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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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## Principles Of Christian Conduct

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Throughout society we see people who are orderly, and systematic in their manner, while others are hap-hazard and improvident. The hap-hazard class are the ones that usually must be taken care of by those who are more thoughtful and careful about their living. The people who "don't bother about the future," and who recklessly get rid of everything that comes into their hands, are the ones whose futures are worried about by others.

To succeed in a profession, there must be planning and training and a careful looking to the future. To carry on a good business, things must not be let slide along

—there must be careful planning. To build a good house, there must first be careful plans—the builder must know where he is going. To build the right kind of a Christian life there must be some plans and the adherence to some established principles. The truth is, most of those who make a Christian profession never establish any set principles to guide their service or conduct—they live hap-hazard. Let us think for a moment and see the truth of this.

### 1. Take The Matter Of Church Going

The average professing Christian, when he joins a church does not establish a set and fixed custom of public worship. He doesn't

say and mean it, "From now on, unless Providentially hindered, I will be in the regular worship services of my church, every Lord's Day." When he takes a job or goes into business he establishes such a habit—the habit of going to work every work day. He doesn't decide afresh each morning whether he shall work that day or not. But when it comes to worship, each Sunday morning the question is threshed out anew—"Shall we, or shall we not, go to church today?" That failure to establish a custom at the start of the Christian life, results in tens of thousands of absentees every Lord's Day. The same thing was true back in New Testament times, and the writer

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## "I Should Like To Know"

1. Was the Devil ever in Heaven?

Yes, he was an inhabitant in Heaven before his pride brought about his fall. Is. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:13-17.

2. Explain Mt. 12:43-45.

This teaches that wicked men are indwelt by demons just as saved men are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. A man may reform and drive out the evil spirit that is within him. If that man who does reform, does not receive Jesus into his heart, then the evil spirit that is driven out, gets other demons, and together they overcome the man and make their abode within his heart. Then, that reformed sinner, who was not regenerated, ends up worse than he was before his reformation. Above all else, it shows the necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit in conversion if it is to be genuine and lasting.

3. If all living Jews are to be saved when Jesus comes, how will it be done?

Paul spoke of himself as one born out of due time. He was saved by seeing Jesus in the air and receiving Him as his Messiah and Lord. All living Jews will be saved the same way when the Lord comes a second time.

Paul's new birth was therefore 'premature' in that he was saved on the roadway to Damascus just like the Jews will be saved at the Second Coming.

4. Have you taken any degrees in Masonry, and how do you know its tenets?

No, I am not a Mason, although I have been invited on numerous occasions to join. Because of these invitations, I felt that I ought to know what Masonry was, and stood for, before entering it. Accordingly, I began a study of it and found it to be absolutely worthless for a child of God.

If you want to know what Masonry teaches, go to any large public library and read their books on secretism. Everything that Masonry stands for is written in those books.

Charles G. Finney repudiated Masonry because he could not pray in a Masonic lodge in the name of Jesus. It was either repudiate Masonry or repudiate Jesus, and he chose to give up Masonry.

The bitterest persecutors that Christians have on earth today are the Mohammedan Turks. They are practically all Masons and wear the same kind of cap the Shriners do. Many of the

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## CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON'S ACCOUNT OF HIS OWN BAPTISM

In January, 1850, I was enabled by divine grace to lay hold on Jesus Christ as my Saviour, while hearing the Gospel preached at Colchester. Being called in the providence of God, to live at Newmarket as usher in a school, I essayed to join myself to the church of believers in that town; but according to my reading of Holy Scripture, the believer in Christ should be buried with Him in baptism, and so enter upon his open Christian life. I cast about to find a Baptist minister, and I failed to find one nearer than Isleham, in the Fen country, where resided a certain W. W. Cantlow, who had once been a minister to Jamaica, but was then pastor of one of the Isleham Baptist churches. My parents wished me to follow my own convictions. Mr. Cantlow arranged to baptize me, and my employer gave me a day's holiday for the purpose.

I can never forget the 3rd of May, 1850; it was my mother's birthday, and I myself was within a few weeks of being sixteen years of age. I was up early, to have a couple of hours for quiet prayer and dedication to God. Then I had some eight miles to walk, to reach the spot where I was to be immersed into the

Triune name according to the sacred command. What a walk it was! What thoughts and prayers thronged my soul during that morning's walk! It was by no means a warm day, and therefore all the better for the two or three hours of quiet foot-travel which I enjoyed. The sight of Mr. Cantlow's smiling face was a full reward of that country tramp. I think I see that good man now, and the white ashes of the turf-fire by which we stood and talked together about the solemn exercise which lay before us.

We went together to the Ferry, for the Isleham friends had not degenerated to indoor immersion, in a bath made by the art of man, but used the ample baptism of the flowing river.

To me there seemed to be a great concourse on that weekday. Dressed, I believe, in a jacket, with a boy's turn-down collar, I attended the services previous to the ordinance; but all remembrance of it is gone from me: my thoughts were in the water, sometimes with my Lord in joy, and sometimes with myself in trembling awe at making so public a confession. There was first to be baptized two women, Diana Wilkinson and Eunice Fuller, and I was asked to conduct them through the water to the minister; but this I most timidly declined. It was a new ex-

perience to me, never having seen a baptism before, and I was afraid of making some mistake. The wind blew down the river with a cutting blast, as my turn came to wade into the flood; but after I had walked a few steps, and noted the people on the ferry-boat, and in the boat, and on either shore, I felt as if Heaven, and earth and Hell, might all gaze upon me; for I was not ashamed, there and then, to own myself a follower of the Lamb. Timidity was gone. I have scarcely met with it since. I lost a thousand fears in that river Lark, and found that "in keeping His

commandments there is great reward." It was a thrice-happy day to me. God be praised for the preserving goodness which allows me to write of it with delight at the distance of forty years!

"Many days have passed since then. Many changes have I seen; Yet have been upheld till now; Who could hold me up but Thou?"

I am indebted to Mr. Wilson, the present pastor of Isleham, for the following note, which reminds me of an excellent companion I had almost forgotten:

"Mr. W. H. Cantlow, a worthy Baptist deacon at Ipswich, well remembers when a boy at school, walking with Mr. Spurgeon from Newmarket to Isleham, a distance of eight miles, to be at the baptism. He says: 'I often think of the earnest talks he had with me, and always remember one remark he made, on our way to the week-night service, about the need of obtaining spiritual food during the week, as it was so long to have to wait from one Sunday to the other.'

"The recollection of the service at the riverside is fondly cherished by several still living, who rejoice that they were there. But the most precious memory of that day is the prayer meeting in the vestry, in the evening, when Mr. Spurgeon prayed, and people

wondered, and wept for joy, as they listened to the lad. One may be excused for envying those who were there.

"In front of the new school-room adjoining the chapel, is the following inscription:

This Stone was Laid On September 19th, 1888 By Mr. G. Aphorpe, in Memory of the late Rev. W. W. Cantlow, Who, While Pastor of the Church, Baptized the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, At Isleham Ferry, on May 3rd, 1850.

Mr. Cantlow's grave is only a few yards off."

If any ask—Why was I thus baptized? I answer, because I believed it to be an ordinance of Christ, very specially joined by Him with faith in His name. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." I had no superstitious idea that baptism would save me, for I was saved. I did not seek to have sin washed away by water, for I believed that my sins were forgiven me through faith in Christ Jesus. Yet I regarded baptism as the token to the believer of cleansing, the emblem of his burial with his Lord, and the outward avowal of his new birth. I did not trust in it; but because I trusted in Jesus

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## HELPERS TO THE TRUTH OR A PROGRAM

I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment of God.—The Elder to the Elect Lady (II John 1:4).

I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. . . . Whom, if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well; because that for His name's sake they went forth taking nothing of the heathen. We therefore ought to support such, that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth.—John unto the well-beloved Gaius (a layman)—III John 3:6-8.

Here are some mighty fine words from John the Beloved Apostle to our W. M. U.'s, B. T. U.'s and our laymen. The appeal that is being made by denominational speakers today, both in our subsidized papers and at our associations and conferences and assemblies and other gather-

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(Read Ezekiel One)

I'm beginning today a series of messages on the book of Ezekiel. During our recent Bible Conference, it was stated by one of the brethren that the book of Ezekiel was virtually a closed book to him and that he knew practically nothing about it. I remember also in contrast, Bro. Jacob Gartenhaus quoted twice from prophecies in the book of Ezekiel, as if to indicate some little familiarity with this prophecy in God's Word. I remember, also, in the past that I have heard men who were great and learned and scholarly, say, "That of all the books that they had

ever read, that there was no one which was more dull or uninteresting or from which they got less than they did the Book of Ezekiel." I remember, also, that in reading the life of John Calvin, that Calvin said, "That he did not, in any wise at all, understand all the book of Ezekiel." And I remember reading from some other great writers of the past, who commented upon the Book of Ezekiel, that they said, "That nothing was more obscure than the beginning of the prophecy of Ezekiel."

Now, with these thoughts in mind, showing you how God's own—God's greatest, have trod

reverently, and have stepped cautiously when they have approached unto the Book of Ezekiel, I, too, this morning come to it in somewhat the same mode and fashion, as these great men of the past have approached this prophecy. I do not mean to say, beloved, that it is a simple book in any wise at all, neither do I think that the Book of Ezekiel is inexplicable. While I do not say that it is a simple book, I do not say, also, that it cannot be understood. I do believe, beloved, that while there may be certain portions of it that are difficult, and certain figures that we prob-

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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

## HOLY SPIRIT MATHEMATICS

Mathematics is a useful science to men—and to God. There are some thrilling mathematics lessons in the history of the early church. After the wonders of Pentecost, when the fully surrendered Twelve, particularly Peter, began their ministry, "there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). And "the Lord added to the church daily" (Acts 2:47). But when later the seven Spirit-filled deacons were called, leading the movement of laymen and lay women to active service, the word for the increase of the soul-harvest is changed. Arthur T. Pierson called attention to it in his book "The Acts of the Holy Spirit." "The number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly" (Acts 6:7). "Now the progression is no longer arithmetical!" Has our church, our Sunday school, our Bible class, our home passed from Addition to Multiplication in soul-winning? If not, why not?



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ably will never understand the full meaning of with our limited spiritual perception, at the same time, I think that there is enough in the Book of Ezekiel that we can take every chapter and study it and carry home with us a rich spiritual blessing as a result of having studied from it. I just don't believe, beloved, that God wrote any part of the Bible with the expectancy that we were just going to bundle it up, and put it back into a closet and say that this portion is just too hard for me to grasp and I can't understand it—so there—I'm not going to read it. Instead, beloved, I think there is a message for us in every one of these chapters, and I believe that God will give us that message as we approach it.

### I

You'll notice that in the very first verse that this came to pass in the THIRTIETH year; that is, in the thirtieth year of the life of Ezekiel. That means, that God was speaking unto him and calling him unto service when he was thirty years of age. There's quite a coincidence here between the call of Ezekiel, the call of John the Baptist and the entrance of Jesus Christ upon His ministry. As you may recall, John the Baptist was thirty years of age when he began to preach in the wilderness. And likewise, Jesus Christ was thirty years of age when He, too, entered in upon His life's work in the ministry. Now I do not mean to say, that God always deals with folk when they are thirty years of age, for the contrary is very evident in the Bible, for as you recall from the study of the Book of Exodus, Moses was eighty years old when God called him to begin his life's work, and in contrast to that late age, Samuel was a mere slip of a lad when God called him to be the prophet of Israel. This shows us that it is God who calls, and that God does not respect any particular age, when God purposes or predetermines something to come to pass. He can call a man thirty years of age. He can call a man eighty years of age. He can call a mere slip of a lad and commission that person to go forth in His service.

I think often of Bro. Hallum who went to Peru as a man fifty-one years of age to learn a foreign language and to become a missionary in a foreign country, on foreign soil and under adverse circumstances. Surely, in view of the souls who have been saved under his ministry in Peru, the witness to the Word of God he has given there in Peru—surely, beloved, no man could say that God doesn't call aged men to do His work at home and abroad just the same as He calls youth.

### II

This man, Ezekiel, was among the CAPTIVES by the River Chebar. I wish you'd notice that Ezekiel was a prophet in captivity. In other words, Ezekiel pro-

## "...AND EVERYWHERE THAT MARY WENT..."



phesied during the Babylonian captivity. He was captive in the land of Babylon, having been carried captive some five years preceding the writing of this prophecy.

It always has been interesting to me to note this truth, that while man may make a captive of an individual, still God can speak to him in spite of his captivity. As an example, we have the story of the apostle John shut up on the Isle of Patmos, so the Word of God tells us. In Rev. 1, the old heathen king got tired of John's ministry. He didn't want to have anything more to do with him. He didn't want to give John any further liberty to preach, so he shut him up on the Isle of Patmos, a little rocky island about 30 miles in circumference. John wasn't even allowed to leave that rocky Isle of Patmos. But, brethren, though the heathen king shut him up and banished him to the Isle of Patmos, and said, "You stay here—you are my captive—this is your 'Alcatraz,' this is your prison, this is your place of servitude, you can't leave it," God reached down and said, "John, while they won't let you leave the Isle of Patmos, just come on up and I'll let you penetrate the very secrets of Heaven," and God pulled back the curtains and told John to see what's to come, and what's in store for God's people down to the end of the age. So you can see, beloved, while Ezekiel was captive of a heathen king, living in captivity in Babylon, that didn't keep the Lord from dealing with him.

That calls to my mind this morning, beloved, the greatest book which was ever written, I presume, or at least the book which has moved more people Heavenward than any except the Bible, that it was written under similar circumstances. I am speaking of "Pilgrim's Progress," having been written by John Bunyan. John Bunyan spent years in Bedford jail. All the time he was there in jail, his congregation would gather outside the jail and they'd place his cap on a pole. Whenever he saw that cap he knew his congregation was there and he'd preach to that cap, and as a result, 14,000 people were baptized into the First Baptist Church of Bedford, England, by one of the deacons during that time when John Bunyan was kept in jail. It was during that time he was held captive, Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" became a reality to him and he transcribed it and transferred it into words and as a result, it has moved more people Heavenward than any other book that was ever written outside of the Bible itself. I'm saying to you this morn-

ing, though this man, Ezekiel, was a captive in a foreign land, though his body was held captive by the Babylonians, the spirit of Ezekiel was free and God dealt with him and God gave to him this marvelous revelation.

### III

In this first verse it says the Heavens were open and Ezekiel saw VISIONS OF GOD. That was the very thing that Ezekiel needed to see. He needed to see God. Why, God had made a promise unto the Jews that He'd stand by them, that the Jews would be His people throughout all ages, and God had referred to the Jew as the apple of His eye, but now God has allowed a heathen king to come unto the land of Judah and deport the Jews out of Judah and Jerusalem unto the land of Babylon. They'd been there for five years time, and I imagine that Ezekiel wonders, if there is a God.

Has Ezekiel been mistaken? Has he followed a will-o-wisp? Has he followed a phantasm? Has he followed that which was ephemeral and unreal? Is it possible that there is a God? Does God live? About that time, brethren, he saw a vision of God.

Beloved, isn't it true that every once in a while, the burdens press down upon you, and the cares of this life come over you, and you become depressed and distressed? Isn't it true that day by day you wonder as doctor bills, sick bills, hospital bills, and all kinds of bills pile up around you — isn't it true when you have discouraging events happen around you — isn't it true, beloved, that you just wonder, well, is there a God after all? I wonder if God knows. I wonder if God sees. I wonder about it.

There isn't one of us but what have had troubles many, many, many times. Some of them have been troubles that only the eye of God knew about, and some of them have been troubles that have been open before men, but regardless of the troubles that come, there was a God looking down all the time. I remind you this morning, beloved, that as Ezekiel was in captivity wondering about God, God gave him a vision of Himself.

I'd remind you that trouble never comes — the day never becomes so long and night never becomes so dark, and the trials never come, but what God sees, and God cares, and God is there on His throne. I often think of the time during the Reformation when Martin Luther and other noble souls were attempting to break the power of Rome, and to crush forever Rome's despotism and false teachings. I'll never

forget that at one time, Martin Luther became definitely and desperately discouraged and he went home defeated, ready to give up, feeling that his cause was a failure in every respect. He sat at home discouraged all day long. His wife, dressed in black, sat and wept and wept and wept in his presence. Martin Luther kept asking as to what was wrong, and she would say, "It's too bad, I can't tell you." And again and again, he'd press her for an answer. Why the mourning? Who's dead? Why was she mourning so? And as he'd press her for an answer, she'd say, "Martin, it's too bad, I can't tell you." And finally, after some period of time that she had thus wept, she threw back her veil of mourning and said, "Martin, God's dead." He knew that God wasn't dead. He knew that she was merely pretending, so that he might learn a truth. God was not dead. He had thought God was dead. He had thought the cause of God was a failure. He had thought the Reformation was a failure. What he needed to know was, God isn't dead. God is still alive. God's still on His throne.

I come to you today to remind you when death comes to your home, when sickness comes to your family, when financial distresses overtake you, when all kinds of difficulties and problems enshroud you, when the darkness of the midnight wraps itself about your soul, and when your soul is enshrouded in nothing else than darkness itself, may I remind you, beloved, look up! God still lives. God is still on His throne.

Ezekiel saw the vision of God! When he thought everything was gone, when he thought God had forgotten about him, when he had spent five years as a captive in Babylon and when he thought God had forgotten about the people He had referred to as the apple of His eye, then it was God spoke out of the skies and gave him a vision of Himself. Brother, sister, never forget, God lives! God lives!

### IV

Notice, also, beloved, that it tells us that in the fifth day of the month which was the fifth year of King Jehoiakin's captivity, the WORD OF THE LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel. Notice, the words God spoke to him. What he wrote was what God said to write. This third verse says, "The word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the River Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was there upon him." This shows us that this book was verbally inspired and that what Ezekiel wrote was what God told him to.

Brethren, I cannot emphasize it too strongly, I believe this Bible is verbally inspired. I do not believe that God spoke to men by brooding around and above them and letting them choose their words of diction. I do not believe, beloved, that God inspired Ezekiel like he did Browning and Tennyson and Keats. I do not believe, that any man who wrote this Bible was inspired such as any English or American writer of today. But rather, I believe, beloved, that the very words that the souls of the prophets fired were the words of God that were verbally spoken unto those men. Ezekiel stands as a good example.

You have the same thought brought to us in II Tim. 3:16 when Paul says "All scripture IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." Again in II Pet. 1:21, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God SPAKE AS THEY WERE MOVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT." Oh, my brother and sister, when you take up this book, remember that it is the Book of God. Remember that it is not a book that contains God's Word, but that it IS God's Word. There

is not anything else in it but the Word of God.

Just as it says here that the Word of God came to Ezekiel, so the Word of God came to all the balance of the men who wrote this Bible. Twenty-six hundred times the Old Testament writers assert that their words are the words of God, and five hundred and twenty-five times the New Testament writers make the same assertion. So then better than three thousand times the men who wrote the Bible declare that the words they used, were not their words, but rather the words of God. It was miraculously, supernaturally given unto them.

### V

It says in this verse, the "HAND OF THE LORD WAS THERE UPON HIM." Ezekiel was in captivity. Five years have passed by. He thinks God is dead. He thinks God has forgotten about him, but he sees a vision. God's alive. He not only sees God, but God speaks to him. He hears God, he sees God and now God speaks to him, for the Hand of God was upon him, which would tell us, beloved, that God was near to him.

Oh, I'm glad this morning, beloved, that God was near to Ezekiel and I'm glad that God is near to His own people today. He said in Matt. 28:19, 20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, even unto the end of the world." Do you want to know whether God is with us, whether God is going to stand by us? Well, just like God was with Ezekiel and the hand of the Lord was upon him there, you have a promise that God will stand by you until the end of the age, for in Heb. 13:5, 6, we read, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Brother, sister, thank God this morning that Ezekiel not only saw God and heard God, but he felt God, for the hand of God was upon him. The Lord was near to him. God was with him and the promise is to us that He'll never leave us nor forsake us.

Sometimes things look mighty dim. It was thus in the life of a woman long ago, a slave girl—a servant girl named Hagar. When she had been beaten severely by her mistress Sarah, and had fled from Sarah's home into the wilderness, she was so blinded by her grief and overcome by her sorrow and so given over unto the problems that confronted her, that Hagar just forgot all about God. She thought that this was the end, but in the time of her distress and perplexity, she looked up and saw God and said, "Thou God seest me." Beloved, we need to remember that even in our distress, as the hand of God was with Hagar, so it is with us. Ezekiel saw God, he heard God, and he felt God. God was near to him. Brother, sister, I say to you this morning, God is with you.

### VI

Now, so far, so good. So far, it is quite obvious. Now comes A VISION — a vision, beloved, that we might just as well face and try to understand, or else the entirety of the Book will be lost to us, because we have this same vision in the tenth and eleventh chapters. It's repeated again to us in the forty-third chapter. So if you don't understand this first chapter of Ezekiel and get the thought of this first chapter, you might as well tear out Ezekiel 10, 11, and 43, for the same vision is repeated three times again within the book. Now, what is this vision?

I don't mean to tell you that I understand all of it. I don't mean to tell you that I can give you an exact answer as to what every word might mean. Although I think that if I were

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## MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

ELD. AND MRS. ROYAL CALLEY

MIGUEL IBERNON

CICERO BICHO

MAIO DUTRO

EUFRAZO SORAES

JOHN DIAS

ZACHARIAS NUNES de ABRIU

JOHN BENTES

(Portuguese Language)

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MISS MARGUERITE HALLUM

DON SIMON GUIMA

DON JUAN CASTRO

(Spanish Language)

IN COLUMBIA

JOSE TOMAS del CASTILLO

(Spanish Language)

# THE PAUL CALLEY FAMILY HAVE GONE TO MISSION FIELD

## LEFT DETROIT FOR MANAOS, JANUARY 6

### Well Equipped

The Paul Calleys went out well equipped. They went by air and took their typewriter and suitcases of clothing to last them until their baggage arrives by boat. Ten steel drums with canned goods, one steel box of tools, four large trunks and one large box of beds, bedding and other personal effects and a kerosene operated refrigerator and kerosene range are being sent as unaccompanied luggage by boat from New York. Also a 1950 2-door Ford V-8 is to be shipped as soon as an import license is received. Brother Calley had new tires, new battery, new brakes, new muffler and tail pipe and a heavy duty clutch put on the car so as to give top service for a long time. This car will be a great help in the work in Brazil. (You will recall that Brother Lewis took a Jeep to Peru). Bro. Paul Calley sold his home and took the equity from it to equip himself for the mission field. He is a good manager and will live within his means and we believe that he will give a good account of himself as a missionary.

### Big Job Getting Ready

It is a big job to get ready to go to the mission field. For a year the Calley's have been praying, planning and working, getting ready for this trip. Dr. Fred Lapham, a fine Baptist doctor in Detroit, Michigan, gave them their medical examinations and all necessary shots and vaccinations free, as he did for the Royal Calleys and Mitchell Lewises. We are grateful to Dr. Lapham for medical services to our missionaries. He not only is a physician and surgeon, but he takes time to go out as a layman and do personal work among the lost.

### \$3,100.00 In Equipment

The actual value of the above mentioned items shipped by boat is a little over \$3,100.00. This does not count the value of the car and the typewriter. Canfield Avenue Baptist Church which the editor of MISSION SHEETS pastors, met at the pastor's home one night and gave the Calleys an offering of \$395.00, to help them buy their needed equipment. So all the items of equipment were paid for by the Calleys themselves and none of it came out of the mission offerings. All missionaries

buy their own equipment. The mission then pays for shipping and getting through customs.

### Ordination Of Brother Calley

Since many of our readers are new they will want to know about the ordination of Brother Paul Calley. He was ordained by Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, on Sunday afternoon October 11, 1953. The church invited other Baptist pastors of sister churches and they came and formed a presbytery and questioned the candidate and after finding him sound in faith, recommended his ordination to the church. After the ordination the church then voted to send Brother Paul Calley to Brazil under her authority through Baptist Faith Missions. All Baptist Faith Mission missionaries are ordained by a Baptist church, then sent out under the authority of a Baptist church. Remember to pray for the Paul Calleys as you do for the other missionaries and be looking forward to reading his letters that tell of his missionary experiences in the future issues of the MISSION SHEETS.



ELDER AND MRS. PAUL CALLEY AND SON LESLIE

Elder and Mrs. Paul M. Calley and son Leslie. This missionary family left Detroit by air for Manaus, Brazil, Wednesday morning January 6, 1954. John Bentes one of our Brazilian missionaries who can speak English flew down to the Amazon river from Manaus to Belem to meet the Calleys and help them get through the red tape and on their way to Manaus.

Brother Paul Calley is an older brother of Brother Royal Calley who has been in Manaus, Brazil since June, 1952, or a year and a half. These two brothers will make a great team in mission work. There won't be any jealousy between them. They both are sound in doctrine and both are good hard workers and above all, dependable.

## In Spite Of Difficulties Lewis Keeps At His Task

Iquitos, Peru  
Dec. 29, 1953

Dear Friends:

Greetings in His precious name. I have been told by many of the people here that the month of December was the hottest month of the year here in Iquitos. And for my part I believe it. For the last two weeks I have had a scratchy case of heat rash and it is miserable. Ruby had some complications from the birth of Ronald and had to return to the hospital for a small operation. She was only in the hospital one day. If the old Devil cannot get you discouraged, he will try to make you miserable in other ways.

Now to give you a peep into the moral situation here. Last week Ruby took the baby to the Sunday night service and one of the smaller girls at the church said, "What is the baby's last name?" Ruby, of course, replied, "His last name is the same as ours, Lewis." The small girl then said, "Oh, then Don Mitchell is his father!" Some women here have as many as five children and not two of them have the same father. Our first house cleaner, a nice young girl, says

that she is saved, was led astray by a man. We told her that she should stay away from him, but no, she knew best. She now has a baby boy and her (man?) now has five pregnant women that he can boast about.

We also have been told of a sure fire, never fail, remedy for thrash in the baby's mouth. When the baby urinates and while the urine is still warm, swab out his mouth with it. Four or five times is sufficient for the worst of cases.

We are trying to wait patiently for the Hunters entry permit. As Mr. Cook in Lima wrote me, we must pray that the Lord will have a hand in moving the papers along the right channels. I have been trying for five weeks now to get twelve certified copies of Ronald's birth certificate. I have five and the answer for the others is always: in two or three days. With the love offering which the young people of Grace Church sent us I bought a pocket watch because the band of a wrist watch makes my wrist break out with heat. After bringing the watch home Ruby remarked, "I believe that is a used watch." And upon a close examination I was convinced that it was used. The next day I took the watch back to the jeweler and asked him why he sold me a used watch. His answer was, "Does it keep good time?" He finally gave me back my money. He would never give me a straight answer about the watch. At times I get thoroughly disgusted with these people, but I always reach the same conclusions, namely: that when we were dead in our trespasses and sins Christ died for the ungodly.

The young man who left us to study Jehovah Witnessism is now attending our services again, but not regularly as he is in the army. (Page three, Column four)

## MISSION SHEETS ARE INCREASED TO FOUR PAGES

With this issue the MISSION SHEETS go from two to four pages in size without any extra expense in printing. Brother John R. Gilpin has been printing the MISSION SHEETS for us for several years at a very low cost. About two years ago while we were with Brother Gilpin in a meeting he told us of his plan to enlarge his weekly paper, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER from four to eight pages as soon as he was able to get a new rotary printing press. He explained to us how he could print eight pages on a rotary press for about the same cost or less than it cost to print four pages on the present equipment. He also advised us that when the Lord provided the new press that he would print a four page MISSION SHEETS paper for us at the same cost as for the two pages. Brother Gilpin now has the new press installed and this is the beginning of a four page mission paper instead of two. Several years ago Brother Gilpin and the First Baptist Church, Russell, Kentucky, which he has pastored for 25 years, began to support this mission work, and since that time has been one of the best supporters regularly each month. Soon after this Brother Gilpin began to print the MISSION SHEETS as the "Missionary Department" of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. (Page two, Column one)

### PLEASE NOTE

If you are getting any mimeographed letters attacking Baptist Faith Missions please do not be fooled by them. Most who get them already know the why of the vile and vicious attack upon this mission. In case you do not know the way, then it is your responsibility to find out. Don't be fooled.

## Experiences During First 5 Years Laboring In Peru

By R. P. HALLUM

The Missionary has experiences many times that the people back home don't hear about for various reasons. One reason, he does not want to make it appear that he or she is complaining; another reason is that he does not want to make it appear that he is boasting about hardships. Either one of these reasons is true in this case.

These experiences were realized during our first five years in Peru. We have told (related) some of them but not all in detail.

These experiences were realized before our daughter (Marguerite) was a missionary with us. She went along with us as a child. Her health became bad and our Peruvian doctor thought she was almost afflicted with a fatal disease and recommended a change of climate, even though it be no more than to go to some point up the river and stay for a few weeks. We were considering this when an American friend, who had made a trip by foot through the Andes to Lima, said to us: "Why don't you go to Lima, up in the mountains where some English missionary women have a Mission? It would be a very fine place to take a vacation."

We finally decided to follow his advice. He gave us all necessary instructions to make the trip.

That trip in many ways reminds me of the Christian life. Example: unwise advice, even though it be sincere, hardships, testing of faith, perils, etc. A man who was located in Yurimaguas, a point on the way, said: "Why did Bro. so and so advise you to go there? It is one of the hardest trips that I have ever taken."

We made all necessary arrangements at home about the work and started out. The first lap of the journey was a three-day trip, or almost three days, on the Ma-

ranon river by launch, including a half day on the Huallaga river to Yurimaguas, where this friend of ours was located with his wife. He was from New Zealand and his wife from the U. S.

The trip on the launch was very nice and without incident. We stayed with these friends for about five days, until we could get a message from the women missionaries at Lamas in the mountains, who were from England.

After we heard from them that they had gotten the mayor of the little city to get peones and send them to a point on a small river above there, we got a man to acquire peones to row us up to said point in a canoe, which took us two and a half days. We paid the man 15 or 20 soles to furnish the men and their food. That is when our troubles began.

We traveled all one afternoon arriving at a place where there was a cane mill in operation. We stayed there all night in a vacant room, unloading all our luggage and food. The peones began to tantalize us for food, knowing that we had food for ourselves for the trip, but they had their own food—the kind that the laborers (Page three, Column five)

## WE ARE MADE TO REJOICE

You will note from the financial report in this issue that the offerings for December, 1953 were the largest of any month in the history of the mission. One offering came in for \$3,500.00. Truly we are made to rejoice in the Lord. We thank our heavenly Father, the God of all grace. May God's richest blessing be upon those who gave so generously and (Page four, Column one)

## MRS. LEWIS HAS MINOR OPERATION

The Mitchell Lewises had a new son born in Iquitos, Peru on November 16, 1953. Since then Mrs. Lewis has been back in the hospital for a minor operation. We are hoping that she will be in better health now. Ruby Lewis is the kind of wife that makes a preacher great. She has what it takes to go and stay, even when the going is tough. Remember the Lewises when you pray.



## HOW BAPTIST MISSION WORK IS CARRIED ON IN PERU, BY LEWIS



This is a picture of a class of children in the home of Senora Juana in Iquitos, Peru, where Brother Mitchell Lewis is missionary. This class has had as many as 30 in it at one time.



This is another picture of the class of children in the home of Senora Juana. Now contrast these two pictures of Baptist work among the children of Peru with that of the Catholics in the other two pictures.

### Mission Sheets Increased

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#### No Individual Mailing List

We send out the MISSION SHEETS to about 100 churches in bundles so that each family of each supporting church may have a free copy of the paper once each month. We do not have an individual mailing list for the mission paper. When the MISSION SHEETS first began, the editor (H. H. Overbey) sent them out at his own expense. When the work grew and was incorporated, the directors voted that the mission pay for this expense. We then had several hundred individuals on the mailing list to get the paper each month. Since we had no subscription price we could not mail out at the low postage rate for a newspaper, instead it cost us 2 cents for postage for each paper. This with the cost for envelopes amounted to

about 30 cents a year to send the paper to one individual, not counting the cost of labor for folding, placing in envelopes and mailing. THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is a weekly Baptist paper that goes into every State in the Union and to many foreign countries. The subscription price is only 50 cents a year. Where else can you get an eight page weekly sound Baptist paper mailed to your address for 50 cents a year? Besides you get the MISSION SHEETS along with it once each month free. That is why we do not have an individual mailing list for the mission paper. Many readers of the MISSION SHEETS do not get the Baptist Examiner. Let me urge you to subscribe for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. It is Baptist to the core. It is sound to the core. It is without compromise. It is against all heresy and isms. Just recently a Baptist pastor told me that he used the material in sermons in the Baptist Examiner in his own preaching. Many a pastor who does not have a good library will find this paper a big help in his ministry. Write to: Pastor John R. Gilpin, Russell, Kentucky, and send him a dollar and ask for a two years' subscription to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Better yet, send him five dollars and ask for a life subscription. We urge you to do it today.

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JANUARY 30, 1954

## Bro. Royal Calley Has Been Very Seriously Ill

Since receiving the letter in this issue of the paper from Brother Calley, we received a telegram from his wife advising that he was in the hospital and would not be able to meet his brother, Paul and family, at Belem. The next day a wire came from his wife advising that he was better. A letter from Helen (Mrs. Royal Calley) received January 11, 1954, advised that Brother Calley had a very high fever and went into a coma. He was taken to the hospital and the doctors were able to get his fever down the first night. He had an infection from a carbuncle on his neck that had to be lanced. He was in the hospital for eight days. He is out of the hospital and home with his wife and four children again but is very weak and run down and needs a good long rest. Frankly speaking, Brother Calley has overworked himself, and continued to do so when he was ill. From holding services every night in the week and on Sundays and teaching native preachers and studying as few men do, he was not able to hold up. About three months ago he went to church to preach when he was sick but insisted on going to church anyway. He had a high fever and passed out in the service and never remembered anything about it. From an attack of malaria fever to a carbuncle with infection that caused him to go into a coma, he has had a very rough time of it for the past several months. He has gone to services and preached and insisted that he was alright, when he should have been in bed. Now that his brother Paul has arrived in Brazil we are hoping that Bro. Royal will get a rest for several weeks until he is strong and able to work again. It has been no easy task for Mrs. Calley to carry on with four small children. Helen Calley is a real helpmate as a preacher's wife. We thank God for them and for their faithfulness in times of testing. They have had sickness, and suffered and still stayed on the mission field when others who had less came home. All who have a part in this mission work know of both the ups and the downs of the work. They know when missionaries are well and when they are sick. They know when they are on the mountain top and when they are in the valley. They know when missionaries make good and when they fail. Those who support Baptist Faith Missions are told the truth, and Baptists like the truth. We urge you to pray daily for all the missionaries of Baptist Faith Missions, and especially for Royal and Helen Calley and children at this time.

### PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Our missionaries continue to remind us to remember them when we pray. Besides calling the missionaries by name at home when we pray, we remember to call each one by name each Sunday morning from our pulpit when we worship God in prayer. Before each Sunday night service, the men of our church go to one of the rooms downstairs to pray, the women go to another room to pray and the girls go to another room to pray. In these rooms the missionaries are called by name before the throne of grace. Other pastors and churches remember the missionaries by name when they pray. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every reader prayed for every missionary by name? If you don't do it, start now and you will receive a great blessing. In a personal letter from Mrs. Royal Calley dated January 4, 1954 and received January 11, 1954, in which she told of the illness of her husband, after she signed her name she wrote beneath it—"We thank you all for your prayers."

## HOW CATHOLICS CARRY ON THEIR WORK IN PERU, WITH VOWS TO AN IMAGE



This is a Catholic parade in Iquitos, Peru, called "THE LORD OF MIRACLES." The men are carrying a large silver frame with an "IMAGE OF CHRIST" in the center. The priest is wearing a white dress instead of the usual black one by special permission of the Pope.



This is a picture of the children who supposedly made "VOWS" unto the Lord, the children with the dark gowns and white ropes around the waist. Thus in these four pictures you see the contrast in Baptist and Catholic mission work. One is taught the Word of God, the other taught to make "vows" to an image.

## Don Tomas Tells Of Five Souls Saved And Baptized

Eld. R. P. Hallum

My very beloved Brother in Christ Jesus, I pray you to accept my warm remembrances of a merry Christmas and Happy New Year, together with your wife and daughter and sisters.

Let us always pray for the presence of the Lord in all of our Christian activities. At this time we are all well and growing in the Lord always.

We have three candidates for baptism, after having baptized two brothers recently.

Dear brother, the object of this letter as I have already told you is, recently desiring to you in this New Year all blessings from the Lord. I pray you that if during the year just ending I have done anything in any way to you or the Mission, or been an object of sadness, that you pardon me. I pray on bended knees that you pardon me. My desire is that this year (new year) that God fill me of His Holy Spirit, that He make me more useful in His cause, more full of power of His Holy Spirit,

in order to bring more souls to the feet of Christ, more consecrated to prayer. These two last weeks we are praying during the early dawn from 5-6 a. m. I pray that you show this letter to the beloved Mission. We have them present (we remember) in all our prayers.

Make them to know, that I am content (satisfied) and giving thanks continually to the Lord for the support that month after month I receive.

May God bestow abundant blessings on you and that each one of these little cents that I receive be transformed in souls that glorify our Heavenly Father who wants to see us bear much fruit.

Receive a tight embrace from your brother that loves you with Christian love.

Tomas Castillo A.

Faith is the only victorious antagonist of fear. Cast into the scale, it will outweigh a hundred good reasons for the dread and despair.



# Calley Reports 33 Saved In 317 Meetings In '53

Manaus, Brazil,  
Dec. 9, 1953

Dear Friends:

This letter finds us all in good health, although I have had some troubles with styes. They are such little things but they cause so much misery it seems.

There really is not much that we can tell you this month. At times the same thing happens day after day. That is the way it is now. Every night we have services and there is the same little handful there, and occasionally a visitor, but lately we have not had any stranger in our services. The Catholics are making a big drive now and are trying their best to keep the people from coming. The Catholic Church rules by fear. You see it unmasked here, and it would surprise you how much these people fear the priests. Many seem to despise the Catholic clergy here, but they are afraid of them none the less.

The churches here always celebrate the anniversary each year of the time that they were organized. We had our second anniversary Dec. 2nd. Our record this year, while very modest, at least progressed a little. Our lowest point was in January when we had only six members as a result of exclusions and the granting of letters. During the year 317 meetings were held. There were 33 professions during this time, but only 11 of them were baptized into the church, which brought our membership up to 20, counting three more that came by letters. Last month we excluded two more bringing the number down to 18, and that is where the membership stands now. During the year the church added to the building a portion that lacked only two feet of doubling the building. The new section was used for the classroom of our school and enabled us to take the desks, etc., out of the church auditorium. The church also bought twenty-four chairs that are very nice and comfortable, at about \$9 apiece. These fill about half of the auditorium. We are now in the process of buying twenty-four more. The church at present pays the pastor 10% of all offerings. The old part of the building was repaired and repainted and had a new roof put on. We hope after paying for the chairs to start saving for a launch. We have a little start, but all things start that way it seems.

The greatest achievement in the church though, each member feels is its growth spiritually and doctrinally. We believe our church to be the soundest and most intelligent in Manaus. The members do not believe, without knowing why.

I am now taking lessons in Hebrew from the Rabbi here in Manaus. I should like very much to know the languages that the Bible was written in. It is harder than Greek I believe. I was very surprised to learn the way the Jews write. They write contrary to the way we do and then some. You begin by writing on what we would call the wrong side of the page until you get to the right side and then you turn the corner and write at a right angle to what you have written until you get to the bottom of the page. Then you start all over again until you fill the page. When you get through you have all your sentences written in right angles each one a little smaller than the one that precedes it.

We have heard that the mission conference that was held at The First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky., was a big success. I am looking forward to attending one at a future date when we return home. We were very sorry to hear that the wife of Bro. Roberts died and extend to him our sympathy.

We pray at this moment that you each shall be blessed of God. Your Brother in Christ,  
Royal H. Calley

P.S. The Rabbi who is teaching

me Hebrew is a kind man. From what I gather he has passed through much persecution in his lifetime. He is old and worn. He took me all through the synagogue the other day and explained every piece that was in it. I asked him if he could not see Christ in them. He said we see the Messiah in them. He said that all his life he had been waiting and hoping that the Messiah would come in his day. Then he said, "You don't know how much I wish that Christ was the Messiah. If he were I and my family would have not passed through such misery as we have seen." I tried to show him that Christ is the promised Messiah. But he kept on saying, "But don't you see, Christ didn't reign, the Messiah must reign." I told him that Christ would indeed return to reign, but he said the Old Testament didn't prophesy that the Son of God would come twice to the earth. He, of course, takes every passage in the Old Testament referring to Christ's second coming as referring to His first. Then he showed me out in back the little booth of palms that he and his family live in for eight days as the Old Testament commands. The Jews are just the same as they were in the times of Christ. They only want a king, but care nothing for a Saviour. One thing that he said struck me though. He very firmly believes that all the twelve tribes of Israel exist until this day, and that furthermore that all the Jews feel the same way. He pointed out that in various areas where the tribes were scattered that there are people that have a great deal of the Jewish language mixed in their speech and that their speech and manners differ greatly from the people right around them in the same nation and that further-more they were known for the fact that they married only among themselves. I always knew that they must be on earth because of Revelation, but I didn't know that the Jews thought so too.

## Bro. And Sister Silas Calley Have Two Missionary Sons

Brother and Sister Silas Calley have eight children, three sons and five daughters. Seven of the children are married. Two of their sons, Paul Calley and Royal Calley are Baptist preachers in Brazil as missionaries. This father and mother know how to pray. When we received the telegram on December 22 from Helen Calley in Manaus, Brazil, advising that Royal was in the hospital, we called the news to the home of his father and mother. The children were called on the phone and father and mother and children and grandchildren knelt together before the throne of grace and talked to their Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus about the illness of Brother Royal Calley. They arose from praying and began to sing the great songs that they sing in church. The next morning another wire came from Brazil advising that Royal was better. We do not believe that our enemies will accomplish much in their campaign to hurt Baptist Faith Missions as long as we have people who pray like this.

## NEW CREEDS ARE SUPPLANTING THE OLD DOCTRINES

It was our privilege to sit in a council of ministers addressed by a representative of the Baptist Publication Society, his subject being "The Necessity of a New Message." We quote a few words which he said:

"The old way of preaching the blood of Christ as salvation for

## Bro. H. H. Overbey To Visit Mission Fields This Year



In the last issue we told of the plans of Hafford H. Overbey to go to the mission fields in Brazil and Peru for three months this summer (June, July and August, the Lord willing). Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., voted their pastor a three months leave of absence with full pay, called his son, Edward, to pastor the church while he is gone and now they have given \$300 to start the fund for the expenses of the trip. It is estimated that the trip for three months will cost about \$1600 with about half being traveling expenses. If you would like to have a part in this, send your offering to the mission treasurer telling him that it is designated for Bro. Overbey's trip to South America.

### I AM TRUSTING THEE

By Frances Ridley Havergal

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus  
Trusting only Thee!  
Trusting Thee for full salvation,  
Great and free

I am trusting Thee for pardon  
At Thy feet I bow;  
For Thy grace and tender mercy,  
Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing,  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy,  
By Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me,  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Every day and hour supplying  
All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power,  
Thine can never fail;  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt  
give me,  
Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Never let me fall!  
I am trusting Thee for ever,  
And for all.

sinner will not do now. It is weak. Who would preach that way to our returning soldiers? No, it may be good for some old women, but not for men with red blood.

Now, we have known some of these old women who believe in blood; may the Lord bless them. We wish there were more. We have known many a dear mother in Israel who has had more spirituality in five minutes than a whole regiment of soldiers has had in five years. If our returned soldier boys are to become soldiers of the Cross, there is only one way—through the blood. If this learned "Doctor" ever receives pardon for his sin, it must be through "the shedding of blood." We confess that we believe in this old-time preaching.

Faith places the death of Christ between the sinner and God's judgment and pleads His merits for those which the sinner should have, but has not.

## BRO. CARROLL HUNTER IS ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY

Brother Carroll Hunter was ordained by the Temple Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana on Thursday night, December 17, 1953. Pastor Hafford H. Overbey and Missionary Paul Calley and their wives went from Detroit, Michigan to be in the ordination service. The presbytery met and Pastor T. P. Simmons was chosen as moderator, Pastor James H. Sims (Brother Hunter's pastor), was chosen to question the candidate, Elder Z. E. Clark (Brother Hunter's former pastor in Cannelton, Indiana and teacher in Tri-State Baptist Bible College) was chosen to preach the sermon, Pastor Hafford H. Overbey was chosen to give the charge, Missionary Paul Calley was chosen to pray the ordaining prayer and Pastor James H. Sims was chosen to make the presentation. After the ordination, Temple Baptist Church voted to send Bro. Carroll Hunter to Peru as a missionary under her authority through Baptist Faith Missions.

### Waiting For Entry Permit

It is more difficult to get a new missionary into Peru than it is into Brazil. Before a missionary can enter Peru there must be an entry permit granted. The permit must be gotten in Peru, Brother Mitchell Lewis in Iquitos, Peru, has been working faithfully for quite some time trying to get this permit. It is a long slow process. As soon as the permit is received, application will be made for a passport and visa and we hope that the Hunters can be on their way shortly after. The Hunters have had their medical examinations and X-rays, and their shots and vaccinations, all in Evansville, Indiana, with the exception of shots for yellow fever which they must get at a government hospital before leaving. They will go by air to Peru and ship their refrigerator, baggage, etc., by boat from New Orleans through the Panama Canal down the Pacific coast to Peru. Pray much about this entry permit for the Hunters and for the Hunters and the Lewises.

### SOLOMON'S SYSTEM

"Do you think it would be wrong for me to learn the noble art of self-defense?" inquired a religiously-inclined young man of his pastor.

"Certainly not," answered the minister; "I learned it in youth myself, and I have found it of great value during my life."

"Indeed, sir! Did you learn the English system, or Sullivan's system?"

"Neither, I learned Solomon's system."

"Solomon's system?"

"Yes; you will find it laid down in the first verse of the 15th chapter of Proverbs: 'A soft answer turneth away wrath.' It is the best system of self-defense of which I know."

### Lewis Letter

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I had a long talk with him and I believe that he is saved. The interest is still good at our different preaching points around the city. A man who lives in Marona Cocha who is a protestant, but now says that he is convinced that Jesus Christ organized a church while living upon the earth, has invited me to preach to a group of people that he knows. I told him that I would preach Baptist doctrine about baptism, the Lord's Supper, and security of the believer and church authority. He has heard me preach and knows what we stand for. We pray that the Holy Spirit will give us wisdom to seize every opportunity that we have to witness for Him.

We rejoice with the Calleys in Manaus that the other Calley family can be with them so soon. It means more than you folk at home realize to have someone

that you can really fellowship with. Again we say may the Lord bless each and every one that makes our ministry here in Iquitos a reality.

Serving Him,  
The Lewises

## Hallum's Experiences

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usually had. We had only enough for ourselves for the trip. That was the first half day.

We left early next morning, rowing all day. There were three men; one to guide the canoe, the others to row and push. Just at nightfall, we arrived at a sand bar on the river—beautiful white sand. There were no houses or inhabitants along the river, so we had to stay where night overtook us. There was a little tambo out at the edge of the sand bar. It consisted of four posts set up, one at each corner, and a frame on them, covered with palm leaves. This would turn rain but the open sides permitted (or would permit) men or wild beasts to have free access.

The men told us to stay under this and they would stay with the canoe and the stuff, so we ate supper and put up our hammocks to sleep as best we could. I did not sleep much for thinking that there were or might be tigers and boas and perhaps other wild animals to attack us, for we had no walls nor a gun or any other instrument of protection. There were boas twelve to fifteen feet long as well as ferocious tigers, so the only thing we could do was to trust in the Lord and He protected us and the men with us.

Early next morning after eating breakfast we started out on the third day's rowing up the little river Shanusi. Late in the afternoon we arrived at a point on the river where we were to leave the river and travel on foot the rest of the way. A family lived there and there was an empty house. I suppose it was especially for travelers. We stayed there in the empty house for two and a half days waiting for the Indians to come and help us on the rest of our journey.

At about twelve o'clock the third day the Indians arrived. One was a larger man than the other two. He had the chair for Marguerite to sit in when she got tired or over the muddy places and across the streams. As soon as they ate their lunch, we started out walking for the rest of the day. Not more than a half mile from where we started there was a terribly muddy place in the path and there was no way to go around it; then a creek. We had to pull off our shoes to cross the creek and then put them on again. This was a fair sample of the entire journey. Some places the mud was ankle deep or more, and some of the streams were two and a half feet deep. About sundown we came to a little stream in the jungle where there were two little tambo, frames made of poles with palm leaves for coverings. We put our luggage in the largest one which had a partition near the back and a slight extension of the roof for covering. After supper one of the Indians and his boy who was along lay down under this extension to sleep. The other two occupied the other tambo which was only large enough for the two to stretch out in. Before dark they had the boy make a little trench around their place, but we were not thoughtful enough to have him make one around our tambo.

In the fore-part of the night it began to rain and continued to rain a good part of the night. Consequently the water soon began to run in on the ground. The two Indians at the end of our tambo began to push in, under our part until they were inside. We did not sleep much the rest of the night.

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## MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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## NOTICE

Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

H. H. OVERBEY  
1210 E. Grand Blvd.  
Detroit 11, Mich.

## We Are Made To Rejoice

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may others be added to the list. For many months our enemies have been trying to hurt Baptist Faith Missions and just recently the efforts to hurt have been greatly increased. You can understand how our hearts were made to rejoice when this, the largest offering in the history of this mission came in. Again we say, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

## Hallum's Experiences

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As soon as daybreak we prepared and ate breakfast and started on our way. The first thing was to cross the creek. I pulled off my shoes, crossed and then put them on again.

There were several streams to cross that day and much mud in the path. The jungle undergrowth was on each side so there was no way of getting out of the mud.

We arrived at a dwelling house late in the afternoon and spent the night there. It was a very good place to stay and we had a good night's rest and sleep. The third day of traveling by land was very much as the previous ones and we came to a place late in the afternoon and stayed again at a residence. As usual, the Indians slept in a different place nearby. We got into trouble at this place. We bought some pork from the people. We thought we were really getting something good, but it made both my wife and myself sick and made the next day's journey a hard one. We were getting into the high hills and mountains. Some of the side of the mountains were so steep that we had, in some instances, to crawl on our hands for fear of falling.

At about 10 o'clock of the fourth morning we came to a small river that was swollen because of a heavy rain above. The Indians said we would have to wait till the stream had time to fall. It was too deep to cross at the place where they usually crossed. We waited around there (there was a small village) for an hour and a half, then the Indians came and said they had decided they could cross the stream at a place just below there. I think they had taken a few drinks that had raised their courage. We went down to that place. It was just at the rim of falls in the river and very swift. The bottom was covered with loose rocks. They tested themselves and the water by the large man that carried the chair walking in the center and the other two supporting him — one on each side. Each one had a pole with which to brace himself. After testing it they said they could cross alright, so in this manner they first took Marguerite, then my wife, then me, and afterward the loads of luggage. I think this was the most trying experience that I have ever had. All that I could do while they were crossing with Marguerite and wife was to pray that the Lord would keep those men from falling, that they might not all be dashed upon the rocky bottom of the swift falls, for there would have been little chance to save themselves in that case. By the help of the Lord we all got on the other side and went on our way. The rest of the day was very hard traveling with many steep mountain sides to climb. The Indian with the chair on his back carried Marguerite much of the way.

Just before night, my wife com-

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1953

Faith Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	\$ 11.07
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio	29.40
Faith Baptist Church, Lawety, Fla.	5.51
Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, W. Va.	15.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	77.83
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Hampton, Tenn.	8.41
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	60.72
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	50.00
Emmaus Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	36.19
Immanuel Baptist Church, Dayton, Ky.	25.00
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	27.53
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	31.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	16.92
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	46.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	25.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	54.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	25.68
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio (Young People's Class)	7.67
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	22.43
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Boaz, Ky.	15.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	18.50
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	18.65
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	32.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	25.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	11.61
South Bristol Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn.	5.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, North Carolina	17.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	34.44
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	12.00
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	135.71
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va.	5.00
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, Marietta, Okla.	20.00
Kirbyton Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	53.46
First Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio	186.26
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	152.10
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (For Bro. Overbey's trip to South America)	300.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	300.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. T. U.)	8.42
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Love offering for Bro. Lewis by the Young People)	25.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Ocoonita Baptist Church, Ocoonita, Va.	34.35
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	335.36
Dawson Baptist Church, Glenville, W. Va.	9.61
Temple Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	30.00
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Normantown, W. Va.	10.00
Naborton Baptist Church, Naborton, La.	32.78
Members of Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	200.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holmes, Rome, Ind.	6.00
Mrs. Zula Henry, Oakland, Ill.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Miller, Farmland, Ind.	5.40
C. H. Hughes, Carlsbad, N. M.	5.00
L. W. Page, Lawety, Fla.	16.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayless, Macedonia, Ill.	10.00
John H. Mock, New York, N. Y.	12.00
E. H. Lambert, Pennington Gap, Va.	5.00
Clifton H. Craig, Robertsburg, W. Va.	10.00
A Friend in Taxarkana, Ark.	7.00
Members of Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	3500.00
Katie Sparks, Vanceburg, Ky.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00
Clyde Nance, Lesage, W. Va.	20.00
Mrs. Casey Merritt, Lesage, W. Va.	8.00
A Friend in Minneapolis, Minn.	40.00
Albert Roberts, Hopkinsville, Ky.	36.42
Mrs. Bona Ollie Keith, Borger, Texas	50.00
Ronald E. Hall, McLeansboro, Ill.	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6462.43</b>

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pletely gave out and the big Indian found it necessary to carry her a while in order that we might arrive at the little village that we were trying to make to spend the night. The Indians were expecting their wives to be there and they were.

We arrived at the village about an hour after dark and found a place to stay. As soon as we ate some supper we were ready to retire; we were very tired. The Indians found their women and stayed some other place.

The next morning we hired a horse and a mule to ride the rest of the way. That helped the situation very much. Marguerite rode the horse and my wife rode the mule. There was a boy along to bring the animals back.

We arrived at Lamas, at the Mission carried on by the English women, about two o'clock in the afternoon. Instead of the boy guiding us a short-cut to the Mission, he guided us up the main street and the people along the street came out and stood and watched us as if it had been a circus come to town. We were glad to get there anyway. The women of the Mission treated us with all the hospitality possible. They even put my wife and I in

one of the hospital rooms and treated us as if we were patients. They were expecting us to be sick, but we were not. After resting that night we all felt fine.

They had rented an empty house for us, partly furnished. We entered the house and did nothing but rest for about two and a half weeks. It was a fine place for a vacation—fine climate, but very difficult to get to. Now the airplanes stop at Tarapoto, about 5 miles from there.

We had been away from our work for about a month and felt we ought to return to Iquitos. It would take two weeks to get back to Iquitos.

One of the funny things about our stay in Lamas was that when we went out together on the street, usually a bunch of boys and girls would collect and follow after us, as if we were great attractions. I finally got tired of it and got after them and made them get in front and go before us.

We rented animals to ride to Tarapoto and hired men to carry our luggage. (We had decided to return by another route). The boy who accompanied us returned to Lamas with the animals and after spending the night in Tara-

## DON TOMAS, NATIVE WORKER IN COLOMBIA IS BAPTIST FAITH MISSION'S MAN THERE



We are printing two pictures sent by Don Tomas from Bueneventura, Colombia. Don Tomas is one of our native missionaries that you support. He is the only missionary we have in Colombia. He was baptized by Missionary R. P. Hallum about seven years ago and later Brother Hallum paid his way to Iquitos, Peru where he was ordained by the church there and then Brother Hallum paid his return to Colombia. The two pictures have just been received. This one shows a picture of the congregation. Don Tomas is the colored man at extreme right of the picture.



This is the building in Bueneventura, Colombia, where Don Tomas and the saints meet to worship the Lord. The Lord willing we are going to Brazil this summer to visit the field there and then to Peru to visit the field there and if we can make the arrangements, we plan to go with Brother Lewis to visit Don Tomas and the work in Colombia. But we are sure that we can make the trip as there is no airplane service to Bueneventura. It is good to have a part in winning souls in Colombia and when we get to Heaven we hope to meet some saints there from Colombia that we had a part in sending the Gospel to. That will be reward enough. Remember to pray for Don Tomas.

potato we rented other animals and went the rest of the way to Shapaja on the river Huallaga. It was on this part of the journey that the road was so bad the mule on which my wife was riding bogged down, and she had to get off so the mule could get out.

We stayed in Shapaja until we could get a raft made to take us over the "Malos Passos" (bad falls). There are three of them. The raft was ready after about three days, I think. With two peones to manage it (a man made a contract to make a raft and furnish two peones (Indian men) to guide it) we started out. It was afternoon and soon we were in the falls. We were just a little way in front of a raft loaded with products for the market in Iquitos. On account of our raft being lighter, the other raft floated faster than ours and caught up with us. It got hung on one of the poles of our raft and pushed it to one side. There was nothing to be done about it. It pushed us over to one side into a whirlpool and we went round and round several

times. The men finally got it and went on over the falls. Our baggage had been tied onto the raft with ropes and the men instructed us to hold on to the ropes. They tied themselves to the raft, as they had to have their hands free for rowing. We got to a second whirl pool but soon got out of it. Sometimes when a raft got onto one of these whirl pools it was never pulled out, it went to the bottom.

By God's providential help we got through all the passes or falls and arrived back to Yurimaguas at the point we started from. Indians got drunk before dark the first night, and bothered us some but the place where we put up for the night happened to be the home of the officer of the district and he came in and settled them.

We waited for the boat to ply between Yurimaguas and Iquitos three or four days before embarking for Iquitos. Thus ended our vacation of six weeks and from the mountain town of Lamas.



## "An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

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Even time and your patience could last, I could give you a plausible and reasonable answer concerning every word in the message of Scripture. However, instead of trying to offer to you a regesis of the vision, I'd like to offer you some statements taken from the various verses of the message.

Ezekiel 1:13 says, "As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance, was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning." Notice, these living creatures had wings to soar above the earth. Now keep that thought in mind just for a moment. They had wings to soar above the earth and attached to those living creatures was a group of wheels for it says in the 15th verse, "Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces." Notice, while these living creatures had wings to soar above the earth, they were attached to wheels that were to run on the ground. This to me, beloved, represents the divine on earth. Or in other words, it is a picture of the Providence of God so far as this world is concerned. Wings to soar in the air, wheels to run on the earth, representing, I say, the divine on earth, or in other words, giving us a picture of divine providence.

If I understand anything at all about this first chapter of Ezekiel, you have the greatest, most outstanding, most marvelous picture of the Providence of Almighty God that is to be found anywhere in the entirety of the Bible. Providence — likened unto a wheel. Well, I think we can easily see where and how and why that is. As a wheel turns, what was the bottom becomes the top, and what was the top, becomes the bottom, as it continually turns. Brother, isn't that your life today? As the Negro Spiritual says, "I'm sometimes up and I'm sometimes down." All through the ages, the heathen writers have likened the Providence of God to a wheel, for as a wheel turns, what was high, becomes low, and what was low, becomes high. One day you're soaring in the clouds, the next day you're crawling on the ground. One day you're in the valley of depression, the next day you're on the mount of jubilation.

One man said to me when I first became pastor at Russell, "Railroad work is hard on the church. You either have a feast or a famine. Everybody's either working too much or everybody's loafing too much." I've often thought of it. That's the way it is with God. As the wheel turns, what is high becomes low and what is low becomes high. Our lives and our fortunes change day by day by the Providence of God.

It's obvious though, beloved, that as the wheel turns, the axle never turns. The axle upon which that wheel is fixed, never turns. Brethren, while your life and my life may be in a continuous state of movement, sometimes up and sometimes down, while God's Providence may be thus moving in your life, the fact remains that there is an axle running through your life that never changes. Brethren, listen to me, His everlasting love toward man. His covenant people remains the same.

Oh, I thank Him and I praise Him this morning that in the Providence of God, though my life is constantly changing, back of it all and in it all, God's everlasting love for His covenant people remains the same.

But to follow that illustration just a mite farther, when that wheel is in motion, you can see nothing but the exterior circle of it. Look at that wheel as it

moves around, as it spins fast. You can see nothing but the exterior circle of that wheel. Well, will you follow with me beloved? Over a period of time, over a period of years, God is working everything according to His own purpose and will. We lose sight of the little things. As we look back over life, God makes us forget the little things, the times you've been lied on, the times you've been persecuted, the times of sickness, of distress, when everything was against you, you lose sight of them. As the wheel turns swiftly, all you can see is the exterior; so it is with God. We lose sight of all the little, insignificant things that perplex and burden us so much, all we can see is the purpose of God standing secure in your life and mine day by day.

Now you'll notice, beloved, from this study of Providence, that Providence is connected with the angels for in the 19th verse, it says, "And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up." In other words, beloved, Providence is very definitely connected with the angels. In Heb. 1:14, Paul says, "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Brethren, I believe this morning that the angels of God are your ministers and mine. I believe, beloved, that the angels of God are the ministers to the heirs of salvation and as I say, beloved, Providence is definitely connected with the angels.

Turn to Matt. 18:10, the Lord Jesus Christ says, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." Turn to Acts 12:7, 15, "And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands." "And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel." I tell you this morning, beloved, as the cherubim in this prophecy are connected to the wheels, I see in this that the Providence of God are very definitely connected with the angels of God. They have more to do with your life and mine than you and I would ever imagine.

Now listen, brother, how many times do you read in the Bible of God sending Michael or Gabriel — how many times do you read in the Scriptures of God sending angels to do His bidding? Well, brother, the same God lives today and the same angels live today and I wouldn't be one bit surprised but what there has been many a time that God has spoken to Gabriel and said, "Hurry down to earth to pull that fellow out of distress. He's about to be tempted. Go stop his automobile and help him." Brethren, I'm telling you this morning, if this represents God's Providence, and I'm certain and positive that it does, then I'm certain the angels work out the Providential dealings in your life and mine.

But I'd like for you also to notice in the 15th verse, that Providence is universal. "Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his FOUR FACES." God's Providence, beloved, is universal. I don't care where you go, God will be there. You go in all four directions, and you'll find Him. You may this morning, find yourself down there in the waves beneath the ocean, but the Providence of God will be there, too. You may find yourself lost on the sands of the Sahara Desert, but God will be there. You may find yourself lost in some dismal swamp. You may find yourself lost from all humanity, but, beloved, the Providence of God is universal. You will always find God with you. Oh, what a blessing this is to me,

## SONG IN THE NIGHT

"NOT ONE OF THEM FALLS TO THE GROUND UNRELATED TO YOUR FATHER... HAVE NO FEAR THEN; YOU ARE OF MORE CONSEQUENCE THAN MANY SPARROWS" — MATT. 10:29,31

BERKELEY VS.



"HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW, AND I KNOW HE WATCHES ME"

this morning. It doesn't make any difference where I go, or where I am, or what comes in my life, God is there. Oh, brother, listen, Providence is universal. In all directions I go, God is there. Doesn't it bless your heart, beloved, to know that if God wants you miles and miles away, He'll be there. Doesn't it bless your soul this morning to know that it doesn't make any difference what takes place in your life, that God is there. God is with you and God stands beside you. The Providence of the Lord is universal.

Then you'll notice also, beloved, that the Providence of God is correct for it says in the 17th verse, "When they went, they went upon their four sides; and THEY TURNED NOT when they went." Sometimes a man starts to build a tower and he builds so high then finds he has to change and tears it down and starts over. Sometimes man has to build and tear down, and start all over again. However, Providence goes straight ahead. Providence never changes. Providence never makes any mistakes. Brethren, listen to me this morning closely. If God could be better tomorrow than He is today, then He isn't perfect today. If God could be worse tomorrow than He is today, then He wouldn't be a God. Oh, I'm glad this morning that my God doesn't turn to the left. He does not start to do something and then He has to stop. He doesn't make His plans that have to be remade tomorrow. Listen, Providence is correct. It doesn't turn. It doesn't vary. It goes straight ahead with no turning. Events of your life, events of my life, brethren, they're correct. God's work is perfect.

I wish you'd notice also, beloved, that Providence is amazing, too. The 18th verse says, "As for their rings, they were so high that they were DREADFUL: and their rings were full of eyes round about them four." The word dreadful is "amazing." God's Providence is dreadful, amazing. We don't understand it. Oh, tell me that you understand everything that's come into your life in the years that you've lived, both in your business relations

and your church relations? Not at all! Brethren, there's a lot about Providence you and I can't understand. There's a lot about your life and mine that you and I will never know or understand. It's amazing! It's dreadful to us. We can't understand everything that God does.

Go back and analyze the way Hitler treated the Jews prior to World War II. The skins of human beings were made into a lampshade, just because a man happened to be a Jew. You tell me you understand that? Can you tell me why God allows such a thing as that? No! Read the atrocities of war, when the finest manhood in the world goes out onto the battlefield to return to their homes no more. Can you tell me you understand that? Providence is amazing. I don't understand it, but I know God's in it. I know there never was a battle but what God had a purpose in it. I know Hitler didn't kill those Jews and tan their skins, to be made into lampshades, but what God had a purpose in it. I know that there has never been anything take place in this world but what God had a purpose in it.

"God moves in a mysterious way,  
His wonders to perform,  
He plants His footsteps in the sea,  
And rides upon the storm."

Deep in unfathomable minds  
Of never failing skill,  
He treasures up His bright designs  
And works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,  
The clouds ye so much dread,  
Are big with mercy, and shall break  
With blessing on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
And scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter,  
And He will make it plain."

Oh, yes, beloved, you'll have to agree with me that Providence is amazing. You may not see how God can be glorified, but in it all, God has His way.

I want you to follow with me for one thing else, namely this— Providence is full of wisdom. The 18th verse says, "And their rings were FULL OF EYES round about them." Eyes are symbolic of wisdom. Whether you read it in the Old or New Testament, or whether in secular writings, eyes are always symbolic of wisdom. Providence is full of wisdom. That wheel which turns and turns and turns, sometimes up and sometimes down, is full of eyes.

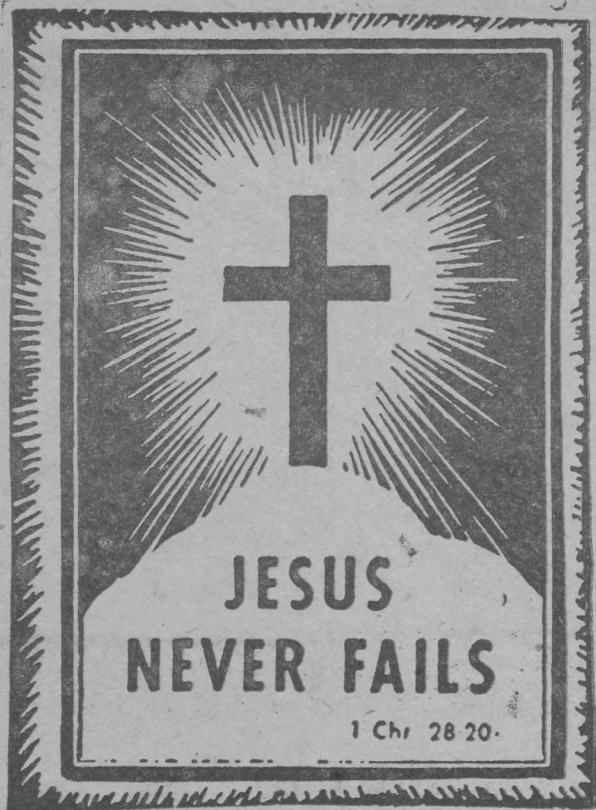
Providence is full of wisdom. Mark it down that God never made a mistake and God never will make a mistake. What God did in your life yesterday was for the best for you. What God does in my life today is for the best for me. Providence is full of wisdom.

Some people say, "Bro. Gilpin, you're a fatalist." No, I'm not a fatalist. Fatalism says, "Whatever is to be, will be." Providence says, "Whatever God decrees, will be." I'm not a fatalist. I believe in God's Providence. Whatever God and His Providence decrees, I know is best because Providence is full of wisdom. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Rom. 8:28. That's why I can face the problems of life. That's why I can offer comfort to you in the hour of sadness and in the night of darkness. I tell you this morning my brother, as this wheel was full of eyes round about, so Providence is full of wisdom.

Did you ever stop to think in the light of this, you just have two eyes. That's why it is you can't see very well. That's why it is that you don't know much of what's taking place. That's why it is you can't understand. (Continued on page four)



"Thy will be done" is the keynote to which every prayer should be tuned.



### "An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

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stand the experiences of life, to analyze them very well. You just have two eyes, but, beloved, Providence is full of eyes. Providence is full of wisdom.

If I this morning were full of wisdom and if I had all the eyes that God has, then I'd be just as smart as God. Providence is full of wisdom. I rejoice this morning, beloved, that God knows everything about you—that God is working everything according to the counsel of His own will—that God is directing your life and mine, and back of it all is the wisdom of Almighty God. Brethren, this thrills my heart when I think about it. When I see in this, the Divine touching earth, I think of the Providence of God, how God is back of it all, sitting on His throne and it is my business to look up and say, "Have Thine own way."

#### VII

Now what **EFFECT** did all this have on Ezekiel? In the last verse, it says, "As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I FELL UPON MY FACE, and I heard a voice of one that spake." What effect did the sight of the Lord have on Isaiah? In the sixth chapter of Isaiah, it says "Woe is me." What happened to John on the Isle of Patmos when he saw the Lord in all His celestial glory? The Word of God says he fell on his face as though he were dead. Brother, sister, when men come into the presence of God, they realize their littleness and insignificance as compared to Almighty God.

When a Holiness preacher boasts how close he's been to God, in the light of the experiences of these great men of God, it tells you how far he really is from God: The closer the men in the Bible came to God, the more they realized their insignificance in the presence of the thrice Holy God.

Would to God that as we come close to God, we might bow down as Ezekiel did. Then may we say, "Lead on, oh King Eternal." May God bless you!

### "I Should Like To Know"

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biggest Masons on earth are Jews, and they call Jesus Christ a bastard. I don't want to have

anything to do with that crowd. I can do everything that I ought to do through a Baptist Church without repudiating Jesus or compromising the name of my Lord.

5. Can a minister of the Gospel smoke to the glory of God?

No. No man can glorify God with a filthy habit like smoking. Read Rev. 22:11.

6. Sometimes my pastor asks me to pray in church. Do I do right when I do so?

A woman's place in church is one of silence. She is specifically forbidden to pray. The males are to do all the public praying. See I Tim. 1:8.

You ought to do a lot of praying for your pastor. Pray for him that he may be converted from the error of his way. If he isn't thus converted, then pray for God to remove him and pray for God to give you a pastor who will be true to the Bible as to a woman's place in public worship.

7. Do you think it right for a woman to have short hair?

God has already answered this query. Read I Cor. 11:14, 15. Paul even went so far as to say that there was no such custom that would allow women to have short hair. See I Cor. 11:16.

8. My pastor teaches that only two of the apostles were missionaries. Is he right?

Decidedly wrong. The word apostle literally means "one sent forth." Thus all apostles were missionaries. Your pastor ought to read how Jesus sent forth 12 on one occasion and 70 on another. Any Baptist who deserves the name of Baptist is a missionary. An o-missionary or non-missionary Baptist is a disgrace to Baptists.

9. My S. S. teacher says that all Gentiles were lost until Jesus came. Is this correct?

No, for God saved a great multitude at Nineveh (Jonah 4:11). It is true that God dealt primarily with the Jews until the days of Jesus, and in the main mostly Jews were saved. However, there are notable exceptions, as in the case of Nineveh.

10. Pastor Robert I. Wells of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado, led in the burning of 700 Xmas trees in 12th night rites, even offering the benediction. The Denver Post says that Epiphany is one of the most beloved festivals of the church, and the twelfth night—12 days after Xmas—in Biblical history marks the time when the three wise men arrived in Bethlehem, after the birth of Christ. Is such Biblical?

The Xmas tree and everything pertaining to it and Xmas is grossly heathen and pagan. Read Jer. 10:2-4. Any Baptist pastor who would mix with such paganism is a disgrace to the cause

of Christ and thus repudiates the cause of Christ by his actions.

11. Barnabas is mentioned in Acts 4:14 as an apostle. Was he one of the twelve?

Paul is also called an apostle in the same verse, but neither he nor Barnabas were among the original 12.

12. Is there any connection between Acts 4:36 and Mt. 13:55? None that I can see.

13. Some of the members of our church felt that the pastor had been here too long; they didn't agree with him that the church was to be supported by tithes and offerings; they resented the fact that the pastor called their children down for misbehaving in church. Although they admitted that our pastor was morally clean and sound doctrinally, they asked for letters to start a new church. A number of the church visited them and tried to persuade them not to start a new church, yet they persisted in doing so. Should we recognize them as a Baptist Church, and if one of their converts should wish to join our church, should we accept such a one, and thus recognize their baptism? What are we to do?

Let's take the last question first. They ought to be excluded as trouble-makers for having violated their church covenant. The only way to handle that crowd of "rule-or-ruin" folk is to turn them out, and the quicker the better.

As for receiving their baptism, a thousand times "No." Catholics are excluded Baptists. If you would accept the baptism of this crowd, you might just as well accept the baptism of Rome and all her harlot daughters.

### Christian Conduct

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of Hebrews because of this, had the following to say, (Heb. 10:25) "Forsaking not the assembling of ourselves, as the manner of some . . ."

#### 2. Take The Matter Of Giving

The Lord never meant that a Christian should give hap-hazardly. He always has an orderly way of doing everything. The person who joins a church after making a profession, then throws in some occasionally loose change, cheats himself, cheats the Lord, and cheats the cause of Christ. At the outset one should ask, "What do the Scriptures teach that one should do about giving?" If that question is asked in sincerity, it will lead to tithing. That is the method of giving plainly indicated in I Cor. 9:13-14. The "even so" mentioned there refers back to the Old Testament way of giving. The Christian who gives systematically and not hap-hazardly, will invest a lot in the cause of Christ through the years—an investment that will bring eternal rewards. But if one gives hap-hazardly, it will result in his actually giving less than he spends for chewing gum, cold drinks, and candy bars.

#### 3. Take The Matter Of Bible Study And Personal Worship

Pick up the Bible and read a little just whenever you happen to think of it and feel like it, and you will remain an ignoramus, scripturally. Pray just whenever you are in need and want to say "gimmie" to the Lord, and your prayer life will amount to nothing. Every one should set a definite time or times to read the Bible and to worship God in private. David said, "Morning, noon, and night, will I pray unto thee." Daniel had set times to pray, and he prayed even when he faced being cast to the lions. No fixed time to worship—no fixed time to read the Bible—running along hap-hazardly—that is the thing that impoverishes tens of thousands of lives. It is the cause of backsliding. People who have established habits of Bible study, personal devotion, giving and public worship, won't have to get "warmed up" during revival meetings. No matter how much people get "warmed up" if they go

on hap-hazardly about things religious, they will soon need another warming over.

#### 4. Take The Matter Of Service To The Lord

Every Christian ought to learn to do something more than warm a bench. Set for yourself some kind of a Christian task. This will render you fruitful.

### Truth Or Program

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ings is for loyalty to our Unified Program.

John's appeal to this elect lady and to this well-beloved layman was an appeal for loyalty to the truth and support of the truth; not for loyalty to a man-made or woman-made program. John's appeal to this layman was for help to the truth in the support of men, who had gone forth taking nothing from the heathen. Men who thus go forth are foreign missionaries. John commends Gaius for having a hospitable home open to foreign missionaries. John says that laymen ought to get under and support foreign missionaries that they may be fellow-helpers to the truth.

Loyalty to the truth not loyalty to a program is the New Testament appeal.

### Spurgeon

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as my Saviour, I felt bound to obey him as my Lord, and follow the example which He set us in Jordan, in His own baptism. I did not fulfill the outward ordinance to join a party, and become a Baptist, but to be Christian after the apostolic fashion: for they, when they believed were baptized.

### LIFE IN A LOOK

The bitten Israelite of old was to be healed by simply looking at the serpent on the pole. The dead sinner now is to get life by simply looking at Jesus on the cross, and at Jesus on the throne. The Israelite was not told to look at his wound, though it was the sense of his wound that made him look. The dead sinner is not told to look at his sins, though it is the sense of his sins that will make him look. One look at the serpent healed the Israelite; one look at Jesus quickens the dead sinner. The former had

not to look a second time to be healed; the latter has not to look a second time to get life. It was not the way he looked, but the object he looked at, that healed the Israelite; it is not the way he looks, but the object he looks at, that saves the sinner, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, ye ends of the earth." What would an Israelite have gained by looking at his wound? Nothing. What did he gain by looking at the serpent? Health. What does a sinner gain by looking at himself? Nothing. What does he gain looking at Jesus? "Everlasting life."—C. H. MacIntosh.

### UNSOUND PREACHER

A widely traveled editor of Great Britain declares that at least 75 per cent of the pastors of England are unsound in doctrine. What proportion of American pastors, think you, have departed from the faith?

That is one question that easily answered. All pastors except the pastors of orthodox Baptist churches are "unsound doctrine." All "Fundamentalists" and "Unionists" among Baptists "have departed from the once-delivered faith" for pay or popularity. They are unsound church polity, church ordinance, church identity and church perpetuity. All "alien immersionists" have departed from the faith. All who say one church is good as another are "unsound doctrine." All who talk about the daughters and granddaughters of Rome as "sister churches" of Baptist churches are "unsound in doctrine and have departed from the faith." The Lord Jesus called all churches, except Baptist churches, "synagogues," "Satan" or spiritual "harlots." Revelation. Any preacher who talks otherwise has "departed from the faith"; for the "form sound words" is a part of the "once-delivered faith."

### ALWAYS ON DUTY

I asked a fireman if he was not off duty certain hours of the day. He replied, "No; I live at the fire station and am never off duty." He is on duty while he sleeps, he is on duty while eating his meals. Any time an alarm is sounded, he must promptly respond to the call. There should never be a moment in the life of the Christian when he is not on duty, and he should be ready to obey any command that comes from Christ for service.

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