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ABRAHAM, A MAN OF FAITH AND PRAYER

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Abraham was the son of Terah and was the founder of the great Hebrew nation. His family, a branch of the descendants of Shem, was settled in Ur of the Chaldees, beyond the river Euphrates. The Ur of the Chaldees was a country of idolatry. God spoke to Abraham and bade him get out of his country and away from his kindred. Abraham did get out of his native country; but he took Sarai, his wife, Terah, his father, and his nephew, Lot. He migrated to Haran, where Terah died.

Abraham then, in the seventy-fifth year of his age, continued his journey to the land of Canaan where he received the general promise, that he should become the father of a great nation; and that all the families of the earth should be blessed through him. He next pitched his tent beneath the plain of Moreh. Gen. 12:6. Here he received in vision the further revelation that this was the land that his descendants should inherit. Gen. 12:7. There he induced Sarai to represent herself to be his sister. Her great beauty was reported to the king and she was taken to the royal harem. The deception was discovered and Pharaoh, with a show of indignation, sent Abraham out of the country. Gen. 12:10-20. Abraham left Egypt with great possessions and, accompanied by Lot, returned by the south of Palestine. The promise that Sarah should have a son was repeated in a remarkable scene described in chapter 18.

In due time Isaac, the son of promise, was born. Abraham made a great banquet to celebrate the weaning of Isaac. Up to that time there seems to have been domestic peace and tranquility in that home. At the banquet Sarah saw Ishmael, the son of the bond woman, teasing and tormenting Isaac, and in a fit of indignation she demanded that Abraham drive out the bond woman and son. Abraham, with great reluctance, consented, consoled by the promise that Ishmael too should become a great nation. But that trial was nothing in comparison to that which

lay in his pathway, the command to offer Isaac as a burnt offering.

Here we would note that Abraham was a man of great faith and prayer. That he intended to slay Isaac there cannot be doubted, but it is clear that he believed God would raise Isaac from the dead. At this point, we would call attention to his prevailing prayer in behalf of Lot, recorded in Gen. 18:32. Oh, for more pious men like Abraham. What a debt of gratitude the world owes to Abraham.

Not only was Lot the recipient of blessings through Abraham's "seed"—the history of the whole church of God in every age lies in the promise made to Abraham. There is not a blessing that any child of God under any subsequent dispensation ever received which is not the result of the covenant that God made with Abraham. Every Gentile travels to all his mercies through the Jews.

Notice that Abraham had the purpose of God respecting the Jews unfolded to his mind very gradually. Little by little God gave him revelations and at last he said, "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed," adding, "Because thou hast obeyed my voice." It was a blessing to all our race when God made Abraham's seed the depository of His truth, committing to them His Word. Nobly and faithfully, in every generation have the Jews done their work for the world in the guardianship of God's ancient Word. It is a blessing because in God's dealings with Israel we see warnings for our instruction and our peace. Again, it is a blessing because Gentile Christians are indebted to Jesus for whatever spiritual privileges they enjoy. Again, the present state of the Jews should be regarded as the great standing evidence of the truth of revelation.

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A TALKING NEW TESTAMENT

A "talking book" of twenty-four seven-inch phonograph records covering reading of the entire King James Version of the New Testament went on sale recently in a New York department store. The album, which plays a little more than twenty-three hours by means of an inexpensive phonograph attachment, is the first such volume to be sold commercially in bookstores. The manufacturer says it is intended for general use as well as for the blind.

It will be a boon to the bed-ridden, some of whom have not the physical strength to hold the Book in their hands.

And may we indulge the hope that it will replace many "Mystery" and "Murder" stories heard over the air?

In some homes the radio is turned on in the morning and (Continued on page four)

spiritual sense, the blessing of the world? God had a particular intention when He made the promise to run in the singular, and not in the plural number, saying, "Not in thy seeds, as of many, but in thy seed." The Lord Jesus was the seed in which all nations receive blessing.

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"The First New Testament Question"

"Where is he?"—Mt. 2:2.

In the Bible, you will find that God oftentimes asked questions, and always God's questions are pointed and quite upsetting to the natural man. I don't remember a single question that God ever asked in the Bible but what was so pointed that it was embarrassing to the flesh.

For example, the very first question that was ever asked in the Bible was asked by God when He said to Adam in the Garden of Eden after he had

sinned, "Where art thou?" You must confess, beloved, that this was an embarrassing question unto Adam, but it is just like the balance of the questions that God ever asked. They are never ambiguous; they are always pointed, and they are always the type questions that causes embarrassment so far as our fleshly nature is concerned.

When you come to the New Testament, you will find a number of questions are asked by God. We have one of these asked in the book of Matthew, when Jesus asked:

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"—Mt. 16:26.

This is one of the questions which the Lord Jesus Christ asked during His sojourn here in this world. If you will turn to I Peter, you will find another of these questions which is just as pointed. Listen:

"And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"—I Peter 4:18.

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This Shows The Way Of The Transgressor Is Hard

Here is a sad story, every word of which is lamentably true. It starts with a young man who believed in "sowing wild oats." In the course of his "fun" ??? he contracted a social disease. He went to a doctor and had it "cured." You can't cure that stuff. It can only be rendered inactive for a time. Then he fell in love with a pure young woman and she (unfortunately) fell in love with him. His reputation being well known to the entire community, her parents vigorously protested, but without effect. Love will find a way, and she married him in spite of their objections. For years all went well and the local wags had a chance to sneer at the "puritanical" ideas of some people. In middle life this erstwhile Lothario proved to be a prosperous man.

Then one day the blow fell. Neighbors went to the woman's father with the news that his daughter was being beaten by her husband, and her father, questioning her closely, dis-

covered that it was true. One day said father loaded his daughter and her two children into his buggy and took them home at an hour when the husband was not around to object. He followed them and tried to kill his father-in-law but was prevented by the timely intervention of neighbors. Arrested and locked up for the night, the man was examined the next morning by several doctors who declared him to be insane. They further prophesied that (1) he would not live more than a year and (2) and that his grandchildren would suffer from the results of his insanity which they attributed to the disease he had contracted in his "flaming" youth. Both prophecies were fulfilled to the letter. He died in an insane asylum within the year and his grandson was born deaf and dumb. But don't go away yet. His widow finished her life in the same asylum in which he died, as a result of the disease she had contracted from him.—Trumpet.

It is an argument of great consolation to know that our great High Priest places Himself in fellowship with our bodily trials. He wore the robe of flesh in its entirety—we in its tattered and torn form. Through Christ we become the seed of Abraham. Yes, we are Abraham's seed and there is not a prophecy of love of which I may not say that it is mine because I am Abraham's seed.

In thinking about Gen. 25:8, I find myself thinking of it as an epitaph which should be written on Abraham's tomb. "He died," says the text, "in good old age, an old man, and full of years." Now that last phrase is the one I want to understand. It does not seem to me to be a mere synonym for longevity. There must be some other and deeper meaning in the phrase than mere longevity. In looking through the Book for the same phrase or one similar to it, we find that it is by no means a usual one—that it is only applied to one or two of the Old Testament characters. I think you will see still further that there must be some other signification in it than merely to point to length of days. It is employed, for instance, in reference to the patriarch Abraham and to the patriarch Isaac. Then

we find that the stormy and adventurous career of the great King David is represented as being closed at last with the crowning glory, "He died full of years, riches, and honor." Again, we read of the great high priest Jehoiada, whose life was full of vicissitudes, strange parallels, strenuous strife, and vigorous efforts of reformation, that he died at last full of years. The only other instance is to the character of Job, the very type of the glad man, who has passed through a great many of the ups and downs of fortune and to whom there is given the great compensation at the end—the lovely picture with which that book closes of returning prosperity and repeated domestic joys, crowned at last with this, which is intended to be the very summit and climax of the peace that is breathed evidently over the whole concluding narrative, "Job died full of years." The words then, I take it, mean something a great deal more than the mere, dull fact that the man had completed the ordinary tale and term of human existence. Instead of reading "full of years," if we were to read, "satisfied with life," we would get the true meaning. Having exhausted life's possibilities, having drunk a full draught, having had as much as he wanted, having nothing more to wish for, having the stormy desires put behind him, satisfied and so willing to go—"Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

A STRANGE GUEST ROOM

A certain popular woman, with a strange sense of humor, said she had the guest room in her house wired with a microphone and a recording machine—both carefully concealed.

Then, at the breakfast table, she played back the conversation of the couple who had occupied the room the night before.

"Oh, horrors!" you say. You may never be an occupant of such a room, but do not forget (Continued on page four)

NO WORRY WHEN GOING WITH FATHER

A little boy was traveling by train. A fellow passenger asked him where he was going. He replied, "I am going with father." He did not worry about the outcome of his journey because he had implicit confidence in the loving oversight of his father. How much fretting and worrying we could save ourselves, how much joy and peace would be ours, if, being God's children through faith in His Son, we would always remember and trust in the Divine promise.

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Then, beloved, if you will notice in the book of Hebrews, we have another question.

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" — Heb. 2:3.

Now, beloved, here are some questions taken at random from the Word of God, questions which our Lord asked, and every one of these questions are pointed. They are the type of questions which leave us in an embarrassing position as we try to answer them — embarrassing due to the frailty and the failure of our flesh.

Now, beloved, when we come to this question which I have read as a text, this is the first question of the New Testament. It wasn't asked by the Lord, but rather it was asked by the wise men who came from the far East at the time of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. These wise men asked the question, "Where is he?"

Now, by God's grace, I trust that I will be able to answer this question.

I

WHERE IS HE, IN THE PAST, BEFORE HE CAME TO THIS WORLD?

Where was the Lord before He laid aside His God-head yonder in Glory, before He laid aside His golden robe and unloosed the golden sandals and announced to the angels that He did not disdain the womb of a virgin, but that He was going to this world to be born of a virgin, to become a man and to live here within the world? I ask you, beloved, where was Jesus Christ then?

To answer that question, I will say that in eternity past He was with God and was God Himself. Listen:

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." — John 17:5.

Oh, might I burn it into your very soul this hour — Jesus Christ was God, so much so that as I often say, the God of the Old Testament was the Jesus Christ of the New. In eternity past He was with God, He was God, and He was planning then

the events of your life that shape up your destiny — not only throughout eternity, but your destiny of this very hour.

If you will turn to the Word of God, you will find it amply proven that He was with God planning our destiny for He is referred to as the Lamb that was slain from before the foundation of the world.

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." — Rev. 13:8.

Don't let anybody tell you that the entrance of sin was unforeseen failure of man on the part of God. Don't you let anyone tell you that when sin came, that God had to get together a hurried-up remedy in order that something might be done relative to the sin question. Beloved, salvation was no hurried-up remedy. It was no human panacea, nor was it a divine panacea that was started after sin became a reality. Instead, Jesus Christ in the mind of God was a Lamb slain from the very foundation of the world.

Beloved, where is He? Back yonder in eternity past, as God and with God, He was planning not only your destiny, but even the very events of your life, even in this particular hour.

"Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world." — Acts 15:18.

Listen, beloved, your life is a planned life. Your life is a predetermined life. Your life is a predestined life. Your life is a life that was foreknown and fixed by God from before the foundation of the world. You are not here in this church building tonight by chance. You are not living here in this town because of some mere whimsical choice that you may have made. Instead, beloved, you are here within this building worshipping tonight, and you are living here within this town or wherever you are living, just because God planned your life before the foundation of the world.

Listen:

"And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation." — Acts 17:26.

Beloved, I tell you tonight I don't know anything that thrills my heart more than to realize that He has established the bounds of my habitation, as Paul said when he spoke to that group in the city of Athens.

Oh, brother, sister, where is He? In eternity past He was Jesus Christ, planning, counseling, predetermining, pre-arranging, predestining your present life and your future destiny.

II

WHERE IS HE IN THE MANGER?

I can answer this question in precisely the same emphatic manner that I answered the

first. As He was in eternity past with God, so, beloved, in the manger He was still God Incarnate.

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." — Gal. 4:4, 5.

Beloved, there isn't one bit of difference in the Jesus Christ who was born in Bethlehem and cradled in a manger than there was in the God of all eternity who planned your life and mine. All of those Old Testament prophecies point to that manger. Listen:

"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." — Gen. 49:10.

"I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moah, and destroy all the children of Sheth." — Nu. 24:17.

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." — Isa. 7:14.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." — Isa. 9:6.

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." — Micah 5:2.

Beloved, even the very place that Jesus was to be born, the city of Bethlehem was foretold in prophecy, and every one of these prophecies pointed unerringly toward the manger.

Where is He? He is God Incarnate, born in Bethlehem, cradled in the manger, the fulfiller of Old Testament predictions that were prophesied by the prophets of God.

How honored was He in His birth? Even God hung a star in the Heavens to signal the place of His Birth. How honored He was when even the angels of God came down that night and preached the first Gospel message that was ever preached by an angel, when he said:

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." — Lu. 2:11, 14.

I say to you, beloved, He was honored in His birth. The shepherds came and the wise men from afar came. How honored was the birth of Jesus, and yet how unhonored was His birth! Why, beloved, there wasn't even

a decent place for our Lord to be born. There was no room in the inn, and when He was born, it was in a manger that He was laid. An oxen gave its stall for the delivery room for the birth of our Lord that a manger might be provided which should be a crib, a cradle, for our Lord.

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." — Luke 2:7.

Several years ago I was a student in the Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, when the Queen of Rumania toured the world, spending several days here in the United States. It happened by the grace of God that I was in Louisville on the day that she came there. Band after band played. Oh, what a reception it was that Queen Mary of Rumania received! It was a royal welcome that was given to her. I don't know whether she said why she came to this country, and I am satisfied that no one was even bothered or benefited by her coming, but what a royal, regal welcome she received in every city which she visited while here in America.

But not so with our Lord. There was no band that played. There was no crowd to applaud. There was no one who cheered. When Jesus was born, there was no room for Him in the inn.

I remember when but a lad, reading the story of the coronation of George V of England when he was crowned king. His eldest son went to the old Cornewan Castle in Wales to be received as the Prince of Wales, accompanied by Lloyd George. I shall never forget the description how, when they approached the castle, that the hall was festal with music, the dining table groaned beneath its weight of food, and when the doors swung open to receive the Prince of Wales, that there was a loud acclaim that their prince had been received.

But not so when the Prince of Peace came to this world. There was no one to applaud. There was no band to play. There was no one to cheer. There was no royal welcome. Instead, we read:

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not." — John 1:11.

I tell you, beloved, Jesus was royally welcomed and honored by God, by the angels, by the wise men and by the shepherds, and yet how unhonored and unwelcomed was He on the part of man.

In the words of my text, I ask you, where is He? In the manger as the God, Fulfiller of Prophecy, as God, honored by God, yet unhonored by man.

We read in the second chapter of Matthew how that no sooner was He born than did opposition rise, and Herod the king sent forth an edict that all the children in the city of Bethlehem two years old and younger were to be slaughtered, in an attempt to get rid of the Lord Jesus Christ. I tell you, beloved, opposition began with the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am not surprised that there is opposition to God's preachers today. I am not surprised if there is opposition to the minister who is true to God today. Jesus said:

"The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?" — Mt. 10:24, 25.

Where is He? In the past He was God. Where is He? In the manger He is still God, God Incarnate, the Fulfiller of prophecy, honored by God but unhonored by man, with opposition toward Him and every follower of Him who has dared to be true to Him from that day henceforward.

III

LET'S ASK THE QUESTION AGAIN—WHERE IS HE?

Let's go outside the city of Jerusalem and pause beside that hill that is called the "hill of a skull." Where is He? He is on the Cross. The one who was with God before the world began, who planned your life and mine, the one who was God when He was born in Bethlehem and cradled in the manger, is on the Cross. It was God who existed before the world began. It was God who became Incarnate in Bethlehem. It was God who died on the Cross of Calvary.

Come with me to that Cross and hear Him as He hangs there, to say:

"It is finished." — John 19:30.

This was the climax of His life. There were no cheering spectators to urge Him on.

I remember several years ago as a lad, that I went to Cincinnati one night and saw a young man by the name of Harold Osborne, representing the Illinois Athletic Association, in a track meet in the city of Cincinnati. I saw him clear the bar to a new world's record for a running high jump at considerably over six feet. Ten thousand people clapped their hands and applauded when a new world's record for the high jump had been set.

Beloved, there was no one to clap their hands when Jesus died. There was no one to applaud when Jesus said, "It is finished."

Out in Chicago a number of years ago at the World's Fair, I attended a rodeo. I saw a young man ride at breakneck speed in the arena after a young steer, and catch that steer by the horns and almost as soon as I can tell you he had that steer down, tied, and helpless. He stood there and doffed his cap in the air to the acclaim of the hundreds that were there within that amphitheater. Why, their cheers even shook the grandstand!

Beloved, when Jesus died at Calvary, there wasn't a single person who cheered Him on. There wasn't a one who cared. When He cried in His thirst, rudely they thrust a sponge with vinegar down His throat, so that instead of slaking His thirst, they intensified it.

I ask the question, where is He? He who was God in the past, who was God Incarnate in the manger, is now God dying on the Cross.

This is the hour of Satan's apparent triumph. Satan has failed in every attempt on the life of Jesus prior to this time. When He was but a babe, He stirred up the hatred and the animosity of Herod so that Herod sought to slay Him and killed all the babies in the city of Bethlehem, thinking that he would be able to thus slaughter the Lord Jesus Christ, but Satan failed. Later on, when Jesus Christ was crossing the sea in a little boat, the Devil, as the prince of the power of the air, stirred up the wind and the waves, thinking that he would send that little boat to the depths of the ocean, but he

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A Bible Education Is A Worthwhile Education

By ELDER Z. E. CLARK
Tri-State Baptist Bible College

What kind of education is really worthwhile? In our school we believe that an education in the Bible is the only really worthwhile education for the child of God. Other subjects have their place of importance, but only as they help to clarify and aid in applying the teachings of the Bible. Paul wrote to Timothy of the "holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" and reminded Timothy that he had been educated in the Bible from a child." (II Tim. 3:15). Job showed how highly he estimated the value of the Bible when he said, "I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." (Job 23:12). If men esteemed God's Word as highly today, the churches would be filled to hear preaching, and Bible schools would be packed as students would come to hear it taught.

Great preachers, in Bible days and since, have been lovers of God's Word. But in addition to that, the world's greatest statesmen, philosophers, poets, and scholars have paid tribute to the Bible. Listen to some of them: Abraham Lincoln: "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man."

Napoleon Bonaparte: "The Bible is no mere book, but a living Creature with a power that conquers all that oppose it." George Bernard Shaw: "You will never get anything better than the Authorized Version of the Bible."

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John Ruskin: "To my early knowledge of the Bible, I owe the best part of my taste in literature."

Charles Dudley Warner: "Wholly apart from its religious or ethical value, the Bible is the one book that no intelligent person who wishes to come into contact with the world of thoughts and to share the ideas of the great minds of the Christian era, can afford to be ignorant of. All modern literature and all art are permeated with it. There is scarcely a great book in the language that can be fully understood and enjoyed without this knowledge, so full is it of allusions and illustrations from the Bible. It is not at all a question of religion or theology or dogma; it is a question of general intelligence."

Patrick Henry: "The Bible is worth all other books which have ever been printed."

If the great minds of the world have paid such tributes to the Bible as a great book, how much more should God's people study and obey it as the Word of God. To those who have been called of God into His service, we say, there is no better place to study the Bible than in the classrooms of Tri-State Baptist Bible College.

An anonymous writer has said of the Bible: "This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's guide, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure."

It is given you in life, it will be opened in judgment, and will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents."

Such is the great Book that we teach.

Tri-State Baptist Bible College Opens For Third Year

By JAMES H. SIMS

The third year of Tri-State Baptist Bible College opened on September 14, 1953, with a stirring sermon by Pastor Bill McTeer of the Southside Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri. Bro. McTeer preached an expository sermon on the first chapter of Joel and the Lord used His Word as a good number responded by signing up for the night school classes.

At the time of this writing we have a combined day and night enrollment of 47. As announced by Bro. T. P. Simmons in an earlier edition of the Examiner, the final registration date has been extended to October 19. Students who register on or before that date can receive full credit for the semester's work. I want to emphasize the fact that no student has even been turned away because he or she lacked the money to pay the tuition. Our catalogue states that our tuition fee is \$50.00 per semester, but we have had many students in the past who could not pay that amount. We do not consider them in debt for the amount; it is forgotten and counted as paid. In other words, we want students, not their money. If a student can afford to pay his tuition, we appreciate the money to pay expenses; but if he cannot afford it, he is not expected to pay it. Temple Baptist Church has been very gracious in their willingness to support the school, and now that other churches are joining with us in support, we hope to be able to dispense with any tuition fee at all. Pray with us towards this end.

We expect to receive the approval of the Veteran's Administration this semester. This will enable us to enroll veterans for full time study so that they can take advantage of the subsistence payments provided for under Public Law 550. Pray with us that this approval may be granted, and that those veterans with whom we have corresponded recently may be able to come here to study the Bible.

Above all, pray with us that we may have God's blessings all through this third year.

This school page is dedicated to Sister Mary Florence Clark, now in the presence of the Saviour she loved and served so faithfully as the companion of Brother Z. E. Clark.

T. P. Simmons Now On TBBC Permanent Faculty

Elder T. P. Simmons and Mrs. Simmons have now moved to Evansville and are taking up residence at 1024 W. Franklin Street. On the first Sunday after their move to the city, Bro. and Mrs. Simmons came forward for membership in Temple Baptist Church. All the people of our church and school gladly received these fine people into our fellowship and we look forward to a pleasant and fruitful association in the days that lie ahead.

The First Baptist Church of

Russell, Ky., has begun to contribute towards the support of Bro. Simmons with a liberal offering of \$100. We feel confident that God is laying this same matter on the hearts of others and that sufficient funds will be received to adequately supply the needs of our faculty members for the year.

Bro. Simmons has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of White Plains, Ky., since moving to Evansville. We are happy that the church is (Continued on page four)

CALENDAR 1953-1954

October 19	Final Registration Date
November 2-13	Fall Revival with Dr. R. F. Hallford of Mississippi
November 23-27	Thanksgiving Recess for Missionary Conference at First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.
December 21-January 1	Christmas Recess
January 29	First Semester Closes
February 1-2	Second Semester Starts
April 11-18	Tri-State Bible Conference
June 13	Commencement

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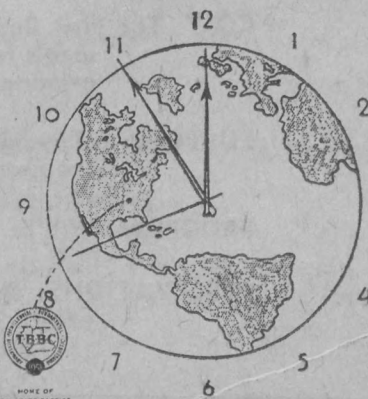
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit	\$ 75.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. (For Bro. Simmons)	100.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (For Bro. Clark)	31.92
Temple Baptist Church, Evansville	360.00
Z. E. Clark	12.00
Shelley Matthews	5.00

Total \$583.92

Send all offerings for this work to:

K. V. Minnis, Treasurer
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Evansville, Indiana

"And at midnight there was a cry made, 'Behold, the Bridegroom cometh . . .'" (Matt. 25:6)



IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK: ENROLL NOW IN
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T. P. Simmons

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near enough to the school so that the church can have the privilege of calling such a good pastor and Bible teacher, and we trust that this arrangement is of God and that it will be to the mutual advantage and blessing of both the school and the White Plains church.



"First N. T. Question"

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failed again. Beloved, it was Satan who prompted that crowd to arrest Jesus and to lead Him out to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might cast Him headlong over the brow of the hill, but Jesus escaped out of the midst and His life was saved. Every attempt that the Devil had made on Jesus prior to this time had failed, but now this is the hour of Satan's apparent triumph. He had failed before, but now it looks like he has succeeded.

But, beloved, this was the hour for which Jesus had looked forward from the foundation of the world. It was the hour of God's real triumph and Satan's real defeat. The other defeats which Satan had encountered at the hands of God had been mere skirmishes that he had lost. Now the real battle was lost. Satan saw to it that the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified. God's plans and God's purposes were merely being fulfilled by the Devil himself, and man's redemption was wrought out thereby.

I stand and look at that Cross, and I say, "Where is he?" On the Cross is the one who was yonder with God before the foundation of the world, who was God, the one who was born God Incarnate in Bethlehem, cradled in the a manger, and who now dies. Why did He die? For my sins, your sins, and for the sins of all of God's elect, from the foundation of the world. I tell you, beloved, He suffered for our sins there.

Beloved, I Corinthians 15:3

begins to take on a new meaning when you stand there and look at that Cross, and read, "Christ died for our sins." You can begin to appreciate the meaning of that text which says, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." You can begin to appreciate that text which says, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." Beloved, when I stand at the Cross, I realize that as Christ died, He died for me, for you, and for every one of the elect of God who were chosen of God from before the foundation of the world.

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I ASK THE QUESTION AGAIN—WHERE IS HE?

Beloved, He is God exalted.

"Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins."—Acts 5:31.

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me on my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."—Rev. 3:21.

Beloved, I like to think of Him as the exalted one. Sometimes people in Baptist churches sing about the lowly Nazarene. He is not such. There was a day when He was the lowly Nazarene, but He is not such today. Instead, beloved, He is the lordly Nazarene. He is God exalted on the throne of God the Father.

If that be true, He is sovereign over His churches today. He is sovereign over His preachers and His church members. If He is exalted on the throne, then He is sovereign over us all. Listen:

"And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and gift about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many

waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength."—Rev. 1:12-16.

Oh, what a picture of the exalted, ascended Christ! Eyes like fire that pierce you through; feet like brass to stomp out evil; and an appearance like the sun shining in His strength — not like the sun as it comes up in the morning — not as the sun on a cloudy day — but with the appearance of the sun shining with all of its strength; with a voice, not weak, but a voice as with the sound of many waters, saying, "I am alive. I was dead, but now I have the keys of Hell and death."

Beloved, since He is sovereign, He has the right to tell us some things. He has the right to tell us what to do relative to our church going, and He tells us. Listen:

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

Who said this? The sovereign Christ. He who was God before the world began, He who was God when He was in a manger, He who was God when He died on the Cross, that same one who is exalted tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. He has the right to do so, because He is a sovereign God.

He has the right to tell us what to do with our money and how we are to spend it.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Mal. 3:10.

He has the right to tell us how to be baptized. Did He not set us an example when He was here in the flesh?

He has the right to tell us how we are to live so far as this world is concerned. Listen:

"Abstain from all appearance

of evil."—I Thess. 5:22.

I tell you, beloved, He has the right to speak to us as God exalted on the throne.

I am wondering if many times we don't treat Him, as I was reading a long time ago, as to how a sovereign was treated. On a certain island the people at one season desired to honor their king. They placed a big hogshead in the city square, and each man was to come and pour into that hogshead his choicest wine, which was to be a gift to his king. But one fellow that year was a little short on wine, and he brought instead a pitcher of water and poured it in, thinking that the water would mix with the wine and nobody would be any the wiser. Days passed by until the hogshead was filled and the day came when they were to present it to the king. When they turned the spigot on, out flowed pure crystal water. Every fellow had done the same thing.

I am afraid, beloved, that many, many times today, you and I treat our sovereign, ascended, exalted God just like that. I tell you, beloved, He who was God in the past, who was God when He came to be born in Bethlehem and was cradled in a manger, who was God when He died on the Cross, is still God. You and I are His subjects—His servants.

Let me remind that unsaved man or woman who is here that Jesus Christ is not only sovereign over the saved, but He is sovereign over the unsaved just the same.

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness."—Rom. 1:18.

Oh, sinner friend, may God help you to realize that He is a sovereign God, and that He is sovereign over you as an unsaved sinner, just the same as He is over me as His servant, and just the same as He is over all those who have trusted Him to be saved.

CONCLUSION

May the Lord take these simple words and help those of you who are saved to realize that

this God who came and lived among us, who died and rose again in our behalf and ascended unto the Father, and is now exalted with the Father — may God help those of you who are saved to realize this truth and to realize that it is your business and my business to live for Him, as our Sovereign.

Unsaved man and woman, may God help you to realize that some day you are going to have to face a sovereign God to give an account for a life misspent — an ill-spent, wasted, useless life. Oh, might God save your soul just now.

May God bless you!



Strange Guest Room

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that Heaven is keeping a perfect record of your every thought and motive, as well as your every word and act. (Read Psalm 139).

If you die in your sins and unbelief, you will be confronted with that record; and be called upon by the Lord for an accounting of it all.

Needless to say, you will be more embarrassed than guests in that wired room who thought they were speaking confidentially. And you will be helpless to explain away the record.

The wise and proper thing to do is to place faith immediately in the Lord Jesus Christ who died for our sins and rose again for our justification. Then He will blot out as a thick cloud your transgressions; and as a cloud your sins. (Isa. 44:22).



THE QUITTER

I've taught a class for many years;

Borne many burdens, toiled through tears;

But folks don't notice me a bit, I'm discouraged—I'll just quit!

Sometime ago I joined the choir, That many folks I might inspire. But folks don't seem moved a bit

And I won't stand it. I'll just quit!

I've led young people day and night

And sacrificed to lead them right;

But folks won't help me out a bit,

And I'm so tired, I think I'll quit!

Christ's cause is hindered everywhere

And folks are dying in despair. The reason why? Just think a bit;

The church is full of folks who quit!



A Talking N. T.

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allowed on all day. What a decided contrast it would be to have this "Talking Testament" take the place of such radios!



If the way to Heaven be narrow, it is not long, and if the gate be straight, it opens into everlasting life.

Calvary is God's eternal heart-ache for perishing souls.

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OCTOBER 17, 1953

A Better Than Ever Week Of Your Life

THANKSGIVING MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

PLACE: First Baptist Church, Russell, Kentucky.

TIME: November 23-26, 1953.

SPEAKERS: The best Baptist preachers in America. (Full announcement of these will be made soon.)

COST: The First Baptist Church of Russell, Kentucky offers free rooms and meals to all Christian workers who attend. (First meal, Monday evening 6:00 p. m.).

PURPOSE: Fellowship and study of God's Word, emphasizing Missions and the great doctrines of God's Book.

PROGRAM: Will be printed in next issue of this paper.

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