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

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## The Folly Of "Bringing In The Kingdom"

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Southern Baptists are severely inoculated with the "bring in the Kingdom" virus. Go to conventions and denominational gatherings and that is all you hear—"Kingdom work, Kingdom enterprises, bringing in the Kingdom."

### Poppycock And Arrant Presumption!

That is exactly what all of this talk about "bringing in the Kingdom" is. When Baptists and any and all others go about trying to "bring in the Kingdom" they are going without warrant or command of God—they are proceeding without commission from (Continued on page eight)

Post-millennialists, in common with some Modernists, envision a time when Christian forces shall conquer the world, and shall "bring in the Kingdom of God" on this earth. The Modernists don't expect the Lord to return, but the post-millennialists expect Him to come back sometime—after they have "brought in the Kingdom." Thus they will be able to present the conquered Kingdom to Christ as the climax of Christian achievement.

### How Do They Expect To Do It?

They expect to "bring in the Kingdom" through denominational agencies — schools, hospitals,

missionary activities, and indeed all that is being denominationally fostered. That is the big objective—to "bring in the Kingdom."

## The N. T. Ekklesia Always Here Is Why I Am Opposed To Any Secret Lodge

The Greek word for church in the New Testament is ekklesia. Ekklesia is the only word in the New Testament that is translated church. It occurs 115 times in the New Testament. Three times it has reference to a political meeting of the citizens of Ephesus. It is translated assembly in those three instances in Acts 19:32,39, 41. These three instances of the word ekklesia, establish very clearly two things about the meaning of the word.

The Greek ekklesia in the city of Ephesus was an organized body and an assembling body. In the whole 115 times it occurs in the New Testament it is never used one time with any other meaning than of an assembly, that assembles and that is organized. As George W. McDaniel well says: "Among the Greeks, ekklesia was the assembly of the citizens of a free city-state, gathered by a herald blowing a horn through

the streets of a town. It is of the citizens of Ephesus that it is thus used in Acts. Two things were clear, namely, the citizens were organized and they were gathered."

The word ekklesia is used once in Acts 7:38 of the congregation of Israel assembled before the tabernacle in the wilderness by the blowing of a silver trumpet. The same two things are clear, namely, the ekklesia was organized and gathered.

The word ekklesia is also used once in Heb. 12:23. "The church of the First born." As used in that passage it has the same two essentials. When there spoken of they are assembled and organized. These expressions all show that they will be assembled when thus spoken of: "are come unto Mount Zion;" "unto the city of the living God;" "unto the Heavenly Jerusalem!" unto "an innumerable company of angels;" "Which are written in heaven;" "to the spirits of just men made perfect;" and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant." All those things show that this church was gathered in Heaven. That they were organized as well as assembled is proven by the fact that the names of this assembled church are written in Heaven. Both essentials are there—organized and assembled.

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### REWARDS WHICH COME FROM TITHING

Paying the interest on God's loan is good business, we are told, aside from the fact that it may be accounted mere spiritual honesty. But it is much more than that. The material rewards, extraordinary as they are shown to be in certain investigated instances, nevertheless are accounted only as secondary benefits by the men who practice tithing. Happiness and peace of mind are counted reward enough, even where, as may happen, material success does not follow the return of a tenth to the Lord.

Several striking instances of success coming to men who tithed, even when they had to borrow to pay back the interest they felt they owed to God, are reported by William G. Shepherd, in The World's Work. A well known furniture manufacturer, for instance, who started life over again on a shoe-string, continued tithing even when he had to borrow to keep his business going. The business grew until he became one of the marked successes in the furniture world. A clergyman reports Mr. Shepherd told the story at the funeral of the philanthropist. When the manufacturer was making his second start in life, he knelt in an empty room in his new factory and told God that he wanted to take Him into partnership; that one-tenth of all the (Continued on page six)

The 26th, 27th, and the 28th chapters of the book of Ezekiel are prophecies of the city of Tyre. You may wonder why God used so much space and took so much time in His prophecies relating to Tyre, whereas prophecies relating to other cities occupied only a very, very small amount of space and time. I am not just sure why God spent three whole chapters in the Bible giving His prophecies concerning Tyre, but I do know that each of these three chapters takes a different view concerning Tyre.

For example, in the 26th chapter, we have God's denunciation of the sin of the city of Tyre and God's prophecy of coming events,

because of the sin. Now, in this 27th chapter, we find not a denunciation, but rather a eulogy or a lamentation. In contrast to the 26th chapter of Ezekiel, which was a denunciation of the sins of the city of Tyre, this 27th chapter is a lamentation on the part of Ezekiel for the city of Tyre, or in other words, we might consider it as a funeral dirge or an elegy that Ezekiel delivered in behalf of this city-state of Tyre.

Notice with me very briefly, beloved, how that in this 27th chapter we have a brilliant sketch of Tyre showing her greatness and her grandeur among the nations of the earth. While I will not take the time to discuss each of these individually, I might call to your attention that in this chapter we

1. What is sinning against the Holy Spirit?  
"Grieving the Holy Spirit," "Quenching the Holy Spirit," "Vexing the Spirit," "Resisting the Spirit," "Trampling under foot the Holy Spirit" and disobeying the voice of the Spirit are all sins against the Holy Spirit. But they are not "the sin against the Holy Spirit," as that expression is commonly used. They all may be forgiven in this world or the next." The sin against the Holy Spirit, hath never forgiveness in this world or the next, that is the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit: It is ascribing the casting out of devils or any work done by the power of the Holy Spirit to the Devil.

### 2. Explain Parable of Leaven in Luke 3:20; 20:21.

Leaven represents the corrupting power of legalism, rationalism, hypocrisy, lack of church discipline, etc., in any individual believer or any local body of Christ. Cf. I Cor. 5:6-8; Gal. 5:9; Matt. 16:6-11; Mark 8:15; Luke 12:1. Leaven corrupts. So is not a fit type for the gospel. Salt and light never corrupt and are therefore fit types of the gospel and the truth.

### 3. How many years does Genesis cover?

2369 years.

### 4. Why is there so much trouble in Baptist churches today?

Paul says, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God."—I Cor. 2:14.

The majority of our churches are filled with unsaved hellions who know no more about Jesus Christ as Saviour than a Hottentot in Africa. Naturally, there is going to be trouble in churches when, because of faulty evangelism and loose methods in receiving church members, a spiritual program is presented to such a congregation.

### 5. It is Scriptural for a church to have testimony meetings in which both sexes are urged to testify?

In the first place, there is not one reference to a testimony meeting in all the Word of God. You may believe in it, but it is not in the Bible. I do not say that God does not bless in such a meeting. In fact, I think a testimony meeting conducted by the males of the church can be a blessing to any congregation occurring. (Continued on page eight)

## How Jehovah Proves To The World That He Is Almighty

"Jehovah is known for the judgment which He executeth." —Psa. 9:16.

The key-expressions of Ezekiel's prophecy are: "Ye (or they) shall know that I am Jehovah;" and "I have spoken it," saith Jehovah.

Ezekiel's day was very similar to our day. God's people had forgotten Him like they have today. God's Word was scorned and condemned and neglected as it is today. It was called and treated as an antiquated book as it is today. The Jews were Modernists as many of God's people are today. False prophets and false teachers deceived them with doctrines they had received from Assyria, the world-power of that day and the seat of culture then, as God's people today get their Modernism from Germany. The sins of that day are the sins of today—spiritual adultery, worldliness, covetousness, neglect of the Word of God, pride, dishonesty in prophets and officials, and idolatry.

Under conditions like that Ezekiel came to prophesy against them. The two things he kept saying over and over again were these: "that ye (or they) may know that I am Jehovah;" "I have spoken it," saith Jehovah. Note well some things included therein.

### 1. The Old Book Stands.

God vindicates His own Word.

He did then. He does today. Preach it faithfully and fearlessly; God will take care of it. Modernism isn't new. It is as old as heathenism; for it is heathenism re-vamped. "The Scripture cannot be broken." "The Word of our God shall stand forever."

### 2. The Word Of Jehovah.

The Modernists then as today attacked the Bible as the Word of Jehovah and Jehovah, said they, is only a tribal god. God accepted their blasphemous challenge. Over and over again does Ezekiel say, "I have spoken it," saith Jehovah." More than sixty times does Jehovah say that He will do certain things that it may be proven that He, Jehovah, is the God of all nations and of all power in Heaven and in earth. That is why He says, "they shall know that I am Jehovah," so often. Babylon, Ammon, Philistia, Egypt, Edom, Tyre, Sidon and other heathen nations are going (Continued on page eight)

### HANGING ON TO THE HANDS OF TIME

Time had Harold Wood of Manchester, England, on its hands recently—for five hectic minutes.

Wood was repairing the clock at St. Mary's Hospital, when a gust of wind blew down his wooden scaffold. He seized the three-foot minute hand and screamed for help.

Workmen ran over with a ladder and released him from the face of the clock, sixty feet above the street.

Time is to be seized; but no one is asking us to do it as drastically as Harold Wood did it in this instance.

The following question appears on a poster in a porch of a church in Switzerland: "There are 1,440 minutes in each day. Can you not spare five minutes to think of God, eternity, and your own soul?"

One minute's serious consideration may settle eternal issues for you. For God loves you and has manifested His love in the gift of His well-beloved Son. And that Son has gone all the way to Calvary's Cross and died for our sins. He has risen for our justification, and saves all who come unto God by Him.

Do not seize the hands of the clock, but seize the Saviour by faith. Then instead of having "hectic minutes," you will be able to rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

(Read Ezekiel 27).

have the stateliness of the city's beauty, the splendor of the city's fleets, the skill of the city's mariners, the valor of the city's armies, the vastness of the city's trade, the abundance of the city's wealth, the glory of the city's renown, and at the same time, sorry to say, the shallowness of the city's prosperity.

I

### THE CITY OF TYRE WAS A CITY WHICH FORGOT ALMIGHTY GOD.

If you will read what God says concerning the city of Tyre, you will find that God was completely forgotten, and that He was virtually ruled out, so far as the (Continued on page two)



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city of Tyre was concerned. In fact, beloved, if you will read in other portions of the Word of God, you will find that not only was God ruled out of existence, but that they substituted another god, the god of Baal, and they poured out unto Baal their homage and devotion which ought to have gone to God.

I think it is easy to understand why they forgot about God when we remember that this city was a city of unusual prosperity. Beloved, it is a very easy thing for a man to forget about God in the days of prosperity. It is different in the days of adversity. When you do not have any money in your pocket and you do not know where the next meal is coming from, and when you are ill in body, and everything has gone wrong, it is mighty, mighty easy for a man to be religious and spiritual. As I have often said from this pulpit, when a man has a hot water bottle at his feet and an ice-cap on his head, it is much easier for God to speak to him than when he is up walking around, and everything is going his way. This city of Tyre was a city which had prosperity the like of which no nation of antiquity ever had. You need not only read these three chapters but you can also read other portions of God's Word which tell us that the city of Tyre was a city which abounded in much material and worldly prosperity. As I say, it is a mighty easy thing to forget God when everything is going your way so far as the material world is concerned. That is what happened in this city of Tyre. They forgot about God.

Beloved, that is what is taking place in America today. In fact, this whole world today is going "hog wild" after the pleasures of the day and are definitely forgetful of Almighty God. God prophesies that this will take place in the last days, just prior to the coming of the Son of Man back to this world again. Listen:

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."—Mt. 24:37-39.

This would tell us that the days of Noah will be repeated so far as this world is concerned. In the days of Noah, they thought only of eating and drinking, marriage and giving in marriage. Beloved, there is not one thing wrong with marriage. There is not one thing wrong with giving in marriage. There is not one thing wrong with eating and drinking, yet that is all they thought about prior to the days of the flood. That is all that the antediluvian civilization had in their mind. They lived only and solely and entirely for material things.

My brother, that is exactly what is taking place so far as this world is concerned today. People are living with one thought in mind — namely, for

material things. They have ruled God out of existence. They are living, having forgotten Almighty God.

Take, for example, this day, beloved. We call this day Sunday, but for the most part, it is not a day of worship, but rather a day of revelry. Instead of calling it Sunday, it would be well for us to speak of it as "Funday," for the majority of people consider it as a day of fun. Instead of speaking of it as an holy day, we might speak of it as a holiday, for the majority of people consider it as merely as a holiday — a time to see a baseball game — a time to go see some of the relatives that you have not seen for some period of time and eat a big dinner — a time wherein you can enjoy the fleshly pleasures of this world. Beloved, right now, over one-half of the church members of America are lying in bed because this is Sunday and they do not have to go to work today. This is nothing else but forgetting Almighty God.

I say to you, beloved, the sin of the city of Tyre was that they ignored God and ruled Him out of existence, so far as they were concerned. That is exactly what the majority of this world is doing today, for the majority are forgetful of God. They are living for the world, for material pleasures, for material gain, for material things, and they are forgetful of the fact that God rules, and God is, and God reigns in the skies.

### II

#### GOD PRONOUNCED DOOM UPON THIS CITY OF TYRE.

In the twenty-sixth verse, we read:

"Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas."

If you will study carefully, you will find that Ezekiel described this city as a monstrous ship, and he tells how that this ship, representing the city-state of Tyre, makes national shipwreck of herself, for he says that the east wind hath broken her in the seas. The east wind, beloved, was nothing else but a reference to Nebuchadnezzar. Nebuchadnezzar was king of Babylon and came from the east for the destruction of the city. Because this city-state of Tyre forgot God, God pronounced doom upon the city.

Just remember, beloved, when God pronounces a doom upon a city, upon a country, or upon an individual, that city or that country or that individual's fate is settled. Take, for example, the city of Sodom and the cities of the plain about the city of Sodom. You will recall how they sinned and perhaps even recall the enormity of their sin that is mentioned in the early chapters of Genesis. God's Word tells us the doom that was pronounced upon that city of Sodom. Listen:

"Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven: And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground."—Gen. 19:24,25.

God had made a revelation un-

to Abraham that He was going to destroy the city of Sodom. My brother, Abraham started right then to ask the Lord to spare the city if he could find fifty righteous people there, and God promised to do so. Then Abraham came down little by little until he got to ten. He thought surely that Lot had won a few people to the Lord since he had been living in the city of Sodom, and Abraham left off his praying and his communing with God and went his way. But, beloved, there were not ten righteous people in that city. So far as the Word of God indicates, there were only three people in that city which God saved from destruction — Lot and his two daughters—the one daughter becoming the mother of the Ammonites, and the other becoming the mother of the Moabites. When God made the revelation to Abraham that that city was going to be destroyed, it was just as good as destroyed, for the Word of God tells us that He rained fire and brimstone upon that city.

Let's notice this antediluvian civilization that lived before the days of the flood, in the days of Noah.

"And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth: both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them."—Gen. 6:6,7.

Beloved, what God said when He pronounced doom upon that antediluvian civilization came to pass.

In Ezekiel twenty-five, when God pronounced doom upon the Ammonites, the Edomites, the Moabites, and the Philistines and said that those countries were going to be destroyed, they were destroyed. Just like God pronounced the doom, so it came to pass. When God pronounced a doom upon the children of Israel, in that He said they would be in captivity for seventy years' time, it came to pass. Beloved, I say to you this morning, as this city of Tyre forgot God and God pronounced doom upon them, and that doom came to pass, so, my beloved friends, today, when God pronounces doom upon individuals, upon a city, upon a nation, or upon a state, you can rest assured that what God says is going to surely come to pass.

Let me pause and say to that individual who is here who knows not Jesus Christ as his Saviour, God has already pronounced a doom upon you, and what God says about you is sure to come to pass. Listen:

"The wicked shall be turned into HELL, and all the nations that forget God."—Psa. 9:17.

"But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of HELL FIRE."—Mt. 5:22.

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him

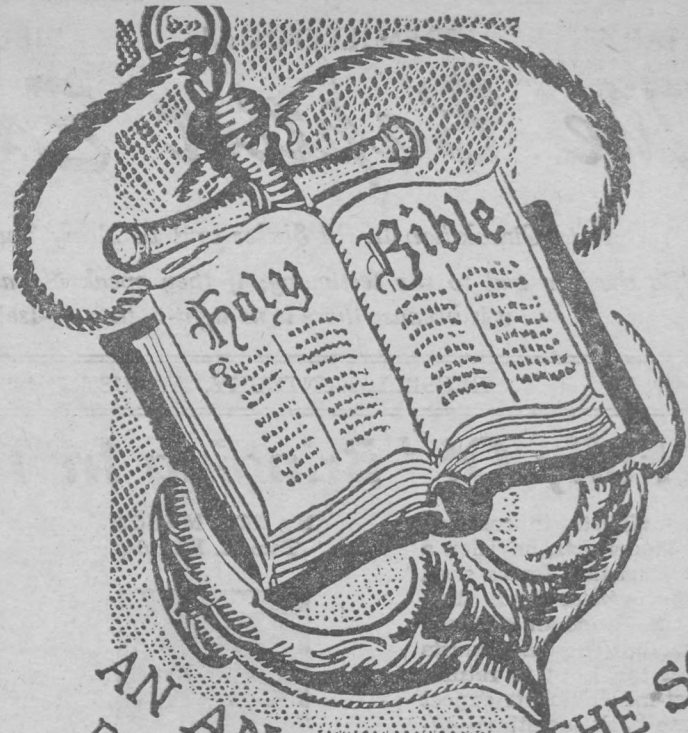
## WAIT MY SOUL

Wait, my soul, upon the Lord  
To His gracious promise flee,  
Laying hold upon His word,  
"As thy days thy strength shall be."

If the sorrows of thy case  
Seem peculiar still to thee,  
God has promised needful grace,  
"As thy days thy strength shall be."

Days of trial, days of grief,  
In succession thou mayst see;  
This is still thy sweet relief,  
"As thy days thy strength shall be."

Rock of Ages, I'm secure,  
With Thy promise full and free;  
Faithful, positive, and sure—  
"As thy days thy strength shall be."



AN ANCHOR OF THE SOUL  
BOTH SURE AND STEADFAST

which is able to destroy both soul and body in HELL."

—Mt. 10:28.

"And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to HELL: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day."—Mt. 11:23.

"How can ye escape the damnation of HELL?"—Mt. 23:33.

Would that I might burn it into your heart this morning, whether you are young or whether you are old, the man who forgets God already has God's doom pronounced upon him. Sinner friend, no man can forget about God, without God Almighty's doom of Hell fire coming true so far as your life is concerned.

### III

#### THE GLORIES OF THIS WORLD PASS AWAY AND THE ONLY THING THAT ENDURES IS THE SPIRITUAL VERITIES OF THE WORD OF GOD.

If you want to get an example of how the glory of the world passes away, then look at this city of Tyre. They had grandeur and wealth, pomp and beauty, and commerce the like of which the world has never seen. I dare say that if you searched through all the world and had gotten the wealth and the pomp and the grandeur of all the world in one place, it would not equal that which they had in the city-state of Tyre, but it passed away.

"And the WORLD PASSETH AWAY, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

—I John 2:17.

Beloved, what this world has to offer passes away. The only thing that lasts are the spiritual verities.

Sometime ago, I stood before the ruins of an old mansion, which cost over two million dollars when it was built. After the people that owned it died, no one wanted to keep it up, so it was razed to the ground. The only thing that is left standing in its place are the columns that once stood there—those great massive columns standing there where the house once stood. As I stood there and looked at it, I thought of this text of Scripture: "The world passeth away, and the lust thereof."

Beloved, it does not make any difference what you are striving for materially, it will not last. You can build the finest home in all the world. You can finish it both inside and out in the most elaborate manner possible. You can furnish it with the most expensive and elaborate furniture possible. You can strive for this world's goods and you may be able to amass a considerable fortune. Be-

loved, when it is all over, it will not last. This city of Tyre had everything so far as material things were concerned, but it did not last. It came to naught. The only thing that will last will be the spiritual verities, for "he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

Beloved, instead of taking that money and spending it for yourself and your own fleshly desires, instead of taking that money and using it in a way to enhance what you look upon in this world to call your own—instead of using it in this manner, use that money to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. Use that money to send missionaries to tell the story of the Lord Jesus Christ and to tell the glad tidings of the Son of God. My brother, if you do that, you will be laying up treasures—not something that will last just for a little while, but treasures that will last for ever.

When we look at that city of Tyre and see what it had, what it was, and what it possessed, and see what it came to as a result of its sin, we see the emphasis is not to be put upon this world and upon the making of a living, and the building of a house, and the establishment of business, but the emphasis is to be put upon that which is lasting and which is eternal.

### IV

#### THE GODLESS CIVILIZATION OF TODAY IS GOING TO PERISH.

The civilization of the city-state of Tyre had no room for God. God was completely ruled out of the life of that city, and the civilization of Tyre perished. In fact, beloved, you can not find any remains of it. So complete has been the destruction of the city of Tyre that you can not even tell exactly where the site of the city was. Why, beloved? They left God out of consideration and that city-state completely perished.

We are living in an age that is leaving God completely out of consideration, and the godless civilization of today will not endure one bit more than the godless civilization of Tyre. Let's get an illustration from the Bible in this respect.

When king Nebuchadnezzar had a dream and his wise men were unable to interpret that dream, Daniel, a man of God, came and gave to him the meaning thereof. He said, "Nebuchadnezzar, you had a dream, and in that dream you saw an image, with a head of gold, chest and arms of silver, the belly and thighs of brass, the legs of iron, and the feet of iron and miry clay." He said, "Oh, King, that dream that you had was nothing more than history. That dream that you had

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# The Deity Of Jesus As Seen By Prophecy, Miracles, And Testimonies

(An Old Manuscript)

I John 5:20—"And we know that the Son of God is come and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."

A young minister was invited to supply a church for a Sunday morning service, in the absence of the regular pastor. He brought his studied and carefully written message which he proceeded to read at the appointed time. Being young and somewhat nervous he read rapidly. Glancing at the clock as he finished he was embarrassed to notice that not more than one-half the time allotted for the message had been consumed. But he was equal to the occasion and remarked, "We will just read it again for the sake of emphasis."

Surely, in endeavoring to bring to a company of loyal Baptist ministers a paper upon "The Essential Deity of Christ" one can only hope, at the most, to emphasize an already known, fully accepted and staunchly supported truth. Therefore, in this simple paper you will expect nothing new either in material or manner of expression.

As there would appear to be no question in the mind, either of Jew or Gentile, respecting the Deity of Christ if there be a Christ; it is therefore taken for granted that this paper may be occupied with "The Essential Deity of Jesus Christ."

Essential—Inseparable, necessary, absolutely requisite.

Deity—A god. A Divine person. The true God; Jehovah. Spurgeon in his Treasury of David says: "His acts have proved his deity. Jesus is Jehovah and therefore we sing unto him as the Lord."

Christ — The anointed. The English form of the Greek word for the Hebrew Messiah. Andrew sought his brother Peter and said: "We have found the Messiah, which is being interpreted the Christ."

Therefore, I understand the "Essential Deity of Christ" to be "The absolutely essential and indispensable divinity—godness of Jesus Christ."

## I. His Essential Deity Is Seen In His Fulfillment Of Divine Prophecy

This paper would be too long if it sought to deal only with all the prophecies of Christ which are known to have been fulfilled. But bear with me while I remind you of but a few.

### 1. His birth.

The prophet Isaiah said: "Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." (7:14).

The season of the year is now upon us when we recall again how Jesus literally fulfilled this requirement regarding the birth of the Messiah.

Micah prophesied the very place of His birth in these words: "But thou, Bethlehem, Ephrath, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." (5:2).

Guided by the star and the Scriptures the wise men — the worshippers found the Christ child in the city of David—the house of bread.

### 2. The flight into Egypt.

"And when they (the wise men) were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt; and was there until the death of Herod; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son." (Matt. 2:13-15).

### 3. Betrayal.

"For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it; neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him; but it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked into the house of God in company."

So accurately and minutely was this fulfilled in the betrayal of Jesus by the traitor Judas that no sincere and reverent mind can question the fact that it is a vital link in the well-nigh endless chain of evidence substantiating the deity of Jesus Christ.

### 4. The Crucifixion.

The 22nd Psalm, written hundreds of years prior to the manger birth of that matchless being, is a negative which was fully developed in all its details regarding the crucifixion, in the sacrificial death of Jesus upon the cross on Golgotha. The prophecy said: "Forsaken by God, mocked by the people. Gaped upon by his enemies, bones out of joint, garments divided by lot, etc." All of which was fulfilled when He was "numbered with the wicked" and crucified between two thieves.

But the O. T. prophets not only revealed that the Messiah was to die; they also told the very manner and purpose of His death. One of the most striking of these is the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid upon him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." (53:7).

### 5. Resurrection.

"My flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." (Psa. 16:9,10).

### 6. Ascension.

"Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive; thou hast received gifts for men." (Psa. 68:18). Quoted by Paul in Ephesians as being fulfilled in Jesus.

### 7. Second Coming.

Standing on the dawning of the age which was to separate the two great lines of prophecy concerning the Messiah, Jesus having fulfilled all the prophecy of the first Advent, assured those who believed in Him and His Word that He would surely return and fulfill the other line of prophecy concerning the glory of the Messiah.

"I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14:2,3).

And when He had delivered His last commission to His followers and promised them the Holy Spirit, while they looked steadfastly toward Heaven, a cloud received Him out of their sight, "and behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11.

And the old patriarch Job said: "I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." (19:25-26).

To millions of earth's tenantry Jesus has proven, to their entire satisfaction, His claim to Deity by His first advent. To all the rest He will prove Himself to be God in His fulfillment of the prophecies of the Messiah's glory.

Then "Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." And surely to this our hearts say "Amen." Meantime He continues to fulfill prophecy in the bestowal of the Holy Spirit and in saving and blessing all who believe in, confess, and yield to Him.

The Messiah of prophecy and Jesus are one.

## II. His Essential Deity Is Seen In His Performance Of Miracles

The objection might be raised by skeptical persons that there have been so-called miracle-workers in all ages. This may be but they are such as existed in Egypt. They were splendid imitators until God, through Moses and Aaron, turned dust into living forms, and then they failed. It has been well said and truly so, "Neither Satan nor his tools can create life."

A great truth in the miracle of changing water into wine, the first earthly miracle of the Son of God, was the elimination of the time element. From the first tender shoots of the vine in this present creation to the ripening of the luscious nectar of the grapes which He beheld upon the hill sides of Palestine, He had been turning water into wine. But He had been doing it through the realm and order of nature. First the blade, then the ear and then the full corn in the ear is the familiar method of the miraculous transformation of seed into fruit. And these are miracles. But having been so constantly repeated many thousands of times, we have come to accept them more as a matter of course and think not of the miraculous. But in this Cana of Galilee a new and awesome thing takes place. In utter contrast to well known laws and order, the miracles of transformation takes place before the wondering eyes of the beholders in a moment. No planting of the vine or tilling of the soil, without rain or irrigation, without cultivation, pruning or harvest water changes to wine. The waters ordinarily would have trickled and seeped their way slowly to the roots of the vine and then climbed through myriad veins through the stem until under the magical and mystical laws of divinely ordained nature, have been formed into the waiting goblet of the husband-man. But now they leap across the space of spring and summer and autumn, and lo, trickling rain drops and sparkling dew, disregarding the element of time, change to purple hue, and sparkling wine. And who is he who can bring to pass with such disregard of time? Only He of whom it is said, "A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." (Psa. 90:4). In the language of another, "The water beheld its maker and blushed."

Thus is Jesus and His Miracles we behold a greater than Moses; one who was master of the laws of nature. Every work of man must, of necessity be in conformance with the laws of nature. By obedience to the laws of electricity that mysterious force becomes the servant of mankind. It lights and heats his home or place of business, while it will drive with unfagging power the wheels of his machinery. But let the law of electricity be disobeyed or disregarded and the humble servant at once becomes the merciless tyrant exacting the life of its victim. But here was a man — the God-man — to whom the laws of nature became willing servants. The boisterous and tempestuous winds heard the calm and masterful voice of their creator and were hushed as the restless babe quieted by its mother's cooing voice. The tumultuous waves which would deprive man of his life recognized their Maker and became a carpet for His feet.

The departed spirit of life hastens to respond to the voice of God and reenters the already corrupting body of Lazarus and lo! the life blood pulses again through his veins and the glow of health is in his cheeks. The Sabbath a humble form the Godhead wore, The pains of poverty he bore, To gaudy pomp unknown: Though in a human walk he trod, Still was the man ALMIGHTY GOD, In glory all His own.

The English poet, Thos. Chatterton, is credited with these words:

preme miracle worker—the man Jesus Christ—the Son of God—Immanuel has spoken. And the time hastens on apace when "all that are in the graves shall hear his voice and shall come forth."

But the miracles of miracles took place when, after having dismissed his own spirit upon the cross, and His body having reposed for three days and nights in the bosom of mother earth, He divested Himself of grave clothes and came forth never more to die again. Jesus, the miracle worker, is God.

## III. The Essential Deity Of Christ Is Further Revealed In The Testimonies Borne Concerning Him

I once sat in a court room where a young man was on trial for his life. Witness after witness was placed upon the stand to testify regarding this young fellow's character. Men well known, highly respected and holding important positions bore favorable testimony concerning the defendant.

From out the ages there arise a great host of witnesses to testify to the death of Jesus Christ. The best centuries have produced in music are hymns extolling His praise or leading the soul into adoring contemplation of His matchless person. Pliny, in writing to Trojan, said: "They (Christians) sing in social worship a hymn to Christ as God."

Surely Samuel Stennett as nearly inspired as any extra Biblical writer could be when he penned these words:

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned Upon the Saviour's brow;  
His head with radiant glories crowned,  
His lips with grace o'erflow,  
To him I owe my life and breath,  
And all the joys I have;  
He makes me triumph over death,  
And saves me from the grave.

Neither was there any doubt in the heart and mind of Edward Peronet as to the Deity of Christ when he sang:

All hail the power of Jesus' name,  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Crown him ye morning stars of light,  
Who fixed this earthly ball;  
Now hail the strength of Israel's might  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Sinners, whose love we ne'er can forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go spread your trophies at his feet,  
And crown HIM LORD OF ALL.

And with the devout spirit of Isaac Watts the soul is moved to reverent worship:

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And your contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, MY GOD;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

"Clement's Alexandrinus, who flourished near the close of the second century, said: 'Believe, O man, in Him who is both man and God; believe O man in Him who suffered death, and yet is adored as the living God.'"

William Bridge said: "All the sweets that are in the flowers of the field and in the garden are brought in by the bees into the hive, and are there embodied in one hive; so all the attributes of God and the sweetness of them all are hived in Christ, in whom all the fulness of the God head dwells bodily."

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The pains of poverty he bore, To gaudy pomp unknown: Though in a human walk he trod, Still was the man ALMIGHTY GOD, In glory all His own.

While another great English poet — Lord Byron — wrote: "If ever man was God or God man, Jesus Christ was both."

The last words of the greatly beloved Frances Willard were: "I am safe with Him. He has other worlds and I want to go. I have always believed in Christ. He is the incarnate God. How beautiful it is to be with God."

Our own honored Spurgeon voiced his convictions in these emphatic words: "In heaven, in earth, in hell, all knees bend before Him, and every tongue confesses that He is God. If not now, yet in time what is to come, this shall be carried out, that every creature of God's making shall acknowledge His Son to be God over all, blessed forever. Amen."

It is a well known fact to the student of the Bible that Scripture abundantly shows forth the Deity of Christ. "These were written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God and that believing ye might have life through his name."

A Unitarian put this question to a minister of the Gospel: "If the doctrine of Christ's Deity were true, I am sure so important a doctrine must have been revealed with a clearness no one could have mistaken." "And what language would have you chosen?" asks the minister. "I would have had Him called the true God," replied the Unitarian. The very language of the Book as recorded in I John 5:20. "This is the true God and eternal life."

Passing by the testimony of demons, of good and bad men; the testimony of angels; his own declaration that He came from God and that "He that hath seen, he hath seen the Father" and the testimony of the Holy Spirit, we bow with shoeless feet and uncovered head as the heavens are rent with the voice of the Omnipotent saying: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Again, at his transfiguration on the mount, was that voice heard: "This is my beloved Son; hear Him."

The highest, holiest and most reverent conception of a God worthy of all worship, love, adoration and praise, finds in Jesus nothing lacking and nothing to be excluded.

## MONEY, A CURSE

An Osage Indian made rich by oil does nothing but lament his experience: "Hotel heap bunk, Town heap bunk. Weather heap bunk. Grub heap bunk. Everything heap bunk. Injun no like being rich. Oil well good for white man. Heap bunk for Injun. Long time Injun happy. Bimeby oil come. White man come say, 'Here, take money.' He bring money, money, money. Injun go town, drink booze, play cards. Money too plenty. No can spend him. At last get tired. Buy motor car. Come Wichita, but no happy. Heap grief. Injun like tepee, squaw, papoose, pony, dog. Instead have income tax, oil well, motor car, hotel bills. Life heap bunk."

If God is not first in our thoughts in the morning, He will be last in our thoughts all day.



# A WOMAN'S PLACE AND WORK IN A BAPTIST CHURCH

There are few men for whom we have higher regard personally than J. B. Gambrell and J. B. Moody. We would not say one word intentionally to wound or grieve either of them. We do not want to be, nor do we mean to be, disrespectful to our elders. If anything in this article seems to be so we here and now disavow any such intention and beg our readers to remember that any statement that might be so interpreted is not aimed at them personally but at the position which they have espoused. We mention them by name because they both have mentioned us by name in their discussions in the Baptist Standard and the Baptist Advance and because they are, by common consent the acknowledged champions of "women speaking in public in mixed assemblies" in the South.

With Bro. Gambrell we agree most heartily in saying: "No Scripture must be so interpreted, as to contradict another Scripture, when that other Scripture is of certain and unmistakable interpretation."

And yet that is exactly what both of the brethren have done, as we will show a little later on.

## The Issue

Both of the brethren are seemingly confused as to the issue in their own minds or have unwittingly confused the issue in their articles. The issue is not as to whether a woman may speak in a public mixed assembly, but whether it is scriptural and right for a woman to speak in public in a mixed assembly. Thousands of women at Asheville spoke every night before and after the service in a public mixed assembly, but only two spoke in public in that mixed assembly. Yet both of the brethren in their articles make arguments upon cases where women did the first, which is not the point at issue at all. Bro. Gambrell cites the case of women speaking on Pentecost as a case in point. The women scattered through that gathering throng on Pentecost did speak as the Spirit gave them utterance, just as thousands of women spoke every night at Asheville both before and after the regular services at the Asheville Convention in a public mixed assembly, but all their speaking was private not public. No woman spoke in public on the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is very careful to safeguard that very point so that no one need be mistaken unless he just wants to be. In Acts 2:14 it is specifically said that when that assembly was called to order and the time for the public speaking began that "Peter standing up with the eleven" did the talking. No woman on the day of Pentecost under the control of the Holy Spirit dared to stand up before that mixed assembly and say one word. And Paul says in I Cor. 14:37 that no woman led of the Spirit will disobey his prohibitions there given as to women speaking in mixed assemblies before men. Acts 2 and I Cor. 14 are in perfect harmony. Bro. Gambrell's one and only argument in the Standard article was based upon an interpretation of Acts 2, which (quoting his language) is "monstrous, impossible and wrong." The consistency of the Scriptures on the woman question is shown, (and incidentally their verbal inspiration) in that on an occasion when women spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit has the inspired pen-man to make it plain that women, speaking as He gives them utterance, do not stand before mixed assemblies and speak. Peter and the eleven and they only stood up and spoke to that Pentecost assembly.

Bro. Moody misses the issue as widely as does Bro. Gambrell.

He cites women prophesying, "preaching in a private and personal way" and Priscilla's private instruction of Apollos in support of his position, not one of which touches the question of women speaking in public before mixed assemblies.

The issue before us is as to whether the Scriptures ever authorize by precept or example women standing before mixed public assemblies and addressing them as the two women did at the Asheville Convention. We think we will be able to show that the Scriptures are consistent throughout on that very point and that the only seeming exception is Deborah and the exception was made in that case because the men were all "sissies." The brethren are welcome to all the consolation they can get out of that exception.

But let us clear up the issue just a little further by noting just exactly what it is that women are prohibited from doing.

## Prohibitions On Women

1. To speak in public in mixed religious assemblies (I Cor. 14:37). This prohibition goes even to the extent that they are forbidden to speak out from the audience and ask questions.

2. To lead in public prayer in a mixed assembly (I Tim. 2:8-9). The word translated "men" here means "men" as distinguished from women and children, so says Thayer's lexicon. That means men only are to lead in public prayer in mixed assemblies.

3. To teach men (I Tim. 2:12). This prohibition limits the work of women in Sunday Schools to teaching women and children. There is plenty of work for them to do there without getting out of their places and teaching men's classes. It is significant that nearly all S. S. experts today are saying that the teaching of men and boys above the intermediate department is a man's job. God said so a long time ago.

4. To be in authority over a man (I Tim. 2:12).

Women are prohibited from having any place in the work of our churches that puts them in authority over their brethren. So important is this that Paul in I Cor. 11:3-10 says that whenever a woman comes into a church as-

sembly she ought to have a veil or covering of some kind on her head as a sign that she is under authority, not in authority. The flagrant violation of this prohibition by evangelists and evangelistic singers and the women who prefer to obey them rather than God, is one of the many ways now prevalent in which the authority of God's Word is being broken down.

These are the prohibitions which God the Spirit put upon our sisters.

## Her Compensations

We mention only two:

1. Her child-bearing (I Tim. 2:15).

As B. H. Carroll well said: "The woman shall live, indirectly, in the children she bears if they (the children) prove to be worthy. The man lives or dies according to his rule and leadership in public affairs; the woman lives or dies in her children. His sphere is the public arena. Her sphere, the home. Washington's mother lived in him; Lois and Eunice lived in Timothy. The Roman matron, Cornelia, pointed to her boys, the Gracchi, and said, 'These are my jewels.'"

The world is better and brighter when women sanctify and beautify home, proudly saying, "My husband is my glory, my children are my jewels and I am content to live in them. Why should I desire to be a man and fill his place: who then will fill mine?"

2. Her hospitality and service.

In Matt. 10:40-42 the Lord Jesus Himself shows that those who receive God's prophets and minister to them and to His needy little ones will get as much reward as the prophets do to whom they minister. In other words the Master said that women, upon whom these tasks pre-eminently fall, will get just as much reward for their private work faithfully done, as the men will for their public work, faithfully performed. The women who speak in public, like the folk who give and pray and fast to be seen of men, get their reward here in what men say about it.

## Woman's Sphere And Work

While on this question it is well to give what the Scriptures

have to say on the positive side of the question as well as on the negative side. There has been the weakness of much of the discussion of Paul's prohibitions. The women have been told what they were not to do; but when with earnest sincerity they came and asked what God wanted them to do they have oftentimes been put off with no definite answer. Now God's Word is just as clear and plain on what women ought to do as on what they ought not to do.

We believe a careful reading of some of the things that God has commanded women to do will show that the most neglected work in the world is woman's work. Just to the extent that woman becomes man's competitor in doing a man's work, just to that extent her own goes undone. Because so many women are trying to be men and fill men's places today women's work is the most neglected, the most slighted and the most needed work in all the world.

What is woman's sphere and work?

1. The home. Women should above all else be home-bodies. Woman was made to be man's helpmeet. The "virtuous woman" in Prov. 31 was a "worker at home." Paul enjoined Timothy, the young preacher, to teach the women to be, not idlers or tattlers or busy-bodies, but "keepers at home" (I Tim. 5:13-14). Peter had somewhat to say along the same line in I Pet. 3:16.

The divorce court, the apartment house and the modern club are menaces today that threaten the sanctity and happiness and continuity of our American homes, because many women are not willing to be and to do the things necessary to make their homes little paradises of love and of God. The woman who neglects her home life to do any kind of public work, religious or otherwise, is not occupying her God-appointed sphere or doing her God-given task. Her husband is a stranger among men wandering around lodges and hotel lobbies and other loafing places at night to find the companionship and love he ought to find at home; and her children are a menace to the public weal and moral welfare of the community

in which she lives. The home life is one of the most neglected spheres of woman's work, for no house ever was or ever can be a home without a woman to "guide the house." Paul enjoined that only women should be put on the list of those supported by the church, in I Tim. 5:9-10, who were too old to be mothers and whose homes had been broken up by their being made widows and their children already "brought up." Therein is a striking example of the "consistency of the Bible on woman's work." God never calls women to neglect their homes or husbands or children to do any kind of public work.

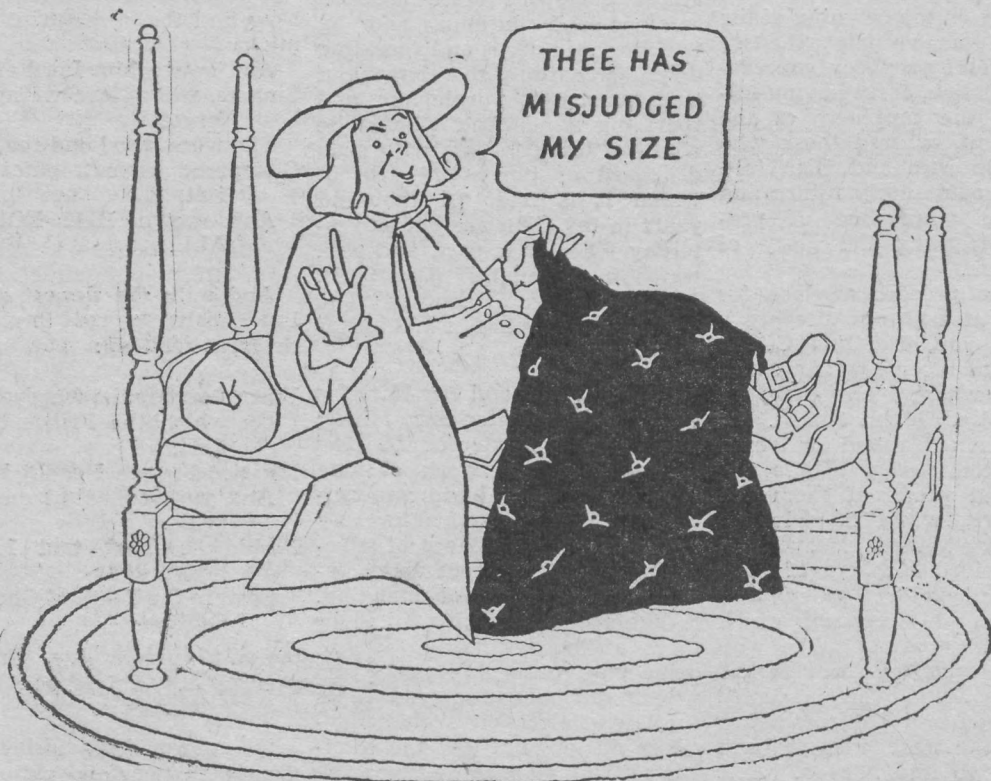
2. Motherhood. Paul enjoins "younger women to marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion of the adversary to speak reproachfully."

Billy Sunday told in an address to the women of Kansas City of how two physicians had told him of six and twelve women respectively in his choirs and engaged in other religious work in other cities where he had been, who had come to them and asked them to "prostitute their manhood" and sin against God and their husbands and homes and their unborn progeny by "relieving them of the cares of motherhood." Some doctor was found who was criminal enough to do what they asked, for none of them have had babies since. Just that thing is giving the adversary occasion to speak reproachfully of many women in many churches.

3. Teach women. God's Word prohibits women from teaching men (I Tim. 2:12). God's Word equally as clearly enjoins women to teach women (Titus 2:3-5). The reason so many young women are ensnared in the meshes of the white-slavery today is because they have not been taught. The reason so many girls are decoyed into the disgraceful, licentious modern dance is because mothers and other women teachers are too busy trying to do the men's work to take time to teach their daughters modesty and decency and chastity. The reason of the popularity of the "movies" with their unlimited temptation under the most favorable surroundings for too much freedom between the sexes is because the women are neglecting to teach their daughters the sacredness of their own person and the necessity of making boys "hands off" for the preservation of their own chastity. The shameless exposure of their person, by wearing dresses too low at the top and too high at the bottom, and by having on too few clothes, so prevalent among many modern women, is a sad commentary on the woeful neglect of older women to teach younger women how to dress "becomingly and chastely." One of the best known evangelists among Southern Baptists said in Murray some years ago that in the last 10 towns in which he had held meetings that there were more fast girls than boys. That such a fact as that exists in any town is the most severe indictment that can be brought against the women of that town. It proves my proposition that the most neglected work in the world is woman's work. They can not do the work of men without neglecting their own. Just to the extent that Bro. Gambrell and Bro. Moody encourage them to get out of their places and enter into competition with men for places in public religious work or in business or politics, just to that extent they are responsible for women neglecting their God-given and Bible-taught tasks. For Bro. Gambrell's information we will say that every one of those ten towns to which the evangelist referred were in the West where women have "more freedom" than in the East.

4. Hospitality, service, sacrifice. In II Tim. 5:10 Paul outlines women's work as four-fold: (Continued on page five)

## INSUFFICIENT RELIGION . . .



"For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it; and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it."—Isa. 28:20.

## OUR SUFFICIENCY IS IN CHRIST

"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."—Rev. 1:5.

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."—II Cor. 5:21.

Woe to the man who preaches an insufficient religion.

"As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."—Gal. 1:9.



## Woman's Work

(Continued from page four)

- (1) Home—"bringing up children."
- (2) Hospitality—"entertaining strangers."
- (3) Service—"washing the saints' feet."

(4) Sacrificial giving of time, labor or money to "relieve the afflicted" and other good works.

The widow who gave her two mites and Mary, who broke her alabaster box upon her Lord, were fine examples of sacrificial giving. Dorcas and others of her class were notable for heroic self-sacrificing service to the Lord's poor and afflicted. Lydia and Priscilla and the woman who fed Elijah a whole year and many others are marvelous examples of keeping open house for the Lord's servants. Women have their hands full if they follow out Paul's program as outlined above. Paul was as specific in telling women what they ought to do as in telling them what they ought not to do. Just to the extent that they violate his prohibitions they neglect the God-ordained tasks he enjoins. If they do the men's work the men will lie down on the job and let them, and their own work will go undone. The men will not do it for them. If they attend to their own work the men will do theirs when they see they have to do it.

Now having gotten out of the way some common objections let us note how remarkably consistent the Scriptures are in their teaching upon woman's sphere and work.

The cases cited by the advocates of women speaking in public are all cases of "wresting the Scriptures" except Deborah and she did not talk in public but she did exercise authority over men. But God tells why He permitted that.

Miriam, the Samaritan woman, the woman at the Saviour's tomb, Priscilla, Anna the prophetess, Philip's daughters who were prophetesses and others are cited as examples of women speaking in public in mixed assemblies. In Miriam's case (Ex. 15:20) the Scriptures are very specific in saying that she led the women in their singing. Moses led the men.

The Samaritan woman did all her talk in personal private conversation to her neighbors and acquaintances as she went from house to house in the city and told of the Saviour.

The women who were first at the tomb, though not last at the cross, as is so often said, went and told what they had seen to the disciples privately.

Anna the prophetess spoke of the infant Saviour to the passers-by as they came and went. There were no public services in the temple and a woman was not even allowed to go into the men's court.

Priscilla was the wife of a man by the name of Aquila. His name is mentioned first when Paul met them and in their greeting to Corinth. She was however more active in her Master's work than her husband. In every other instance except one her name occurs first. That one case is the case of where they gave some private instructions to Bro. Apollos. Mark you, it was done privately, not publicly. God's Word says "they took him (Apollos) unto them and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." But the significant thing about the incident is this, namely, that indifferent Aquila, who is everywhere mentioned after his wife is mentioned in the Scriptures, is even mentioned as taking the lead in some matters. Was it a happening in this instance or was it the careful work of the Holy Spirit, who is the author of God's Word, to impress upon the readers that woman's sphere and work is not that of leadership?

The incident in connection with Philip's daughters is equally significant. Philip had four daughters who were prophetesses. Paul

# A Splendid Short Sermon On, "Leave Me Alone"

Mark 1:21-28

By EUGENE CLARK

This is the cry of the larger part of the world today, the evil spirit has always been thus. They do not want to have any thing to do with the Christ of Nazareth.

Notice this man at the service of the Lord, wanted to be left

alone.

I. We notice what the evil spirits in a person cause him to do.

a. It is evil spirits that cause all sin and transgressions.

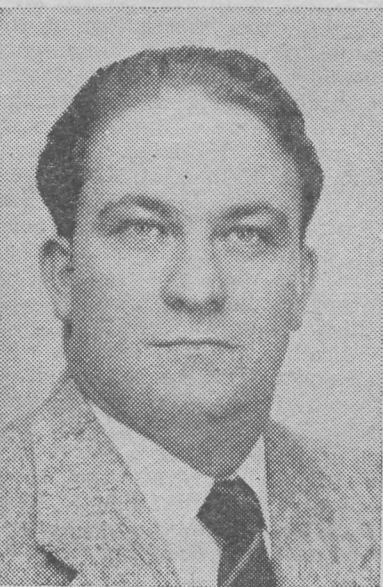
b. Caused this man to roam around naked (Luke 8:26-35). (He must have been a man of modern thinking).

c. The presence of Jesus made him miserable, and he had enough devil in him to run a herd of hogs crazy.

"Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits."—I John 4:1. "The Holy Spirit will teach of Jesus and His way."—John 16:13-15.

II. The backslider says, "Leave me alone."

a. Our life is not our own, we are our brother's keeper. Many places in Holy Writ we are commanded and exhorted to watch after our brethren and encourage them in the service of the Master. But many of them say, we will live our life as we please.



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1. Abraham didn't leave Lot alone, he kept praying for him. (Gen. 18:23). I am sure Lot said, "I am old enough to know what I am doing."

2. I suppose David would have liked to have been left alone after his adultery and having a man killed, but GOD SENT HIS MAN after him. (II Sam. 12: 1, 7, 9).

3. Achan no doubt wanted to be left alone with his golden wedge and Babylonish garment, but God sent for him. (Josh. 7:1, 12, 15, 18-26). They were hid but God knew. "Sin will find you out."

4. Ananias and Sapphira were not left alone when they lied to the Holy Spirit about their possessions that they had promised to give in the service of the Lord. (Acts 5). These sinned unto natural death.

Here is God's solemn warning. (Prov. 14:14-16).

III. The unchurched is saying, "Leave me alone."

1. God never intended for a saved person to stay out of the church or be a member of one that was not after his own plan. (Eph. 4:10; 3:21).

2. Many are offended when the

## NO ACCOUNTABLE BEING EVER WAS OR EVER WILL BE SAVED WITHOUT THE GOSPEL

By H. B. TAYLOR

Text: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."—Rom. 10:17.

Note: These arguments are presented in the form of syllogisms. That means "an argument presented in logical form, consisting of three propositions, the first two being called the premises and the last the conclusion which contains the matter to be proved."

1. A man cannot be saved outside of the kingdom of God, John 3:5.

He cannot enter the kingdom of God without the new birth.

He cannot be born again without the Word, James 1:18; I Cor. 4:15; I Peter 1:23-25.

2. Men cannot be saved without being justified.

Men cannot be justified except by faith, Rom. 5:1; 3:36, 28, 30; Acts 13:39.

Men cannot exercise faith without hearing the Word of God (text).

3. No man can be saved without becoming a child of God.

No man can become a child of God without faith, Gal. 3:26, 29.

No man can get faith without hearing (text).

4. The unsaved man is under condemnation, Rom. 5:18-19; John 3:18.

He cannot get out from under condemnation without faith, John 3:18; 5:24.

He cannot have faith without the word (text).

5. No man was ever saved except by grace.

No man can be saved by grace except through faith, Eph. 2:8;

true plan of Scriptural baptism is proclaimed. They want to be left alone. Satisfied with sprinkling, etc.

3. Others say, "I would go to the Baptist church, but they fight." The truth is they want to be left alone. Some want to join the church of their choice. We have no choice to make in matters of the Bible.

4. The Holy Spirit is the one that leads saved men and women into the church that Jesus built. (I Cor. 12:12-13).

IV. The lost sinner is saying, "Leave me alone."

a. For a sinner to be left alone is to die and go to a Devil's Hell. Jesus left Heaven and died on the cross that men might not be left alone. (Luke 9:56; 19:10).

b. Jesus left the church here that the lost sinner might not be left alone. (Luke 24:46-48).

c. The Holy Spirit came to minister in this world that sinners might not be left alone. (John 16:8; 6:44).

d. Preachers have been called from the walks of life to carry the glad tidings of the gospel. (Rom. 1:16; 10:14).

e. Friends of the sinner humble themselves to tell the lost about Jesus and His power to save.

1. The rich farmer said, "Leave me alone, I am prepared to live." (Luke 12:16-21).

2. King Agrippa said, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." (Acts 26:22-25).

3. Felix the governor trembled and said, "Some more convenient time, but for now leave me alone." (Acts 24:24-26).

V. The only message from HELL is "DON'T LEAVE THE SINNER ALONE."

a. A man who lived and died and went to Hell, realized he was there because he didn't repent. His message was go tell my brothers. "Testify unto them, lest they come to this place."

b. Beloved brother and sister in Christ, it is our duty and privilege to tell every man about Jesus and His power to save, in doing so many of them shall be saved, their blood will not be required at our hands, and above all, THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION glorifies the Blessed God and our Saviour the LORD JESUS CHRIST. (II Cor. 2:14-16).

esp. Rom. 4:16. Grace does not work in salvation in any other way.

No man can have faith without the word (text).

6. Men cannot be saved except through Christ. All of God's prophets, apostles, and preachers, in both Testaments, testify this. Acts 10:43; II Tim. 3:15; Acts 4:12.

Men cannot receive Christ except by faith, John 1:12-14.

Men cannot have faith without the Word (text).

7. Men cannot be saved without the blood, Heb. 9:22; Rev. 5:9; 7:14.

Men cannot get the blood except through faith, Rom. 3:25; Acts 26:18; Heb. 13:12.

Men cannot get faith without the Word (text).

8. Men cannot be saved without the righteousness of Christ, and they cannot have the righteousness of Christ without the gospel, Rom. 1:16-18.

Men cannot get Christ's righteousness except by faith, Rom. 10:4.

Men cannot get faith without the Word (text).

9. Men cannot be saved without believing the gospel because Jesus Himself said in John 8:24 that, if men do not believe in Him, they will die in their sins, and in verse 22 of the same chapter, He says, that where He is they cannot come; if they do not believe, they will die in their sins, and if they die in their sins, they cannot go where He is.

Men cannot believe without faith.

Men cannot have faith without hearing the Word (text).

10. There is just one way to Heaven, and Jesus is the way, John 14:6.

Men cannot go to Heaven except through Him.

Men cannot receive Jesus except by faith, John 1:12.

Men cannot have faith without hearing the Word (text).

11. Men are not saved until they get eternal life, and men get eternal life by receiving Christ, John 3:36; 5:24; I John 5:11-12. Note "hath," present tense.

Men receive Christ by faith.

Men cannot have faith without hearing the Word (text).

12. There is only one foundation for salvation, and Christ is that foundation, I Cor. 3:11. Every man not on that foundation will be destroyed, Matt. 7:24-27.

Men get on that foundation by faith, Isa. 28:16.

Men get faith by hearing (text).

13. No man is saved without receiving the Holy Spirit, Rom. 8:9. The Holy Spirit is received by faith, Gal. 3:2, 14.

Men cannot have faith without the gospel (text).



N. T. Ekklesia

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These are the instances found in the New Testament where the word ekklesia refers to some other gathering except a local Baptist church. In every one of them, whether of the citizens of a Greek city or the gathering of ancient Israel before the tabernacle or of the gathering of the church of the Firstborn in Heaven, it had the same two essentials included namely, organization and assembly.

In every other instance of its use in the New Testament the word ekklesia refers to a local Baptist church. One of the established rules of interpretation of God's Word, in Greek as of all other languages, is that if the ordinary meaning of the word will make sense, even in doubtful passages, then its ordinary meaning is the correct meaning.

We maintain that in all the other 110 passages where the word ekklesia is found in the New (Continued on page seven)

## And So Should You

The camel, at the close of day,  
Kneels down upon the sandy plain  
To have his burden lifted off  
And rest again.

My soul, thou, too shouldst to thy knees  
When daylight draweth to a close,  
And let thy Master lift the load  
And give repose.

The camel kneels at morning's dawn  
To have the guide replace his load—  
Then rises up anew, to take  
The desert road . . .



One can see God in everything, but we can see Him best with our eyes shut.

# Education Department

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## Second Annual Conference Held With Temple Baptists Former Student Of TBBC Is Ordained During Conference

The conference this year was marked by spiritual preaching and warm Christian fellowship. Friends from over 25 cities in 10 states were present. It is amazing and encouraging to see how Spirit-led study of the Word of God can cause people from many different localities to speak the same language and hold to the same truths. The only explanation for the unity of fellowship in "the apostles' doctrine" at these conferences is that we have all been reading and believing the same Book for years. Visitors were present from the following states: Indiana, Illinois,

### WHERE CONFERENCE MET



A view of Temple Baptist Church showing some of the preachers who attended the conference standing in front of the main entrance.

### FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN SESSIONS



As this picture shows, all the preaching wasn't done from the pulpit. One of the most enjoyable features of our conferences is the opportunity for Bible discussions and Christian conversation. Here, some preachers and students are having a friendly talk, while two of the ladies have a private conversation behind some newspapers, which they are using for eye-shades.

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Kentucky, Michigan, Tennessee, Virginia, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Georgia. Mission fields represented were South America, Palestine, and the home mission

James B. Weigant, Sr., now a missionary to the home field in Arkansas and formerly a student of Tri-State Baptist Bible College, was ordained to the Baptist ministry in the last service of the recent Tri-State Bible Conference conducted in the Temple Baptist Church. Serving on the examining council were Brethren Harvey Ayres, Fred Halliman, T. P. Simmons, Z. E. Clark, H. H. Overbey, R. P. Hallum, Kerney Black, Earl Frazier, Carroll Hunter and James H. Sims. Pastor H. H. Overbey preached the sermon on the appropriate subject, "The Bride of Christ."

Brother Weigant and his wife (see picture) were both students in our school before they became members of Temple church. Several months after having been baptized along with a number of their children (the Lord has blessed them with eleven in all), Bro. Weigant came to Pastor Sims and confided in him that God was calling him to be a missionary to the Ozark region of Arkansas. Just a few months later, the Weigants with seven of their children launched out on faith in a huge "house-truck" headed for Arkansas, leaving behind them their relatives and friends and the fine home which had been sold to finance the trip.

Brother and Mrs. Weigant have proved themselves worthy of the vote of this church to authorize them to do mission work. He is authorized by Temple church to baptize into her fellowship those who are saved and in the past 18 months a good number have been saved. We believe that the near future will see a well established work progressing there under the leadership of this former student of TBBC. We are proud of him and his family. May the Lord lead out many more of our students for the work of missions.

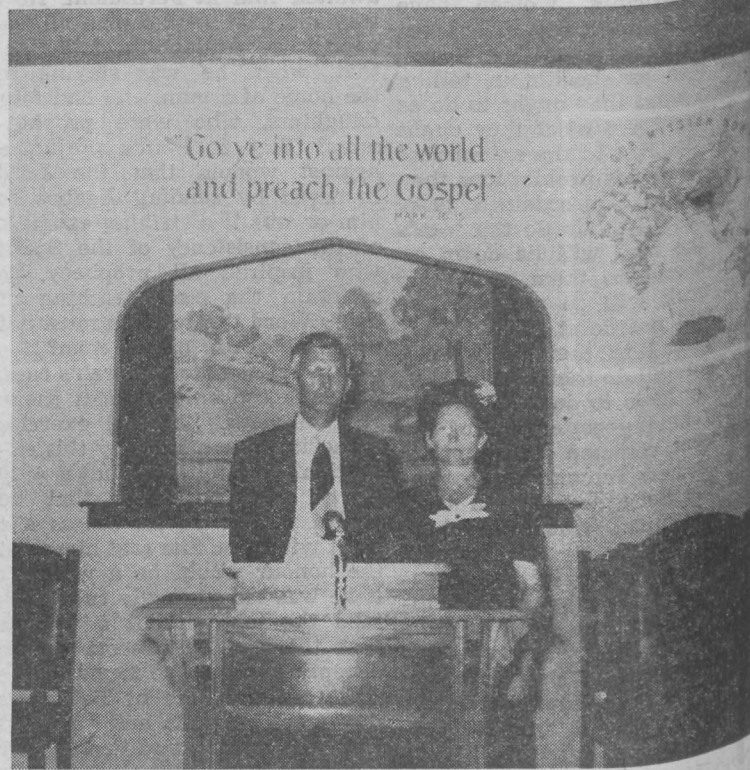
Brother Weigant has opportunity to acquire a large piece of property with enough timber to build a meeting house. Quite a number have made offerings for this need, but about \$900 is still needed. Pray for the Weigants and for the supply of their every need. Offerings may be mailed directly to Bro. Weigant at Dover, Arkansas, or designated through Temple Baptist Church.

field of the Ozarks.

Truly, we are "living on the mountain and drinking from the fountain" as many of God's great men of today preached to us. All the preaching was pointed and powerful, scriptural and helpfully practical. We are especially grateful to Bro. D. B. Eastep and Pastor H. H. Overbey for their ministry of the Word. We wish that more of the men could have spoken and that those who did speak could have brought more than one message, but time didn't permit that. The work of Temple church and Tri-State Baptist Bible College has been strengthened through the coming of our preacher brethren.

We were happy to be hosts to those who attended the conference and to be able to furnish a place of lodging and meals for

### ORDAINED TO GOSPEL MINISTRY



ELD. AND MRS. JIM WEIGANT

everyone who desired such accommodations. Nearly 50 places were occupied in the homes of Temple members and approximately 400 individual meals were served during the four days. It is our hope that a much larger number will attend next year if our Lord has not returned by that time.

The work of Baptist Faith Missions should be forwarded by the opportunity of pastors to get more information on matters concerning the Mission. The more we see and hear of the Mission, the more we consider it the soundest and most scriptural work in the world. Brother Hille and Brethren Overbey and Clark are capable men who know their jobs and make them a real labor of love. Contact with them and with our missionary families, the Hallums and the Hunters, should kindle more

missionary zeal in the hearts of pastors and churches.

To all of those who attended the April conference, we say thanks for being a blessing to us. To those who didn't attend, we say plan now to come next year.

### Tithing

(Continued from page one) earnings should go to Him; and that he would use the money in all his business ventures as if it were God's money. "It is silent partnership, you know," he said to the clergyman. And, says Mr. Shepherd, "There's many a home in the United States today that is graced with the honest furniture that was made by this man with what he considered God's funds."—From Literary Digest

### THE BOOK TABLE OF TBBC



Shown here is the book table where good Christian literature is dispensed by Charles Stobaugh, TBBC student. Looking over some of the booklets is Elder Z. E. Clark, Treasurer of Baptist Faith Missions, and a professor in the school.



## "An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

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was nothing more or less than what future history shall recall." He told Nebuchadnezzar that he was represented by the head of gold, the chest and arms of silver were to represent the country of Media-Persia, the belly and thighs of brass were to represent Greece under the rule of Alexander the Great, the legs of iron were to represent the Roman Empire in its divided estate, whereas those feet were to represent the nations that would be in existence when the Lord Jesus came back to this world again. Then he went on to say that as he looked, he saw a stone cut out of the mountain without hands, and as that stone rolled down the mountain-side, gaining momentum and speed as it went, it rolled into that image, grinding it into powder, having struck the image at its feet. This stone represented the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen, my brother, that is exactly what is going to happen to the godless civilization of this present day. The Lord Jesus Christ, who was prefigured by the stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands, is coming back to this world again, and is going to grind into powder the civilization that He finds which has ruled God out of con-

deration. We read in the book of Revelation the story of the old whore and her harlot daughters, who have dealt with all the nations of the world and who have sold and added and trafficked with all the nations of the world in all commodities. As I have said many times, the whore represents Roman Catholicism and the harlot daughters represent the Protestant churches that have come out of Rome. I make not one bit of apology for making this assertion. I am as sure of that fact as the fact that we are here—as the fact that there is a God in the skies—the fact that the sun rises in the east and sets in the west. What does God tell us is going to happen? God says that she is going to be destroyed.

**"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall devour her flesh, and burn her with fire."**

—Rev. 17:16.

As far as I am concerned, there are two great outstanding systems in the world today. One of them is religion and the other is politics. The religious system is Catholicism, and the political system is Communism. I have no love for either. I hate and despise both. I hate and despise the one just as much as I hate and despise the other. I believe with all of my heart that Catholicism is going to be defeated though at the hands of Communism—that Communism is going to ultimately grind Catholicism out of existence just at the time of the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Catholicism, which has no room in the Bible and no room for the teachings of God Almighty's Word, and as the city of Tyre was destroyed, so Catholicism is being ground into powder by the enemy, and that enemy is going to be ground into powder by the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to His world. Beloved, the godless civilization of the days of Ezekiel, is going to perish. You can not rule out of existence and expect to prosper.

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## HERE IS ONLY ONE THAT CAN SAVE.

Ezekiel was lamenting concerning the city of Tyre, but his lamentation did not save the city. When the Lord Jesus Christ was in this world, He lamented the nation of the Jews and the Jews, for He said:

**"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together,**

even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"—Mt. 23:37.

Beloved, even the tears of the Lord Jesus Christ did not save the city of Jerusalem. Whereas Ezekiel's lamentation did not save the city of Tyre, and whereas the tears of the Lord Jesus Christ did not save the city of Jerusalem, I say to you, there is only one that can save. There is only one Saviour, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ, who died upon the Cross of Calvary. What the city of Tyre needed, what the city of Jerusalem needed in the days of Jesus, and what you need this morning is the Christ who died upon the Cross to pay for your sins, that your soul might be saved from a Devil's Hell.

**"And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is SHED for many for the REMISSION OF SINS."**

—Mt. 26:27,28.

**"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."**

—I Pet. 1:18,19.

**"Unto him that loved us, and WASHED US FROM OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BLOOD."**

—Rev. 1:5.

Beloved, the lamentation of Ezekiel did not save the city of Tyre, the tears of Jesus did not save the city of Jerusalem, and I will go further and say that your tears over your spiritual estate will not save you. Tears will not save, lamentation will not save, and sorrow will not save. It takes the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ which was poured out at Calvary to pay for your sins.

Somebody may say, "Bro. Gilpin, I know I am a bad sinner. I know I have done lots of things that were wrong. I know I have sinned grievously and greatly before the Lord, but I have asked God to forgive me." Brother, you might just as well ask God to damn you. God does not forgive any man because that man says he is sorry that he is a sinner and says, "Oh, God, forgive me." God does not save any man because he is sorry that he is a sinner and joins the church. I tell you, beloved, God only saves man one way, and that is that Jesus Christ paid in full the sin debt of that individual on the Cross of Calvary.

VI

## RELIGION WILL NOT SAVE.

This city-state of Tyre had religion. They worshipped Baal and were great followers of Baal, but more than that, they were the worshippers of beauty. In the third verse, we read:

**"And say unto Tyrus, O thou that art situated at the entry of the sea, which art a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord God; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of PERFECT BEAUTY."**

It is all right to appreciate beautiful things. It is all right for us to appreciate that which is beautiful, but beloved, to worship beauty, or to worship that which is beautiful may lead to complete destruction spiritually, or may lead one to an utter forgetfulness of God. That is what happened in the city of Tyre. They had a religion. Theirs, primarily, was the worship of beauty itself.

There is a man who lives in Russell who conducts an orchestra on Saturday night. I do not know him personally, but I know his wife, and I have heard her speak of her husband how that he conducts an orchestra on Saturday night and that he is usually out until two or three o'clock on Sunday morning, but that he always gets up and goes to some so-called house of worship on Sunday morning. He thinks, and she thinks, that everything is perfectly all right so far as his soul is concerned, but they are not by themselves. There are many today who are just like the city of Tyre. They thought that religion would save, and there are many today

who think that religion will save. There are many individuals today who think that just because they have their name upon some church record book and because they are affiliated with some church, that is all that they need to get to Heaven. Let me tell you something this morning, religion did not save the city of Tyre, and it will not save you.

There is one man in this town who has a peculiar religion. His religion borders on infidelity. He says that God is too good to send a man to Hell. That is his religion, and he is basing his hope for eternity on his religion.

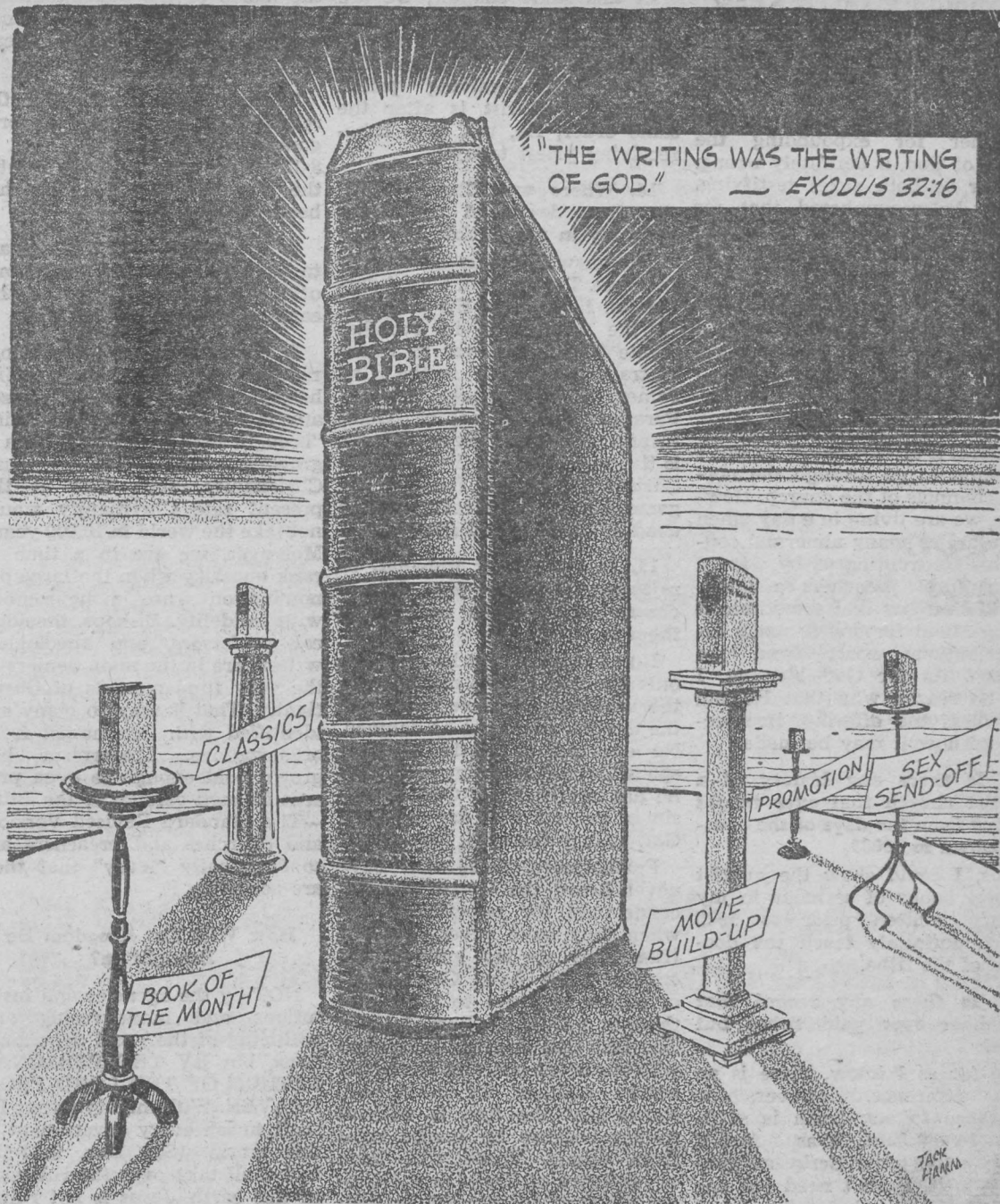
There's another man in this town who does not go to any of the so-called churches within the town, but rather bases his religion upon his lodge. You can see him with his lambskin hanging out at most all of the funerals today, and he drops his sprig of evergreen on the casket and talks about how the deceased has gone to join the grand lodge above. Maybe the deceased was one of the biggest devils in town, but every time that I have been present, he says that the deceased has gone to join the grand lodge above. One day, in talking with me, he said, "Brother Gilpin, the only religion that I have is in my lodge. I am depending on my lodge for my hope of Heaven."

There are other folk who are depending upon their sincerity to take them to Heaven. I talked to a man a few days ago who in turn was talking about another man. He was unsaved and he was talking about an unsaved man. He said, "I just wish that I had as much hope for eternity as that man does. He is so sincere in everything that he does."

Let me tell you, beloved, the religion of infidelity, the religion of lodgism, the religion of sincerity, or the religion of church membership will not save any individual.

I'll go further and say that the religion of good works will not help save, will not keep saved, and will not add one thing to your salvation. I believe that the majority of people in this world who are professing Christians, are depending more upon what they are doing than upon the finished

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Testament, it will not only make good sense and not contradict other Scriptures, but it will harmonize the whole New Testament with itself and that no other meaning of the word ekklesia was ever dreamed of until the third third of the third century or from A. D. 267 on. Now let us gather some facts together.

The interpretation of the Book of Revelation depends more upon a clear and accurate interpretation of the meaning of ekklesia than every thing else put together. If the church Jesus built and called "My church" and promised perpetuity to it is composed of all the saved and is an in-

work of the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary. Beloved, if you are depending upon anything that you are doing, you are already lost, doomed and on the road to Hell, and damnation is already in your soul.

It is not doing that saves you, but what Jesus Christ has done on the Cross. It is not anything that you have ever done or anything that you shall ever do, but it is when Jesus said, "It is finished." Oh, might it please God this morning to reveal to those of you who are here that religion will not save and that there is no hope for any man in religion, regardless of what his religion may be. The only hope that you can have is the Lord Jesus Christ who died on the Cross to pay for your sins and to finish and complete the plan of God Almighty's redemption.

Let me ask you one simple question. Do you suppose that you, in any wise at all, are anything like the city of Tyre? Are you leaving God out of consideration? Are you depending upon religion? Are you in any wise at all depending upon something other than the Lord Jesus Christ? Oh, might God today take hold of you and shake you loose from your lethargy and cause you to realize that the only hope that you can have is the Lord Jesus Christ who died for your sins.

May God bless you!

visible and an universal church, and the Book of Revelation is a history of an institution that cannot be seen and cannot meet and has no ordinances and nobody knows who is in it or how or when they get in and whether when in they can never get out, then every statement made by the Master about making the identity of His churches clear and plain is false.

If on the other hand, the Book of Revelation is a history through the ages of local, visible, organized, Baptist churches through the last 1900 years, then Revelation had a radically different meaning from what Scofield and other heretics make it mean. There can be no unity of the faith and no agreement as to the interpretation of Revelation until we find out what the Master meant by the word ekklesia, or church. That is why we are going so fully in detail and writing so at length as to the New Testament meaning and use of the word ekklesia, or church.

If you have read what we have written about how careful the Master has been to go into detail in order to show what He is talking about and to define every word and to tell the blessings He promised to all who read and all who obey and all who guard the teachings of this Book, you will get some idea of why He is so careful about the meaning of words in Revelation. He wants His people to know the history of His churches and if His people do not know what He means by "My church," how can they know or guard something they do not know anything about. That is why it is so important to know what He meant by His ekklesia. That is why we are making such painstaking, careful, patient, earnest, effort to get before our readers what the Lord Jesus meant by His ekklesia or church.

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## I Should Like To Know

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casualty. To do this in every service, even taking up the time which should be given to the preacher for expounding the Word of God, is definitely wrong. So far as both sexes testifying, let it be remembered that for women to even speak in a public, mixed worship is contrary to the Scripture. Cf. I Cor. 14:34; I Tim. 2:11, 12.

**6. Will the Lord bless missionary offerings sent to Baptist Faith Missions which are not sent thru the church?**

I think that under normal conditions it is always better for one's offerings to go through the normal channels of the church. However, we are living in a day when there are so many abnormal conditions confronting us by way of unscriptural preachers and unsound churches that sometimes it is expedient for one to make his contributions apart from the church. As for God blessing, I see no reason why that He can not bless the offering, irrespective of how it may be made.

**7. Is there any history of a Baptist church that ever taught tithing from the days of the apostles down to 1900?**

Yes, I could show the querist several books of sermons in my library written prior to 1900 which definitely teach the doctrine of the tithe.

**8. Is there any record that Abraham ever paid tithes but once?**

So far as I know, there is no other reference. However, one reference to any truth is sufficient to establish it as a fact if there is no other Scripture contrary to it. I don't need but one nail to hang my hat on, and just one Scripture is enough to build an argument upon—if there be no other Scripture contrary to it.

**9. Is there any record that Isaac ever paid tithes?**

No, and there is no record that he didn't pay tithes either.

**10. Is there any record that Jacob ever paid tithes?**

Actually, I know of no references that he did pay tithes. However, in Genesis 28:22, he promised that he would do so. Whether he kept his promise or not, I can not say. The very fact that he promised the tithe would indicate that it was common practice in those days to tithe. He may have been like lots of modern Baptists who promise to tithe but fail to do so.

**11. Does the Bible teach that I should pay a tithe out of my salary of \$75 per month while my pastor makes from \$350 to \$600 per month?**

Yes, both of you should tithe. Likewise, your next door neighbor who is unsaved should tithe. Jesus definitely taught this in Matthew 23:23.

**12. Does the Bible teach that I should pay tithe to build hospitals and schools and then for the schools to teach our young men modernism and to preach Arm-inianism?**

The querist is "begging the question" in this instance. Neither he nor I believe that our money ought to go for any purpose connected with modernism or Arm-inianism. Our money should be spent wholly to build up the truth. No man should contribute any amount—neither tithe nor offering—to any church that is not sound in the faith.

**13. In the light of these questions on tithing, is the tithe binding upon Christians today?**

I can not read the book of Hebrews without a definite conviction that the tithe is binding upon all Christians today. Prayerfully ponder Hebrews 7:8.

In this same chapter, we are told that Christ was a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec (Heb. 7:17). Melchisedec was a tithe-receiving priest. Then since Christ is after the same order, He, too, is a tithe-receiving priest today.

**14. Where was Christ's spirit the three days and nights His body lay in the tomb?**

The answer to this question is two-fold. The spirit of Christ during the three days His body lay in the tomb was in Paradise (Luke 23:43), and was in Hades—translated "Hell," in the King James Version (Acts 2:25-31). Paradise, the place of God's throne, (Rev. 2:7; Rev. 22:1, 2), is the particular locality to which Christ's spirit went. Hades is the general realm, the realm of the dead or disembodied spirit.

**15. Is the sin of unbelief, or rejecting Christ, the only sin that damns men's souls and sends them to Hell?**

No, if rejecting Christ were the only sin that damns men's souls, the heathen who have not heard the Gospel would not be damned. No one can be justly held responsible for rejecting Christ if he has not heard of Christ. It is sin in general that damns. Read Gal. 3:10; I John 3:4; Rev. 20:12.

Furthermore, those who have never heard the Gospel are not condemned for rejecting Christ when they have never heard of Him. They are lost and without excuse. They have God's book of nature to prove to them that there is a God. Cf. Rom. 1:18-20. The fact that such an individual who has never heard of Jesus will accuse another for some sin, shows that the first is without excuse because he knows right from wrong. Those who have never heard of Christ or the Gospel are thus condemned by their conscience. They will be sent to Hell because they are sinners who did not live up to the light they had. However, they are not condemned for unbelief like those who have heard and yet rejected Jesus.

**16. If a couple are unsaved and marry and later both are saved, would they be living in sin if each were divorced before they were married?**

This is a "knotty" question and was perhaps asked purposely to entangle us. I find no Bible grounds for saying that marrying into adultery is excusable for a sinner, except in so far as there is lack of knowledge of the law of God. I can not see that there is any sin for one class that is not sin for every class. If it were a sin for the couple to live together before they were saved, it would be afterwards.

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Heaven—and they are going contrary to the teachings of the Scriptures. What folly it is to let the devil start one off trying to do something that will not and can not be done.

**What Is The Real Business Of Christians In This Age**

It is NOT to "bring in the Kingdom"—it is to spread the gospel over all the world, and thus to "call out a people for His name." (See Matt. 28:18-20 and Acts 15:15-18). It is the main business of churches to evangelize—evangelize—evangelize. Instead denominations have built up huge machines which in large measure have become an end in themselves.

**Proof That The Kingdom Will Not Be Brought In During This Age**

1. Such is not the purpose of God. In Luke 19:12 there is a parable concerning Jesus and He is set forth as "going into a far country, to receive for himself a kingdom and return." He HAS gone into Heaven where He will receive His kingdom of the Father, after which He will return. He will NOT receive it at

the hands of the denominations. Daniel gives us a picture of Jesus receiving this kingdom. (Read Dan. 7:13-14).

2. Anti-Christ is ruling at the return of Jesus, and over a world gone atheistic. (See II Thess. 2:3-12). This fact completely refutes the idea that the Kingdom has been brought in.

3. The last days of this age are to be "perilous times"—not times of the Kingdom of God on this earth. (Read II Tim. 3:1-5).

4. Observation and experience reduces this kingdom building heresy to absurdity. Do we see any signs of the kingdom being "brought in?" NO! Heathenism is growing more rapidly than Christianity, such that at the present rate Christianity would not take the world in 10,000 years. Moreover, we are in a time of rank apostasy when the large denominations are honeycombed with infidelity. Bishops, theological professors, and theological writers are in the main deniers of the very fundamentals of Christianity. That is why so many are identified with Communist front organizations. Modernism has grown bold enough to even present its own version of the Bible—The Standard Revised Version, and churches and preachers are so doctrinally "lousy" that they are accepting it.

## How Will The Kingdom Be Brought In?

NOT by the agencies and institutions and maneuvering and politicking of the great denominations, but BY THE PERSONAL RETURN OF THE LORD FROM HEAVEN. With mighty power He shall smash every government of this world. (See Dan. 2:44-45), and shall take over the rulership of this earth. Jesus is not ruling over some vague "spiritual kingdom"—He is this earth's rejected king, who will return and sit upon the throne of His glory. (See Matt. 25:31-32).

The zeal of men shall not put Jesus on His throne, but the "zeal of the Lord of hosts." That is exactly what is taught in Isa. 9:7. There it is promised that He shall sit on the throne of David—not some vague, visionary "spiritual throne." That will be a real throne at Jerusalem.

How awful that ministers of Christ should presume to do what the Lord never told them to do—that they should go leaping off down a cold trail, when they ought to be busy preaching the gospel and "waiting for His Son from Heaven," who will bring in His Kingdom in His own time.

## Jehovah Proves

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to find out that Jehovah is the omnipotent and omniscient and omnipresent God, as well as the Jews, who have believed their lies about Jehovah being only a "tribal god." Jehovah was proving that He was God Almighty and vindicating His Word at the same time. Don't forget that.

**3. Jehovah Proves Himself God Almighty.**

How?

(1) By His revelations.

He proves to the Jews, both in captivity and in Jerusalem, His omniscience by exposing through Ezekiel all their secret wickedness and idolatry and by foretelling future events.

((2) By His judgments.

He tells them He is Jehovah "that smiteth," "that sets His face against them," "that neither spares nor pities," when His judgment strikes; "that pours out His fury upon them," etc. His judgments are named. They are, famine, pestilence, hail-stones, blood, sword, siege, noisome beasts, and destruction. "They shall know My vengeance saith Jehovah God."

He proves His omnipotence by His control of all these judgments. He proves His omnipresence and almightiness by visiting His sore judgments upon Ammon, Edom, Tyre, Philistia, Babylon and other heathen nations—even sorer judgments than on the Jews. That was God Almighty's answer in Ezekiel's day to the same heathenish lie of E. Stanley Jones, Nels F. S. Ferre, Harry Emerson Fosdick and other infidels today that He is only a "tribal god." That answer ought to have sufficed for all time to come; for the land of the Ammonites is still a "couching place for flocks" (25:5); Tyre is still a "place for spreading nets" (26:5); Egypt is still "a base kingdom" and "no price of the land" rules over it.

God's judgments are in the earth today and He is still teaching the infidel and the heathen and His own back-slidden and adulterous people that Jehovah is the God of all the earth and that beside Him there is no other. "I, even I am Jehovah; before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. There is none that can deliver out of My hand; I will work and who shall turn it back."

(3) By His mercies.

Ezekiel tells the Jews that the nations are to know that Jehovah is God Almighty by His judgments alone; but that Israel is to know He is God, both by His judgments and by His mercies to

them.

(4) Unfulfilled prophecies.  
While He was at it, Jehovah not only proved that He was God Almighty to the Jews and to the heathen nations of Ezekiel's day but by the yet unfulfilled prophecies concerning Russia, Germany, Persia, Armenia and the Jews, God proved for all time to come that Jehovah, the God of Israel, is the Creator of Heaven and earth, the God of all times and climes and peoples and history. Truly as the people cried out in Carmel in Elijah's day: "Jehovah, He is God! Jehovah, He is God!" "His judgments are in all the earth!" "The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom."

## Lodge

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Christian, has to stem the downward tide of his own nature, and the whole world force of the lodge.

Hence, but few people who are thoroughly in lodge fellowship, are found at the altar of prayer. In the white light of the judgment day it may be seen that no agency has hindered the salvation of so many souls as the lodge power of America.

There is a mixture of truth with all systems of error, and some good interwoven with the evil. There are splendid things in the system of religion called Unitarianism, which make it the most dangerous system of infidelity. If it were not for the sweetness thus mixed with the poison it could not exist.

Error unmixed cannot survive; hence the policy of the enemy in all ages has been to interperse good with evil, to give the evil a place. When a congressman attempts to force a wrong measure into national law, he is sure to connect it with some other measure that is right; and if it is grossly wrong, he will identify it with something that is indispensable. Strychnine can be made very enchanting to a child, with a thorough mixture of sugar. If no truth had been mixed with the errors of Mohammed, they would have died in fifty years.

It is no proof whatever that any system is right because there is some good in it. It can be shown that wherever the lodge system is entrenched it is always exceedingly difficult to get the people saved from sin; then, if salvation is right, that system is wrong. But that is known to be so, by every minister of God whose life is solely devoted to the salvation of men.

—The Church Herald

## N. T. Ekklesia

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to know the truth about His ekklesia, as I have already called your attention to in what I have already written, and then leave them in the fog about what He meant. He never used the word church in Revelation a single time with any other meaning than a local Baptist church.

Not only is that so, but nowhere else in all the New Testament was the word ekklesia ever used in any other sense than of an organized and an assembling institution. That was true of the times where ekklesia was used of the citizens of a Greek city and the once used of Israel assembling before the tabernacle and the once used of the general assembly of the Firstborn assembled in Heaven.

So anxious was the Lord Jesus for all readers of Revelation to know the truth that not once in all the New Testament is the word ekklesia ever used of any thing except an organized and an assembling body.

Talking to men for God is a great thing but talking to God for men is the first thing.

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