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Yes, Judas Was A Gentleman!

lic. The spiritual person will throw away "I think" and will acknowledge that this restriction given here is the Word of the Lord.

5.—Spiritual people are forgiving people. (Ephes. 4:32). People who go around treasuring malice, grudges, hard feelings, are unspiritual no matter what they think of themselves.

6.—Spiritual people are people led by the holy spirit rather than by the impulses of the flesh. (See Gal. 5:16-23). A spirit filled life bears the kind of fruit described in verses 22 and 23. Some think that the evidence of the spirit is a lot of noise and hurrah, but the real evidence is FRUIT!

7.—Spiritual people crave the things that minister to spiritual growth in their church life. The carnal crowd is continually wanting those things that bring them "fun" and that serve to "give them a kick" as it is sometimes expressed. They love the pastor who will get out and play and frolic with them, no matter if he is himself as unspiritual as they are. The spiritual desire a man who can give them spiritual food, and who will lead them

Judas was a gentleman. We do not speak to condone his sin, but rather to compare it.

He sold the Lord Jesus to His enemies for thirty pieces of silver. For that he must be condemned.

When he realized something of the terrible thing he had done, he repented. For that he is to be commended. We have known altogether too many professed believers who sold their Lord for much less—and have never repented.

Having repented, Judas went back to the high priest saying "I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood." This is most amazing. Thirty pieces of silver was no inconsiderable sum and the Bible expressly tells us that Judas was a thief. When a thief offers to give back what he has stolen—that is something. When Zacchaeus was saved, he stood before the Lord Jesus and said, "If I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." We say that is certain evidence that he had salvation. Judas did not restore fourfold, but he brought

an effort to right the wrong in which he had engaged.

We have known too many professed believers who would make every effort to repay the Lord for what their sin did against Him, until it began to cost them something in dollars and cents. Then they stopped.

When the priests refused to take the money back that he offered them, he refused to take it, and threw it to the floor of the temple. Many a man less condemned than Judas has pocketed the price when it has been thus refused and salved his conscience with the knowledge that he had done all within his power.

Having failed to reverse the situation he had created, Judas went out and hung himself. For that he is to be commended. The church of the living God would be better off if it had more such hangings. It is peopled with many who are roadblocks to the spiritual progress of the body of Christ. Having signally failed to get rid of them by every other means, many a pastor has prayed for a hanging.

Shocking! Outrageous! That's right. You can say that again. But the shocking part is not what we have said about it, but the circumstance that calls for such denunciation.—The Tabernacle Trumpet.

into a "closer walk" with God. Unspiritual people dote on "dignity" in worship, formality, robes and candles and pageantry. Ritualism thrives among unspiritual people.

8.—Spiritual people are the ones who shall receive reward. The carnal crowd who build "wood, hay, stubble" on their foundation will find in the end that they are "saved yet so as by fire."

Let us make plain that spirituality is not denoted by superpiousness of talk and appearance. Talking in a sepulchral tone, with eyes rolled up does not make one spiritual. One can be spiritual and still act like a human being. Not some peculiar mannerism but a life ordered by the Lord in daily life and conduct is the thing that counts. back the money he had taken in

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"STEWARDS OF GOD'S MYSTERIES"

"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."—I Cor. 4:1, 2.

You will notice in the very outset that Paul speaks about the mysteries of God. Now that expression "mysteries," is an expression which occurs a number of times. I've never taken time to count how many times this expression occurs in the New Testament, but I know that it is in the teens, or maybe even

more. There are numerous times when the Lord's apostles, acting as writers, refer to the mysteries of God, and in view of the fact that this expression occurs so many times, long ago I became interested in the study of the word, and long ago made a rather exhaustive study of the meaning of that expression, "the mysteries of God."

I

On first thought and on first appearance, it looked to me as though the Lord was speaking

about some things that were mysterious to such an extent that we would never be able to understand them, but I found, beloved, on investigation and examination of the Word of God that the word "mysteries" has just exactly the opposite meaning. It isn't something that is mysterious to the extent that you cannot understand it, but rather it is something which you can only understand, as you are taught by the Holy Spirit. In other words, it is previously hidden truth that is now divinely (Continued on page two)

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Some Characteristics Of Really Spiritual People

ROY, MASON, Tampa, Fla.

The Bible speaks of "carnal" believers. They, unfortunately, are the largest group in our churches. They are the ones who cause the strife, the wrangling and the division. They are the ones who can't take strong doctrine. They are the ones who have hindered the Great Commission from being carried out. They are the ones who turn the churches into play houses and dance counters and amusement centers. But thank the Lord, all believers are not carnal. There are many truly spiritual persons. Let us note some of the characteristics of these:

1.—Spiritual people have spiritual discernment. (I Cor. 2:14). Have you noted persons who biblically talked about material things, but when spiritual things were mentioned, they fell silent. They just didn't seem to "savvy." God gives to saved people who draw close to him a keenness of discernment concerning spiritual things that others do not have.

2.—Spiritual people put spiritual things above material things. In a church, let some matter arise that has to do with the spread of the gospel or the teaching of the lost, and some

are very listless. They just aren't interested. Let some proposal be made to do something that will add to their own ease and comfort, and their eyes just pop with interest. That's why millions are spent on great buildings and elaborate furnishings, while the cause of missions lags. Wonder how much some of our churches would be willing to spend on seats, just so they could sit more comfortably for an hour or so a week? Here is a diagnosis of unspiritual Christians. (See Phil. 2:21).

3.—Spiritual people put the good of the cause of Christ above gratification of their temper. The carnal person gets mad and then had rather have his way than to profit the cause of Christ, forgetting that "the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God."

4.—Spiritual people readily bow to the Word of God rather than rebel when it goes contrary to their former notions. (See I Cor. 14:37). A case in point here is the question of women preaching and speaking in pub-

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We've been saying so much about our Thanksgiving program that your editor almost forgot to mention the Thanksgiving offering for The Baptist Examiner. For years we've depended upon this offering to clean up our bills for the year, and we need it especially this year.

Each year God lays it upon the hearts of our friends to be especially liberal toward us at the Thanksgiving season, and thus we wipe out our deficit for the year. I hope our friends won't fail us this year, but that we shall receive a liberal offering for our printing needs.



"THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON"

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"Stewards Of God's Mysteries"

(Continued from page one)
revealed unto the hearts of the
believers. I can give you a good
illustration of it.

Here is a man who joins some
secret fraternity — maybe to
speak jokingly, the Mystic
Knights of the Sea — and when
the Kingfish puts him through
all of the ritual of the lodge, he
tells him the mysteries thereof.
Now the things that he explains
to him are not things that he
can't understand, but they are
things that have been hidden to
him until they have been reveal-
ed, and he has been taught
thereby.

Now the same thing is true of
this word "mystery" that is used
in this text. The mysteries of
God are not things that you
can't understand. They are not
teachings of the Bible that are
beyond your mental comprehen-
sion, but rather, beloved, the
mysteries of God are the doc-
trines of the Bible which have
been previously hidden and con-
cealed, but which are now di-
vinely revealed by the Holy
Spirit which has taught them
unto you.

II

LET'S LOOK AT SOME OF
THE THINGS WHICH ARE
SPOKEN OF IN THE BIBLE
AS BEING THE "MYSTERIES
OF GOD."

In the first place, we read
about the **mystery of iniquity**.

*"For the mystery of iniquity
doth already work: only he who
now letteth will let, until he be
taken out of the way."*—II Thess.
2:7.

Now the words "letteth" and
"let" are old English words that
we don't use today. Actually
that word "letteth" is the word
for "prevent," so what this text
literally says is that "the mys-
tery of iniquity doth already
work: only he who now pre-
venteth will prevent, until he
be taken out of the way." To
read the context you will see
that it is talking about the Holy
Spirit who is preventing the
mystery of iniquity from imme-
diately coming to its fullness, so
that it actually says that even
in this early day, before the
First Century A. D. had come
to a close, the mystery of iniqu-
ity was already working, and
that the only thing that was
preventing the mystery of in-
iquity from being fulfilled even
then was the work of the Holy
Spirit, and that He was then
preventing, and that He would
keep on preventing the mystery
of iniquity from coming to com-
plete fulfillment until He, the
Holy Spirit, be taken out of the
work.

Now what does that passage
of Scripture tell us? Beloved,
if you will turn to the Gospel

of Matthew, you will find that
it tells us the very same thing,
for we read:

*"Another parable spake he
unto them; The kingdom of
heaven is like unto leaven, which
a woman took, and hid in three
measures of meal, till the whole
was leavened."*—Mt. 13:33.

In the Bible, the word "leav-
en" refers to false doctrine, and
it says that the true teachings
of the Word of God are going
to be leavened, or in other
words, false doctrines are going
to take over, and keep taking
the place of the true teachings
of the Word of God. Notice that
expression "till the whole was
leavened." There is a day com-
ing, in the light of this text of
Matthew 13:33, when all the
true teachings of the Word of
God will be supplanted by the
leaven of heresy.

Now I don't say that you and
I will be here in this world when
that day comes. In fact, be-
loved, there won't be a single
saint here in this world when
that day comes to pass, for the
Lord Jesus Christ is going to
come some of these days and
will take out of the world all of
the redeemed of the Lord. When
the redeemed of the Lord are
taken away, then and then
only, when there is nobody to
prevent — when the Holy Spirit
is no longer here to prevent —
then the mystery of iniquity will
be full. It will be completed.
Then the whole of the teachings
of the Lord Jesus Christ will be
completely leavened.

Now, beloved, that is some-
thing that you and I would
never have thought of if left
to ourselves. It is something that
you and I would never have
imagined if it had been left up
to us. It is something, beloved,
that we never would have in
any wise at all conceived of if
it hadn't been revealed to us
through these two texts which
we have here in the Word of
God. In fact, beloved, if left to
ourselves we would naturally
hope that things might be get-
ting better. If left to ourselves
we naturally would hope that
by our teachings and by our
preaching and by our witnessing
for the Lord, that maybe things
might get just a little better as
time goes on. In fact, the un-
saved man, the unsaved world,
thinks in terms of the world
getting better all the time.

Go next spring at the gradu-
ation season to any high school
or college to the graduation ex-
ercises, and you will find that
ninety-nine out of every hun-
dred speakers will address that
class on the basis, that if they
take their places in the world
as they should, that they will
make the world a better place in
which to live. I'll say that nine-
ty-nine out of every hundred
commencement speakers will
orate at length on the fact that
it is their business to make the
world a better place in which
to live, and if left to ourselves,
beloved, we would think and
we would hope, and we would
naturally imagine that somehow
by proper preaching and by suf-
ficiently teaching the Word of
God, and by living for our Lord
and witnessing unto His name in
the manner in which we should,
that we would naturally be able
to accomplish that purpose.

But, beloved, in the Word of
God we find that just exactly
the opposite is taught. Instead
of hoping for things to get bet-
ter, we are to anticipate that
they shall get worse. Instead of
expecting that this world will be
made better by our having lived
in it, we are taught in advance
that the mystery of iniquity is
already at work here within this
world. The leaven is already
working, the false doctrine is al-

ready permeating the true
teachings of our Lord, so that
we have this revelation made to
us that some of these days the
whole will be leavened — the
mystery of iniquity shall com-
pletely take over, and finally
everything will be far worse
than it was in the days when
we were living here within this
world.

I have a hard time under-
standing my brethren who talk
in terms of postmillennialism,
who talk in terms of the world
getting better and that our Lord
will come back and set up His
kingdom here in this world some
of these days when the world
gets good enough for Him to
live here. I have a hard time
understanding any preacher who
would take that position. The
Word of God tells us in the
book of II Timothy that we can
expect things to get worse, for
we read:

*"But evil men and seducers
shall wax worse and worse, de-
ceiving, and being deceived."* —
II Tim. 3:13.

If you will go back to the
Old Testament, to the book of
Daniel, you will find that Daniel
interprets the dream of the king
wherein he dreams of a great
image with a head of gold, chest
and arms of silver, belly and
thighs of brass, legs of iron, and
feet of iron and miry clay. You
will recall that Daniel gave the
interpretation in this manner —
that it was only a dream of his-
tory. The head of gold repre-
sented Babylon under Nebu-
chadnezzar. The chest and arms
of silver represented the king-
dom that followed, namely, Me-
dia and Persia combined, or as it
is spoken of in history, Media-
Persia. The belly and thighs
of brass Daniel interpreted as
representing Alexander the
Great and the Grecian Empire,
and the two legs of iron he in-
terpreted as referring to the
Roman Empire in its divided
state. Then the feet of iron and
miry clay he referred to as the
nations that come out of the
Roman Empire. Notice that he
started with gold and proceeded
to silver, then to brass, then to
iron, and then to iron and miry
clay. Notice that there is a de-
crease in the finer qualities —
gold, silver, brass, iron, and iron
and miry clay — a decrease in
the finer qualities that are re-
ported in this dream of history,
which would tell us, beloved,
that though we may become
more educated and though we
may become smarter so far as
material things are concerned,
and though it may be true that
in this world we will know
more and better how to kill peo-
ple than we knew in the days
gone by, and though we may be
able to perfect weapons that
are far more effective and bet-
ter than they were in the years
gone by, at the same time there
will be a decrease in the finer
qualities. In other words, be-
loved, it is the same thing you
have here in Matthew 13:33
when Jesus said that the whole
of the Christian teachings will

be leavened with false doctrine.
It is the same thing that you
have here in II Thessalonians
when Paul refers to the mys-
tery of iniquity. I tell you, be-
loved, one thing that man never
would have thought about, that
he would never have dreamed
of, that he would never in any
wise at all conceived of, is that
this would get worse —
so much worse that ultimately
there wouldn't be one scintilla
of the truth of this Bible to be
found within the world. You
would never conceive of that,
beloved, if it were left up to
you. You would think that
somehow in some manner you
and I would make some im-
pression on this world to such
an extent that surely long years
after we are gone, the world
would still be believing the
things that we taught and
preached. The Word of God says
that the mystery of iniquity is
already at work and that it will
continue to work and that the
only thing that keeps it from
taking over now is the Holy
Spirit who prevents, and will
continue to prevent, until He be
taken out of the world.

The second mystery logically
follows namely, that of **Israel's
blindness in order that Gentiles
might be saved**.

*"For I would not, brethren,
that ye should be ignorant of
this mystery, lest ye should be
wise in your own conceits, that
blindness in part is happened to
Israel, until the fulness of the
Gentiles be come in."*—Rom. 11:
25.

If you and I were to think
about how all of God's elect of
the Gentiles would be saved,
we would never for one mo-
ment's time think about the fact
of shutting the door to Israel
in order that the Gentiles might
be saved. If it were left up to
me, it would seem logical that
the Jews would go out as mis-
sionaries and would preach the
Word of God to the ends of the
earth, and thus the Gentiles
would be saved, and the fullness
of the Gentiles would come. But,
beloved, that just didn't work.
I can see how, since the Lord
made a revelation of it, why it
didn't work. It is hard for Jew
and Gentile to mingle and co-
mingle together day by day;
therefore in order that the full-
ness of the Gentile, or in other
words in order for all the elect
of God's people from among the
Gentile races to be saved, God
had to shut up the dispensation
of grace to the children of Is-
rael, that He might reach out
and save Gentile people — so
He blinds the Jew that the Gen-
tile might see Him.

You wonder why it is today
that the Jew stands in his own
light, and how it is that he
observes the day of atonement,
without an atonement. You won-
der why it is that he is ignorant
of spiritual truths, and why it
is that he will spit everytime
that you talk about the Lord
Jesus Christ in his presence.
You wonder why it is that that
Jew is so terribly ignorant of

the spiritual teachings and the
truths laid down within the
Word of God. I'll tell you why
it is; God has blinded him (Con-
tinued from page one) Brother
one purpose, that you and I are
all of God's elect from among
the Gentiles of the world might
be saved and brought in. Who
the fullness of the Gentiles has
been brought in — when the
last one from among the Gen-
tiles is saved, the Word of God
will again be given to the Jew.
Well, that is a mystery. Yes,
you would never have thought
that, and I would never have
thought of it if left to ourselves.
You can see it now because
is taught here within the Word
of God. You would never have
conceived of it, if God had never
made a revelation of it to us.
Here is another mystery that is
just as hard to understand as
the mystery of the indwelling
Christ.

*"Even the mystery which hath
been hid from ages and genera-
tions, but now is made manifest
to his saints: whom God would
make known to us, what is the
riches of the glory of this mys-
tery among the Gentiles, which
is Christ in you, the hope of
glory."*—Col. 1:26, 27.

Old Testament saints pondered
the question. Job in all his
trying hours never understood
it. We hear him saying, "Shall
mortal man be more justified
than God?" Old Job never could
understand the mystery of the
indwelling Christ. But new
Paul says:

*"I am crucified with Christ,
nevertheless I live; yet not I,
but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME, and
the life which I now live in
the flesh I live by the faith
of the Son of God, who loved
me, and gave himself for me."*
—Gal. 2:20.

What does it mean? Beloved,
put Galatians 2:20 and Colos-
sians 1:26, 27 together and
do you have? The mystery of
an indwelling Christ — the fact
that Christ dwells in you.

I would never have thought
about it. I would never have
conceived of it. There isn't a
person here, if the Lord had
made a revelation out of the
Word to you, who would have
conceived of the fact that Jesus
Christ was dwelling inside you
and that He has had His dwell-
ing there from the hour that you
were saved. But, beloved, that
is the position where you stand
to Jesus this morning. He dwells
in you, and from the moment
of your salvation, He has been
dwelling on the inside of you.

I tell you, beloved, when that
thought gets hold of you, it's
going to cause you to think
seriously about a lot of things
in life. If Christ is dwelling
in you and me, then how are
you and I to live? How are
we to talk? How ought we to
worship? How ought we to
mighty, mighty careful what we
say and what we do?

I speak to someone relating
to coming to the house of God.
This believing child of God says
(Continued on page three)

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Will come alone _____ Will bring _____ men with me. Will bring
_____ women with me. Will bring _____ children with me. Will
arrive _____

"Stewards Of God's Mysteries"

(Continued from page two)

Brother Gilpin, I'll be there,"

om amount he never puts in his appear-
world might in any wise at all. He needs
t in. Who realize, beloved, that he isn't
entiles must telling me that he will be
when present, but that there is an in-
g the Greeting Christ who heard his
ord of Greetings.

to the Je I tell you, my brother, my sis-
sister. Yea, this is a mystery. You and I
thought could never, and would never,
never have thought about Christ tak-
o ourselves up His dwelling in us. We
because might conceive of Him dwelling
the Word a building. It would be much
never have logical for us thus to con-
had never conceived of it, but to think of Him
it to us dwelling within us! Yet, beloved,
mystery that is exactly where my Lord
understand Jesus Christ is today. He is
indwelling dwelling within my heart.

Then, beloved, there is the
mystery of world-wide evangel-

ages am.

ut now "For this cause I Paul, the
saints: prisoner of Jesus Christ for you
ake know Gentiles, If ye have heard of
the globe dispensation of the grace of
g the God which is given me to you-
in you, heard: How that by revelation he
1:26, 27 made known unto me the mys-
ts ponder; (as I wrote afore in few
in all words; Whereby, when ye read,
ever under may understand my knowl-
im saying edge in the mystery of Christ,)
Which in other ages was not
ever could be known unto the sons of
ery of n, as it is now revealed unto
But now holy apostles and prophets

y the Spirit; That the Gentiles
ould be fellow heirs, and of
the same body, and partakers of
his promise in Christ by the
ospel: Whereof I was made a
minister, according to the gift
of the grace of God given unto
me by the effectual working of
his power. Unto me, who am less
than the least of all saints, is
this grace given, that I should
reach among the Gentiles the
unsearchable riches of Christ;
and to make all men see what
the fellowship of the mys-
tery, which from the beginning
of the world hath been hid in
God, who created all things by
Jesus Christ: To the intent that
unto the principalities and
powers in heavenly places might
be known by the church the
manifold wisdom of God." —
Eph. 3:1-10.

Go back to the days when
Cain and Abel came with their
offerings. I ask you, beloved, of
whom was Abel thinking? No-
body except himself. Abel was
thinking only in terms of num-
ber one. He wasn't thinking
about Cain; Cain could think
about himself. That first offer-
ing which Cain and Abel came
to bring to the Lord was an of-
fering for the one individual.
Neither was thinking in terms of
world-wide evangelism; each
was thinking in terms of his own
salvation.

A little later on, on the night
of that first memorable pass-
over, we find the father, acting
as the priest of that family,
killing a lamb and putting the
blood of the lamb on each side
of the door posts and the lintel
above the door. I ask you, of
whom was that father thinking?
He was thinking in terms of his
own family. He wasn't thinking
about the family next to him
on the right, or the family next
to him on the left; he was think-
ing in terms of his own par-
ticular family.

Notice: the conception of re-
ligion has grown. Abel was
thinking in terms of one man;
the father was thinking in terms
of one family, but he wasn't
thinking in terms of anybody
else.

Later on the Lord made a
revelation unto the Jew, and on
the great day of atonement the
Jewish high priest came and
offered a sacrifice — not for

himself alone, and not for his
family, but a sacrifice for his
nation, so that every individual
in the Jewish nation was cover-
ed by that sacrifice on the day
of atonement. The conception of
religion has grown from one
man to one family and then to
one nation, but, beloved, it did
not grow any further for a long,
long time. That is why it was
that Jonah refused to go to
Ninevah. He couldn't conceive
of a God that would go outside
of the Jewish nation to save
anybody. Even the Lord Jesus
Christ said to His own disciples,
"Go not in any way of the Gen-
tiles." Even my Lord, in the
days of His ministry, forbade
His disciples to preach to Gen-
tiles. The conception of religion
hadn't grown any further than
the fact that the Jew was the
only man who could be saved.
Even after our Lord's death
when He gave the Great Com-
mission, when He said, "Go ye
into all the world, and preach
the gospel to every creature,"
none of those early disciples
were able to decipher it or un-
derstand it. Nobody could con-
ceive what our Lord meant, un-
til one day God called Paul up
into a heavenly trysting place
and made a revelation to him,
that both Jew and Gentile might
be fellow-heirs of the Gospel
of the Lord Jesus Christ, and
Paul was made a minister of
the Gospel of Jesus Christ in
behalf of Gentile people. Then
it was that the mystery, which
in ages past had been hidden,
was now revealed to the proph-
ets and the apostles by the Holy
Spirit.

Oh, let me tell you this morn-
ing, brother, sister, this mystery
of world-wide evangelism, this
mystery of world-wide mission-
ary effort, is a mystery that I
would to God might grip the
hearts of all of God's people.
Beloved, it took four thousand
years of earth's history before
the mystery was ever under-
stood by any man. Abel thought
only of the Gospel in terms of
himself. The father, acting as a
high priest for the family,
thought of the Gospel only in
terms of one family. The Jewish
high priest, acting for a nation,
thought of the Gospel only in
behalf of a nation. Beloved, it
took four thousand years for
God to make a revelation to this
world whereby that you and
I might have a part in this
mystery of world-wide evangel-
ism.

How much fellowship do you
have with this mystery? In
other words, how much do you
pray for missions? How much
do you pray for world-wide
evangelism? How much do you
give for the cause of missions?
How much fellowship do you
have with this mystery? Paul
said that by our fellowship with
this mystery that we will show
"unto the principalities and
powers in heavenly places . . .
the manifold wisdom of God."

That word "manifold" is a
Greek word for "many tinted,"
and it says that you and I have
fellowship with this mystery of
world-wide evangelism when
we send the Gospel to the ut-
most parts of the world. As we
do so, we will teach the prin-
cipalities and the powers in
heavenly places and thus the an-
gels of God will learn through
the church the many tinted
wisdom of God. The wisdom of
God is covered black in some
cases when God saves the black
man, and God's wisdom is cov-
ered red when He saves an In-
dian. The wisdom of God is a
manifold, a many tinted wis-
dom, and as you and I have
fellowship with this mystery of
world-wide evangelism, we will
be able to teach the principal-
ties and the powers in heavenly

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places.

There is another mystery
which I would mention to you
and that is the **mystery of the
translation of the living saints
when Jesus comes.**

"Behold, I show you a mys-
tery; We shall not all sleep,
but we shall all be changed, In
a moment, in the twinkling of an
eye, at the last trump: for the
trumpet shall sound, and the
dead shall be raised incorrup-
tible, and we shall be changed."
—I Cor. 15:51, 52.

Now let me ask you, would
you ever have thought of that
if your Lord hadn't revealed it?
Would you ever have conceived
of it in any wise at all that
there would ever come a time
when you would be picked up
from this world, perhaps, and be
caught up into the sky bodily,
and in the process of going from
earth to Heaven you would be
changed, and would be given
an immortal body? Would you
ever have thought of that, if
left to you? There isn't a per-
son in all this world who would
ever have conceived of the
translation of the living saints
if left up to himself. That is a
mystery. You can understand it
now because it is revealed here
within His Word. You can un-
derstand the revelation because
it has been given to you, but,
beloved, it had to be given to
you out of His Word in order
for you to understand it.

I thank God for this truth.
I am glad that some of these
days my Jesus is coming back
again. I am glad that He hasn't
left us here alone forever. I am
glad that He is coming back in
the sky some day. Things get
darker and darker and we won-
der what the outcome is going
to be. Problems accumulate and
friends decrease and fall away

from us. Burdens get heavier,
the road gets rougher, the load
gets tougher, and we wonder
what the future holds for us.
Well, some of these days my
Jesus is coming, and He is go-
ing to catch away the redeemed
of the Lord, and not only trans-
fer them into the skies and
translate them thus, but He is
going to transform them in a
moment's time to look like Him.
Thank God for such a mystery.

It is my hope and my joy and
satisfaction as I face tomorrow,
and as I look upon the tomor-
rows to come, when I remember
that my Lord says that He is
coming for His own. The mys-
tery of iniquity is going to con-
tinue to work and there isn't any
hope of things getting better and
when I remember that in spite of
the fact that I preach on and on
and on, and do my best, that I
can't expect things to get better
but rather they are going to get
worse—when I recall all this, I
thank God that some of these
days He is coming again.

Then, beloved, there is the
mystery of Babylon.

"And upon her forehead was
a name written, Mystery, Baby-
lon the Great, the Mother of
Harlots and Abominations of the
Earth. And I saw the woman
drunken with the blood of the
saints, and with the blood of the
martyrs of Jesus: and when I
saw her, I wondered with great
admiration."—Rev. 17:5, 6.

This was a mystery to John.
He couldn't understand it. He
looked at this old whore spoke
of in Revelation 17 who is de-
scribed as a mother of harlots
and when he saw her, he realiz-
ed that she has been drunken
with the blood of saints and
with the blood of martyrs. He
is amazed, and he says, "I won-
dered with great admiration."

Beloved, I believe with all my
heart that this woman who is
spoken of here is Roman Catho-
licism and that the harlot daugh-
ters that are spoken of, are the
Protestant churches, that have
come out of Rome. With all my
heart I believe it, and if I had
time this morning I think I
could prove it to you. It is a
mystery to me how this world
could be confused and deceived
as they have. It is a mystery to
me when I go into a Catholic
hospital and see people of the
Catholic persuasion as they pass
a statue of the Lord Jesus Christ,
kiss the toe of that statue. I
pick up the newspaper and I
read all the publicity which they
get and I see how the Protest-
ants follow right along in the
path of Catholicism. I say, "How
can it be? Can this be the in-
iquity that is spoken of? Surely
this can't be." Yes, beloved, it
is one of God's revelations. It is
one of the mysteries that are
spoken of. You and I would
never have thought about it if
it were left up to us. The Catho-
lics have the complete patron-
age of the world today—respec-
ted by everyone, but God refers
to them under the figure of an
impure woman. This is mysteri-
ous.

Beloved, this is God's revela-
tion, and I'll fall back on this
truth—God said it, I believe it,
and that settles it. I'll take God's
revelation, mysterious as it is.
I'll accept it with this full as-
surance that some of these days
the mystery of Babylon will be
completely revealed to this ex-
tent, that everybody in the

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"Stewards Of God's Mysteries"

(Continued from page three) world will understand. I expect to see the day when the mystery of Babylon will be revealed and Babylon will be destroyed. I expect to see the day when there won't be a Protestant church nor a Catholic church left. I expect to see the day when every one of them will be destroyed. God's Word reveals it unto us.

There is the mystery of the seven stars and the seven candlesticks.

"The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."—Rev. 1:20.

John had a vision. He had seen the Lord Jesus Christ in all of His risen glory. He had seen Jesus walking around holding seven stars in His hand, and walking in the midst of seven golden candlesticks. It was a mystery to John, and if it were left up to you and me, we wouldn't know what it meant. Beloved, God didn't leave it up to us, and we don't have to guess as to the meaning of it. He tells us that the seven stars are the angels, or the pastors, of the seven churches, and that the seven golden candlesticks are the seven churches. In other words, this mystery is that Jesus Christ walks in the midst of His churches and holds His preacher in His hand. Thank God for such an endearing revelation — my God walks in the midst of His churches; my God holds His preachers in His hand.

I don't know anything that ought to thrill the heart of the people of God more than to know that if you are a member of a true New Testament church that the Lord Jesus walks in the midst of His churches. I don't know anything that ought to bless a pastor's heart more than to know that Jesus holds him in His hand. That is a mighty safe place to be. What harm can come? What harm can befall the man of God if he is in his Lord's hand? This is the mystery of the seven stars and the seven golden candlesticks.

III

IT IS OUR BUSINESS TO BE FAITHFUL.

My text says:

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."—I Cor. 4:2.

He tells us in I Cor. 4:1 that we are stewards of God, and now He says that there is just one requirement, and that requirement is that we be found faithful.

I am glad for what Jesus said to Paul. I am glad to know the requirement that He makes of us, is that of faithfulness. He doesn't require of me, that I be a success. He doesn't require that I be eloquent. He doesn't require of me that I be learned. He doesn't require of me that I be able to draw a vast multitude. He doesn't require of me that I have the ability to lead thousands to Him, but the requirement of me is that I be found faithful.

Every once in a while I remember the fact that we don't have a great number of professions of faith. It grieves my soul when I think about the fact that we don't have large numbers of professions. I grant you, beloved, when I look around on Sunday

I do see those who have made professions of faith who are faithful to God's services. But I am only human, just like you, and I would to God that I might be able to see this house filled Sunday after Sunday. I would like to see people who are saved added to the body Sunday af-

ter Sunday, but I don't see it.

I remember that our Lord said, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me." Beloved, if Jesus could comfort Himself with that Scripture, surely I can do likewise. All that He gives me, to be saved under my ministry shall come to me. I am glad

that He didn't tell me that I had to do anything but be faithful, but He said to you and to me, "Here are the mysteries; here is the truth; here is the truth of my Word; here are the mysteries which I have made known to you. All I ask of you is that you be found faithful."

May God help you and me this morning to resolve today whatever the cost may be, whatever it may involve us in that we will be true to the mysteries of His Word and we will stand by His Book until He comes—faithful unto His mysteries.

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MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 23, 7:30 P. M.

Presiding Austin Fields, Coalgrove, Ohio
Special Singing Arabia Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio
"Missions, The Mission Of A New Testament Church" Gus Randolph, Burnsville, North Carolina
"Why I Am A Baptist And Not A Roman Catholic" Harry Hille, Detroit, Michigan

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 24, 10:00 A. M.

Presiding W. J. Church, Denver, Colorado
"God's Sovereignty In Grace" T. P. Simmons, Evansville, Indiana
"Are The Heathen Lost Without The Gospel?" H. H. Overbey, Detroit, Michigan

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 24, 2:00 P. M.

Presiding C. W. Shafer, Poca, West Virginia
"Missionary Experiences In Peru" R. P. Hallum, Iquitos, Peru
Forum on Education and Missions, discussing especially Tri-State Baptist Bible College, Evansville, Indiana; The Baptist Examiner, Russell, Kentucky; and Baptist Faith Missions. Conducted by: Edward Overbey, Chicago, Illinois, assisted by all present who wish to participate, each speaker being limited to ten minutes so all may have time to speak.

TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 24, 7:30 P. M.

Presiding James Masterson, Lexington, Kentucky
Special Singing Choir of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio
"The Tithe Is The Lord's" Elton Wilson, Gracey, Kentucky
"What The Death Of Jesus Means To Me" Eugene Clark, Detroit, Michigan

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 24, 10:00 A. M.

Presiding James Frederick, Texarkana, Texas
"Will Man Destroy Himself?" Sidney Fisher, Ashland, Kentucky
"The Miraculous And Supernatural Of Both The Old And New Testaments" Harvey Ayres, Lancaster, Kentucky

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 24, 2:00 P. M.

Presiding Zack Savage, Gainesville, Florida
"The Jew, God's Chosen People" Jacob Gartenhaus, Atlanta, Georgia
Forum (as of preceding afternoon) Conducted by Z. E. Clark, Evansville, Indiana

WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 24, 7:30 P. M.

Presiding Woodrow Brumfield, Russell, Kentucky
Special Singing Choir of Salem Baptist Church, Samaria, Kentucky
Male Quartet from Baptist Bible College, Lexington, Kentucky
"The New Bible" James Sims, Evansville, Indiana
"Was The Jerusalem Church A Baptist Church?" Lloyd Mahanes, Lexington, Kentucky

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 25, 8:30 A. M.

Presiding T. P. Simmons, Evansville, Indiana
Special Singing Male Quartet from Baptist Bible College, Lexington, Kentucky
Thanksgiving Service John R. Gilpin, Russell, Kentucky
(This will be Bro. Gilpin's 25th annual Thanksgiving message)
Congregational Song Leader For All The Conference T. P. Simmons
Several other preachers have been asked to take part on the program, from whom we have not heard. If present, these will be given place on the program.

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