. **THE DEVIL IS AT THE HEAD OF AN IMMENSE, INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT.** Eph. 6:12-13). His vast host of invisible, demon spirits are at his command, and he uses these in the influencing of men in high positions. We believe that often wars are engendered by these satanic powers. Surely com-

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## Welcome Mat Is Out To All Our Friends

### BIG MISSIONARY CONFERENCE PLANNED AT RUSSELL FOR THANKSGIVING WEEK

The First Baptist Church of Russell, through her pastor, takes great pleasure in inviting all our preacher friends and Christian workers, who love our sovereign Lord, His Word, and His Churches, to spend Thanksgiving week in Russell, for the greatest Bible Conference we've ever planned.

Plans are being made for the Conference with the expectancy that there will be at least 75 preachers in attendance, as well as many Christian workers besides. In the light of a brief announcement of this conference made a few weeks ago in this paper, already we have heard from folk in eight states, saying they plan to attend, namely Florida, Texas, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Kentucky.

The First Baptist Church of Russell, while small in membership, is making extensive plans for the entertainment of all who come this way. Rooms are being volunteered by the members of the church, and plans are al-

ready being made to fully bed and feed all our guests physically, as well as spiritually.

We have had many conferences in this church in the 24 years that I have been her pastor, yet never have we tried anything on as large scale as the one for which we are planning this Thanksgiving season, and I might add that never have I seen our church enter so enthusiastically, nor more wholeheartedly into a program as into this one. We expect a great blessing ourselves, and we are planning under God, to be a blessing to all those whom He sends this way.

We are asking the best preachers in America to be our speakers and I am sure that God will give us rich fellowship in the study of His Word all through the week. The conference will begin on Monday evening, with two speakers for the first session. There will be two messages on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and the same number

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## DO YOU REALLY WANT OUR PAPER ENLARGED TO 8 PAGES?

For two years the one desire of my soul has been the enlargement of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, from four to eight pages weekly, but through one providence after another we've been hindered.

When I first made the announcement that I intended to do so, which was merely my response to a great number of requests that such be done, I stated that it would be necessary that we buy some new equipment for our shop, namely a new linotype machine with which our type is set, and a new press—a good deal larger and faster than the one we are using now. It wasn't long until we were able to secure the linotype, a model which we purchased new from the factory. This has been a real blessing to us, even though we have not yet been able to install the press.

Then I began trying to secure a press. Realizing that a new

### \$240,000,000 YEARLY BUT NO PLEASURE

If you ever wondered about the yearly income of the richest person in the world you may cease doing so, for it is now a matter of common knowledge.

His highness Sheikh Sir Abdullah Al Salim Al Sabah is the ruler of Kuwait, Arabia. He is 45 years old. His yearly income is estimated at \$240,000,000. And it is tax free. It comes from oil.

His body is so wracked with rheumatism that his tremendous wealth affords him very little pleasure.

He tried a trip to Paris recently. His rheumatism pained him so severely that he was virtually a prisoner in his luxurious suite.

Just another outstanding example of the fact that money in itself does not satisfy. "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of his goods."

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one, such as we need would cost us about \$20,000.00, I thought surely that I might buy a used one cheaply. Frankly, for 18 months I've been answering advertisements, going to see presses, and writing letters about such. Last December I bought one in Gallipolis, O., but twice was providentially hindered from moving it, and in the meantime, I learned that it was damaged badly—too badly to be used without extensive repairs, so I finally sold it (through God's goodness, I made a little profit on the deal). I might add that the man who bought it, knew its condition for I told him what I had learned about it, but he being a machinery dealer was able to repair it, although it cost him over \$5,000 to do so.

Since selling this one, I've been looking everywhere to buy the press we need. Several have been offered that were little better than junk. Two good used presses have been offered me, but at prices almost equal to that of a new press. So here we are, without a press, just waiting un-

til God opens the way.

Now I have a feeling that since no used one in good condition, that I could afford, has been offered to me, that perhaps the Lord wants me to have a new one. I have about \$5,000 on hand with which to make a down payment on the same. Our contributions as they have come in this year, would pay for it in four or five years.



### OUR WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAMS

WIRO — 1230 On The Dial  
Ironton, Ohio  
Sunday, 9:00 p. m.

WHJC — 1360 On The Dial  
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  
Bridgeton, N. J.  
Sunday, 2:45 p. m.

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "SOME MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE"

(Read Luke 1:26-38).

As most of you know, this is traditionally Mother's Day, and I would like to begin my message by reading to you a very precious poem entitled, "My Mother."

"Who fed me from her gentle breast  
And hushed me in her arms to rest,  
And on my cheek sweet kisses prest?"

My mother.

When sleep forsook my open

eye,  
Who was it sung sweet lullaby  
And rocked me that I should not cry?

My mother.

Who sat and watched my infant head  
When sleeping in my cradle bed,  
And tears of sweet affection shed?

My mother.

When pain and sickness made me cry,  
Who gazed upon my heavy eye  
And wept, for fear that I should die?

My mother.

Who ran to help me when I fell  
And would some pretty story tell,  
Or kiss the part to make it well?

My mother.

Who taught my infant lips to pray,  
To love God's holy word and day,  
And walk in wisdom's pleasant way?

My mother.

And can I ever cease to be  
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ner. Frankly, we could then send out 50,000 copies of our paper each week just as cheaply as we are mailing our paper today.

I know that it has seemed a long time to our readers, but I've tried to be patient and I am sure you have done likewise. You've surely been wonderful in your attitude and from the depths of my heart I appreciate the cooperative spirit that has been manifested.

Well, Gideon put out his fleece and God gave him an answer. Here's my fleece. If God lays this matter on your heart to help us in any way, then write me fully at your earliest convenience. I want to serve our readers faithfully. I think you'll agree that I have been doing so, to the best of my ability. Now would you like to be a partner with me in the undertaking? My fleece is out, and I am waiting for God's answer.



### ANOTHER REASON TO KEEP BUSY

Does America need the Gospel? Do we need to intensify our efforts to win men and women to Christ? The latest FBI report on crime furnishes an answer.

FBI record for 1952 show that 2,036,510 major crimes were committed—four a minute. This represents an increase of 8.5% over 1951 and is the highest yearly total so far. Here is the breakdown:

Felonious homicide (murder and willful or negligent manslaughter): 12,860, up 4.3% over 1951.

Rape (including statutory rape): 17,240 up 2.6%.

Aggravated assault (with intent to kill or main: 87,930, up 11.8%.

Robbery: 58,140, up 111.6%.  
Automobile theft: 215,310, up 9.3%.

Burglary, 442,760, up 8.7%.  
Theft (except automobiles): 1,202,270, up 7.5%.



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"Some Mothers Of The Bible"

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Affectionate and kind to thee Who wast so very kind to me— My mother.

Oh no, the thought I cannot bear; And if God please my life to spare I hope I shall reward thy care, My mother.

When thou art feeble, old and gray, My healthy arm shall be thy stay, And I will soothe thy pains away, My mother.

And when I see thee hang thy head, 'Twill be my turn to watch thy bed, And tears of sweet affection shed— My mother."

The majority of sermons preached on Mother's Day are purely sentimental. In fact, beloved, if you will analyze the most of the sermons that you hear fifty-two Sundays out of the year, you will find that they are purely sentimental. It is far easier to be sentimental than to be Scriptural, and yet, beloved, you and I who know the truth of God's Word, certainly ought to always strive to be Scriptural. It is thus today on this the traditional Mother's Day that I want to speak to you about some mothers of the Bible, and I sincerely trust that as I read these Scriptures from God's Book, that my message shall not be a sentimental, but rather a Scriptural presentation from the Word of God.

I

I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO NOTICE A MOTHER WHO REARED HER CHILDREN FOR GOD—MRS. NOAH.

I don't know a great deal about her so far as her life was concerned. She never took any active part in life. The Word of God would indicate that she was a help meet definitely unto her husband and her family. There isn't too much said about her in the Word of God, but from what little is said, we are able to gather just a trifle as to the character of Mrs. Noah.

I know one thing, beloved, she wasn't worldly. Others may have had time for the things of the world, but Mrs. Noah didn't. Beloved, she surely would be out of place in this modern world of society. Mrs. Noah certainly would never in any wise at all be a social success today, for while the rest of the women of her day were going the way of the world and hotfooting the road of vice, Mrs. Noah, with her husband, was rearing her family for God. She had this honor paid to her, that while all other mothers of her generation were lost, and while all others were failing in the matter of rearing their children, Mrs. Noah reared

her children for God. Beloved, when the flood came, she had the honor of knowing that her children, whom she had reared for God, were the only children in all the world that were not destroyed by the flood.

Now, beloved, that was an honor. It was a costly one. It cost her to rear her family for God when all the rest of the families were being reared for the world. It cost her to stand up for God when all other women in all the land were rearing their children for the world. It cost her, beloved, to stand up for the things of God when everybody else was running down the things of God. Beloved, in the end she had the honor of being the only mother in all the world who had children whom God saw were righteous, and who were taken on board the ark, and who were saved during the flood.

Beloved, I like to see a mother today who rears her children for God. I don't know whether you realize it or not, but there are some prohibitions laid down within the Word of God concerning mothers. Listen:

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

Not only are women thus commanded to be silent in the church worship service, but you will find that this same Bible tells us that women are not to pray publicly, but rather all praying should be done by the men.

"I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."—I Tim. 2:8.

Furthermore, women are commanded to be in silence and are forbidden to teach publicly.

"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."—I Tim. 2:11, 12.

Beloved, she is furthermore prohibited and forbidden to be a preacher, and when the Apostle Paul gave the qualifications for a preacher, he said:

"A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach."—I Tim. 3:2.

As I have often said, a woman might be the wife of one husband, but she would have an awfully hard time being the husband of one wife. Thus you can see that a woman has certain definite prohibitions laid down concerning her. She is not to pray, she is not to teach men, she is not to pray in public, she is not to speak out in the house of God, and she is not to even ask questions in God's house as to matters on which she might wish further information.

Now it would seem on first sight, by the reading of these texts of Scripture, that woman's prohibitions might be a little heavy so far as she is concerned, and some might be inclined to even think that woman's prohibitions are unfair to her. Beloved, in that connection the Apostle Paul said:

"Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety."—I Tim. 2:15.

This would tell us that though she is not permitted to speak publicly, though she is not permitted to be a preacher, though she is not permitted to pray in the public worship service, though she is not permitted to teach men, though she is not permitted to take an active part

in the worship service in the house of God, she shall be saved, or literally, she shall be compensated as she shall rear her children to serve God. She cannot preach, but she may bear a son whom God may peradventure call into the ministry; and thus, when she is prohibited to preach herself, she can sit in the audience and revel in the fact that it is her boy that is presenting the Word of God. She may not be able to pray publicly in the worship service, but she can bear a son, and that son may pray in the house of God and call for God's blessings upon the congregation. That mother herself may have her soul lifted in the skies as she hears her own flesh and blood call on God in prayer. She may not be able to pray publicly herself, but she will be compensated by the praying of her son.

So it is, beloved, that I turn to this character in the early pages of the Word of God, Mrs. Noah, and I refer to her as the woman who reared her children for God. A woman may not be able to do many things publicly that a man may, but, beloved, she can rear her children like Mrs. Noah, with one thought in mind — that God shall be glorified in her family.

I rather imagine when the waters started to fall out of the skies and when the fountains of the deep broke up and the waters poured up from beneath — I rather imagine when Noah and his wife and their three sons and their three wives were inside that ark that Mrs. Noah looked at her children and said, "Thank God, my children are safe within the ark." I rather imagine when she did so, that she went back across the years to the time when some of her neighbors snubbed her because of her sincerity for the things that she believed were right, and because she had reared her family for God. I imagine that Mrs. Noah said, "What does it matter now? I have the assurance that my boys are here while those mothers' sons are dying in the flood." Beloved, it paid her to rear her children for God.

I will say in passing, it will pay you as a father or mother to rear your children to the best of your ability for God. It does not make any difference if everybody else's children on the block goes to the moving picture shows, you will be paid of God if you see to it that yours don't. It doesn't make any difference if everybody else's children in town do things that are wrong, God will bless you if you see to it that yours are reared for Him. God didn't give you children to let them grow up as weeds, to send them to dancing schools, and to teach them how to do the things of the world. God didn't give you those children to train them for the Devil. God gave you those children to rear for Him. I say to you this morning, God will bless you and God will reward you just like God blessed and rewarded Mrs. Noah when she reared her children for God.

II

I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU ABOUT AN EVIL MOTHER — ATHALIAH BY NAME.

If you want to read the details of her life, you will find the whole story in the twenty-second and twenty-third chapters of II Chronicles. She herself was a daughter of Ahab. That ought to be sufficient to show what type character Athaliah was. As I said, her father's name was Ahab, and her mother's name was Jezebel. These two names are synonyms of sin —

Ahab who was wicked and weak, and his sinful wife, Jezebel, who was wicked and strong. This woman Athaliah was the daughter of this sinful pair.

Let me remind you, beloved, no man can flaunt himself against God without it coming home to him in his family. Ahab lifted himself up against God. He was an idolater, and his wife, Jezebel, was an idolatress. They had 850 various preachers whom they supported. You can't say that they were irreligious or non-religious; rather, they were overly religious, but their religion was a religion of idolatry and they flaunted themselves against Almighty God and His revelation. Beloved, nobody can do that and get by with it. Listen:

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me." — Ex. 20:4, 5.

Beloved, you can't serve Baal, and expect God to bless you. You can't lift yourself against God without it coming home to you in the lives of your children. There's many an unborn generation who shall be cursed because of the lives that some individuals are living today.

It was thus with Athaliah. To be honest with you, I don't expect much from her. Her father hated God; he was an idolater. Her father and her mother were as wicked as the Devil could have made any two individuals in those days. God said that He would visit the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations. Therefore, beloved, I do not expect much of Athaliah as I come to read of her. I am not disappointed, because I don't expect much of her, in the light of the Word of God.

If you will notice, Athaliah actually gave wicked advice to her son who was the king. Listen:

"He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly."—II Chron. 22:3.

Can you imagine a mother counseling her boy to do wickedly? You would think that of all the people in this world who would hold on to the child the longest, to hold that child up and show him the right way, it would be the mother, but not so in this case. When her son became king, she became his counselor, and she counseled him to do wickedly.

Beloved, she wasn't the only mother that ever did so. Just about two years ago, a woman whom I baptized in this church, drove up in front of my printing shop in Ashland and sat there in her car while her son came into the shop and made an attempt to knife me — in fact, beloved, tried to do so. She sat out in the car as if to encourage him on in his devilishness. Just like Athaliah — encouraging her son to do wickedly.

If you will read a little further concerning Athaliah, you will find that she even slew her own grandchildren in order that she might become the reigning queen of the land. When she saw that there was an opportunity for her to become the queen now that her son was dead, she arose and slew her own grandchildren. Can you imagine a grandmother killing her own grandchildren in order that she might become the queen?

But, beloved, there are people who will do anything in this world to gain their point. There are people who would do anything in this world against God's plans or God's man to carry out their devilish designs. I think I can speak from experience in this respect. I think I could speak also from observation when I remember some experiences in my own life, and when I remember some experiences in the lives of other men — good men — men whom you and I love because of their love for the Lord — then to see how those certain individuals have dared to lift themselves up in opposition against them. You can see old murderous, devilish Athaliah come back to life to walk the streets of town again.

But look at Athaliah again. In her attempt to kill all those grandchildren, she failed. I don't know why it was she failed, but she forgot about one grandchild. One little babe was picked up and carried away. Six years passed, and then Jehoiada a priest of God, who loved the Lord and served Him faithfully brought that little babe out, and set him up as king and crowned him. Just about that time old sinful Athaliah came into the building. When she found out what was going on, she realized that all of her plans had gone for nought and that she was a failure. She realized that everything was against her and she cried, "Treason, treason," but it was of no avail. All the crying that she did amounted to nothing, and she was brought outside of the temple and was slain.

Beloved, it reminds me of a few mothers — thank God, there haven't been many — that I have known in life. I have known a few just like Athaliah who would do anything to accomplish their purposes. When they see that they are whipped and when they know that they have failed completely, then they still cry, "Treason, treason."

Why, an old devil called me up this last week and started to tell me what she "thought." I said, "Now you just listen to me. I don't care what you think about this, or anything else. You are on the outside. You can say what you please and it won't make any difference to me. Just old murderous Athaliah who would do anything in this world to gain her point, but when she was whipped, cries, "Treason, treason."

Thank God, there haven't been many mothers like that. God has given me a hundred mothers who have been a blessing to me. There are women seated here in front of me this morning who have been a blessing to me and told. Beloved, when they get to Glory, they will find out what a blessing they have been to their pastor. Some of them are older, and some of them are younger than I, but what a blessing they have been, and how God has kept His promise when He said that the individual who leaves father and mother and brother and sister for His sake, that He will give to him a hundred fold.

III

I WANT YOU TO NOTICE A MOTHER WHO TRUSTED GOD TO WORK OUT HER PROBLEMS — MOSES' MOTHER.

If you will read the second chapter of Exodus, you will find the story of Amram, and his wife, Jochebed. They were both

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wives of the priestly tribe, and they both loved the Lord, and they were both determined that their lives would count for God. I think this morning of the Pharaoh that all boy babies born in that land were to be killed. When little Moses was born into that home of Amram and Jochebed, they couldn't put that child to death. They hid him for three months in their home, but you know, beloved, is a big matter to hide a three month old baby in your home. It is a pretty big job to keep him still. He just naturally has to announce every once in a while that he is on duty, and those little lungs have to be exercised. When three months passed by, Amram and Jochebed realized that they were fighting a losing battle, that they could not hide little Moses any longer within their home. It was then that Jochebed decided upon the most ingenious plan in all the world. She made an ark out of bulrushes and dropped that little child into the Nile River, and put his mother off to one side to watch. She put that boat in the very path of Pharaoh's daughter, for she knew that Pharaoh's daughter bathed in the river. Pretty soon Pharaoh's daughter came and there was the child. Just as she lifted the lid and took that child out, here came his mother. She came running up at just the right time, and said, "Would you like for me to get nurse for you?"

Beloved, how was it that that girl suggested the matter of a nurse? How was it that that mother originally put that child in the path of Pharaoh's daughter? It just didn't happen, but she did it because God had led her to do it. She was committing her all to God and trusting God to take care of that child.

When Pharaoh's daughter lifted the lid, little Moses cried. I guess about the best thing that Moses ever did in his life for himself was the day when he cried. That motherly instinct in Pharaoh's daughter just went out toward that little Jewish baby, and when Moses' little sister asked if she would like to have nurse for this baby, she said that she would. Then it was that Moses' little sister ran away and to the child's own mother and brought her back, and Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages." Beloved, notice what happened. She not only saved the life of her child, but she got the privilege and the joy of rearing her child with the king's protection, and on top of it all, she got paid for doing so. Why? Because she had committed her child to God.

Beloved, that is the kind of a mother that I like to see—the kind who trusts God to work out her problems. There isn't a mother or father here this morning but what has problems. There isn't a one here today but what has plenty of problems, but, beloved, listen. Do you want your problems worked out? It is better to commit those problems to God than it is to commit them to any earthly man.

Here is a wonderful poem in that respect:

Come drifting home with broken masts and sails.  
I will believe the hand that never fails,  
From seeming evil worketh good in me.  
And though I weep because the sails are tattered,  
Still will I cry, while my best hopes lie shattered  
'I trust in Thee!'

I will not doubt, though all my prayers return  
Unanswered from the still white realm above;  
I will believe it is an all-wise love  
Which hath refused the things for which I yearn.  
And though at times I cannot keep from grieving,  
Still the pure ardor of my fixed believing  
Undimmed shall burn!

I will not doubt, though sorrows fall like rain  
And troubles swarm like bees about a hive;  
I will believe the heights for which I strive  
Are only gained through anguish and by pain.  
And though I groan and tremble 'neath the crosses;  
Yet shall I see, through my severest losses,  
The greater gain!

I will not doubt! Well anchored is my faith,  
Like some staunch ship my soul braves every gale,  
So strong its courage that it shall not quail  
To breast the mighty unknown sea of death!  
O may I cry, when body parts with spirit,  
'I do not doubt!' So list'ning worlds may hear it  
With my last breath."

Beloved, I like to remember this story about the mother of Moses — the mother who trusted God to work out all of her problems.

#### IV

I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU ABOUT A PRAYING MOTHER BY THE NAME OF HANNAH.

We read of her in the first chapters of the book of I Samuel. She stood one day in the temple of God and prayed — not audibly, but silently, with her lips moving, though not a word did she speak. A priest, a man of God, by the name of Eli, noticing her moving lips but her silent voice, accused her of drunkenness. She said, "No, no, I am not drunk, but instead, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit." She told him the reason of her sorrow — that she was childless, and that no child had God ever given into her home to be a blessing unto her. She was praying to God that she might hold her own flesh and blood, her own offspring, within her arms. As she stood there and thus prayed, she made God a promise, that if God would just give her a son, that she would give him back to God in service to Him.

Well, beloved, God answered her prayer and gave her a son, whom they named Samuel. She kept her promise to God, for she brought that little son over to the temple and gave him over to Eli, and said, "Here he is. I want him to be a servant to you here in the temple." Beloved, do you know what happened? God kept His promise to her and blessed her, not only by giving her Samuel, but by blessing her home with other children though she had hitherto been childless. Listen:

"And the Lord visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the Lord."—I Sam. 2:21.



"PRIDE GOETH BEFORE DESTRUCTION, AND A HAUGHTY SPIRIT BEFORE A FALL."  
— PROVERBS 16:18

HAVENT WE ALWAYS BEEN FAVORED?

PETER SAID: "TRULY I PERCEIVE THAT GOD SHOWS NO PARTIALITY, BUT IN EVERY NATION ANY ONE WHO FEARS HIM AND DOES WHAT IS RIGHT IS ACCEPTABLE TO HIM."  
— ACTS 10:34 (RSV)

We don't know anything about those other children, but we know that this first one — the one for whom she prayed, whom God gave her in answer to her prayer — she dedicated to God even before he was born. She kept her promise after she prayed, and God blessed her; and God not only blessed her, but God blessed the boy. We read:

"Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed." — I Sam. 2:30.

Here was a praying mother — a mother that prayed and God blessed her.

Let me tell you of a mother and father of whom I know, who were expecting a baby to be born into their home. They had a feeling that it was going to be a boy. All the time that they were expecting that baby to be born, they kept saying, "God, we are going to give him to You to be a preacher for You." When that baby was born, they said, "Lord, You have given him to us; we are going to give him back to You. If You want to use him as a preacher, it will please us."

One day this mother was in a home and was talking to another mother who had four or five children, and this mother who had dedicated her child to the Lord, said, "What do you want your children to be when they grow up?" and they talked as to what they wanted their children to be. Finally, this mother of this one child said, "Before our baby was born, we gave him to the Lord. We dedicated him to God and asked God to make a

preacher out of him. My husband still feels the same way, but I don't." She said, "It is such a hard life that I just can't pray that way any more." Days passed by, and strangely, that mother sickened. Why? Humanly speaking, nobody knew. The doctor said that she was dangerously sick, but he couldn't diagnose the case. Other doctors were called in but they couldn't diagnose her condition. Her parents and relatives were called. The days passed by, and early one morning she called her husband to her and said, "I am leaving; it is only a matter of time." She had him bring in the family, and then she said, "Bring the boy." She took her little boy and held him in her arms, and then lifted him up to God and called him her "preacher boy." Beloved, I am telling you this morning what I know to be true. What she refused to give to God when the sun was shining, she held him up as a sacrifice, as an offering, to Him when she was dying.

Beloved, I love this character Hannah. She means much to me. As a praying mother, she stands out in the Word of God as one who got hold of the throne of God and who kept her promise to God after God heard and answered prayer.

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LET'S NOTICE ANOTHER MOTHER — A MOTHER WHO DECIDED FOR THE LORD.

She is one of the sweetest characters of the Bible. I think most any young fellow, unmarried, who would read the first chapters of the book which bears her name would be willing to ask her for a date, without even having seen her. I think most any young fellow if he got acquainted with her would have thought himself un-

duly fortunate to have met her. I am satisfied she would have had a lot of proposals. I am speaking about Ruth. Beloved, do you know what made that woman into the character that she was? It wasn't her background because it was bad. It wasn't her religion because it was still worse. She was brought up in a heathen land with a heathen religion, and she was brought up to serve a heathen god. I'll tell you what made her into the character that she was.

One day Ruth's mother-in-law, Naomi, started back to the old country, to Palestine, and Ruth and Orpha, the two daughters-in-law, started along with her. Naomi said to them, "Turn back." She really wanted them to go along with her, but this was her way of testing them to see if they meant business for God. Ruth said:

"Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me."—Ruth 1:16, 17.

Beloved, she made her decision for God. That is what made her into the woman that she was. Of course, back of it all is the sovereignty of God and God's elective purposes, for she was one of God's elect or she would never have chosen to follow after Naomi in the first place. Beloved, when I read of her decision for the Lord, I think of the multiplied thousands of mothers in the world today who need to make the same kind of a decision today for God.

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God's worst is better than the devil's best.

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It wasn't everybody in the Bible that made a decision like that. Take Felix for example.

"And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, God thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee."—Acts 24:25.

We have another example when Agrippa said unto Paul:

"Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."—Acts 26:28.

God's Word tells us the way that Felix decided and the way that Agrippa decided, but that wasn't the way that Ruth decided. Ruth decided for the Lord.

#### CONCLUSION

As I come to the close of this message this morning, I am thinking about those of you who are here. May God give you the

grace that your decision shall be the same as was the decision of Ruth — a decision to stand up for God and to stand for the things of God.



### Satan

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munism has been spread under demon direction. It would seem impossible to understand how a nation of people could be psychologized to favor communism, apart from the work and influence of satanic powers.

**4. WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT SATAN IS TOO POWERFUL FOR US TO COPE WITH IN OUR HUMAN STRENGTH.** (See Jude 9). This passage makes plain that even the angel Michael realized the mighty power of Satan and committed him to God to deal with.

#### WHAT SHOULD BE OUR ATTITUDE?

**1. We should give no place to the devil.** (Eph. 4:17). "Neither give PLACE to the devil." When you resort to a lie, you temporarily league yourself with the devil to get out of a tight spot. When you frequent the devil's places you are giving place to him. When you allow the devil any place at all in your life, you are violating the command given above. Give Satan "an inch and he will take a mile," as the old saying goes.

**2. We are to stand against the wiles of the Devil.** (Eph. 6:11). And we are told here that mere human weapons are not sufficient—we need the weapons recommended in Eph. 6: if we are to successfully withstand these wiles.

**3. We are to watch lest we fall into a "snare of the Devil."** (I Tim. 3:7). Hunters have often set snares for birds and animals. They are hidden devices, and usually they are baited with something to attract the thing that the hunter wants to "snare." What are some of the "baits"

that the devil uses in his attempts to snare? Sometimes flattery — sometimes a thing that gratifies appetite — sometimes something that satisfies pride and vanity. The baits are numerous and varied, and the devil knows the thing that you are peculiarly susceptible to. He doesn't try to tempt a peg-legged man with the lure of the dance. He doesn't use the movies to tempt a blind man. He doesn't use dice to tempt the man who has both hands off. The devil is shrewd enough to use that which appeals to us.

**4. We are to resist the devil.** (James 4:7). "And he will flee from you." The devil is a coward, and will back off, when he is strongly resisted. He is not one to deal with gently or in any half-hearted way. We ought to be openly, avowedly and violently opposed to the devil and all of his works. That is the only way we can withstand him. To be a Christian, yet tolerant of the things of the devil is inconsistent—yet that is exactly true

of the average church member of this day. That is true of all worldly church members. They claim allegiance to Christ — then spend most of their time over on the devil's side of the fence, giving him most of their lives and their influence. It is to be feared that many such are unregenerate, and will spend eternity over on the devil's side of the fence!



### Welcome Mat

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on these respective evenings. Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons will be given over to a discussion of three great missionary enterprises, namely, Baptist Faith Missions, Tri-State Baptist Bible College, and The Baptist Examiner. As you can well see, these three are very definitely linked together, and we desire that they be discussed fully on these two afternoons.

Then on Thursday morning we will have our annual Thanksgiving service, with your editor bringing the message as he has for the past 25 Thanksgivings seasons. Many times in years past, we have heard from our readers who say that it is their desire to attend this service, but that it is just too great a distance to travel for one service. Well, this year, why not come with us, not for just one service, but for all the meetings from Monday evening through Thursday morning? I'm sure that you'll be home after the Thanksgiving service with new enthusiasm and renewed determination for the cause of Christ and your church.

Why not make your plans now for this particular week? Write us at once, telling when you will be arriving, and how many male or female, and also how many children. This is all we are asking of you, and we'll do the rest.

Will you do it today? Won't you please be our guests for this meeting, and tell your friends about it? They might like to come to.



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dance of things which he possesseth," saith our Lord. (Luke 12:15).

The poet had the secret of satisfaction and expressed it in these words:

"Now none but Christ can satisfy,  
None other Name for me;  
There's love, and life, and lasting joy

Lord Jesus, found in Thee.

In Himself, He is altogether lovely. He has finished the work by which we may be "justified from all things." He has gone to glory to prepare a place for those who place faith in Him. He abundantly meets the need of all who love Him. He is to come again to receive believers to Himself. His love is unchanging. His plans embrace time and eternity.

With love and life and lasting joy, the heart has no aching void. It rejoiceth with "joy unspeakable and full of glory."



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