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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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## Is Healing In The Atonement?

Go into nearly any town or city during the summer months and you will find a tent pitched, and a "Healing Campaign" in progress. Some evangelists that would draw only a mere handful if they did straight preaching, attract big crowds when they set themselves up as "healers." This is because of the fact that people are more interested in their carcasses than they are in their souls. People have always been like that. They would have turned the ministry of Jesus into one of physical healing only, had He permitted it. Read Mark 1:32-39 in this connection. You will find that Jesus refused to return to Capernaum



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to heal, saying that it was to PREACH that He came forth. In the attempt to justify their theory of healing, men in recent

years have coined the theory that HEALING IS IN THE ATONEMENT of Christ. This theory is pretty well based on the passage in Isaiah 53:4-5. But it is well to point out that Matthew tells us that this Scripture was FULFILLED by Jesus when He was here. (See Matt. 8:16-17).

So far as we have been able to learn, this "healing is in the atonement" theory was first suggested by Bro. A. J. Gordon in his book on healing. Bro. Gordon seems to have merely suggested the possibility of Isa. 53:4-5 meaning that healing is in the atonement. But this interpretation — (Continued on page eight)

## "I Should Like To Know?"

1. Will the mere lack of properly administered baptism debar any one from Heaven?

No. Abraham, David, the thief on the cross and millions of others are today in Heaven, who were never baptized.

2. Can men be saved from sin under the preaching of the gospel by others than Baptists?

Yes, tens of thousands of sinners have been saved by the preaching of the gospel by Luther, Calvin, Jonathan Edwards, Charles G. Finney, Moody, Torrey and a host of others who were not Baptists. The gospel saves by whomsoever preached.

3. Will membership in any but a Baptist church debar any one from Heaven?

No. The Baptist contention for 1900 years has been blood before water, Christ before the church, salvation before baptism. "The Lord added to the church daily the saved." So says the Scripture. He didn't add folk to the church to save them but He added to the church those who were already saved.

4. Are the professed conversions in Methodist and Presbyterian

and other churches spurious and unreal necessarily?

No, not necessarily. If the gospel of salvation by Christ without works or obedience of man is preached and believed, the conversions are genuine and real. All others are "spurious and unreal" even though they profess in a Baptist meeting.

5. To whom did those bought in I Cor. 6:20 belong before?

Rom. 7:1-4 says they belonged to the law.

6. If a preacher is called as pastor indefinitely and a few members want to change pastors, is it proper for a majority to rule or should two or three members put him out?

Certainly it should require a majority. Most churches years ago wrote it in their Rules of Decorum that it took three-fourths of the members present to fire any officer of the church.

Our fathers were wise men. That was done to prevent a small handful or clique from working up their little crowd and firing any officer. The fathers were wise men and old time Baptists.

## Close Communion Is the Crucial Test Of Orthodoxy

"Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's Supper."—I Cor. 11:17-20.

In this Scripture Paul makes close communion the test of every believer's orthodoxy.

### Close Communion Proven

1. Church communion.

The first proof of close communion in this passage is that it is church communion. Verse 18. Church here does not mean house but a local assembly. "When ye come together in the church" means when ye come together as a church. The Lord's Supper is a church ordinance, not an individual ordinance nor a Christian ordinance. Not all Christians are invited but only all members of a local church.

2. Two hindrances are here set forth, which prevent the observance of the Lord's Supper. One is divisions, the other is heresy.

(1) Divisions.

What did Paul mean by divisions? He did not mean just any differences of opinion. There were divisions among the members of the Jerusalem church as to who should be the greatest among them. Those divisions did not prevent the Master from instituting the Lord's Supper and giving it to them. What is meant by division then? The word translated "division" is found eight times in the New Testament. Twice it is translated "rent"—Matt. 9:16 and Mark 2:21. Five times it is translated "schism"—I Cor. 12:25. The word (Continued on page eight)

## Personal Invitation To Join A Most Attractive Church

Over in West Virginia apostasy is the theme of the day. In order to combat the error in his own community, Elder C. W. Shafer, has circulated the following letter by way of satire, hoping to counteract some of the looseness of the church. Pray for him, and for the church.

We realize that the blessings connected with church membership are many, so we are interested in getting as many to join our church as we can. We have made every conceivable effort to make it as attractive as we know how, and whatever your position in life may be, you can have fellowship with us.

One of our members owned a beer tavern until she became ill, then leased the property and later joined our church. If you like to associate with religious people and still drink your beer, come and join us.

A man and a woman, both members of our church, live together and are not married, so if you believe in and practice "trial marriage," you should feel perfectly at ease in our presence.

Many of our women roam the streets in shorts, so if you want (Continued on page six)

## Certainty Of Conviction The Need Of The Ministry Today

"To my mind the fault of organized religion today is the lack of conviction on the part of the preachers. They are not sure themselves. They think there is a God; they only hope there may be an after-life.

"The fire of Pentecost is lacking; they lack in ardent fervor of the Apostles. It was that fire and fervor which enabled the Apostles to grip the multitude, and till our preachers regain it in the way the Apostles won it, by prayer, Christianity will cease to appeal.

"You do, of course, find some men with it—this fire based on certainty; and then, whether they preach in Roman Catholic, Anglican or Nonconformist churches, you find them preaching to crowded congregations.

"Today, I believe our young people are sighing for the Truth as they have never wanted it before. But they do not want the hypocrisy of a conventional religion. They have outgrown such things.

"Crowds of them never go to church. Why?

"Because of the unsatisfying message that is handed out to them.

"Look at the rest of their lives—games, the social round, dances, and parties.

"Physically and intellectually they are catered for as never be-

fore. They realize the value of thoroughness. But this is only half of Life.

"The other half—the spiritual half—of their lives is atrophied. It is not their fault. The fault lies with their spiritual teachers, who cannot teach their lesson with the efficiency of their dancing masters.

"Until the preachers of the Church take stock of their belief, and attain through prayer that certainty which alone will give fire and vitality to their message, the world will go hungry in spirit." — Reprinted from "The Star," May 12, 1931.



### WHY YOU NEED THIS PAPER

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1. It is a Baptist paper. If you are a Baptist you ought to be an orthodox Baptist. You ought to know why you are a Baptist. You ought to be able to tell the other fellow why you are a Baptist. You ought to be a propagator of the faith once-for-all delivered to the Baptists. THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is doing more to propagate Baptist doctrine than all other Baptist papers published in Kentucky put together.

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### MINISTERIAL CONVICTIONS

The following ten convictions have circumscribed my ministry:

1. That God has laid on me the obligation of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord;  
2. That the preaching of the Gospel is a momentous task for any man, and only by reliance on the strengthening of the Holy Spirit is any man competent for the task;  
3. That the Bible is my only source of knowledge as to what to preach or to whom to preach;  
4. That people are miserably lost without the Gospel and the only way of salvation is through repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, and it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe;

5. That Missionary Baptist churches are God's only authorized agencies for the evangelization of a lost world and the maturing of the saints.

6. That Missionary Baptist churches are the only institutions on the earth that hold a whole Gospel and that they are divinely commissioned to preach it to the whole world;

7. That nothing is to be taught or practiced by a church that is not clearly taught or reasonably implied in the New Testament, and all it teaches is incumbent on the churches to teach and practice without preferring one thing above another.

8. That no man is big enough and wise enough to be a Gospel minister and follow at the same time any other calling, and that no person can be a hundred percent church member and be hooked up with a worldly lodges, fraternities, orders and outside religious concerns;

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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

(Read Ezekiel Twenty-nine)

In this chapter we have God's prophecy against the country of Egypt. God has used approximately twenty-four chapters to give His prophecies to, and concerning the Jews. He is using eight chapters to discuss these neighbors and people who surrounded, and lived near the Jews. In doing so, He discussed Edom, Ammon, Moab, Philistia, Tyre, Sidon, and now the country of Egypt.

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GOD'S MESSENGER, EZEKIEL, WAS A MESSENGER TO THE WORLD.

I would to God that that thought might grip your soul and make you leave the house of God

rejoicing, to realize that even back in the Old Testament that God's messenger, Ezekiel, was not just a messenger to the Jews, but rather that he was a messenger unto the world as well. Too many times we think of missions as being a modern innovation, that has been foisted upon the churches in modern times. In fact, there are a lot of folk who have in mind that the missionary endeavor of sending the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth, and of being concerned about the nations of the world, is only a modern thing. Even some good, sound Baptist preachers have come to me with that thought in mind. They had been taught, or had gathered it in some manner that, the modern missionary methods were purely modern

innovations.

I want you to see, beloved, that that is not true. I want you to see that God's messenger, Ezekiel, was not only a messenger to the Jew, but also a messenger to the world. God had a message, through Ezekiel, for the people of Ammon, for the people of Moab and Edom, and for the Philistines. He had a message for the people of the city of Tyre and for the city of Sidon. Now, beloved, we find that He has a message for the Egyptians. Would to God this morning that you could realize that God's message is a global message—that God's message that He has to give through His messenger, is not a message for one people, but rather, it is a message for the nations of the world.

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## WE THINK THIS IS A GOOD SUGGESTION

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Since Bro. Gilpin is relieved of the June note, as he announces this week, I want to ask 100 of you to join me for a fund to grow in Bro. Gilpin's hand to ward off the stress of next summer. He is really furnishing us a paper for Christians. Have been reading it over a year. Never saw him personally, but the Spirit of God leads me to know he is like our old time Baptist preachers.

Let Bro. Gilpin make up a list as they respond, until we get at least 100 who will send him \$1 each month. That will be \$1,200, and think what a man of God can do with that lift for a better paper, and it is fine as silk now. I am sending my dollar now, for July and pray God that I can do it each month, 12 times. May it please God for us to have 100 within a few weeks.

I have no idea what Bro. Gilpin will think of this idea, but it is mine and am sending him a dollar to start it. All of you who feel the Spirit of God is with Bro. Gilpin, join me in this missionary effort, if he thinks this worthwhile idea.

Yours in the name of my Lord Jesus,

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## "An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

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To be sure, Ezekiel was not called upon to go quite as far as Jonah. If you will go back and read the book of Jonah, you will find that God not only called him to speak to the city of Ninevah, but actually to go as a missionary to the city of Ninevah, and in the city of Ninevah, to declare God's message. Beloved, though Ezekiel was not called to go quite as far as Jonah, Ezekiel was called to preach this message to the countries round about Palestine.

That leads me to say that God is a God that is interested not only in the Jew, but is interested in the Gentile as well. If you will read in the New Testament, you will find in those closing words of Jesus here on earth that He particularly commissioned the church to be missionary to the uttermost parts of the earth. We read:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."—Mt. 28:19,20.

We have the same thought expressed again. Listen:

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

—Mark 16:15.

Then in the closing words of our Lord here in this world before He ascended back to the Father, He said:

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,

and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."—Acts 1:8.

From these Scriptures, you can see that our Lord has a message not only for a part of the world, but for the entire world. There is not a person in the whole world but what God has a message for that individual. There is not a nation in all of the world but what God has a message for that nation. He had a message for the Jew, and, beloved, He has a message for the nations round about the Jew.

As the old song says:

"In Christ there is no east nor west,

In Him, no north nor south;  
But one grand fellowship of love,  
Around the whole wide earth."

The God that I preach to you Sunday after Sunday is a God who is interested in Jew and Gentile alike. He is a God who is concerned about not only one nation of the world, but all of the nations of the world. To be sure, beloved, in the Old Testament, God called the Jew to be His chosen people, and God has blessed the world through the Jew thereby. At the same time, today our Lord's message is not just a message to the Jew, but rather a message to the nations of the world.

In Ezekiel, the prophet shows that he is God's messenger unto the world, and, beloved, you and I as God's own and members of this local church, ought to be mighty sure that we are interested in, and vitally concerned about, the nations of the world. I do not believe that the individual who says that he does not believe in foreign missions, who is not concerned about other people being saved—I do not believe that that person has been saved, or else he has been wrongly and woefully mistaught concerning the teachings of the Word of God.

Hear me, my brother, my sister, anti-missionaryism and o-missionaryism are two of the greatest sins in this world that any Missionary Baptist can be guilty of. God wants you to be not only a Missionary Baptist in name, but in deed as well. A lot of Missionary Baptists remind me of that candy that you see in the stores, known as Chicken Dinner. It is not a chicken, and it is not a dinner. It is just the name that it goes by. So it is with a lot of Missionary Baptists. They are not missionary, and they are not Baptists. The name that they are called is merely a name that they go by—a deceptive, misleading name at that, for they are neither missionary nor Baptist, at the one and the same time.

## NOTICE WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT THE COUNTRY OF EGYPT.

You will notice that the sin of this country of Egypt was that they were proud and had defied God. In the third verse, we read:

"My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself."

Now, beloved, if that old king had paused for one second to analyze what he was saying, he would not have said that he made the River Nile for himself, but so proud and so arrogant was this Pharaoh of Egypt, that he forgot about the fact that the River Nile had been made by Almighty God, and he lifted himself up in pride and defied God to the extent that God declared that there was going to come into this country of Egypt a forty year desolation—that there was to be a partial restoration, but that the country never again was to be restored to the glory that she had known in the days gone by.

In fact, in the fifteenth and sixteenth verses God goes so far as to declare that in all of the days to come, the country of Egypt shall be a base kingdom. Listen:

"It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations. And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, which bringeth their iniquity to

## GOD'S REMEDY FOR A PERPLEXED WORLD



"I am the light of the world."—John 8:12.

"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."—Ps. 119:130.

"For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge of God."—Prov. 2:6.

remembrance, when they shall look after them: but they shall know that I am the Lord God."

Beloved, the very thing that was prophesied against the country of Egypt came to pass. Egypt did pass through a period of desolation. Egypt was partially restored to her former glory, but the fact is that Egypt never has been restored to the glory that she had prior to the time of the prophecy of Ezekiel.

If I were to ask you to name many of the capital cities of the world, some of you would be able to tell me at least some of them, but if I were to ask you to name the capital city of Egypt, I doubt seriously if there would be one person who would be able to name it for me. Why? Because it has become a base kingdom. It has become the basest of all base kingdoms. God has put her down until she is no longer recognized among the nations of the world.

Beloved, do you realize that once the country of Egypt traded with the world, and Egypt was the oldest civilization in the world, second only to China? Do you realize that all of the sciences that we study today had their origin in the land of Egypt? Do you realize that the country of Egypt was a prominent nation long years before other countries had ever been heard of—before Babylon, before Rome, before Greece, before Media-Persia—before all the other nations of the world, China alone excepted, had ever been heard of? The country of Egypt was a flourishing country, but today she has come down to utter desolation, and to utter destruction, to the extent that you and I know practically nothing about her today. Why? Because God prophesied it within His Word.

## III NO COUNTRY IS TOO STRONG TO BE OVERTHROWN.

If any country might have depended upon her own strength, it was the country of Egypt. As I have said, Egypt was the oldest country in the world, second only unto the country of China. So far as education was concerned, the schools of philosophy, literature, and learning were established along the banks of the Nile hundreds of years before the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, beloved, the lamp of knowledge, so far as literature, and sciences

and philosophies are concerned, was lighted along the banks of the Nile, hundreds of years before the Son of God was born in Bethlehem. Beloved, there never was a country of ancient times that offered the education that the country of Egypt offered. Listen: "And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was mighty in words and in deeds."—Acts 7:22.

The country of Egypt was not only an old civilization and one that could boast of an educational background, but the country of Egypt was a country of great wealth. I will give you two examples to show to you the wealth of the country of Egypt.

When Augustus conquered Anthony, he pilfered the wealth of Egypt, and with this wealth he paid all of the expenses of the army and still took multiplied millions of dollars of gold home to his treasury at Rome. This is one instance to show to you the wealth of the country.

We have another example. The River Nile, in the country of Egypt, has often been spoken of, as the grainery of the world. It has often been estimated that along the banks of the Nile could be produced more wheat and grain than could be consumed by all of the world in one year's time. I say, beloved, when you consider this, you can realize something of the wealth and magnitude of this country of Egypt.

Look at their building program. If you will turn to the first few chapters of the book of Exodus, you will find that there never was a building program put on such as was put on when the Jews were slaves in the land of Egypt. You will notice that the Jews made brick, sometimes by material furnished to them, and sometimes by material that they gathered themselves. You will recall how they built the cities, Raamses and Pithom, that are spoken of in the early chapters of Exodus. My brother, that is just a drop in the bucket so far as the building program of the land of Egypt was concerned. What boy or girl is there in this audience but what will recall reading the story of the Pyramids of Egypt and the story of the Sphinx. Who is there who has read of these, but what has wondered how those great pyramids and spinx were ever built, and what was the meaning of them?

Beloved, whenever you think about the building program that was put on in the country of Egypt, when you think about the wealth of that country, whenever you think about the education that they gave to the world, and whenever you think about the age of the civilization of Egypt, you come face to face with this fact, that there never was a country as strong in antiquity as was the country of Egypt; and yet, my brother, she was overthrown. Beloved, there is no country that is too strong to be overthrown by Almighty God today.

I recognize the fact that the book of Isaiah gives to us a prophecy concerning the United States, and I am satisfied that it is prophesied that this country shall always stand and shall never be defeated. Yet, my brother, relative to that prophecy that we have as to the United States as to her continuance and her standing, in spite of that, I would hold up to you the example of the land of Egypt. Here is a warning to the United States. No nation can be so strong but what she may be overthrown. We have never, as a nation, begun to reach the heights that the nations of the world reached in the days before Jesus Christ. Our science of today is just now beginning to catch up with the science they had in the land of Egypt fifteen hundred years before the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our teachings of literature and philosophy are just now beginning to catch up with what was known back there fifteen hundred years before the Son of God was born. I tell you, my brother, that country was a great country and surely stands as a warning to you and to me today.

Well, beloved, if it stands as a warning to a nation, how much more should it stand as a warning to an individual? Do you remember Solomon's words, when he said:

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."—Prov. 14:34.

My brother, sin was the means of the destruction of the land of Egypt, and sin will be the means of the destruction of any nation today. Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach unto any people. What a warning then that this land of Egypt serves unto us today!

## IV

## MANY OF GOD'S PROPHECIES HAVE BEEN FULFILLED.

For example, we have the prophecy that God gives to us relative to the name that people have given the Jewish people. Listen:

"And thou shalt become an astonishment, a PROVERB, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee."

—Deut. 28:37.

That little word "proverb" is a most interesting word. Can you tell me what is the nickname whereby the Jew is called throughout the world? Beloved, it is the word "Sheney." Just as you refer to some people as Wop or Dago, so you refer to the Jew as a Sheney. Do you realize that the word Sheney is the same word that is translated "proverb" here in Deuteronomy 28:37? In fact, beloved, the Hebrew word is "shenea," and the word has been anglicized whereby today it is called "Sheney." Mark it down, beloved, God said that the Jew would be a proverb, a Sheney, to the world, and when it has been anglicized, we refer to the Jew by the nickname of Sheney. Beloved, that didn't just happen. God caused it to come to pass. God saw to it that it was fulfilled.

Listen again:

"And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the Lord shall give thee a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind; And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee: and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life."—Deut. 28:65,66.

Here are two verses of Scripture in which Moses declares that the Jews are going to be scattered. (Continued on page seven)



# GOD'S LAW OF SEGREGATION FOR THE RACES OF MEN

(1). Our Lord endorsed Genesis (1:26,27; 2:7) creation record (Matt. 19:4-6) "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female." (2) The Lord believed all the Old Testament (Lu. 24:25-27, 44,45) "All things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses and in the prophets, and in the Psalms concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures." (3) God's Word is Heaven's Supreme Court of Universe (Psa. 119:89) "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." (Prov. 30:6) "Add thou not unto his words lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." (4) God's law the test in life, death, and hereafter (Isa. 8:20) "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 40:8) "The word of our God shall stand forever." (Matt. 24:35) "My word shall not pass away." (5) God's word test meets the rejector at judgment (John 8:47) "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." (John 12:48) "The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." (6) Paul declared (Rom. 15:4) "For whatsoever things were written aforetime (Old Testament) were written for our learning, (to be accepted) that we through patience (obedience) and comfort (assurance) of the scriptures might have hope." (I Cor. 1:21) "The world by wisdom (propaganda) knew not God." (I Cor. 10:11) "Now all these things (history) happened unto them (races — nations — Shemites — Jews) for ensamples (types — pictures): and they are written (verbally inspired) for our admonition (counsel — warning), upon whom the ends of the world (this age) are come."

## Primal Period Of Human Life — 1656 Years Of History—From Adam To The Flood

Two races only—"Sons of God" (believers) "Sons of men" (unbelievers) Gen. 4-6. Original parents had many children — three named, Cain, Abel, Seth (Gen. 5:3,4) "He begat sons and daughters . . . Adam lived 930 years." When Cain and Abel became heads of families (only such offered sacrifices) they offered at their respective altars sacrifice unto God. Abel's heart of faith offered lamb because he knew God's Lamb would one day die on altar (cross) and his sacrifice represented that (John 1:29-51). Cain had no faith in the coming Messiah, and offered fruit of ground from his hands which God rejected (Heb. 11:4) because ground had been cursed (Gen. 3:17-19). Instigated by Satan (I John 3:12) Cain slew his brother Abel. God put a curse upon him (Gen. 4), and he left his kinfolk, took his wife with him and went into land of Nod (jungles, wanderings, darkness, vagabondage, outcast). SEGREGATION: "And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him." God didn't say what this racial curse was, but Cain started a new race of people through seven generations "Cain, Enoch, Irad, Mehujael, Methusael and Lamech," who married Ada and Zillah—first bigamy record. In seventh generation four children named, Jabal, Jubal, Tubalcain and Naamah (pleasing or beautiful), a daughter, which group and all their sons, daughters, cousins, etc., make up race "Sons of men"—descendants of Cain who tried to worship God with works of his own hands (Heb. 11:1-6) which is impossible (Rom. 4:1-8), hence God's curse on man-worshiper who built city named for his son. Gen. 6-7 describes last 600 years of Cain's empire. "Sons of God" from "Daughters of men" and "took them wives of all which they chose" — a breakdown of civilization through mixing bloods of two races in marriage and reproduction of children on

abnormal basis (verse 4). "There were giants in the earth in those days." Giant comes from Hebrew root "Nephelim" meaning monstrosity or spectacular or hybrid, some of whom were brilliant musicians, metalsmiths, farmers—many tall and large. Would be scholars talk of prehistoric. (1) Piltown man; (2) Java man; (3) Neanderthal man; (4) Heidelberg man, representing different periods. Man did not live before recorded history, so, you find your so-called prehistoric man in Genesis 6. Prehistoric age was mineral age (Ezek. 28:11-19) and inhabited by angelic beings (Job 38:4-14) presided over by "Lucifer son of the morning" (Satan) who fell and was cast out (Isa. 14:12-17; Rev. 12:7-12). Unscholarly scholars mistakenly think man started from one-celled amoeba protoplasm, developed through evolution process, lived as crude ignorant primitive cave dweller. Adam was masterpiece of God's creation, so brilliant, he named all animals as they marched before him and God accepted it. You can't do that—Genesis 2:7,18-20.

## Noah's Wife — Race Segregation And Early Geography

Noah and predecessors listed by name in Genesis. He was tenth generation from Adam, born 1056 years after Adam and he's referred to as perfect in his generation (Gen. 6:9) "Sons of God" — believer. Noah's wife had mixture of bloods "sons of men" for we see three distinct personalities in Noah's sons—(1) Shem (name or monument) Noah's eldest son (Gen. 5:32) was 98 years old, married and childless at flood, but after, with his father, rest of family, received God's covenant blessing (Gen. 9:1), and with help of brother Japheth, covered his father's nakedness and received first blessing (Gen. 9:25-27). He died at 600 years. His descendants occupied earth's portion (Gen. 10:21-24,31) from Lydia northwest, Syria (Aram), Chaldaea (Arphaxad), parts of Asia (Asher), Persia (Elam), and Arabian Peninsula (Joktan). Shemitic or Semitic designates languages spoken by his descendants—HEBREW. (2) Noah's second son Ham's (hot—dark—swarthy—sunburnt) sons were Cush, Mizraim, Phut and Canaan (Gen. 10:6; I Chron. 1:8). Egypt "land of Ham" (Psa. 78:51; 105:23; 106:22). Three big Hamite nations — Cushites, Phoenicians and Egyptians mixed with foreign peoples, Genesis 10, shows Shem's descendants, in earth's center, Japhethic peoples in northern parts, and Ham's lived in southern parts. (3) Third son, Japheth's (fair — beautiful — enlargement) descendants occupied "Isles of Gentiles" (Gen. 10:2-5) coastlands of Mediterranean sea in Europe, Asia Minor and northward over all Europe and parts of Asia. BIBLE TELLS WHY GOD SEGREGATED RACES. Flood lasted one year and ten days (Gen. 7-8), when over, it was 1657 years after Adam. Eight people left (Noah, wife, three sons and wives) multiplied and grew. Shemites, Japhethites and Hamites, banded together because they didn't want to separate, so built Tower of Babel (Gen. 11:1-9) meaning confusion. Tower was built to fortify and unify. Every city had a tower in which people sought refuge. Big city means big tower, so, if any group left they'd not return with military destruction. Verse 4 states "lest we be scattered abroad on the face of the whole earth." God saw their motive, confused their language, caused them to speak with different tongues and strange dialects and they could not understand each other except as they'd meet one who spoke their language, and all such banded together with Japhethites northward, Hamites southward, and Shemites in center. NOTE GEOGRAPHY: (1) God created earth's land in one piece, Gen. 1:9,10. (2) Earth's land stayed in one piece 101 years after flood, or 1758 years after

## TREATY DURATIONS



"THERE HATH NOT FAILED ONE WORD OF ALL HIS GOOD PROMISE"—I KINGS 8:56

Adam, Gen. 10:25-32. (3) People on different parts of earth remained when God divided earth's solid land into various continents with their particular section, division or islands. GOD SEGREGATED RACES: (1) God did not want Israel or Shemitic peoples to live with either Japhethic or Hamitic peoples, so He called them to separation through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, away from interracial and intermarriage, and continues same to this day—Gen. 12:1-3; 13:14-18; 14:13-16; 15:5-8,18; 17:1-8. (2) God also segregated Isaac and his seed—Gen. 21:12; 22:17,18,24; 28:12-15; 32:24-30; 35:9-15; 49:10-13; 50:24-26; Josh. 24:2-4,22. (3) God segregated Israel from "mixed multitude" from Moses to Nehemiah, to end—Ex. 12:37,38; Num. 11:4-6; 23: 9-12; 24:17-20; Neh. 13:1-3; 7:63-65; II Cor. 6:14-18; Rev. 18:4-8.

## God Never Repeals His Divine Word

Deut. 32:8, "When the Most High divided (SEGREGATED) to the nations (Gentiles) their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam (RACES), He set the bounds of the people (Gentile nations) according to the number of children of Israel" (Mal. 3:6) "For I am the LORD, I change not." (1) Prophet made plain divine segregation could never be changed (Jer. 13:23) "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." (a) Biologically Ethiopian (Negro) remains same as parents because of pigments in blood; likewise leopard (big cat with yellow body and black stripes) remains as its progenitors. (2) None need be ashamed of his race. In God's sight, no superior races (Acts 17:26) "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds

(SEGREGATION) of their habitation." Communist propaganda says it's un-Christian to segregate by law, which means they, like religious bodies, who vote to repeal and condemn legal segregation of races, are trying to repeal 11th chapter of Genesis where God made plain His law of separation of races for biological necessity, show their contempt of God as being un-Christian, of which atheists and modernists know nothing. It's not a matter of inferior races, but of following God's plain word which shows God segregated races according to (1) color, (2) language, (3) geography. Mixed marriages as wrong for white with Negro or Malay as for them with whites. Religionists agree with Communists that God made mistake and want to change it — wilful ignorance pitiful. Religious bodies that vote for reports against segregation mean: (1) They oppose God's law to keep white and colored from intermarrying; (2) Oppose God's law to protect their children from being forced to intermingle with races different to what our law prescribed, and do away with state's rights, and carry out Communist program that sucked under blind religionists and others; (3) Religious bodies adopt Communist idea of amalgamation of races slogan "mix the bloods so there will be no inferior races." God never meant inferior races in Genesis 11 but taught, as sensible people know, when legal barriers are removed, such brings out worst qualities of both races. We need reforms but not repeal of legal segregation, which violates God's command. The price institutions organizations and individuals pay to be on popular side is terrible. Man who made segregation report in religious Texas State Convention, November 8, 1950, 3:30 p. m., in Ft. Worth, said, "We lose our leadership if we do not do this." He spat in God's face by disobeying His word for so-called unscriptural leadership,

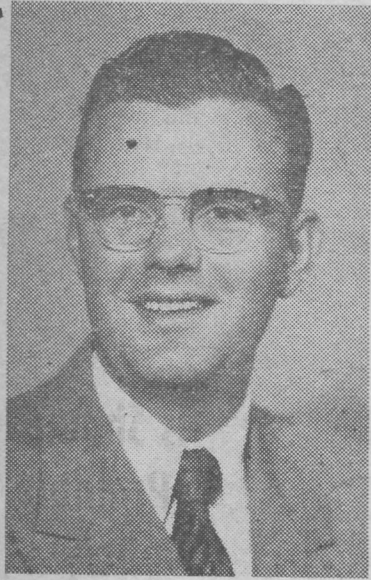
(Heb. 10:26-29). America gives all races better chance than any nation. Negroes made great progress each decade since emancipation, taking advantage of American opportunities. Three times as many distinguished Negro scientists, doctors, lawyers, writers, etc., qualified for inclusion in Who's Who, as there were at close of World War I. America recognizes ability in any race and promotes it accordingly. Blind pulpsters create confusion — Luke 6:39-46; Matt. 15:8-14; 7:21-29. Fair-skinned, straight-haired, blue-eyed, thick-lipped agitators, not Negroes' true friend like southerners. Negroes not communistic sympathizers in spite of some defectives.—Copeland.

## Here Is Some Really Bad Advice

Is there a safe rule that ministers may follow in investing their savings? Perhaps not, but we have a suggestion to make that will prove valuable. Let ministers make it their rule never to invest a dollar without first consulting with the president or the cashier of the bank with which they keep their account. These men are at home in the financial world, and they are glad to give honest and expert advice to any customer. Had you asked your banker about the investment in which you lost your savings he would probably have laughed that investment to scorn. Of course, the slick and gentlemanly promoter will tell you that he is letting you in "on the ground floor" and will prefer you saying nothing to the banker (Continued on page four)



## Coming From Colo. For Our Conference



ELD. W. J. CHURCH

Does it seem strange to you that I should cancel my plans for a nice cool July vacation at Yellowstone? Well, frankly I'm not sacrificing anything by this. I'd just much rather wait till November and spend a week at the First Baptist Church of Russell, Kentucky. I'm sure the Conference will be a spiritual lift to me in these days of apostasy.

Of course, I'll admit I could attend something with about the same sort of a name a lot closer to home, but there is a difference. There are more than 50 churches with the name Baptist hung over the door in this city. Many of them claim to be teaching, in their words, "the Bible only, minus nothing," but so far as I know there isn't one that isn't infected with feminism, Arminianism, universal churchism, or some other kind of "ism," and most of them have them all.

I want to fellowship with some folk who really believe the whole Bible, and then act the part. I want to listen to God's men speak and be able to say "Amen" without having to take it back on the next sentence that's spoken. I also plan to record the entire conference, so I can share it with my friends when I get home again. Now doesn't that sound like a really profitable way to spend a vacation? Why not meet me there?

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### Bad Advice

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about the proposition. Take our advice. See your banker and safeguard your savings.—Watchman-examiner.

The editor of the Watchman-Examiner in a recent editorial tells how he lost all his savings by investing them "in a good solid ten per cent investment" at the earnest persuasion of a Baptist preacher-promoter. He then gives the above advice to other preachers who have some savings to invest. His advice is as bad as that of the preacher-promoters. We have known about as many preachers in Kentucky who lost money by taking the advice of bankers as of any other class of men. Why not follow the advice of the Lord Jesus? That is better than any banker or lawyer or preacher. His advice is: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth . . . ; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." We never knew a preacher or layman either to lose a cent by taking His advice. We have known lots of preachers and laymen to lose lots of money in what bankers and others said was the safest of investments, by not taking the advice of the Lord Jesus.

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## The Tremendous Difference Between Sin And Sins

"What is the difference between SIN and SINS?" asked a teacher in a classroom one day. Said a student: "No difference at all, except one is plural, and the other is singular."

But there is a difference between these two words that is more than a grammatical difference. There is a distinction and a difference which is put by the Holy Spirit Himself.

"No difference" is not true of words found in a Book the words of which have come by the inspiration and superintendence of the Holy Spirit of God.

The word "sin" is the Greek word *Hamartia*, and its meaning is: miss, failure, aberration from prescribed law or duty—hence sin, considered not as action, but as the quality of action, the evil principle, that is, sin generic.

It indicates the spring of all forms and phrases and movements of sin, whether entertained in thought or consummated in act. The above word denotes the generic idea of sin or a single sinful act.

Sin is not merely the quality of an action but a principle manifesting itself in the activity of the subject.

The word "Sins" is the Greek word *Hamartema*, which means actual transgression. It is the evil principle in action and in its output. It is the product of the principle, and the offspring of the original. It means sinful action and sinful deed.

The contrast may be thus considered:

Sin is character; Sins are conduct.

Sin is the center; Sins, the circumference.

Sin is the source of which Sins are the secretion.

Sin is the root; Sins, the fruit. Sin is the producer; Sins, the product.

Sin is the old nature itself; Sins, the manifestation of the old nature.

Sin is the sire; Sins, his offspring.

Sin is one single act; Sins, many sinful acts.

Sin is what we are; Sins, what we have done.

Sin is the foundation; Sins, its flow.

Sin brought death to all and put Jesus to death for all.

"He was made sin for us." All that sin is, He was made. He was judged as sin. The Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He bore in His death, the sentence of death which sin had wrought. Sin was dealt with at its source when Christ died. He was not dealing with sin in its offsprings but with sin at its origin. He was dealing with the disease itself, at the very seat of the malady.

The course of sin is evident throughout the Word of God. This terrible stream is easily traced as it winds its way through this world of ours. Man attempts always to deal with the course of sin. Man cannot reach the source, so deals with the course and consequence of sin. In dealing with the course of sin, man has instituted many societies and movements. These have failed to cure the malady, but have helped in curbing the manifestation.

God only can deal with sin at its source, and this He has done in the death of Christ. Christ died for sin and at its very source. Thank God!

It may be said that judicially God is related to but two men in the universe—Adam the first and Adam the last. There are just two classes among all people as God looks upon them. They are the natural and the spiritual. The natural are those who have been made partakers of the nature of the first Adam in his ruin by sin. All men are by nature partakers of this fallen nature of Adam. The spiritual are those who have been made partakers of a new nature by union in the new creation with the last Adam. Not all men are partakers of this nature, but only those who have

believed and received. The natural are those who have their own way and will, and have none of the will and way of God.

The spiritual are those who desire the will and way of God, and desire none of their own.

Sin is of the Devil (I John 3:8). God has manifested Himself in Christ to destroy the works of the Devil. Praise the Lord! Surely an old preacher well described sin when he said:

"Shall I speak the least evil I can say of sin? Is it an evil, which in the nature and essence of it virtually and eminently contains all evils of all kinds that are in the world, inasmuch as in the Scriptures you shall find that all the evils of the world serve but to answer for it, and gives names to it. Hence sin, it is called poison, and sinners, serpents; sin is called vomit, and sinners, dogs; it is the stench of graves, and their rotten sepulchres; it is mire, and sinners, sows; and sin, darkness, blindness, shame, nakedness, folly, madness, death, whatever is filthy, defective, infective, painful . . . It is so evil that it cannot have a worse epithet given to it than itself; and therefore the Apostle, when he would speak his worst of it, and wind up his expression higher, *usque ad hyperbolem*, calls it by its own name, sinful sin (Rom. 7:13) . . .

## Three Questions As To A Christian's Use Of His Property

First Question: What would you be worth to the cause of Christ if your property were all swept away today?

Have you sufficient character to stand firm and be faithful to the calls of God under an awful shock like the loss of your property, as Job did, or would you falter and give up your Christian work? God's testing time may come any moment; therefore, it is well to think along this line. Is your real strength in your Christian character and your faith in God, or in your property? If God is your strength you would stand. If property is your strength you would give up.

A man is worth more than his possessions and he should be superior to the changes that might befall him. It is a grand testimony to both Christianity and a man's character when he goes right on serving God when reverses come. He can then prove to the world his real worth. In Christ's service every man should stand in his own Christian manhood whether he continually

It is sinning sin, you cannot call it by a worse name than its own, sinful sin."—Wonderful Word.

prosper or not.

Second Question: What would your property be worth to the cause of Christ if you were called home today?

"Then whose shall these things be which thou hast provided?" (Luke 12:20, 21).

Have you made arrangements and have you a sufficient understanding with your heirs that your property would be so disposed of as to please Christ? It, no doubt, pleases God for you to provide for your family so they can make a good living but not so they can live in luxury.

No man can administer on your estate like you can, to please God. Why wait until you die to do noble things for Christianity? Why not do them now and enjoy seeing your means advance Christ's cause while you are living? Others who made it possible for you to have the gospel are living over in you today and you will live over in those in whom you invest, on and on till Jesus comes. Why not invest more time and money in people while we live? One thing is sure, you must see to it before you leave your property that it advances Christ's cause if it ever does. Every man should administer God's part of his estate.

DO IT NOW!

Third Question: What are you and your property, together, worth to the cause of Christ today?

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# GOD'S LITTLE WHITE STONE

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through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil! (Heb. 2:14).

## We Have Victory Over Death

(3) The sentence of death has been passed upon all humanity, because, "the wages of sin is death." We might even say that the sentence of "double-death" has been passed upon depraved man. The unsaved will not only die physically, but also spiritually. (Rev. 20:14-15).

The white stone of victory gives my little heart assurance today, and since I have been born again, I know that having passed from death unto life (John 5:24), I shall not be hurt of the second death. (Rev. 2:11).

Jesus has slept in the grave of death for all believers. Jesus was victorious over death and the grave, and being in Jesus, I have the same victory today. Hallelujah! What a Saviour!



HAROLD E. BURNSON

O Victory in Jesus, my Saviour forever,

He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood, He loved me ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him, He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood!

Let the sting of sin, let the sifting of Satan, and yea, let even the silent messenger of death come, but I shall not be afraid, for I have complete victory in Jesus. (I Cor. 15:57).

## III. THE WHITE STONE OF CITIZENSHIP, WHICH MARKS THE FREEDOM OF CITY OF GOD! THOUGH GOD'S CHILDREN LIVE HERE, WE ARE CITIZENS OF HEAVEN.

### God's Children Are Free From The Law

(1) Yes, God's children are free from the law because Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth. (Rom. 10:4). Once the law could say, "Because you have offended in one point, you are guilty of all," (James 2:10), but now we can say, "We have trusted in God's Son, therefore we are guilty of none." (John 8:36).

### God's Children Are Free From Fear

(2) Many religions thrive healthfully today by keeping their constituents "hell-scared." This is not true Christianity, for the only one who needs to be "hell-scared" today is the unregenerate man that has never trusted Christ for salvation. No group in the religious world preaches the doctrine of hell any stronger than Baptists, but they never teach saved people that unless they do certain things they will be in danger of hell. Baptists do teach and preach that a saved individual will walk uprightly in this world, and if he doesn't that God will surely chastise him (Heb. 12:6-10), but never will He send one of His

children to hell. (Psa. 89:31-33).

I serve Him today, not because I'm afraid of going to hell if I don't serve Him, but because He is my Father, and love for (and not fear of) my Father in Heaven impells me to serve Him. (I John 4:18).

### God's Children Are Free From All Danger

(3) Let Hell boil over with ten million demons, then multiply them by the sands of the sea and the stars of the Heaven and then by infinity, and unite them together to march against any child of God and defeat will not come for God's child, "for we are dead and our life is HID with Christ in God." (Col. 3:3).

There are dangers seen, temporal and spiritual, chronic and acute, painful and pleasurable, on the right hand and on the left hand, but the dear Lord in Heaven has made provision against all of these dangers for His beloved. Let us accept by faith what God said when He declared "nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:38-39; John 10:27-31; Jude 24; I Pet. 1:5; Eph. 1:13).

## IV. THE WHITE STONE OF UNENDING FRIENDSHIP, MY NAME WRITTEN ON HIS HALF, AND HIS NAME WRITTEN ON MINE!

### Because I Am His

(1) I have unending friendship with God because I am His, I belong to Him, for I have been bought with a price. (I Cor. 6:19-20). I received the half of the white stone with His name upon it on March 17, 1943, when I trusted His Son as my personal Saviour. No, I have not seen Him face to face, but I have seen Him by faith, and because I have seen Him by faith, one day I shall see Him face to face and tell the story, SAVED BY GRACE! (John 20:29).

### Because He Is Mine

(2) In my present possession is the white stone of unending friendship because He is mine. The unanimous claim of the children of God is voiced in the words of Thomas when a long time ago he cried out, "MY Lord and MY God." (John 20:28).

### God Made Us Friends (Christ And I)

(3) The white stone of unending friendship exists between Jesus and me because God made us friends the day I was saved. (Proverbs 18:24).

I have had some earthly friends to disappoint me, I have had some earthly friends to forsake me, (even some church people because of my strict stand on some things) but thank God, from the day that God made Jesus and me friends, He has never forsaken me. He has helped me to preach this little sermon on a few occasions, and now while I am writing it, as the tears flood my eyes and flow down my cheeks, He is helping me! Praise God, He is my Friend.

Now, the important thing is, will these two halves of the white stone ever come together? Yes, they will, and I believe very soon. When? Well, one day the trump of God shall sound, the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain will be caught up together with them to meet our Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Yes, at the second coming of Christ the matching halves of the white stone are coming together, and there our eyes shall behold Prince Immanuel, and while the ceaseless ages of eternity roll, we shall dwell ever and forever with our wonderful Friend, our Saviour, our Lord, and our King. (Thess. 4:16-18; Rev. 11:15; Rev. 19:13-16).

## Conclusion

God offers these wonderful things to everyone who trusts His

Son for salvation. Today, in a still small voice the Spirit says:

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,

Calling for you and for me. See on the portals He's waiting and watching,

Watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home, ye who are weary come home

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling.

Calling, O sinner come home.

## Why Baptists Should Abhor And Prohibit Applause Publicly

Baptists are trying to justify it. "First endure, then pity, then embrace" has been their course. It is always thus with temptation and sin. The brethren who are trying to justify it are not novices, but editors of long years of experience. It would have been less surprising for a novice to have tortured the Scriptures into an endorsement of applause, than for brethren of long years editorial experience. It shows the weakness of their cause, when they have to wrest and pervert the Word of God to try to uphold a worldly and sinful practice, that there is no Scriptural warrant for. They quote Ps. 47:1: "O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph." To make the clapping of the hands of devout worshippers of God and in His worship only, an endorsement of clapping hands in praise of men is about as bad a misapplication of Scripture as we ever knew any novice to be guilty of. Why not quote Job 27:23, for this is talking about men, not the worship of God? It reads thus: "Men shall clap their hands at him and shall hiss him out of his place." There is as much Bible authority and more legitimately applied for hissing a man off of the platform, than the audience do not want to hear, then there is for the applause some try to find in the Bible. Our fathers were right in prohibiting applause in religious meetings. There are good reasons for its prohibition.

### 1. It is Vulgar.

The coarser the crowd the more vigorous the applause. Applause is neither refined nor refining. It coarsens and cheapens any religious service. The Chaptauqua method of waving the handkerchief is much more refining. The stamping of feet and the hissing of what they do not like always follow hand-clapping sooner or later. Hand-clapping is a fleshly performance and "he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption."

### 2. It is Carnal.

Carnality shows itself in factions and divisions, Paul tells the Corinthians. Applause is a fitting index of divisions and strife and promotive of more of both. Carnality is the enemy of spirituality. We never knew a spiritual service that was not marred by applause; in fact we never knew very many spiritual services, that the very presence of the Holy Spirit did not so subdue the flesh, as to take away all desire for applause. The world and the flesh may be gratified by applause in religious assemblies; but the Spirit is grieved and quenched thereby.

### 3. Unscriptural.

Habakkuk said: "The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him." The more spiritual a service is the more quiet it is. The more (Continued on page six)

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. (Rev. 2:17).

## Introduction

A white stone from the hand of God is promised to the overcomers in the church at Pergamos, and I believe is also offered to all others of all time who fall into the prescribed category of potential reception.

Many have been the suggestions as to the main meaning of the promised white stone, but it is my candid opinion that none are without significance. Therefore, we shall view four usages of the white stone in Bible times that are worthy of our profound meditation today.

(1) The white stone was given to a man who after trial was justly acquitted, and went forth clear from condemnation. (2) The white stone was given to a soldier who, returning from war, having won victories, bore his triumphs with him, this was the reward of victory. (3) The white stone was sometimes given to a man as the token that he was made a free man of a particular city, thus establishing and indicating his free citizenship. (4) And yet there is one other meaning, perhaps more beautiful and sweet and tender than all. This was the white stone known as the "tessera hospitalis." Two men, friends, about to part would divide a white stone, each carrying with him half, upon which was inscribed the name of the friend. These men might never meet again, but that stone in each case would be bequeathed to a son, and sometimes generations after, a man would meet another man, and they would find that they possessed the complementary halves of the one white stone, and their friendship would at once be formed on the basis of another friendship made a long time ago.

For the sake of summation, the first is the white stone of acquittal which is justification. Second, the white stone of victory, making us triumphant over all our foes. Third, the white stone of citizenship, which marks the freedom of the city of God. And fourth, the white stone of unending friendship, my name written on His half, and His name written on my half.

And now, in chronological order as mentioned, we shall view in a more minute way the four usages of the white stone.

## I. THE WHITE STONE OF ACQUITTAL WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO JUSTIFICATION

Every believer has this white stone; We have been acquitted, we have been freed, we have been justified!

### Justified By Faith

(1) We have been justified by faith! Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1). The instantaneous second that a poor benighted sinner places his faith in the blessed Son of God, then and there, without any delay on earth or in heaven, he is saved, and being saved, he is counted righteous, and being counted righteous, praise God, he has then in his possession the white stone of acquittal, which is equal to justification.

### Justified By Blood

(2) Justified by faith, yes, but also by His precious blood. "But we, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us, much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." (Rom. 5:8-9).

There have been many lives saved in hospitals, on the battle-

fields, high in the air in an airplane, aboard a ship at sea, in elaborate and humble homes, and other places, because of the power of blood transfusions, which to me, are but similitudes, preaching to depraved humanity that, "without the shedding of blood there is no remission." (Heb. 9:22). Oh, dear sinner, as you read these words, won't you please be acquitted by placing yourself under the dripping blood of Calvary's Cross? (I Pet. 2:24).

Once in the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, I would have lost my dear mother had not she received a blood transfusion. The kind physician had to have the right type of blood to transfuse my mother, else she would have died on the operating table, but forethoughtful preparation had the needed plasma at the right place and at the right time. Dear lost person, the Lord has the right type of blood for whatever killing operation that sin has performed upon you.

### Justified By Grace

(3) By faith, yes, by blood, yes, but more humbling still, we are justified by His grace! "Not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to His mercy He saves us, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit which He shed abundantly upon us through Jesus Christ our Lord, that being justified by His grace we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." (Titus 3:5-7).

Grace is God's un-merited favor that is willingly bestowed upon humanity. Hebrews 2:9 says, "But we see Jesus who was made a little lower than the angels, crowned with honor and glory for the suffering of death that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind, but now I see.

My justification is secured in the white stone of acquittal through faith in His dear name, through being washed in His precious blood, and through His amazing grace that floods my soul.

## II. THE WHITE STONE OF VICTORY WHICH GIVES TRIUMPH OVER ALL OUR ENEMIES.

### We Have Victory Over Sin

(1) We have victory over sin because of God's marvelous provision for us. This doesn't mean that we have sinless perfection, for no man can attain this, but it does mean, that so far as sin's penalty ever resting upon us again, it is removed henceforth forever. (Isa. 38:17; Psa. 103:12-13).

Paul says in Romans 5:20-21 these wonderful words, "Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound, but where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

And again, he declares, "Sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under the law, but under grace." (Rom. 6:14).

### We Have Victory Over The Devil

(3) Yes, we have victory over the old arch-apostate, Lucifer, which is called the Devil and Satan. Though we were once the children of the Devil, (John 8:44) we are now the children of God (I John 3:9-10), and that forever!

Because we are God's children, the Devil can never get one of us as we are kept by His great power. (John 10:27-31).

Hear these magnificent words: "For as much then as the children themselves are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same that



## Mission Treasurer Plans To Attend Russell Conference



I anticipate attending the Bible Conference at Russell in November and would recommend that any who did not attend last year should try to be there this year. One cannot afford to miss this opportunity for the following reasons:

**FIRST**, it is a time of great fellowship with the saints of God from all over the United States, who are the kind of Baptists that believe that God's Word is authority on all questions and that there is no higher court of appeal. All who study the same BOOK should believe its teachings.

**SECOND**, it is an opportunity to hear God-called men of ability, and who do not shun to declare the whole council of God.

**THIRD**, it is an opportunity to study together the New Testament mission program and to discuss means of enlarging our work of missions. Also Bro. Overbey will be there to tell of his mission journey to the mission field and its needs and how we are meeting the needs.

**FOURTH**, it affords an opportunity to learn how much THE BAPTIST EXAMINER means to the work at large, including the Mission Department (MISSION SHEETS), and the Educational Department (Tri-State Baptist Bible College). This paper keeps the work before the people, informing them, and encouraging them, as well as presenting the great doctrinal truths that are taught in it.

The Tri-State Baptist Bible College at Evansville, Indiana gives a Bible course that no preacher or Sunday School teacher can afford to be without.

**FIFTH**, the privilege of visiting the pastor and church at Russell, and sharing the great social fellowship, as well as the Spiritual fellowship, and feasting on the good food that is always provided, is another big reason for me to pray that the Lord will greatly bless this session.

Z. E. Clark

### Applause

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subdued under the Holy Spirit an audience is, the more reverent and quiet and awed it is by the very presence of God. Shallow emotionalism thrives and grows on singing that makes you pat your foot and clap your hands and other movements of the fleshly nature. But the deep things of God do not so manifest themselves. The shallower the religion, the more noise it makes. Take Holy Rollers for example. One of the curses of our day is the shallow superficial, sensual, carnal, worldly type of the religion of the day. Applause goes with that kind of religion. The Master's characterization of that kind of

We surely hope some people have more religion than clothes they wear during the summer.

religionists was "the stony-ground hearer," who "straightway with joy receive the Word, yet have no root" in themselves and endure for awhile. Applause in religious assemblies is contrary to the very nature of all that is spiritual and holy and godly in the Bible and in our experiences.

### Attractive Church

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to become a church member and still pattern after the world, you should fit perfectly into our society.

Our pastor last year took his young people to a public park, where they put on bathing suits and indulged in mixed bathing, so if you are a bit modest, you should be encouraged by his example.

We also have some divorced and remarried members, so if you have violated God's command and have let aught but death separate you, do not hesitate to join us.

In fact, we are planning a membership drive in the near future under the direction of a visiting preacher, who, on his last visit here, told one of our members that if she could not find a preacher who would marry her because she was divorced, to come up to Logan, W. Va., and he would marry her.

We know and readily admit that the Scriptures have some very harsh things to say about all this, but our position makes it rather inconsistent to say anything about it, so rest assured that from our pulpit you will hear no condemnation of your sin. Once more I personally invite you to join us.

C. W. Shafer  
Poca, W. Va.

### Christian's Property

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You can be worth much more as a business man to God's cause with property than without it if you will use it right. God wants to trust men with His property to use for Him.

God's men, God's time, and God's money is the teaching of the Bible. Money is no more yours than time is. Can God trust you, as His partner, to use His money, or His property for His glory? If so you will be happy in its use. You are His partner, and He is yours. What kind of partner has He in you? Should I use your money as extravagantly as you use God's money, what would you think of me? He wants your money, for His cause,

so He can give you something better in its place—love, mercy, peace, joy and happiness. Man's greatest worth to God is service rather than money, but He wants both. Make both self and means serve Him, now, while you can. No other course is either wise, or right. This is simply good business judgment. Let the answer be: Both myself and my property shall be useful to the cause of Christ today and every day God lets me live on the earth.

## Salvation Is By Faith And Is Entirely Apart From Works

By Ernest R. Perdue  
Iron Mountain, Mich.

"Two men went up into the temple to pray: the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with HIMSELF: God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess."

"And the publican, STANDING afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner. I tell you, this man (the publican) went down to his house JUSTIFIED rather than the other, for everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased; as he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Luke 18:10-14.

Our Own Merits Cannot Save

"For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of WORKS, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8-9.

"But to him that worketh not, but BELIEVETH on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for RIGHTEOUSNESS." Rom. 4:5.

Jesus said:  
"Verily, verily I say unto you, he that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24.

Yes, we must have our faith in Christ's BLOOD for forgiveness of sins—plus nothing, minus nothing. If our faith is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, then we are safe.

If one's trust is in good works, as was the Pharisee's, then that

## How To Fight Satan With Only God's Weapons

"Your adversary, the devil . . . whom resist, steadfast in the faith."—I Pet. 5:8-9.

"We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places . . . Above all take the shield of faith . . . and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance."—Eph. 6:11-18.

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."—II Cor. 10:4.

"And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly."—Rom. 16:20.

God only is a match for the Devil. He is more than a match for him and "always leads us in triumph," when we "let go and let God." But God fights His way, not ours. He never does things like we want them done or like we think they ought to be done. It would be an awful mess if He did. "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord."

The above Scripture very clearly teach us some things about our warfare with Satan, if we will only believe what God has said about it.

1. Our fight is not with men, but with Satan and his organized forces of evil spirits. Of course Satan uses men. He did Peter.

one needs to accept Christ and trust in what He did on the cross at Calvary for us.

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." Rev. 1:5.

Perhaps you have wondered what James 2:17 means, because it reads: "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." It is beautifully explained in the 18th verse if one does not hurry while reading it: "Yea, a man may say, thou hast faith, and I have works, shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." James 2:18.

So we see in this precious word, show me and I will show thee. That is man reasoning with man. Man asks show me, or for proof. The world or those we come in contact with, wants proof—show me. And no one on earth can see our faith, they only see our works, unless we bear fruit they will not believe our testimony. Works justify us in the sight of man.

"Ye see then, how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." James 2:24.

God gives us eternal life for faith in Christ. He sees our faith. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36). "And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." Acts 13:39.

God expects His sheep to follow Him closely, and He greatly rewards us for our obedience. Please read John 10:27 through 29, also turn in your Bible to I Cor. 3:11-15 which explains the gain of rewards, or the loss of rewards according to our faithfulness.

Trust in Christ for salvation and remember: "He that believeth on him is NOT condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath NOT believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18.

God loveth a cheerful giver, whether it be the gold of his purse or the gold of his lips which he presents upon His altar.

Matt. 16:23. He uses all kinds of men, good, bad and indifferent. The better the man, the more effectively he can use him. By the way, the fight is not with men. We wrestle not against flesh and blood. We might get a victory over men, who oppose and still go down in defeat at the hands of Satan, if we were only trying to defeat our enemies. This is the chief mistake of those who fight the devil with weapons. They think they are fighting and resort to the same tactics, methods that their opposer uses. Even if they win, they lose. The devil has already won over by getting them to use his tactics. Whichever wins, the devil has won and the sequence show it.

2. Spiritual weapons against spiritual enemy.

When we really learn the warfare is against Satan and his host of evil spirits, then we will teach us that spiritual weapons must be used against the forces. Satan is stronger than we. He always wins when we use carnal weapons. Fighting spiritual with intrigue, vituperation, hate with hate, scheming, scheming, law-suits, with law-suits, vindictiveness with vindictiveness, political deals with political deals, machines with machines, organization with organization are all fighting the devil with his weapons. Whoever wins Satan has won. He chose the weapons of warfare and his weapons win. So he is a winner. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal." Our defensive weapon is faith, which we are able to quench the fiery darts of the enemy. We fight the devil with the fiery darts will stick in us. We meet his fierce assaults with the shield of faith, i.e., by some promise of God's Word, which we are resting, between out and fall harmless to the ground, without hurting us. The two offensive weapons of warfare are the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and prayer. "It is written the Master's dagger thrust Satan every time He met. Satan trembles, when he meets the weakest saint upon his knees. Read Daniel and see how he and again he and the three brew children won by faith and prayer. Read II Kings 6:1-7. See how an invisible host of heavenly places were sent to fend the man, whose only weapons were faith and prayer. God's Word. Luke 18:1-8. That is God's way still. It is grace to sit still and pray, and you are being lied on and and of political schemes are pulled off to down you and you, but that is the way of victory. Did you ever study Luke 16:20? It will pay you to study Paul says God will bruise Satan under their feet and then the very same verse: "The Lord of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you." It takes grace to do the and wait on God to do the ing, without any help from That grace is the same grace that our Lord and showed, when He "answered a word" to His accusers.

3. God the Mighty Victor. Note what Paul says about Spiritual weapons are "mighty through God." We have no power. The victory is over Satan but God's. Over and over again do we see that in the Old Testament. When they relied upon God He wrought a great victory. He bruised Satan, not we. But he be unto God, though we have nothing to do in conquering our adversary, the devil, God permits us to stand upon our conquered foe. He bruises Satan under our feet.

Fight the devil with faith, prayer and the Word—no fire.



Get on fire from on high and the people will come to see you burn.

## "An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

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among the nations, and furthermore, he says that they shall have no rest-day nor night, but their life shall hang in doubt over them, and that they shall have trembling of the heart throughout all days to the end of time. Beloved, this has come to pass. You know as well as I that the Jews have been scattered among the nations of the world. The Jew has been mistreated and abused in every land where he has been scattered. Nations have passed laws against them. As an example, the Jews were expelled from England, and at different times the Jew has been expelled by law from the rest of Europe. You recall, of course, the sufferings of the Jews during the days of Hitler. Beloved, I am saying to you, as God has promised within His Word, it has come to pass, and you have lived through it in your own life. If He has kept His Word concerning the land of

notice another Scripture: **And the Lord shall bring thee again with ships, by way thereof I spake unto thee, saith the Lord, and thou shalt see it no more again; and ye shall be sold unto the Gentiles, and no man shall deliver you.**"—Deut. 28:68.

When the Lord was leading the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, they were encamped in the wilderness of Sin, on the eastern shore of the Jordan River, just getting ready to go over into the land of Canaan. As they were encamped there, Moses spoke the law to them. In giving this law a time, he said, "I have just brought you out of the land of Egypt. I have been forty years leading you out of the land of Egypt, but you are going back. You go, you are going by the Red Sea, and you are going to be sold into slavery to the Egyptians, and they will buy you." I rather like the way those Jews listened to him, as he was giving that law. They wondered what he meant. I imagine that they thought, "How could such a crowd of people ever go to Egypt in the first place, and why they would ever go to Egypt as slaves, and why they had come back to Egypt where no man would buy them. Beloved, it came to pass like it was prophesied in the days of Moses.

When the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, forty years passed after the death and ascension of Christ. He came to Jerusalem, and he laid open its gates. He multiplied thousands of Jews, and he shipped over a hundred thousand men and women to Egypt as slaves. History says that the slave market was so glutted with slaves that when a slave was put up for auction, he was sold for a mere pittance. The Lord would bid on him, and he said within His Word, "I will keep His word in all of the rest of the Scriptures." Turn, for example, to the book of Revelation.

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tells us that not only he became drunk, but that he became so drunk that he made himself naked. He stripped off his clothes with a vulgar display of his own body, and when his boys looked at him, one of them, Ham by name, made fun of his old father. When Noah awakened from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done by way of making fun of him—mocking him in his drunkenness, Noah gave the prophecy above. The prophecy was concerning his three boys, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Bear in mind, first of all, that Shem became the father of the Jews, Japheth became the father of the Gentiles, and Ham became the father of the Negro race. The prophecy which Noah gave concerning these three was that God was going to bless and enlarge both Shem and Japheth, but each descendant of Ham was to be a servant of servants unto his brethren. Listen:

**"Cursed be Canaan, a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren."**—Gen. 9:25.

When Noah speaks of Shem, he says that Canaan shall be his servant, and when he speaks of Japheth, he says that Canaan shall be his servant. Now do not misunderstand me; I am not saying that the Negro is to be a slave, but I am saying that the Negro's position in life, which was endorsed by God after Noah gave this prophecy, is that of "a servant of servants" unto his brethren. All that the Supreme Court has to say will never change what God Almighty has to say within His Word. You can mark it down this morning, the Supreme Court can pass on the status of segregation all that they please, but Almighty God said long, long years ago that the Negro is to be a "servant of servants" unto his brethren.

Beloved, the men who do the menial and servile tasks are Negroes. You can go around over the world today and find that those who have the lowest tasks in this world are Negro men and women. Why? It did not just happen, beloved. It did not just happen by chance. It has come to pass because God said within His word, "A servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren."

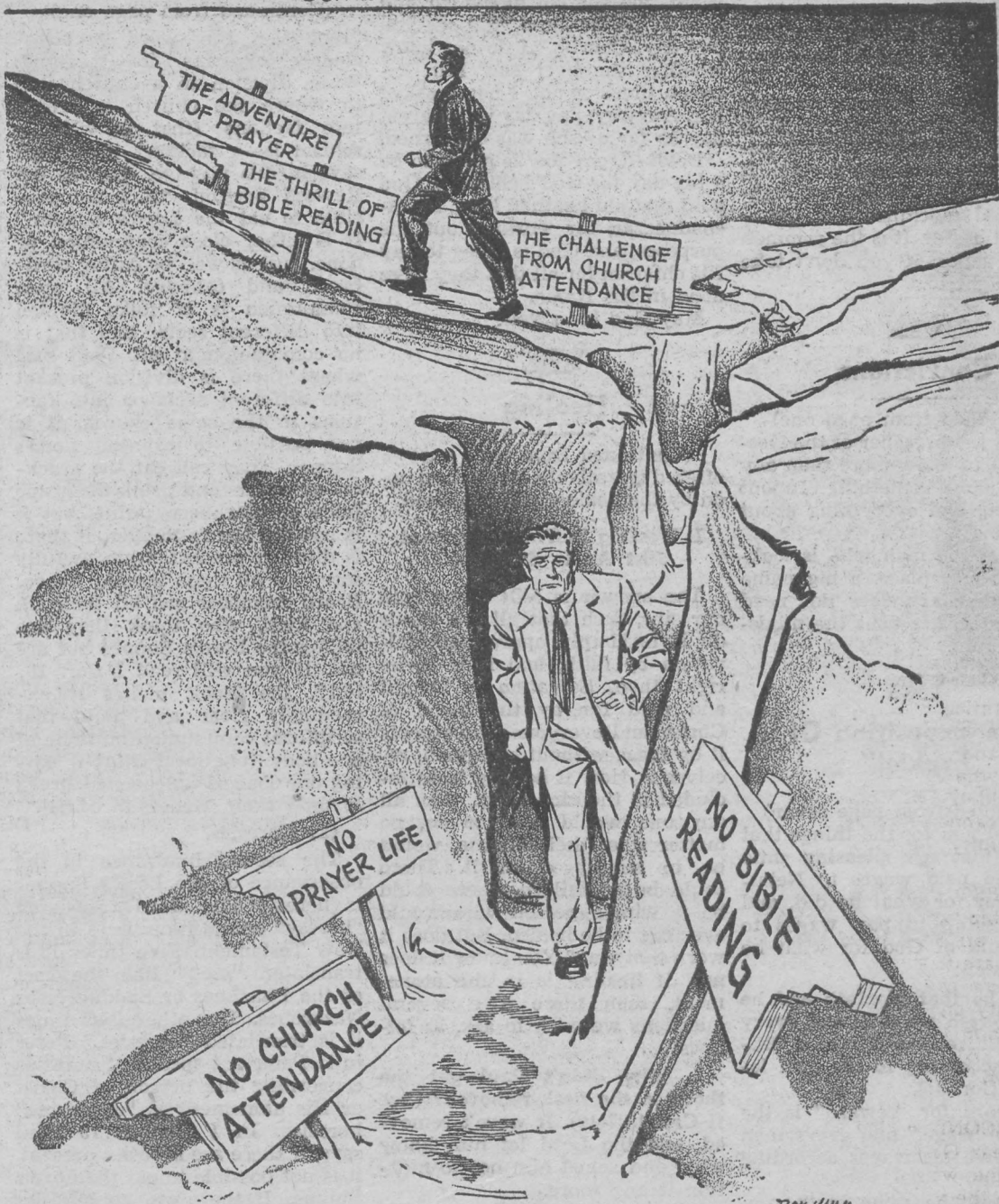
Now, beloved, I have taken time to read to you these Scriptures concerning the Jew, the Gentile, and the Negro, and the passages which I have read to you from the book of Deuteronomy. I have taken time to read these to you just to show you that God fulfills the prophetic utterances that we find within His Word. I have taken time to read these to show you that just as God has fulfilled these, so has God fulfilled what He said relative to the land of Egypt. God said that the country of Egypt was to be made a desolation—that it was to be made the basest of all kingdoms, and God has kept His word.

Listen, brother, if God has kept His word concerning this, then don't you think that God will keep His word concerning everything else that He speaks within the Bible? If God has kept His word back here, then don't you think that He will keep His word in all of the rest of the Scriptures? Turn, for example, to the book of Revelation.

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## SOME TAKE THE HIGH ROAD



going to be blood that flows up to the horses' bridles for 176 miles. There is going to be tears and blood-shed, the like of which this world has never seen here within this world, when the Anti-Christ takes over and reigns. There is coming a time when a man before he can buy or sell, will have to remove his hat for others to see whether he has the sign of the mark of the beast in his forehead, or the sign of the mark of the beast in his hand. Brother, that day is coming to pass because God said that it would, and if He kept His word in all of these Scriptures, I know He will keep His word in the future as well.

I turn to the New Testament and I read about the coming of the man of sin—the Anti-Christ. My brother, he is coming, and he is going to control the world. I read in the book of Daniel how that there is coming some day a commercial genius who will control this world. Brethren, the nations are looking for him right now. There's not a nation in the world today that is solvent. Our country is so insolvent that I doubt if even the bookkeepers in Washington know how insolvent we are at the present time. Beloved, the world wants this commercial genius who knows how to handle the nations of the world so far as money is concerned. The Word of God tells us that he is coming, and he is going to control not only our country, but the nations of the world, and all the buying and selling and trading and trafficking will be done under the power of this Anti-Christ who is spoken of not only in Daniel, but in the book of Revelation. I know that it is coming to pass, God kept His word in Ezekiel's day, and I know that He will keep His word in that which is yet to come.

Beloved, I know that the Lord Jesus Christ is coming back to this world. I haven't one doubt in my mind about the return of the Son of God. Some of these days, the Son of God is going to come on the clouds, and He is coming in the air to catch away His own unto Himself.

**"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 1:11.

Brethren, He went away, and some day He is coming back just like He went away.

Every time we observe the Lord's Supper we have a prophecy of His return. Listen:

**"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come."**—I Cor. 11:26.

Thank God, we have the promise that He is coming. He is not going to leave us alone. He is not going to leave us here in this world by ourselves, but Jesus Christ is coming back. Just as God kept His word concerning Egypt, the Negro, the Jew, and the other nations which we have been studying, so, beloved, God will keep His word concerning the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I think of that individual who is here who knows not the Lord Jesus Christ. God is going to keep His word concerning you, sinner friend. We read in the Bible that "the wages of sin is death." My brother, you can be certain of one thing, God is going to fulfill His prophecy. God has kept His word all down through the past, and He is going to keep His word concerning you.

**LET'S NOTICE NEBUCHAD-NEZZAR'S WAGES.**

In the eighteenth and nineteenth verses, we read:

**"Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyre: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyre, for the service that he had served against it: Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army."**

When the city-state of Tyre was destroyed, Nebuchadnezzar encamped against that city for thirteen long years. The city was so well fortified and so well sup-

plied with food and water that they withstood a siege for thirteen years' time. During World War II, we heard for the first time about the economic blockade, how that an enemy would blockade a country to keep that country from getting supplies. Most people thought that was a modern method of warfare. Beloved, that is the most ancient type of warfare that is known to man. That is what Nebuchadnezzar threw up around the country of Tyre for thirteen years, thinking that when it fell, he would get the wealth and the riches of the country of Tyre. When it fell, the king, under the cover of night, had moved his people to an island a half mile out in the ocean, and had set up his government there. When king Nebuchadnezzar marched into Tyre, all that he found was empty buildings, and not a bit of wealth to pay him for his labor for thirteen years' siege.

In this twenty-ninth chapter of Ezekiel, God says that Nebuchadnezzar served for thirteen years against the city of Tyre and did not get any wages for it. Now God says, "I am going to give him the land of Egypt for his wages." Don't you see, beloved, that even though Nebuchadnezzar was an unsaved king at that time, God was using him to further His purposes? God was going to reward Nebuchadnezzar for the destruction that he brought upon the enemy of God's people, the children of Israel, when he destroyed these people of the city-state of Tyre.

Now, beloved, this thought is precious to me, that God thought enough of that old heathen king that He gave him wages for what he did in working out the destruction of God enemy, Tyre. If God thought that much of that old king that He would give him all of Egypt, then surely, beloved, God is going to keep His promise so far as you, as a child of God, are concerned, and God is going

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## You Need This Paper

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tist paper we know of. Mr. Lincoln said the Lord must have loved the common people for He made so many of them. Baptists are mostly common people. THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is the paper for the common people. It fights their battles against high-brows and machines and plutocrats and bosses. It is the common people's paper. If you don't take it you ought to.

## Convictions

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9. That the preacher of the Gospel ought to know more than any other man something about everything and everything about some things;

10. That the man who is looking for a soft place, a big name and a fat salary does not need the ministry, nor does the ministry need him.

## "An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

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to reward you for the things that you do that are pleasing unto Him. God paid wages to Nebuchadnezzar for what he did, and God is going to pay wages to every child of God for what he does. Listen:

"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own REWARD according to his own labor."—I Cor. 3:8.

The word for "reward" is the word for "wage," and every man will receive his wages according to his labor.

We have the same truth presented to us again:

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your REWARD in heaven."—Mt. 5:10-12.

When that old king walked off in anger from the city of Tyre, thinking he had gotten nothing for his thirteen years' siege, God gave him the wealth of Egypt. When Nebuchadnezzar went down into Egypt and overran that country and carried from it the wealth of Egypt, God paid him for what he had done in destroying Israel's enemy by way of the city of Tyre. Beloved, if God kept His Word concerning the wages of Nebuchadnezzar, God will keep His word concerning your wages as a child of God. Everything that you do for Him, God is going to reward you for.

"He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his REWARD."—Mt. 10:41,42.

Everytime that we have a visiting evangelist and you take him into your home, if there is any reward that comes to the speaker, you are going to get that same reward. Beloved, I do not know whether this helps you or not, but it puts your preacher on shouting ground. It helps my soul to remember that pay day is coming after a while.

I'll never forget an incident that happened when I first became pastor of this church. I was driving along, by the car shops and I picked up a woman who was waiting for a bus. She said to her husband, "I'll see you pay day, Charlie." She had been to collect

his pay check. About fifteen days later, I was along the same spot again, and she got in the car and said to her husband, "I'll see you pay day, Charlie." I do not know whether she ever saw him between times or not. I never asked her. Anyway, pay day was a great day so far as she was concerned.

Beloved, pay day is going to be a big day for God's children. God paid that old heathen king, Nebuchadnezzar, for working out His purposes, and God is going to pay His children for all that they have done in His Name.

May God bless you!

## Healing

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offered tentatively, was seized upon by the healers and exploited.

### Is Healing In The Atonement Just As Is Salvation?

The answer is NO! Jesus bore our sins, such that all one needs do is to simply appropriate salvation by faith, and it is theirs right then. Salvation is bought and paid for by the blood of Christ, and everyone who accepts it by faith, without exception, receives it. Now if healing were included in the atonement, then all any one would need to do, no matter what their disease, would be to simply claim it. There could be no failure—there could be no single person who would ever fail to be healed. But does it work that way? You know it does not. If healing is in the atonement, then there are several questions we wish to ask, as follows:

1. Why didn't Paul get the thorn in the flesh removed? (See II Cor. 12:7-10). It wasn't removed, and the Lord let him know why, and asked him not to mention it any more.

2. Why did Paul leave Trophimus sick at Miletus? (II Cor. 4:20). It is unthinkable that he would have left his friend sick, if all he had to do was just appropriate healing.

3. Why did Paul tell Timothy to take wine for his stomach trouble? Why didn't he tell him to just accept the healing already provided for him in the atonement?

4. Why did Paul himself suffer physical weakness and trembling? (I Cor. 2:3). He did not enjoy good health at this time, and he would certainly have accepted healing and perfect health had healing been in the atonement.

Let us get the truth that there is a difference between PRAYING for healing, and merely APPROPRIATING healing which is provided in the atonement for every person, every time, without fail, if they will just take it. Praying is subject to the will and plan and purpose of God. Appropriation would not be subject to these.

**Physical "Falling From Grace"**  
Beyond doubt when one receives the salvation and eternal life that is provided through the atoning merit of Christ's death, that salvation and that life is for the forever. It is never lost. The very words "eternal life" should make that clear. But modern "healers" warn sternly that those "healed" had better watch their step, or they may "lose their healing." May "fall from grace" physically, that means.

### What Is The Truth About Healing?

Prayer for healing is in the same category exactly with prayer for any other praying matter. We can go to God about sickness just as we go to him about anything else. Many times He DOES HEAL in answer to believing prayer. We have seen it happen time and again. But the will and purpose of God MUST be taken into account. Also in every life "there is a sickness unto death." Otherwise people would never die. We do not discount prayer for healing in the slightest—but we do not know all the circumstances, the whys and wherefores. God does. We must be willing that His will shall be done.

## Close Communion

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"rent" or the word "schism" clearly explains its meaning. When division in a church gets to where the church is "rent" into factions (that is what a schism is—a faction) then Paul says in this passage, quoting the Revised Version: "It is not possible to eat the Lord's Supper." It is either close communion or none. Just as well be eating corn-bread and cabbage. All open communion is of folks divided into different sects: and that is no communion at all. Paul said where there is division present into different sects or into factions in the same church, it is not possible to eat the Lord's Supper. They can eat the crackers or wafers and drink the grape juice or blackberry wine, but it is not the Lord's Supper, if there is division present. I am awfully sorry for all these Sunday School Board members and all their ilk and kind, who think they are taking the Lord's Supper but are not. If you will read I Cor. 10:16,17, the Book makes it exceedingly clear and plain that scriptural communion must be of one body (one local church) eating one loaf of unleavened bread to show their oneness in Christ.

### (2) Heresies.

The second hindrance to the observance of the Lord's Supper is heresy. The word translated "heresy" occurs nine times in the New Testament. Five times it is translated "sect," like the sect of the Pharisees or Sadducees or Nazarenes. The other four times it is translated "heresies." Peter in II Peter 2:1 speaks of heresies concerning the person of Christ or His atonement as "damnable" heresies. In I Cor. 11:19 Paul says, if there are heresies present, it is not possible to eat the Lord's Supper. If there are no heresies present it is close communion. The only way you can have open communion is by having heresies present: but Paul says if heresies are present, it is not possible to eat the Lord's Supper. So it is either close communion or none. I am sorry for the liberal, broad members of our Sunday School Board. Their open communion is based on heresy and schisms. And remember that the open communion heretics and schismatics are the ones, who Paul says he praises not and that they come together, not for the better, but for the worse. That is Paul's estimate of open communionists. Some sorry bunch are they. They are about as sorry a set in Paul's eyes as the W.M.U. and the B. Y. P. U., whom he says are ignorant and unspiritual in I Cor. 14:37-38. So much for close communion.

### Close Communion the Crucial Test

Note verse 19: "For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you."

Lots of folk wonder why God permits heresies to break out (like itch or smallpox) among Baptists. For the same reason He let the Devil break loose and fool Eve—to test them. Heresies test Baptists. Close communion, according to Paul in this passage, is the supreme test of Baptist orthodoxy. If they are swept off their feet into open communion, then they are heretics. Thus church truth, not the fundamentals is the crucial test of orthodoxy. If a man is not straight on church truth he is a heretic; and the supreme test of all church truth is whether he teaches and practices local, church communion, which is the closest of close communion. That is what the Book says: and I believe the Bible.

God's children are secure as long as He has work for them and His mighty plan strides on to its accomplishments over all barriers that men can raise.

## APPRECIATED LETTER

June 11, 1954

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I've just received my paper, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Of course I noticed your statement in regard to the indebtedness.

I sure would like to say something to every subscriber that would express my feelings so that everyone would sit down at once and send an offering and wipe out completely the debt. When the paper comes it is no use for anyone to think that he could get me to do anything until I've read every thing that is in the paper.

Your sermons are an inspiration to me. I'm still teachable, if I am 70 in July. The articles by Roy Mason, J. W. Porter, M. L. Moser, H. Boyce Taylor, and your column, "I'd like to know," are worth more than the price of a years subscription—I mean just one issue. I do so want others to read certain articles, and yet I do not like to part with any one issue.

Well, I am a life member as far as your paper is concerned, and I try to get others to subscribe every time I have an opportunity. Still I feel that I must send you a dollar which you will find enclosed.

I would like for you to print this letter in hopes that it will be the means of others doing what I know they already want to do, al-

though they have been putting it off.

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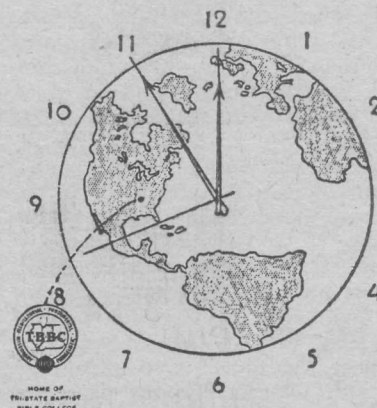


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