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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 8:29.

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Why Haven't The Jews Received Jesus?

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The Ancient Promises

To those of us who are Christians it goes almost without saying that Jesus was the promised Messiah, but this is not so accepted by the great body of Jewish people. Once they come to accept the messiahship of Jesus, they receive Him and adhere to Him regardless of the cost. In a future time the Jews, as a people, will receive Jesus as Messiah, and "so all Israel shall be saved." (Rom. 11:26,27). More Jewish people than most of us realize are NOW turning to Jesus and receiving Him as Messiah, and we are certainly commanded to give the Gospel to Israel. "To the Jew first" says the Scripture.

It is generally agreed that the first promise of the Messiah was given to Eve soon after the fall into sin. That promise is contained in Gen. 3:15. Incidentally the foundation is laid in that first promise for the Virgin Birth, for it is to be the "Seed of the WOMAN" that shall bruise the serpent's head.

When the Israelitish race was started with Abraham, the promise of the Messiah was involved. (See Gen. 12:1-3). The promise

there to bless "all the families of the earth" can only be realized through the redemptive work of the Messiah.

Even The Samaritans Believed That Messiah Would Come

The Samaritan woman at Jacob's well said to Jesus, "I know that Messiah cometh" (John 4:25). Where did she—where did the other Samaritan people get that idea? They had only the first five books of the Bible. This past summer I visited the Samaritans and found only about 300 remaining in existence. They still have one of the most ancient manu-

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1. Explain II Pet. 2:22.

This is the passage usually referred to by the Arminians to prove falling from grace. A careful study of the text, as well as the whole chapter, shows that it does not teach what the Arminians say. The first verse of the chapter shows that it is speaking of false prophets and false teachers—in other words, unsaved people. Actually it is describing those false preachers who preach falling from grace and other heresies. They have accepted part of the truth, but have turned away from much of it (of course they were never saved), and are like the dog or the sow Peter describes.

Whenever anyone turns from the truth of security to the heresy of falling from grace, he is just going back to his dog-puke, and thereby he proves that he is only an unsaved professor, and not a possessor of the Lord Jesus Christ. A man who uses this passage to prove falling from grace is not only ignorant of the Scriptures, but is mighty hard pressed to save his argument, — so hard pressed that he has to fall back on a sow and a dog to prove his heresies.

2. Was Judas Iscariot ever saved?

No. Jesus called him a Devil shortly after He chose him. Cf. John 6:70.

3. Did Judas fall from grace?

No. He couldn't do so. He was never in grace. He fell from his office as a preacher, but not from grace. Cf. Acts 1:25.

4. Does salvation by grace license sin?

A thousand times, no! In reality, salvation by grace does just the opposite. It makes a man realize just how much he owes the Lord, and consequently causes him to live closer to the Lord. If one were saved by his own works, then he owes himself, but if saved by grace, he owes everything to Jesus. Instead of salvation by grace giving a license to sin, it actually puts a curb on sin and causes the recipient of grace to live even closer to his Lord. Cf. Eph. 2:10; Titus 3:8.

Paul even says that God's grace teaches us to live soberly (as unto ourselves), righteously (as unto others), and godly (as unto our Saviour). Cf. Titus 2:11-14.

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The Will Of Our God Most Clearly Defined

Here Is The Crowd That God's Own Are Not To Fellowship

Virgin Birth Is Denied By Leaders Of The S. B. C.

By WILLIAM FRASER

History continues to repeat itself.

The psalmist David asked the question in his day, "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed, saying Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."

Peter, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, quotes this same Scripture in his reply to the enemies of Christ at Pentecost and applies it to them in their opposition to the preaching of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The enemies of Christ have always rejected His virgin birth. They did it to His face when He walked among men. They told Him plainly, "we be not born of fornication," implying clearly what they thought about Him. They claimed that they were the seed of Abraham, and that they had one Father, even God. It was then our Lord said to them, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do."

Peter pressed the matter home in his answer to the enemies of Christ, when he quoted the second psalm and said, "who by the mouth of thy servant hast said 'Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things. The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered against the Lord, and against His Christ. FOR A TRUTH AGAINST THY HOLY CHILD JESUS.'"

This statement made by Peter about their being against "thy holy child" was made after Jesus was a full grown man, and had already gone back to Heaven. These enemies had always rejected His virgin birth, and logically had branded Him as being born of fornication.

It is the same old issue over again, and by the same old crowd, the religious leaders.

This is the poison that is pouring out of the Southern Baptist Seminary, at Louisville, regardless of their denials. The proof of their infidelity and blasphemy has been piled up to high Heaven.

It now comes from Wake Forest, N. C., and the pitiful thing is that the rulers of the denomination have put a muzzle on every one of their thirty thousand preachers, so that they dare not open their mouths against these enemies within the denomination, and tell them what Jesus told them to their face, namely that they were of their father the devil. Every teacher and preacher who denies the virgin birth of Jesus, and takes counsel against the "holy child" is of the devil, whether he be a professor in a seminary, or the pastor of a church.

The Baptist Courier Becomes The Mouthpiece Of Infidelity.

The Baptist Courier is the official organ of the Southern Baptists of the state of North Carolina. In the issue of October 14, (Continued on page six)

(This is a condensation of C. D. Cole's chapter on The Will of God, in his book, Definitions of Doctrines).

I. Distinction In The Will Of God.

Theologians have made many distinctions in the will of God; some of them are false, others are vain and useless, but there is one distinction that is necessary, and which will prove helpful in rightly dividing the word of truth. This is that which distinguishes between God's will of PURPOSE and His will of COMMAND. God's will of purpose is always done; His will of command is often left undone. God's will of purpose cannot be thwarted; His will of command is often violated.

II. God's Will Of Purpose.

1. It is eternal. God is not forming any new purpose, for His counsels are of old (Isa. 25:1). His purpose in Christ is said to be eternal (Eph. 3:11). What is to be will be, therefore, "known unto God are all His works, from the beginning of the world" (Acts 15:18).

2. It is effectual. God's will of purpose is always accomplished. God is not man that He should engage in wishful thinking. There are no mere wishes with Him which He cannot perform. Isa. 14:24-27. For example, back in eternity God willed or determined the death of His Son, and centuries after time began we see

Him controlling and directing the free actions of sinful men to bring this event to pass. Moreover, He predestinated and predicted the details—when, where, and how His Son should die. And so in the four gospels, we are told that this and that was done to Him that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

3. It is immutable. God never changes His will of purpose. There are only two possible reasons for anybody changing his will; it must be either because he sees that what he purposed was not wise, or that he sees it cannot be accomplished. But neither of these reasons can apply to God. He was all-wise in planning and is all-wise powerful in performing.

III. God's Will Of Command.

1. God's will of command refers to what He has prescribed as our rule of thought and conduct. The will of God is expressed in all Divine law. In Eden it was God's will that determined what kind of law would be given to Adam and Eve. At Sinai God did not consult Moses or the children of Israel about what laws they would be under.

2. It is God's will of command and not His will of purpose that men are responsible to perform. It was His will of purpose that Christ should be crucified, but it was not His will of command. In putting Jesus Christ to death men were fulfilling the purpose of God, but they were not obeying any command of God. There can be

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"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."—Eph. 5:11.

What does Paul include in "works of darkness?" In Rom. 13:12 and context he includes "riot-ing, drunkenness, chambering, (Sexual intercourse, lewdness), wantonness, (intemperance, lasciviousness, licentiousness, unchaste handling of men and women, dancing), strife, and envying." That includes all Baptists that have any part in big public balls. All dancing is licentious, sexual, too free handling of men and women, lascivious. Years ago when there was a big governor's ball in Frankfort (Ky.), they had to import strumpets from Lexington and other nearby cities in order to have enough of that kind of women to satisfy the whoremongers present. Paul says have no fellowship with

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A LABOR OF LOVE
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NOT BLIND—JUST HOPING

A little girl in trying to escape her nightly bath at an early hour, help up her hands, covered her own eyes and tried to "hide" in this way from her mother. Such is the behavior of many pastors in our land. They have heard rumors concerning the departure from the faith on the part of many denomination educational leaders, yet they don't want to see it, for to see it would mean that they would have to take a stand. It would mean that they would have to commit themselves to perhaps an unpopular position among the hierarchy of the denomination. These men are true to the Word of God for the most part, but they realize that they must keep on the good side of the hierarchy if they want to have "smooth sailing." These are the tightrope artists, the fence-walkers. They are hard to win over to an active fight in

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The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

"UNCLEAN"

"Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one."

—Job 14:4.

This is another of those Old Testament questions. We have lots of them in the Old Testament. For example, in this same fourteenth chapter and in the fourth verse, Job asks a question:

"If a man die, shall he live again?"

In Genesis 3:9, you will find the first question that was ever asked:

"And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where

art thou?"

Another of those questions just now that comes to mind, is the question asked when Abraham was about to offer his son, Isaac, on the altar. As Abraham and Isaac made the journey out to the mountain, the Word of God tells us that Isaac suddenly turned to his father and said:

"Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

I have read these few that you might see that the Old Testament asks over and over and over again various questions, and the one

that I have read for my text tonight is just one of these Old Testament questions, the answer to which you will find even in connection with the asking of the question. I will say this, beloved, while some of these questions are not answered in the Old Testament, though this one is, it is true that if the answer is not found in the Old Testament, you will always find the answer in the New Testament. As I have often said, the New Testament is nothing else but the Old Testament revealed; so any question that is asked in

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AN APPEAL FOR TITHERS

(From "Christian Stewardship")

1. The Tithe Has Scriptural Authority. It is clearly taught in the Word of God, which is more than we can say for many methods of church finance.

2. It Is Fair And Businesslike. No one can claim that God is a hard landlord when He asks only one-tenth as His share. Then the giving of a definite amount puts the whole matter of giving upon a systematic and dependable basis.

3. Tithing Removes The Reproach That Attends Many Of The Methods Used To Raise Money. We must always apologize for bazaars, suppers, fairs and kindred forms of raising money, whose appeal is to selfish or worldly motives.

4. Tithing Will Lift Churches Out Of The Attitude Of A Beggar. (Continued on page eight)

God calls for those who have no might nor power, but yearn to be filled with His power.

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ANNOUNCING OUR
NEW SERIES OF
S. S. LESSONS

Since the first of January, I've been printing weekly my comment on the Sunday School lessons, following the International system of lessons. I've done this for the benefit of many true Baptists, but who are members of churches where the majority desire to use the quarterly system. Many of our readers find themselves in an unfortunate church situation, and for their benefit, we are printing the Sunday School notes each week.

I have always said that the quarterly system is the poorest way to study the Bible, since it is a hop, skip and jump method, with about 90 per cent of God's Word never touched in any manner.

The only real way to study the Bible, is to study it chapter by chapter, and verse by verse. I led the folk of my recent pastorate through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation twice, and pretty nearly through a third time. This is the way every church should study the Bible.

Well, here's good news for our readers. Beginning with the second quarter of the year—April 3—I am going to carry a Sunday School lesson each week studying the Bible, chapter by chapter. This is at the request of several of our readers.

I am not sure just yet what book we will study, but will announce it within a few weeks. The Gospel of John has been suggested as the first book we shall study. Still again it might be well to begin with Genesis.

In this respect I would be glad to hear from our readers. Write me, telling what book you would like to study. An announcement as to our decision will be made in the issue of March 5.

The first lesson of this study will appear in the issue of March 26, which lesson will be used on Sunday April 3. This does not mean that we will discontinue our present notes. It just means that we will carry two Sunday School lessons, or Bible studies, in each issue.

Won't you write me within the next few days and tell me what book you would like to study in this manner?

"While America
Sleeps"

This is a reprint of an article in Oct. 16, 1954 issue. Re-read it in this issue, and then order a good supply of them to sow your community down. It will come nearer waking up sleeping Baptists, who are seemingly unconscious as to the dangers of Catholicism, than any booklet we can recommend to you.

At the same time, it will be an eye-opener for the Catholics. If you want a Baptist revival in your community, then order 100 and prayerfully distribute them. There is no cost for any of our tracts, but of course you know that we can not keep them in print and pay postage in mailing them, apart from the help of our friends.

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\$ A-MONTH-CLUB \$

This fund has grown more this week than it has for the past ten weeks, having been increased by \$23.00, since the last issue of this paper was printed.

This increase comes from the following individuals:

Malcolm R. Wood, Dalton, Ky., \$14.00.
W. H. Blevins, Tampa, Florida, \$3.00.
Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hays, Corpus Christi, Texas, \$1.00.
Eld. and Mrs. James Sims, Carmi, Ill., \$5.00.

This means that this fund now stands at \$370.00.

Perhaps a word of information might be appreciated by our new readers. About fourteen months ago we bought a new press on which we print this paper. This was necessary (1) in view of our growth in subscriptions and (2) in order that we might increase the paper from four to eight pages.

Through the providence of God I bought a \$35,000.00 press for a little less than 20 per cent of its value. It was already financed so that I only have to pay \$1,000.00 plus the interest, yearly (June 27).

Last year, I had a hard time raising the money and Bro. L. E. Jarrell of Lordsburg, N. M., suggested that we start a fund, calling it the Dollar-A-Month Club. His idea was that if 100 people would send \$1.00 a month, the obligation could easily be met.

We didn't mention this until in the month of August. Furthermore we haven't had anything like 100 to respond. Accordingly, June 27 is looming up in the distance with only \$370.00 in the fund today.

Several have written saying that they expected to make a good contribution prior to June 27. Those of us who bear the burden would feel mighty happy if such contributions were already in hand, especially when we are less than one-third of the way toward the goal, with only one third of the year remaining.



"Unclean"

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the Old Testament, if you fail to find the answer to it in the Old Testament, you will certainly find the answer to it in the New Testament.

I might say in passing that the only place you will find the answer to a question pertaining to spiritual truths, will be in either the Old or the New Testaments. Any man that comes to you and tells you that he has new information, new light, or a new revelation that was never recorded in the Bible—mark it down, that man is a heretic of the basest type, and you need not listen to anything that he has to say.

For example, Christian Science, or New Thought, or Theosophy, or any of the modern religions that completely set aside the Bible in its completeness, and try to give you something new, something different, something entirely strange from what the Old Book has to say—mark it down, such individuals are lying deceivers and are despising the complete and final revelation of Almighty God, and such individuals are the basest of heretics when examined in the light of God Almighty's Word.

Listen:

"GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners SPAKE in time past unto the fathers BY THE PROPHETS. Hath in these last days SPOKEN UNTO US BY HIS SON."—Heb. 1:1,2.

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall ADD unto these things, God shall ADD UNTO HIM THE PLAGUES that are written in this book: And if any man shall TAKE AWAY from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall TAKE AWAY HIS PART out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1955

JESUS TEACHES PRAYER

LUKE 11:1-13

I. The Influence Of Devout Example. Vs. 1.

That which gave use to this request was the often repeated example of Jesus. It was the sight of his Master in the act of prayer which prompted this unnamed disciple to make this request.

The devotion of Jesus begat devotion in the disciple, which shows us the power of influence. All actions, both good and bad are contagious. Bad ones, entice the evil, while good ones encourage and inspire those who long for greater holiness. An oath is an encouragement to the profane, while a prayer is an incentive to those who seek to be devout.

May we remember that each of us possess an influence over some one else. Somewhere, someone is either being helped or hindered by our unconscious influence. May each Christian ever be careful that his example and influence be on the side of God and holiness.

II. The Real Lord's Prayer.

In response to this request, Jesus gave His disciples a form or pattern or fashion of prayer. It is most commonly spoken of as "The Lord's Prayer." This is false in toto. It is merely a pattern He gave unto His disciples, in teaching them to pray. The real "Lord's Prayer" is found in John 17.

III. A Sublime Passage. Vs. 2-4.

While this is not the "Lord's Prayer" it is one of the most sublime passages in all the Word of God.

"Our Father" is a child addressing his father. "Hallowed be thy name" is a worshipper addressing his God. "Thy kingdom come" is a citizen approaching his king. "Thy will be done" is a servant speaking to his master. "Give us this day our daily bread" is a beggar addressing his benefactor. "Forgive us our debt" is a sinner speaking to his Saviour. "Lead us not into temptation" is a pilgrim talking to his guide. "Deliver us from the evil one" is a captive speaking to his deliverer.

What then is God to me? A Father, a God, a Master, a Benefactor, a Saviour, a Guide, and a Deliverer.

And what am I, to Him? a child, a worshipper, a citizen, a servant, a beggar, a sinner, a pilgrim, and a captive.

And all this in only 65 words! Truly it is one of the most sublime portions of all of God's Word.

IV. Who Can Pray This Prayer?

In spite of its greatness, here is a prayer that should never be prayed in a public assembly. The only ones who can pray this prayer are those who have God for an Heavenly Father.

The unsaved have not God but the Devil for their spiritual father. John 8:44. In spite of the teaching of all lodges and that of most churches, God is not the father of the unsaved. He is only the Father of the redeemed.

The only way that one can become a child of God, and thus have God for his Heavenly Father is by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Cf. Gal. 3:26; John 1:12,13.

Only when one has become a Christian, or in other words, when he has been redeemed by Jesus' blood, can he pray this prayer. Until then the unsaved sinner lies every time he quotes this passage in prayer to God. The sinner actually is guilty of forgery, to take the name of the Father unto himself prior to his conversion.

Furthermore, this prayer has no place in public worship. Our Lord Jesus warned against "vain repetitions." Cf. Mt. 6:7. This prayer as used by a congregation is seldom, if ever, heard in Heaven, for as such, it becomes a "vain repetition" with about as much value as the prayers read from a Catholic or an Episcopalian prayer-book.

V. This Prayer And Salvation.

There is not even the slightest hint in this prayer as to the Gospel, and it is only through the Gospel that one is saved. Cf. Rom. 1:16.

In spite of the fact that there is no Gospel and no salvation in this prayer, yet multitudes have gone out into eternity depending upon it as their hope for Heaven. I heard a Methodist preacher say some months ago that if any man would "say the Lord's Prayer" just before he died that he would go to Heaven. A soldier boy in World War II told me that his Chaplain instructed all the boys in his regiment to be sure to "say the Lord's Prayer" before they went into battle, so that if they didn't come back, they would be sure to go to Heaven.

Such preaching is most heretical and soul-damning. Only an unsaved man could teach others such heresy. This group of preachers is the class Paul warned against in Gal. 1:6-9.

VI. No Prayer Before Conversion.

Much so-called prayer in public worship serv-

monies and final word unto what that is asked in the Old Testament, you can expect to find the answer to it in the New Testament. Anything that you find discussed in the Old Testament that is not fully discussed, you can find the complete discussion of it in the New Testament. When any man says that he has any other

—Rev. 22:18,19.

If you will read these two verses and put them together, you will see that in days gone by God spoke by the prophets, but the last speaker that God ever had in this world was the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. When He spoke, then God added His final testi-

ices, fails because the unsaved can not pray. They are not on speaking terms with God.

Even a Christian can't pray if he is out of fellowship with God. Cf. Ps. 66:18; I Pet. 3:12; Isa. 59:1,2; II Chron. 16:9; II Chron. 7:14.

How then could a sinner expect to get an answer from God, when he is definitely out of fellowship with God? Furthermore God specifically says that He will not hear the prayers of a sinner. Cf. John 9:31.

In the light of this, the Mourner's Bench is a definite perversion of God's Word. One of the greatest heresies of this day is that of the Mourner's Bench.

While it is true that there can be no prayer before conversion, at the same time, one thing that will characterize every believer, is prayer after conversion. In the case of Saul of Tarsus, it was said of him immediately after his experience on the road to Damascus, "He prayeth." Cf. Acts 9:11.

VII. The True Service Of The Lord's Prayer Vs. 2-4.

The Lord Jesus never intended this to be a formula for us to use in praying. Instead it is a pattern of prayer. It shows us that in our prayer life:

(1) We should pray for the progress of our Lord's spiritual kingdom. The first three of the petitions of this prayer are devoted to the growth of the kingdom of God. In other words, His kingdom is to be put ahead of all other interests.

(2) Then we should ask for God's help in the conduct of our temporal affairs. Our daily bread—as well as all our bodily necessities are to be made subject to prayer.

(3) We are to earnestly seek Divine favor. As we pray daily for forgiveness of daily sins, we are seeking Divine favor, and the sunshine of God within our souls.

(4) We should pray for Divine help in our spiritual struggle. We have hard battles confronting us—battles with powerful enemies. Thus we need continual deliverance from the enemies which beset us, so that we must have the arm of the Almighty on our side.

(5) We are to remember that there are two spiritual conditions under which we can expect to find Divine favor. We are to breathe a forgiving spirit and shun the path where perilous temptation lurks.

VIII. Importunity. Vs. 5-8.

This is Jesus' first argument in favor of prayer. It is drawn from the ordinary experiences of neighbors. In this brief parable three persons are outstanding: the needy traveler, the friend of the traveler, and the friend of the friend of the traveler. The latter represents God, the second represents Jesus' disciples, while the first represents needy humanity, whom it is our business to serve.

We, as His disciples, have nothing to satisfy human needs, but our Heavenly Father is a God of abounding resources. If we persistently come to God, we have assurance that He will hear us. May we remember that it is necessary on our part that we come often to God that we ourselves be spiritually able to be heard of Him. Cf. Heb. 6:4-6.

IX. The Promises Of God Concerning Prayer Vs. 9,10.

This was Jesus' second argument in favor of prayer. Surely with promises of encouragement like these, God's own ought to be much, and often in prayer. It is truly our source of power.

Tennyson, in "Idylls of the King," has King Arthur in his dying moments say:

"More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them
friend?"

X. Jesus' Third Argument For Prayer. Vs. 11-13.

This third argument is drawn from the impulses of human fathers.

There is quite a similarity between an Eastern loaf and a stone—between a fish and a serpent. An earthly father, however imperfect his love, would never cheat his unsuspecting child with what looks like, or resembles, an answer to his wish. In like measure, our Heavenly Father encourages us to call upon Him for all our daily needs.

It is interesting to notice again that this is addressed only to "sons." God's own are the only ones who can pray with the assurance that He hears them. There is no prayer promise in all the Bible for the unsaved.

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America is sleeping; she has slept far, far too long already.

While she slumbers peacefully on, Truth and Liberty which have made us a great and free people are being quietly stolen away forever.

Millions of unsuspecting citizens of the United States of America are reclining in comfortable repose, never once having suspected that our existence as a Protestant nation, has been marked out long ago for doom, by a foreign power which is not Russia.

Most certainly Americans have a right to have the jitters as they nervously listen to the hue and cry of "Communism" via radio and television and newsprint, pictured luridly to us as a gigantic power, ready at any moment to batter down our front door with atomic weapons. But while America's attention has been riveted on the threat of Communism, an equally sinister and deadly, and far more subtle enemy of Democracy has crept unawares to great power through our back door.

The suspicions of one "Un-American Activities" committee after another, throwing public spotlight on suspected Communist subversives in government positions, are daily paraded before us, yet an equally malignant and far more traitorous system is allowed to continue its deadly work of silently undermining our government from within, totally unmolested.

The Communist suspect today is hailed before tribunals looked upon as a traitor of the U. S. A., regarded as a scourge of society, watched and mistrusted in every move he makes and rightly so if he is a genuine tool of the Soviet, yet those scheming members of another treasonable system which has long ago vowed to conquer America, and who are daily carrying out their orders of 5th column national destruction in our very midst, are pictured to us as respectable and democratic citizens, as pious and benevolent and faithful religious leaders!

What is this system which by stealth and flattery, almost unnoticed by the rank and file of Americans, which has ascended to such a dangerous position of power as to virtually threaten our existence as a free people?

What is the name of this unique and treacherous power which has lulled America to sleep with great swelling words while it robs her of all that is precious to us, like the vampire bat which fans his victim into a peaceful repose as he sucks out his life's blood?

What foreign power is it which owns the world's largest hydra-headed religious-political corporation, which has absolute control of billions of dollars worth of real estate in the United States, completely tax exempt, while it takes every advantage of American liberty and freedom to further its relentless campaign to ruin the Democracy which protects it?

Its dread reign is without parallel in the history of totalitarianism. In its ascent to supremacy in country after country during the last 1,500 years, it has brought millions upon millions of people into abject bondage, as it has trodden over the souls and bodies of men, over the rights and laws of communities, over the alliances and treaties of nations.

In all these unfortunate and subdued and exploited countries this evil power has come into political dominance subtly and under cover while outwardly pretending to function as a

Christian Church.

Instrumental in its supernatural growth, have been numberless Pagan lying wonders, used as a foundation for its awe inspiring and mysterious heathen ritual, which, disguised as Christian Church worship, in the name of Jesus Christ, has kept millions in ignorance and bondage from the cradle to the grave, as it mounts to its zenith of power, at the awful expense of the lives and property of the poor and needy in every land.

It has attained this startling and devastating control over the lives of countless people, over the rule of many nations, even to the remotest islands of the seas, completely and absolutely intolerant of the rights of others, with the cross in one hand and the sword of injustice and persecution reeking with the blood of millions of martyrs in the other.

This enemy of God, as well as all mankind is the Roman Catholic Church. She is already entrenched in great strength in our United States. Like those soldiers in the Trojan horse waiting for darkness, she silently awaits the hour when the order from the Pope in the Vatican shall send her flying forth upon her long-awaited mission of final conquest and destruction which in its complacent tolerance and foolish slumber, nourished and protected her for generations.

While Bishop Sheen is basking in his public glory and carrying off popularity awards, he is daily using that same popularity which foolish and stupidified America has drowsily handed over to him, as a camouflage to cover his real aim which is to bring her under complete control of the Roman Catholic Church.

While Cardinal Spellman outwardly appears to be sponsoring the principles of Democracy, while he parades before the public eye in his pagan trappings disguised as a shepherd of the only true Church, his every move is geared to a hideous scheme of unparalleled treachery to force slumbering America into the Roman Catholic fold.

While the Pope sends our President his cordial felicitations and invokes divine blessings upon the administration government of our day, that same Pontiff plots and schemes continually and secretly, and arrays the entire formidable power of the Roman Catholic system in an unceasing war on every Democratic principle which would hinder the Vatican from becoming supreme religious and political authority in the United States.

Do these startling statements seem fantastic? Sadly we must relate that they are NOT. The Roman Catholic Church has already poured out unbelievable atrocities for hundreds of years on millions of Christians, while politically subjecting nation after nation to her yoke of poverty and desolation. A wealth of historical proof of these gruesome facts is available to anyone interested enough to seek out the truth for himself.

But in spite of the many existing proofs of Rome's terrible past, some who do not care to investigate will undoubtedly challenge my statements concerning her plan for the ultimate conquest of America.

Many in slumbering America today would be shocked to learn that Rome's pattern of conquest has always been the same. First she begs for tolerance. Then when tolerance has been granted, she pleads for equality. After

equality has been enjoyed then Rome steps forth in her true color and arrogantly and ruthlessly dictates her supremacy. Thus nation after nation has fallen before this institution of power which though called a Church, is nonetheless the world's greatest menace to humanity and freedom as well as the mightiest political nation of our planet. And America is next.

The balance of this tract will be partially devoted to an undisputable array of evidence against Rome and her dastardly aspirations for the United States, from the words of Roman Catholic writers themselves.

The ultimate aims of the Roman Catholic Church in America are very clearly set out in an official book, stamped with the entire approval of the Pope, studied as a text in Catholic universities, and written by the head of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. (The State and the Church, by Msgr. J. A. Ryan and M.F.X. Millar, republished 1940 as Roman Catholic Principles of Politics.) It explicitly states that as there exists only one true religion, Catholicism, the Catholic Church must establish itself as the State Church in the United States of America.

This is in accordance with the fundamental doctrines of the Popes and also has for its authority the encyclical written by Pope Leo XIII, called "Catholicity in the United States," in which the American separation of Church and State is condemned. In short, Roman Catholicism must be made to prevail and eventually eliminate all other religions.

Pope Pius IX in his Syllabus of Errors, branded as one of "the principal errors of our time," the statement that "the Church ought to be separated from the State, and the State from the Church." Leo XIII called the separation of Church and State a "fatal principle." (Encyclical of Human Liberty, Paulist Press. Page 25.)

We quote from an article that appeared in "The Union and Echo" official diocesan organ of the Roman Catholic Church, Buffalo, N. Y., December 17, 1950.

"... at the rate of 126,000 converts a year in the United States it would take us too long (that is to make America Catholic). We must convert the world of Politics, Economics, Sociology, Business, Entertainment, Labor and Management, Congress, and the Department of State, and the Executive Branch of our Government to Christian and hence Catholic principles."

The following is quoted from a letter written by Father Patrick Henry O'Brien to Rev. A. DiDomenica, former Roman Catholic of Philadelphia, Pa., now at 37 Campbell Avenue, Havertown, Pa., originally printed in L'Aurora, published by the Italian Baptist Association of America.

"We the hierarchy of the Holy Catholic Church, expect all loyal children of the Church to assist the President with all our strength to see that individuals comprising the U. S. Supreme Court shall obey the President's injunctions. And, if necessary, we shall change, mend, or blot out the PRESENT CONSTITUTION so that the President may enforce his, or rather our humanitarian program and all phases of human rights as laid down by our saintly Popes and the Holy Mother Church..."

"We are going to have our laws made and enforced according to the Holy See, and the Popes and the canon law of the Papal throne. Our entire social structure must be rebuilt on that basis. Our educational laws must be constructed to the end that atheism, the Red peril of totalitarianism, PROTESTANTISM, Communism, Socialism and ALL OTHER OF LIKE ILK and STAMP, be driven from this fair land.

"We want as Cabinet Members children of the Holy Mother Church holding important positions in the entire structure of our government.

"We control America and we do not propose to stop until America or Americans are genuinely Roman Catholic and remain so. God help us."

In the Western Watchman of St. Louis, June 27, 1912, we read the following words spoken by Father D. S. Phelan who was former dean of Papal editors in the United States.

"And why is it the Church is strong? Why is it everybody is afraid of the Catholic Church? The American people are more afraid of her than any people in the world. Why are they afraid of the Catholic Church? They know what the Catholic Church means."

"Tell us that we think more of the Church than we do of the United States; of course we do. Tell us we are Catholic first and Americans afterwards; of course we are. Tell us, in the CONFLICT BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT WE TAKE THE SIDE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH; of course we do. Why, if the government of the United States were at war with the Church we would say tomorrow, to - - - with the government of the United States. . . . They say we are Catholics first and Americans decidedly afterwards. There is no doubt about it. We are Catholics first, and we love the Church more . . . than we love our children."

"Let the governments of the world steer clear of the Catholic Church, let the Emperors, let the Kings, and the Presidents not come into conflict with the head of the Catholic Church. Because the Catholic Church is everything to all the Catholics of the world; they renounce all nationalities when there is a question of loyalty to her. And why is it the Pope is so strong? Why is it the Pope is such a tremendous power? Why, the Pope is the ruler of the world. All the Emperors, all the Kings, all the Princes, all the Presidents of the world today are as those altar boys of mine. The Pope is the ruler of the world? Why? Because he is the ruler of the Catholics of the world, the Catholics of all the world, and the Catholics of all the world would die for the rights of the Pope. He is the head of the Church and they would die for the Church . . . the Catholics of the world are Catholics first and always, they are Americans, they are Germans, etc., afterwards!"

The Roman Catholic Church's aim is to make the free United States of America on the same plan as the Catholic state of Franco's Spain. Deny it as they will, the purpose of the Roman Catholic Church is not primarily the worship of God. It is the conquest of the United States and the whole world. A multitude of apologists for the Roman Catholic Church deny it, but now and then their sinister purposes come to light. While they

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Questions For Discussion Of Sunday School Lesson

1. What power does a good example have over the lives of our friends?
2. Does an evil influence likewise have its effect, especially upon the lost?
3. Where is the real Lord's Prayer to be found in the Bible?
4. Could more be expressed in 65 words than is expressed in the pattern of prayer Jesus gave us?
5. Could any one be saved by repeating this pattern of prayer?
6. Can an unsaved person pray so that God will hear him?
7. Whose father is God?

8. Is it right to invite sinners to come to a mourner's bench or altar of prayer?
9. What value is this model prayer in the lives of Jesus' disciples today?
10. What is the meaning of importunity in prayer?
11. Show how Jesus' promises are an encouragement to prayer.
12. Since our Heavenly Father is perfect, while our earthly fathers are imperfect, isn't it logical to expect God's blessing in response to our prayer life?

THOUGHTS ON THE SUPERNATURAL GROW FROM RECENT SERMON

In commenting on my recent sermon entitled, "The Supernatural Of The Bible," Bro. A. Z. Matthews, of Midland, Georgia, says:

"All Baptists believe in a supernatural Bible which tells of a supernatural Christ, who had a supernatural birth, who spake supernatural words, who performed supernatural miracles, who liv-

ed a supernatural life, who died a supernatural death, who rose in supernatural power, who ascended in supernatural glory, who intercedes in supernatural priesthood, and will one day return in supernatural glory, to sit upon the throne of a Supernatural Kingdom, and reign in supernatural glory forever."

"While America Sleeps"

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continue to outwardly woo Democracy and all that is dear to the American people, through newspaper, radio, etc., they are secretly preparing a minority of their faithful Roman Catholics, the Jesuits and Knights of Columbus to strike when the time is ripe. Two quotations will show proof of this.

"How we Catholics have loathed and despised this . . . civilization which is now called democracy . . . Today, American Catholics are being asked to shed blood for that particular kind of secularist civilization which they have heroically repudiated for four centuries" (America, May 17, 1941). And then again in the same publication . . .

"The Christian (that is, Catholic) revolution will begin when we decide to cut loose from the existing social order, rather than be buried with it."

It may be very astonishing in our day to realize the Rome who operated the terrible inquisitions of old is still the same, biding her time. The following item is from Rome's modern Ecclesiastical Law which governs the purpose of the Roman Hierarchy.

"Nevertheless it is a Catholic tenet that the Church may justly inflict on heretics the penalty of death" (Suarez 2 de Fide Disp. xx sect. 3 N. 28) (De Lucca, S.J., 1900).

The following are disciplinary measures set forth by the same Roman Catholic authority . . .

"The good that is most necessary to the Church is the unity of the true faith, and that cannot be preserved unless the heretic be handed over to death."

"The Church is a perfect society and that we assume as proved. Then the right of the sword is a necessary and effective means to the attainment of its end."

"There is no graver offense than heresy owing to the harm it does to the Christian state, and, therefore it must be rooted out with fire and sword."

"So when heretics have been left to the secular arm, the judges must inflict on them the penalty not of death only, but by fire."

Again we find the Jesuit DeLuca affirming the following as he speaks for his Church . . .

"It is not necessary that the ministers of the Church should themselves execute like butchers, the command of magistracy of the Church. It is sufficient that the ecclesiastical magistrate should be the death judge in each particular case, and that the ministry of the civil power should be absolutely bound to supply secular executioners."

These are not the words of the bloody Emperor Phocas or the decrees of the pitiless Hitler, these are not words which applied to the Dark Ages and the Spanish Inquisition alone, but these are words which provide the authority in the modern Roman Catholic system for the methods she will unhesitatingly use when the fatal time arrives "to make America Catholic."

From the Roman Catholic Library approved by Archbishop Corrigan we find that in the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore a part of the "Pastoral Letter of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States reads, as follows:

"It is obvious in countries like our own, where from rudimentary beginnings our organization is only gradually advancing towards perfection, the full application of these laws is unpracticable but in proportion as they become practicable it is our desire not less than that of the Holy See that they should go into effect."

If America continues to sleep peacefully on in her lethargy; if ever the Roman Church gains the supremacy she seeks, our civil and religious liberties shall cease forever. These are not words of hasty conclusion uttered by a few frightened Protestants, but these words are the final, dogmatic decrees of the Roman Church itself.

There are many among us who have read of Rome's cruel persecutions of Christians in the past, but how few are really awake as to her modern plotting in every religious and political circle. How few understand that the only ex-

isting reason that Rome does not persecute here as she does in Colombia and Spain today, is that she does not yet have the political power. But Rome is gaining every day. Will America awake in time? or too late?

In his catechism on Protestantism, Father Giovanni Perrone, one of the most authoritative theologians of the Roman Catholic Church, maintains that those who teach Protestantism "deserve the gallows" and that Protestantism "is horrible in theology, immoral in practice, it is an outrage on God and man."

In Colombia, South America, the Roman Catholic Church is in complete control of the government today. Liberal Roman Catholics are being continually persecuted. Protestants are being murdered, persecuted and driven into exile. Protestant Churches are being burned and destroyed by fanatical mobs led by Roman Catholic priests. "Why don't the Catholics do the same thing to us here in America if they have such power?" people sometimes ask. The answer has already been printed in a Roman Catholic paper of St. Louis, Mo. In the "Shepherd of the Valley" of November 23, 1851, we can see Rome's plan for the United States foreshadowed long ago in the following grim words . . .

"The Church (Catholic) is of necessity intolerant. Heresy she endures when and where she must, but she hates it, and directs all her energies to its destruction. If Catholics ever gain an immense numerical majority RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THIS COUNTRY IS AT AN END. So our enemies say, so we believe."

And since Protestant America has largely ignored such warning for 100 years, is it any wonder that today, as Rome prepares to sound the death knell of Protestantism and democracy we face the appalling facts that the Vatican controls our press, our radio programs, our telecasts, our movies and our State Department in Washington, D. C.?

Can America afford to slumber on and ignore such statements as these? How long will we continue to complacently watch Roman Catholic Senators like the Jesuits McCarthy and McCarran as they trace every clue which would bring the suspicion of Communism upon Americans, while they themselves in their sworn allegiance to the twin-headed foreign power of Rome in whose interest they are daily working, are bringing our American freedom to its end? What has happened to the Congress of the United States which stands ruefully and helplessly by as Senator McCarthy and his Roman Catholic henchmen, pour out a campaign of disgraceful vilification upon any person which he may choose, himself safe behind his congressional immunity as he constantly attempts to create fear enough in the United States Department of State, to drive it into complete subjection to the Vatican?

If the Roman hierarchy does not mean, at the fast approaching and most convenient time to put Protestants to death by fire and sword because they refuse to bow to the Pope, then why do they, so boldly and arrogantly state in the clearest possible language that this is their plan?

And if the Roman Catholic Church does not mean to reduce our American democracy to a complete system of papal bondage and subjection to the Vatican just as soon as she has assumed sufficient power in Washington to begin her 20th century inquisition, why does she arrogantly state again and again that this has been her plan for generations?

And why is it that United States citizens cannot see the handwriting of the Pope on America's wall of Democracy in the words of Father George M. Searle on page 305 of his work "Plain Facts for Fair Minds" in the following statement, "Catholics desire the conversion of this country to the Catholic faith; that is a matter of course?"

It is high time Protestants on this continent rise from their sleep and open their eyes upon what Rome seeks to do here and to what she has already done in many lands. The visible threat to America is Communism. The invisible and ever increasing threat to

America is the Roman Catholic system. Never in her odious history has this Pagan Church attained power so rapidly as she is today in our America.

Now if Americans would arouse from their pleasant dreams of contentment and security, and investigate, they could learn a startling lesson, by watching Rome's tactics in Protestant England.

In the Church of England the vast majority of bishops and clergy are already Anglo-Catholic (Anglo-Romanist) planted there by the Roman hierarchy. These are Roman Catholic priests, trained in Bible colleges to be Protestant ministers. At the present time these two faced archbishops and bishops are preparing Romanist canon laws while serving in Protestant Churches, so as to have Parliament pass them into binding laws on the same Church of England.

When this program of intrigue, imposed upon the English while they slept peacefully under the Vatican anesthetic is finished, England and her Churches will awake alas, too late and realize that she is completely Romanized and subject to the Pagan Pontifex Maximus religiously and politically.

O America awake at once! Let us no longer relax in this comfortable stupor of indifference as we hear Bishop Sheen and Cardinal Spellman spread forth their Jesuit smoke screen, as they laud in flowery oratory during public appearances the wonderful freedoms and liberties of our great democracy! All such fair speeches are lined with Jesuit deceit designed alone to calm the fears and nullify whatever suspicion some Protestants may now have of the Roman Catholic Church.

Unless America arouses from her sleep her freedoms are soon to end. The terrible Roman Catholic Church stands piously in our midst today outwardly pretending to be only a religious institution. The most perilous foes are not those who openly oppose us, but those while posing as friends and allies cravenly scheme their climb to domination over friend and foe alike.

Such is the Roman Catholic Church. She has never been a friend of the U. S. A. She is not our friend because she is bent secretly upon our destruction as a free people, just as malevolently as she is bent openly upon destroying the Orthodox Church in Communist Russia.

In the Pope's eyes a Protestant America is just as much the Roman Catholic Church's mortal enemy as Orthodox Communist Russia and hence America is earmarked too for doom. While our Roman Catholic-controlled radio and press is inciting the public to hate Russia, those same facilities will soon be turned upon the unsuspecting and indifferent Protestants, to condemn them to be persecuted in order to make America Catholic. Although the American press is supposedly the freest in the world Rome's tight control over all newspapers as well as radio programs result in Americans being the most misinformed people among enlightened nations.

Destruction of one enemy with the help of another has always been bloody Rome's policy. So following her practice which for centuries has been the hierarchy's grand strategy, she has gone all out to ally herself with the United States against Russia.

Rome's plan is to use America which she considers the least dangerous enemy to destroy Russia which is her avowed and most formidable opponent. The key of her present honeymoon alliance with the United States can be summarized in the formula (1) Conquest of Soviet Russia by the American sword. (2) Conquest of America by Roman Catholic sword via a swift and terrible program of Catholicism in America.

Preparatory operations of this monstrous Roman strategy are in operation NOW. The third world war which will spell the collapse of both great nations involved, brought on by the cunning intrigues of the Papacy will also bring both nations into subjection to the Vatican. For Rome has always waxed fat and flourished on chaos and devastation as cultures after the battle. And history is full of proofs that

whoever became Rome's ally perished and out of their political death the Roman Catholic Church came forth stronger than ever. Witness Portugal, Spain, the France of Napoleon III and Colombia in South America.

Following the First World War allying with those haters of liberty the Kaiser and Emperor Franz Joseph, the Roman Church came forth in Europe in all the power of Facism.

During the Second World War the Catholic Church supported those terrible enemies of freedom, Mussolini and Hitler. Out of this chaos Rome mobilized the "hate Russia Facism" disguised beneath her outward zeal for champion Democracy in the U. S. A.

So following the third world war Rome plans to rise out of a burned-out Russia and America to rule them both in all the regal power that depraved paganism can employ.

Rome has ever been freedom's enemy, she has ever deceived and dwarfed and impoverished individuals in even nation and under her yoke of bondage. She has ever stunted and hardened the conscience of her helpless subjects with her anathemas. She has ever reduced the countries she has catholicized to intellectual torpor, to abject poverty, to legalizing of sin. Any resistance under her sway has always met with excommunication, persecution and the sword. These things have built her into the most immense and deceptive enemy of truth and liberty the world has ever known.

If America continues her course of indifference and sleeps on she will also one day awake too late in her misery, blood and ruin to realize at last that in persecuting power the Roman Catholic Church never changes.

Now one example is worth a thousand arguments and pleas. Let us look at what transpired in Yugoslavia in the years of 1941 and 1942, when the Roman Catholic Church gained complete control over a part of that country.

In the Roman Catholic state of Croatia, Archbishop Stepinac plotted an uprising with the help of Roman Catholic Austria and Fascist Italy, in order to destroy the government of the Serbs who were of the Orthodox religion.

The object of this Roman Catholic insurrection was to set up Croatia as an independent model Roman Catholic state completely in subjection to the Pope. Another object was to restore the reign of the monarchist Hapsburgs whose ruthless rule had always been according to Catholic dictates.

During this treacherous uprising of Rome's power 850,000 Orthodox Serbs were heartlessly butchered and 244,000 were forced into the Roman Catholic Church under the direct instigation of Archbishop Stepinac at the hands of the Roman Catholic terrorists, the Ustashi. This underground secret organization, which is the Croat equivalent of the American Knights of Columbus was under the direct command of the fanatical Roman Catholic Ante Pavelich who was also the murderer of King Alexander of Yugoslavia, in 1934.

The terrible massacres which he successfully carried out were under the supervision of Archbishop Stepinac, with all the blessing of Pope Pius XII, whose saintly mask hides the depraved creature who thirsts for America's blood.

Let the reader ponder well the following proven accounts of inhuman atrocities carried out by the bloody Roman Catholic Ustashi, under the supervision of Archbishop Stepinac and Pope Pius XII and note carefully Rome's relentless and ruthless pattern for sleeping America.

In May, 1941, on the same day in which the Pope received and blessed the new Catholic King of Croatia, who before was the Duke of Spoleto, he also granted Ante Pavelich the leader of the Ustashi a long and private audience.

From then on all freedom, equality and democracy disappeared with a curse from Croatia. Pavelich proclaimed himself leader of the National Army as he called his blood-loving Ustashi and installed the traitor Stepinac as Primat.

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If you would have God's guidance, you must make spiritual things your main business.

The Wonder Of The Unique Word Of God

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the precious living pages of the Bible.

The words spoken by David regarding Goliath's sword, "There is none like that; give it me" (I Sam. 21:9) could also be said about "the sword of the spirit which is the Word of God" (Eph. 6:17). Amongst the many reasons why the Bible is unlike every other book, and therefore UNIQUE we select the following: There is none like the Grand Old Book for its:

(1) **AUTHORSHIP** of (a) The Old Testament. "Thus saith the Lord," or its equivalent occurs hundreds of times, hence God claims the authorship of His Own Word; (b) The New Testament Gospels, read John 14:23,24. The Epistles, I Cor. 2:12,13. The Revelation, 1:1,2.

(2) **INSPIRATION**. All Scripture is "given by inspiration of God" (II Tim. 3:16). These five English words represent one Greek word Theopneustos, meaning "God-breathed."

(3) **WRITERS**. These include Kings, Princes, Prime Ministers, Prophets, Judges, Shepherds, Servants, Farmers, Fishermen and tentmakers, over 40 in all.

(4) **AGE**. In making the Bible, God was engaged 1,500 years.

(5) **CIRCULATION**. There is only one Book in the world never off the printing press, which has been circulated in its millions in hundreds of languages. It is the Bible.

(6) **PERSECUTION**. There is no other book in existence upon which has been leveled such opposition from kings, rulers, infidels, unbelievers, etc., etc. Yet, the Grand Old Book is still alive, the "Word of God which liveth and abideth for ever" (I Pet. 1:23).

(7) **COMPILATION**. The Bible is a library of books, 66 in all, all bound together in perfect harmony.

(8) **PRESERVATION**. Despite the efforts of Satan through his servants to extinguish the Bible, even the different ages, God has seen to it that a complete copy of the Scriptures has been handed down to His people, and thus we can say, "Against this wind-swept Rock, Ten thousand storms their will of rage and hate have madly swept; It lifts its calm face still."

(9) **UNITY**. There is entire unity throughout the One Book, containing 66 separate volumes. In Genesis is seen the germ, in Revelation the fruition.

(10) **READERS**. What other book numbers amongst its readers those who have read, and do read

(11) **POWER**. In salvation over individuals and nations. Without the Bible individuals and nations would be in moral and spiritual darkness.

(12) **CONTENTS**. In relation to God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, Salvation, the Nations, and the Future, etc., etc.

(13) **FRESHNESS**. Many changes have and are taking place in the world, yet the words of the Scriptures are as powerful and forceful today as when they were penned hundreds of years ago. The Bible, unlike other books, never grows stale, and is read and re-read, studied over and over again, and that with increasing interest and spiritual profit and blessing. Its blessed themes have an immortal freshness and fulness which have been stamped upon its sacred page by God Himself, the Divine Author. Truly the Word of God never grows old.

(14) **LANGUAGE**. Lord Macaulay said of the English Bible, "A Book which, if everything else in our language should perish, would alone suffice to show the whole extent of its beauty and power." It is a literary masterpiece towering supremely above all other literary works.

(15) **EVIDENCES**. There are Internal and External evidences that the Bible is the Word of God. With regard to the first, think of the witness of Christ to the Scriptures John 5:29; Luke 24:27 and with regard to the second the saved sinner is a striking proof. See II Tim. 3:15. The believer can say with the poet, "I know the Bible to be the Word of God, because 'IT FINDS ME.'"

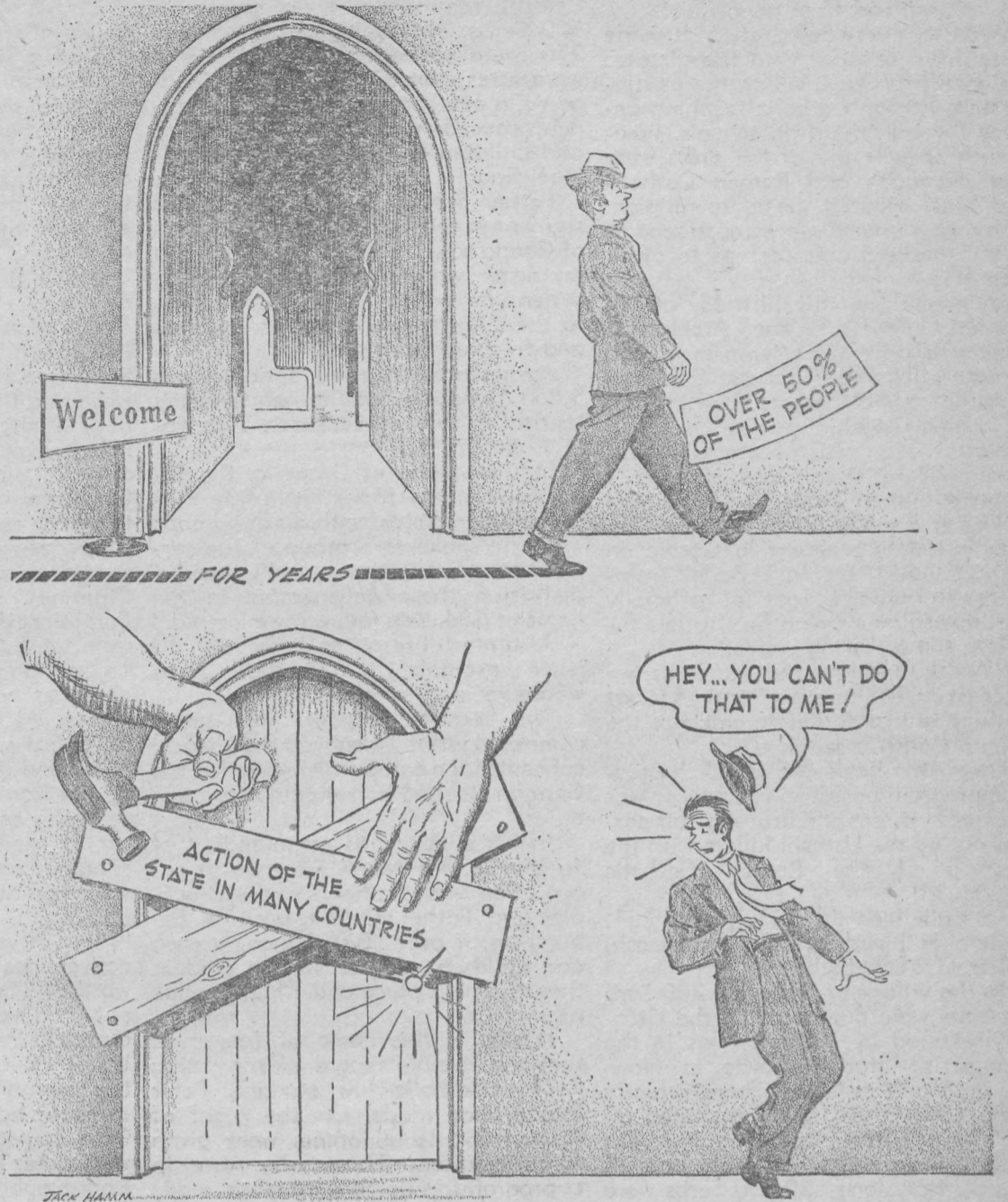
(16) **GUIDANCE**. The Bible is the only safe and sure guide by which man can be guided through the changing world, hence the Christian can safely follow its fixed light until he (or she) enters the glory.

(17) **INDISPENSABILITY**. Many books can be done without, but we cannot do without the Bible. Hence it is an indispensable Book.

(18) **ENEMIES**. The enemies of the Bible have been and are very many, and how solemn to know that it is the ONLY Book in the world that shall judge all who have despised its authority and its witness to the Lord Jesus Christ (Read John 12:48).

(19) **TITLES**. There never was, or will be any Book called by so many titles as the Bible, amongst which we find the following: "The Scripture"—John 10:35. "The Living Oracles"—Acts 7:38. "The Oracles of God"—Rom. 3:2. "The Holy Scriptures"—II Tim.

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3:15. "The Word of God"—I Pet. 1:23. "The Scriptures"—II Pet. 3:16.

(20) **MESSAGE**. What other Book has such a wonderful winning and wooing message as the blessed Bible. Think even of only one of its many thousands of verses viz: John 3:16, (the central word of which is SON) which has been used in the conversion of multitudes of sinners of every class.

MY NEIGHBOR'S BIBLE

I am my neighbor's Bible,
He reads me when we meet;
Today he reads me in my home—
Tomorrow in the street.

He may be relative, or friend,
Or slight acquaintance be;
He may not even know my name,
Yet he is reading me.

And, pray, who is this neighbor
Who reads me day by day,
To learn if I am living right,
And walking as I pray?

Oh, he is with me always,
To criticize or blame;
So worldly-wise in his own eyes—
And "Sinner" is his name.

Dear Christian friends and
brothers,
If we could only know
How faithfully the world records
Just what we say and do;

Oh, we would write our record
plain,
And come in time to see
Our worldly neighbor won to
Christ,
While reading you and me.

Oh, what a message!
Thus the Bible — the Sacred
Scriptures — is unique, supreme
and incomparable in every
respect, therefore we can do nothing
better for all our many readers
than to "commend them to God,
and to the Word of His Grace."

One Ministry In Which All Christians Can Have A Part

The circulation of tracts as a means of preaching the Gospel is older than the art of printing. Wickliffe, the Reformer, was a great writer and distributor of tracts, employing his pupils and friends to multiply copies. Luther was a worker on the same line, but with the help, however, of the printing press, which came to his aid. Two hundred years after, Count Zinzendorf, another devoted reformer, made extensive use of the printing press in the spreading of gospel tracts. Toward the close of the eighteenth century, Hannah More, from her own pen, produced the Repository tracts, which were so extensively used in her day.

All these years our God has been watching over these silent messengers, and who can tell into how many hands they have fallen, and how many hearts have been moved to receive the truth as to God's salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Richard Gibbs wrote a tract entitled, "The Bruised Reed," a tinsmith gave it to a man named Richard Baxter; through reading it he was brought to Christ. He wrote: "A Call to the Unconverted." Among the thousands saved through it was Phillip Doddridge, who wrote, "The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul." It fell into the hands of William Wilberforce, the emancipator of the slaves in the British Colonies, and led him to Christ. Wilberforce wrote, "A Practical View of Christianity," which fired the heart of Leigh Richmond. He wrote "The Dairyman's Daughter." Before 1849 as many as 4,000,000 copies were circulated, and it has testified for Christ in over fifty different languages.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days" (Eccl. 11:1).

In an American city a godly young woman placed a searching tract upon the dressing table of her mistress, whose eyes fell upon it while dressing for a fashionable

fete. Her attention was arrested, her heart was touched, deep conviction of sin was wrought in her soul by the Spirit of God, and she was led to trust in the Lord Jesus for her salvation. Though possessed of great wealth and worldly honors, being a leader in society, she laid them aside, became a humble Christian, and devoted her talents to the Lord, giving part of her time to tract work.

Many years ago a lady gave some leaflets to two actors, accompanied by some earnest words about their personal salvation. One of the actors was led by the tract to attend church, and as a result was converted to Christ. He is now known as George Lorimer, pastor of Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass. Through his influence Russell H. Conwell was led into the ministry and thus the great Baptist Temple in Philadelphia, the Samaritan Hospital and Temple College with its 6,000 students are all traceable to one little leaflet in the hands of an earnest faithful woman.

Yes, tracts can go everywhere. Tracts know no fear. Tracts never tire. Tracts can travel with but little expense. They do not require a public room to tell their story. They can tell it in the kitchen or the shop; the parlor or the closet; the railway train, steamboat or stage. They take no note of scoffs, jeers, taunts or threats. No one can betray them into hasty or random expressions. They can speak on every subject. They do not engage in argument. They can be made the vehicles of truth to every class and in all languages.

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."—Gal. 6:9.

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"While America Sleeps"

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After that very day Croatia was made to conform absolutely to the dictates of Rome. Every political party was suppressed. Roman Catholic teaching became compulsory in all schools. Freedom of speech and of the press were only memories and Roman Catholicism was declared the state religion. Many were immediately imprisoned or sent to concentration camps to await execution.

Soon after, on the birthday of the murderer Pavelich, the Archbishop celebrated an extra solemn mass and ordered all Roman Catholic Churches to make special prayers for him and his wicked Ustashi.

Now these political and religious leaders set out in earnest to dispose of the two million Serbs in Croatia and make her a model Catholic state.

In a public meeting in Gospic on July 22, 1941, Dr. Mile Budak, minister of Public Education, officially confirmed Rome's plan for Croatia's future in the following words:

"We shall kill part of the Serbs, we shall transport another, and the rest of them will be forced to embrace the Roman Catholic religion."

Upon this basis the Pavelich-Stepinac program began to operate. It was a ruthless, direct and brutal affair carried out by the Ustashi killers with the blessing of the Roman Catholic Church.

In Kulich on July 31, August 31, September 1 and 2, 1941, the Ustashi executed 2,000 Serbs.

In the village of Gudovac, 200 Serb peasants were butchered by the Ustashi, followed by larger groups in the villages of Stari Petrovac in Nova Gradiska and in Glina. There in early May, 1941, the Ustashi gathered all males over fifteen, took them in trucks outside town and killed every one. In this district alone 120,000 Serbs were exterminated in a short period.

In the mountainous regions of Dalmatia, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, women and children were taken in remote spots and massacred. In Brcko prisoners were executed on bridges and their bodies thrown into the river.

At Dubrovnik, Dalmatia, Italian soldiers photographed an Ustashi wearing two necklaces, one a string of cut out eyes, the other one of torn out

tongues of murdered Serbs.

Father Dragutin Kamber, a sworn Ustashi, commanded the slaughter of 300 Serbs in Doboij and also caused 250 more to be courtmartialled who were later shot. Father Branimir Zupanic, a personal friend of Ante Pavelich, caused more than 400 women and children to be killed in one village, Ragolje.

Father Srecko Peric in one of his sermons in the Roman Catholic Church of Gorcia said, "Kill all Serbs, first kill my sister who is married to a Serb. When you finish this work come here to the Church and I will confess you and free you from sin."

A massacre followed during which 5,600 Serbs died at the hands of the Ustashi in the Lwno district. This was in August, 1941.

In the village of Drakvlic, the fanatical Ustashi Monk, Miroslav Filipovic, killed a child with his own hands while he spoke to a group of the terrorists the following words: "Ustasht, I rechristen these degenerates in the name of God. You follow my example."

As a fearful result of the Monk Filipovic's example 1,500 Orthodox Serbs were executed in one day.

The terrible Filipovic was made commandant of Jasenovac the Ustashi concentration camp which excelled the German Dachua horror camp for atrocities.

In his capacity as commandant of Jasenovac, the Monk Filipovic in co-operation with Father Zvonko Breckalo and Father Culina became the butchers of over 40,000 men, women and children, all Serbs, who died in that infamous place under his Catholic rule.

It was in this camp of Jasenovac that the terrible record of the young Roman Catholic law student, Peter Brzica, was made. On the night of August 29, 1942, orders were given for executions. Those who were in charge of the horrible carnage made a wager as to who could dispose of the greatest number of prisoners. Peter Brzica cut the throats of 1,360 Serbs that night with a specially made butcher knife. He became thus the winner of the gruesome competition and was feted and elected king of the cut throats, rewarded with a gold watch and a silver service, a roasted pig and wine. This most astonishing depravity was witnessed by a doctor

eye witness, Dr. Nikola Kilkolic, a Croat.

On the night of June 5, 1941, on the orders of the Ustashi Chief Gutic, the Orthodox Bishop, of Banjaluka Platon, in Western Bosnia, with several Orthodox priests were taken outside the town limits, where the Bishop's beard was torn out, a fire built on his naked chest and then after being tortured for some time the fanatical murderers dispatched them with hatchets and threw their dead bones in the Vrbanja River.

Many Roman Catholic priests and monks who were not of the Ustashi terrorist organization in the frenzy of religious zeal carried out executions with their own hands.

During the time of this horrible carnage, Roman Catholic priests with the Pope's sanction and blessing, led the armed Ustashi in closing Orthodox Churches and the confiscation of Orthodox records. Many Orthodox Churches were converted into halls for public use, others into Roman Catholic Churches. In the provinces of Lika, Banija and Kordum, 172 churches were totally destroyed. At Fruska Gora 15 Serbian Orthodox monasteries and churches were given to Franciscan monks. At Vrdnik-Ravanica the great cathedral was plundered of all valuables and all the property confiscated by the Roman Catholic Bishop.

Living as hunted beasts in the horror of seeing daily massacres, thousands of Serbs, in the fear of death, were rechristened to the Roman Catholic faith. The Ustashi newspaper, "Nova Hrvatska," revealed how these conversions took place in the following words: "The rechristening was carried out in a very solemn manner by the curate of Petrinja Michael Razum. AN USTASHI COMPANY was present at the solemn occasion."

These holy rechristenings of Rome were sometimes celebrated not only with water but with blood. Father Ivan Raguz publicly urged the killing of all Serbs including all children so that "even the seed of these beasts is not left." Another priest, Father Bozider Brale of Sarajevo took active part in the slaughter of Serbs with a gun in his hand. For his great work in these liquidations he was promoted to presidency of the spiritual board of the Archbishop of Sarajevo.

In every village where Serbs who were left alive to be "rechristened"

these poor people were forced to send the traitor Archbishop Stepinac telegrams of congratulation. Stepinac's own diocesan paper the "Katoliki List" as well as the Ustashi "Nova Hrvatska" printed all these telegrams.

In their cold-blooded plan to completely Romanize the Serbs, the surviving children of Orthodox people were placed in public Roman Catholic homes by the priests who even changed their names to Roman Catholic Croatian names.

Is this a page out of Foxes book of martyrs?

Or is this a story of Romish inquisition of medieval days?

No! these free people marked out by Rome for doom, have been slaughtered and scattered and the survivors forced into the Roman Catholic Church in the days of our own years, before our very eyes, during 1941 and 1942.

This exterminating process was carried out suddenly, methodically and ruthlessly by that same double headed totalitarian power which has formulated a complete plan long ago to make sleeping America Catholic.

Nor does this account of intrigue and carnage stand alone in the history of Rome. It is but one sad story and concerns the fate of only one country, among hundreds of similar historical records, where a free and prosperous people were exterminated by the long tenacles of the Roman Catholic system under the direct supervision of the hierarchy with the full consent and blessing of the Pope.

Finally, and in conclusion may this account stamp an indelible picture in our minds which we can never forget. Regardless of the crafty smoothness of the deceptive Sheens; regardless of the unblushing flattery of the traitorous Spellmans, regardless of the feigned championing of democracy by the cunning McCarthys and the fawning McCarrens; the awful history of the Serbs during 1941 and 1942 hangs before us today like a dark and dreadful cloud upon the horizon, reminding us continually of the fatal storm which is silently and steadily gathering over the U. S. A., as Rome in her unparalleled treachery embarks upon the final stage of making America Roman Catholic while she sleeps.

Virgin Birth

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1954, there is an article by W. R. Cullom of Wake Forest, plainly denying the unique virgin birth of Christ, eliminating the supernatural and putting it on the natural plane. The virgin birth was something that could have happened to any man. He said the virgin birth is in harmony with God's creative process. Whatever theory of creation you might adopt and hold to, certainly God's creative process began with inorganic matter. There came a time when in some way, inorganic matter became living matter. This is the Darwinian evolutionary theory, pure and simple and reduces Jesus Christ to a created thing.

Where are all the Baptist theologians? Is there not one defender of the faith once delivered unto the saints? Is there not one preacher or editor, or professor in the entire Southern Baptist Convention who believes in the truth of the virgin birth of Christ strongly enough to stand up and not only proclaim his faith in the virgin birth, but like Peter at Pentecost, denounce those who reject the virgin birth and Deity of Christ as being "wicked" and as "betrayers," and as Stephen called them "betrayers and murderers," and as our Lord Himself called them—"of their father the devil."

The Inclusive Policy

The inclusive policy has been adopted, and in the name of so-

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called Baptist liberty, you can believe or deny the truth of God as you please. In fact if you are bold and brazen enough to reject and deny the Word of God, you can depend upon the support and defence of the rulers and become a hero with them. Bro. J. M. Dawson formerly of Waco, denied the virgin birth, and has been defended and promoted to one of the highest positions among Southern Baptists.

W. R. Cullom will be defended and endorsed with a vote of confidence; that is, if any Southern Baptist pastor or editor, has the courage or boldness to repudiate and condemn his teaching, but from what we know and have observed of the terror the hierarchy has implanted in the hearts of the brethren, no one is going to rebuke or condemn W. R. Cullom. The rulers of the denomination have given the green light to the enemies of Christ and they are perfectly free and safe to propagate in the colleges, seminaries, and periodicals, their rejections and denials of the virgin birth of Christ.

The New Bible

The new Bible, put out by the National Council of Churches, which has doctored and perverted the Scriptures, eliminating the virgin birth has been endorsed by the Baptist Publication Society, and is being used by many of our Baptist churches.

We shall doubtless be told we are lacking in Christian charity, and do not have the Spirit of Christ. If that be so, then Peter did not have the Spirit of Christ, and Stephen did not have the Spirit of Christ calling them "betrayers and murderers." Neither did Paul, and neither did Christ

Himself, telling those Jews they were of their father the devil, when they rejected His virgin birth, and branded Him as a child of fornication. What kind of spirit did they have? What kind of spirit does J. M. Dawson have? What kind of spirit does W. R. Cullom have? What kind of spirit does Harry Fosdick have, who denies the virgin birth, and ridicules anyone who does believe it as being unintelligent, and ignorant. Certainly none of these men have the Spirit of Christ, for no man speaking by the Holy Spirit can call Jesus accursed, which all of them do.

We are perfectly willing to be classed with Peter, and Paul and with the prophets and the apostles, and also with the Lord Himself, all of whom were filled with the Holy Spirit, in their belief and stand for the virgin born Holy Child.

Modernism is in the saddle in the Southern Baptist denomination, and is riding high wide, and handsome. Whether anyone will dare challenge them in their own ranks is a big question. We know there are rumblings, and lots of dissatisfaction among the people in Russia, but will anyone dare to challenge the little handful of the Politburo. It could be. The matter is in the hands of the brethren.

"Jesus is standing in Pilate's hall, Friendless, forsaken, betrayed by all,

Hark, there comes the sudden call, What will you do with Jesus. What will you do with Jesus. Neutral you cannot be, Someday your soul will be asking,

What will He do with me."

—World Witness

TESTED!

AND FOUND FAITHFUL?

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him."—James 1:12.

OR WANTING?

THE WEATHER TEST.

Are you a sailboat Christian—making progress in the Lord if the winds are favorable? Or are you a tugboat Christian—plowing though the gales are against you?

THE WORRY TEST.

"If you trust you do not worry; if you worry you do not trust." Have you found that He keeps him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Him, because he trusts in God?

THE WORLDLINESS TEST.

Do you think as the world thinks; go where the world goes; act as the world acts? Does your life give evidence of having your affections set on things above, not on the things on the earth?

THE WALLET TEST.

What portion of your income last year was turned over for the work of the Lord? Was it at least as much as the tithe which the Jew paid before the grace of God was revealed in Christ?

THE WORK TEST.

How much of your energy is being given to the work of the Lord, and is it a reasonable proportion of what you are expending in the day-by-day task of making a living?

THE WITNESSING TEST.

Are you by life and lip commending Christ so that He is attractive to those who do not know Him as a personal Saviour and Lord, and is the vote of your life for Him or against Him?

THE WAITING TEST.

The Thessalonian Christians "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead" (1 Thess. 1:9,10). Have you turned, and are you living with His coming in view?

Those who see God's hand in everything, can best leave everything in God's hands.

"Unclean"

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light than that which is written in the Word of God, he is a false prophet and is not to be accepted. His word is to be rejected and his message is to be completely repudiated.

With that in mind, I come now to my text where Job asks and answers his own question, when he said, "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one."

I

WE ARE ALL UNCLEAN.

"But we are all as an UNCLEAN thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."

—Isa. 64:6.

Regardless of who you are, irrespective of your family connections, and despite your morality or your ethics, which may be of the purest content so far as humans are concerned, God looks upon us to declare that we are all as an unclean thing.

Notice again:

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin: and so death passed upon all men, for that ALL HAVE SINNED."—Rom. 5:12.

Beloved, you can't read these verses without realizing that we are all unclean in God's sight. We are all sinners in the sight of God. Every one of us, whether we like to admit it or not, are unclean, vile, vicious sinners in God's sight.

Go back to Bible days and you will recall that whenever you met a leper — when you would offer your hand by way of a greeting, instead of that leper touching your hand, he would stand back and hold up those hands that had become leprous, and would cry, "Unclean, unclean!" My brother, in the name of God tonight, if you and I did what we ought to do every day, we would cry out concerning our ourselves, "Unclean, unclean," for we are all unclean in the sight of God.

II

OUR PARENTS CAN NOT BRING A CLEAN THING OUT OF AN UNCLEAN.

Accepting the fact that we are all unclean, this is the question that ought to confront everyone of us. Since the Bible certifies that we are all unclean, how can we bring a clean thing out of an unclean thing? You know as well as I that your parents can not produce that which is clean. We have a good example of that in the case of the first family that ever lived within this world.

"And Adam knew Eve his wife: and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord."—Gen. 4:1.

But, beloved, Eve was definitely mistaken when she declared that she had gotten a man from the Lord. Before that chapter in its recitation of history comes to a close, the man whom she said she had gotten from the Lord became a murderer and had stained his hands with the blood of his own brother, and had to flee as the result of the murder of his own brother. I tell you, beloved, parents can not produce a clean child, due to the fact of their own uncleanness. We have a good example of it in this first family.

There are two texts of Scripture which I would like to read to you in contrast:

"In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him."—Gen. 5:1.

"And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness."—Gen. 5:3.

Notice that in the first verse God says that He created man in the likeness of God, but in the second verse it tells us that after Adam had lived 130 years, he begat a son in his own likeness. Adam was created in God's likeness, but Adam begat a son in his own likeness, who in the meantime had become a sinner.

You can see from this, beloved, that parents can not bring forth something that is clean, being unclean themselves. No parents, irrespective of how much they may desire the salvation of their child, are able to produce that which is clean, because spiritually they are unclean in the sight of God themselves. That is where this Easter idea fails. That is where this dedication of babies fails completely on Easter. That is where this idea of godfathers and godmothers comes far short on Easter Sunday. A man may stand up in the congregation and say, "I will rear this child for God," or "I will be the godfather for this child," but, beloved, you can not bring a clean thing out of that which is unclean. That is the fallacy of Easter religion. That is the fallacy of the dedication of babies on Easter. That is the fallacy of trying to get religion by proxy. Beloved, you can not do it, because you, yourself, are spiritually unclean and you can not produce something that is clean.

I speak to parents who have children who are in their very early, infancy and juvenile ages. I would not for one moment's time tell you that you have no hope for that child if that child were to die, for if I were to thus speak, I would lie. You do have a hope that if that child dies that it would go to be with the Lord, having never reached the age that we speak of, as the years of accountability, but I do say this, that that little babe that you love and think so much of, is unclean spiritually in the sight of God. Listen:

"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity: and IN SIN DID MY MOTHER CONCEIVE ME."

—Psa. 51:5.

"The wicked are ESTRANGED FROM THE WOMB: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies."—Psa. 58:3.

I say to you, beloved, the purest father or mother in this world will beget children that are unclean and need the Saviour, because parents are unclean and they can not produce that which is clean.

III

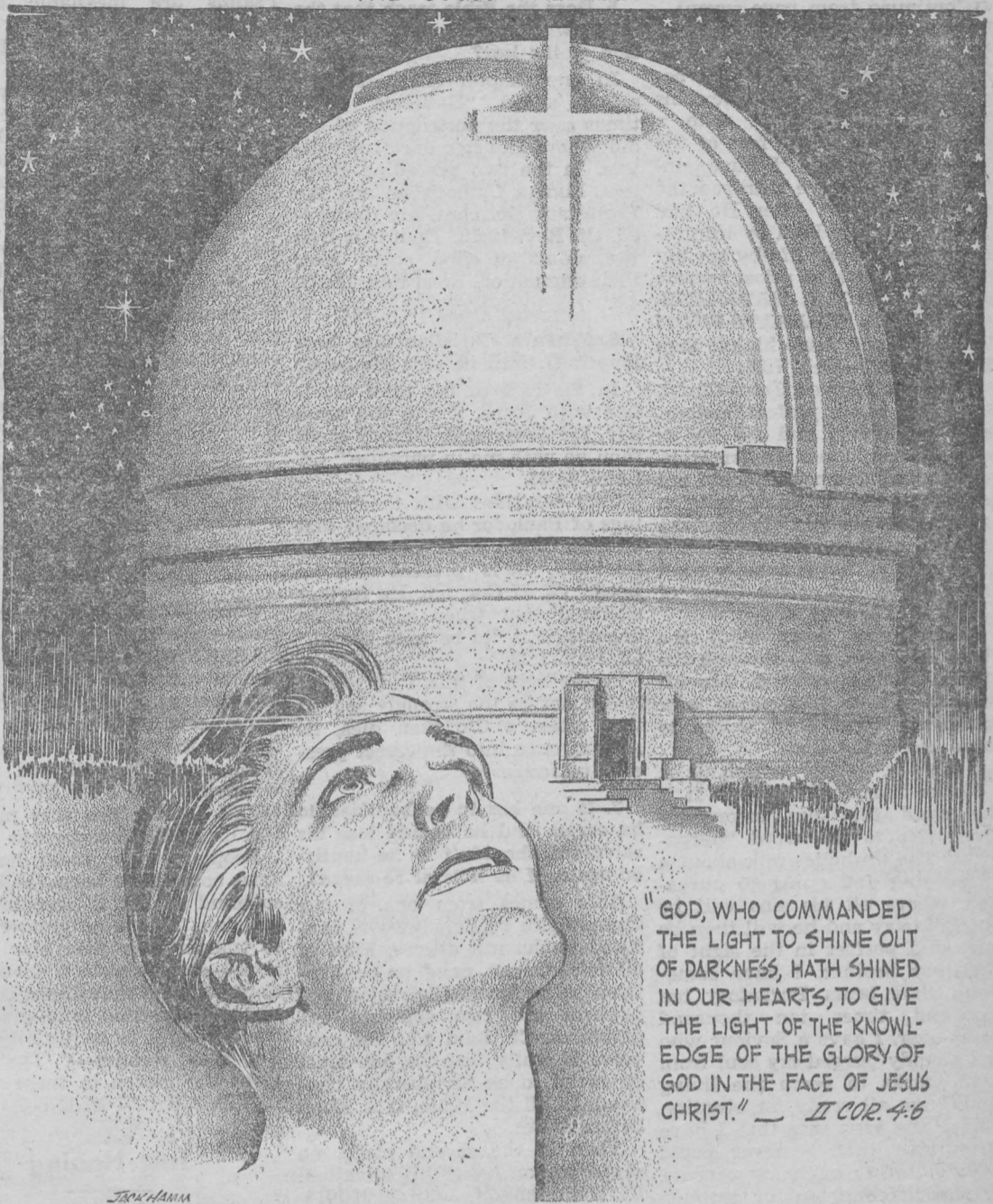
MAN CAN NOT CLEANSE HIMSELF.

I would remind you that man is completely baffled in the spiritual realm. Man may have done marvelously so far as the material part of this world is concerned. Industrially, man has done wonderfully in the last hundred years. Financially, man has done marvelously in America in the last century of time. It is true that within the commercial world, man has done marvelously within the last hundred years. Look at the discoveries that have been made. You and I know but mighty, mighty little about electricity, but just think, if we were conducting a similar service to this about a hundred years ago, we would have coal oil lamps or candles to light this building. Tonight, our building is lighted beautifully, and man has made marvelous strides so far as our progress is concerned in the discoveries and inventions of our modern twentieth century, but, beloved, man is baffled in the spiritual realm.

I say that we have made marvelous progress materially. Instead of shooting people with bows and arrows, or with flint rock rifles, or with machine guns, the men of science say that it is possible to wipe out nine million human beings with one single bomb. Yes, beloved, we have gone far, so far as material discoveries are concerned, but we have not come one step in the spiritual realm.

A few days ago I went through the Ford Museum hurriedly, in

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"GOD, WHO COMMANDED THE LIGHT TO SHINE OUT OF DARKNESS, HATH SHINED IN OUR HEARTS, TO GIVE THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF GOD IN THE FACE OF JESUS CHRIST." — II COR. 4:6

Dearborn, Michigan, and as I looked about in the Museum I saw the various steps of progress that had been made in the different fields. Take for example in the field of agriculture, or in the field of steam locomotion, or in the field of electricity, or in the realm of communications such as the telephone, or in the field of radio, or, beloved, in any of the walks of life. I looked at one of the first automobiles that Henry Ford ever built. I saw those old time automobiles of all different classes. I thought, what marvelous progress has been made, but beloved, I come back to this fact, man has not come forward one step spiritually since the Garden of Eden.

I am trying to say to you tonight that man can not bring something that is clean out of that which is unclean. Man has succeeded in the realm of war. Man has succeeded in the realm of industry and commerce. Man has succeeded in the financial world. Man has succeeded in everything materially, but man is an absolute failure spiritually. He has not taken one step forward since the Garden of Eden. In view of this, if you and I would do that which we ought to do, we would say like Job himself said:

"I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."—Job 42:5,6.

Beloved, listen to me, man can not in any wise at all bring a clean thing out of that which is unclean.

IV

RELIGION CAN NOT CLEANSE A MAN.

When I say that religion can not do anything for you spiritually, I realize that I am going against the philosophy of the world, and that as a preacher I am setting myself up with a very, very small minority. Beloved, religion can not take you in your uncleanness and make you clean, and I will prove it to you. If joining a church, being baptized, taking the Lord's Supper and going through human perfection and who stood

the very rituals and rudiments of religion could make you clean, then the following text of Scripture should never have been written, for Jesus said:

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."—Mt. 7:21-23.

Listen, beloved, if religion could bring a clean thing out of an unclean thing, Jesus Christ would never have spoken this verse. It is so obvious that religion can not bring a clean thing out of an unclean, that the apostle Paul, after he had written two letters to the church at Corinth, closed the book of II Corinthians by saying:

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith."

—II Cor. 13:5.

Remember that Paul had stayed at Corinth longer in all his ministry than he had stayed any place else, with but one exception. He had written to Corinth one letter, and now he writes a second letter, and when he writes the second letter he tells these Corinthian Christians to examine themselves to see whether they are in Christ or whether they are spiritual reprobates. Why did he say it? Simply because religion will not enable a man to bring a clean thing out of that which is unclean.

If religion could bring a clean thing out of that which is unclean, then Nicodemus would not have been told what he was. There was a man who stood foursquare for the things of God so far as his life and revelation and knowledge was concerned. You can not read the story of Nicodemus without the realization that Nicodemus was a good man. He was respectful to the Lord Jesus Christ and called Him Master and Rabbi, yet Jesus said to this man, who was the acme of Lord's Supper and going through human perfection and who stood

higher, religiously, than anybody else in his day in Jerusalem, "Ye must be born again." Beloved, religion can not bring a clean thing out of an unclean.

V

JESUS CAN MAKE US CLEAN.

If your parents in their uncleanness can not produce a child, spiritually speaking, that is clean, and if you, when you are born in this world, can not change your spiritual uncleanness so that you are clean, and if when you go to church, and join the church, and have your name inscribed on some church record book,—if that won't change you, what help is there for the individual? What hope is there for any man? Beloved, I come back to the same place where Job asked this question and read his answer, when he said, "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one." No parent can bring forth a clean thing. No child, no parent, and no church can make an individual clean, but thank God, God can do what man can not do. That is exactly what God did at Calvary when He gave His Son to die on the Cross for our sins. God did for us, what man could not do for himself. Man couldn't bring a clean thing out of an unclean, but, beloved, thank God, Jesus Christ did it all.

We sing that old song:

"What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood;
What can pay sin's old back debt?
Nothing but the blood;
What can make me a Christian yet?
Nothing but the blood,
Nothing but the blood."

When the Lord Jesus came into this world, He came pure and perfect. When He lived in this world, He lived a perfect life. (Continued on page eight)

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When He came down to die, even His accusers said, "I find no fault in Him." Even the man that betrayed him brought back the coins and flung them down with a metallic clank at the feet of the Sanhedrin, saying, "I have sinned, in that I have betrayed the innocent blood." After He had died, the apostle Paul by inspiration, appraised his life by saying: "For such an high priest became us, who is HOLY, HARMLESS, UNDEFILED, SEPARATE FROM SINNERS, and made higher than the heavens."—Heb. 7:26.

I tell you, beloved, Jesus Christ, God's Son, as our perfect Saviour, came to Calvary and did for us what He could not do for Himself, and what a parent could not do for you, and what religion could not do for you. He can take us in our unclean estate and make us clean, and that is exactly what Jesus Christ did at the Cross of Calvary. Listen:

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

—Heb. 9:14.

Notice the word "purge." It is the word that has incorrectly given rise to the word "purgatory." The Catholics talk about a man dying and going to purgatory where all his sins will be purged away and he will then be pure and perfect in the sight of God. My brother, I have something that beats Purgatory ten thousand times ten thousand times over. I have a Saviour who has already purged my soul from dead works to serve the living God. I am all ready for eternity. I have the assurance that I have cleanliness that I never could have gotten through my parents, or through religion, or through anything that I did for myself. I have cleanliness—I have purification—that I never could have gotten except through the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary. That is what John meant, when he said:

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

That is what John meant, when he said:

"For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."—Rev. 7:17.

Brother, sister, listen to me tonight, what man can not do for himself, what religion can not do for him, and what his parents fail to do for him, the Lord Jesus Christ did for us at Calvary. Because of that, I rejoice every time I read:

"And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son CLEANSETH us from all sin."—I John 1:7.

While there is no hope for a clean thing to ever come out of an unclean, thank God, the only perfectly clean personality that ever lived, Jesus Christ, can make us clean, pure, and white. No wonder Isaiah said:

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as WHITE AS SNOW; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."—Isa. 1:18.

It is no wonder that in the hymn book we have all those grand old songs about the blood, for the blood washes us whiter than snow. Thank God, that what man could not do for himself, because of his unclean position, the only clean One that ever lived—the only One that could ever declare that He was clean from the hour of birth, went to Calvary and died for our sins, to the extent that you and I are verily clean and can stand in His presence now.

May God bless you!

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I Should Like To Know

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5. Does the Bible teach that the saints will shout over the damnation of the lost?

In one chapter (Rev. 19), the saints shout "Halleluia" four times over the destruction of the old whore and her harlot daughters. In the two preceding chapters, Roman Catholicism and the Protestant churches, are destroyed. Cf. Rev. 19:16. Then it is that the saints of God shout over their damnation. Read Rev. 19:1,3,4,6.

6. When a Christian dies, how long is it until he sees his Lord?

In the case of the thief crucified with Jesus, it was the same day, for Jesus said, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Cf. Luke 23:43.

This coincides with the teachings of Paul, for he declared that when a Christian is "absent from the body," he is "present with the Lord." Cf. II Cor. 5:8. He further declared that when a Christian departs, it is "to be with Christ." Cf. Phil. 1:23.

In the light of this, I insist that it can not be too strongly argued that when a Christian dies, he goes at once into the direct presence of Jesus.

7. If one has to be baptized to be saved, and he should lose his salvation, shouldn't he be baptized again, if he is later re-saved?

This comes from one of our Campbellite readers who is confused to the nth degree. First of all one doesn't have to be baptized to be saved. Salvation and baptism are two separate experiences. Cf. John 4:1. The converse is really true for one must be saved to be Scripturally baptized. In all the Bible, it is blood before water.

Then in the second place, no saved person loses his salvation. Cf. Rom. 8:38,39; John 10:28,29.

In the third place, if one could lose his salvation, he never could be saved again. The Word of God makes it clear that if one could apostatize, he would be a "gone goslin," so far as salvation is concerned. Cf. Heb. 6:4-6.

I am ready to grant that our querist is logical. If one were saved a second time, he certainly ought to be baptized a second time too—that is if baptism had anything to do with his salvation.

Isn't it strange that a Campbellite will preach that a believer can lose his salvation—that which is a gift of God—but retain his baptism—that which is purely an act of man. Surely the legs of the lame are not equal.

The Jews

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scripts of the Bible in existence, but that manuscript contains only the first five books of the Bible—the books of the Law. But even from the Law they got the expectation of the coming of the Messiah. In Deut. 18:15-19, there is a great promise that a Prophet like unto Moses, but greater, shall be sent unto them. This they understood as referring to the Messiah. What a pity that those Samaritans do not believe that the Messiah has come. What a pity that the Jews do not believe that He has come. Some still look for Him—the Orthodox group, although since all records have been destroyed He could not prove His lineage. It could be proven in New Testament times, hence the genealogies of Matthew and Luke. The modernistic Jews of today try to say that Messiah was never meant to be a PERSON—that the Jewish people have a messianic mission. The RACE—not a PERSON was meant. Well, that theory is no more absurd than the theory of Christians who say that anti-Christ is not to be a PERSON.

How The Promise Of Messiah Was Amplified

It was amplified IN THE PSALMS. For example the second psalm foretells the coming Messiah and tells of His work in the plainest way. The 22nd Psalm minutely describes the crucifixion of the Messiah, although that

mode of execution was not known at the time David wrote. Other Psalms are messianic beyond question.

It was amplified BY THE PROPHETS. Isaiah foretold the Virgin Birth in the clearest way. (See Isa. 7:14 and 9:6-7). Daniel even goes so far as to tell WHEN He should be born, and when He should be "cut off." Perhaps the "wise men of the east" were students of Daniel's prophecy. Jesus said that He had been predicted in the LAW and PROPHETS and PSALMS (See Luke 24:27 and 44). Incidentally this Scripture shows that the Bible of Christ's time consisted of a threefold division—law, prophets and psalms. The canon of Old Testament Scripture was already closed. Moreover the Mosaic authorship of the law is established, for Jesus said, "which were written in the LAW OF MOSES . . ."

Other Indications Of The Coming Messiah

Christ is indicated, and in numerous ways, in the typology of the TABERNACLE. One can spend almost indefinite time in studying the rich typology of the Tabernacle. He is set forth in the type of the BRAZEN SERPENT. He is certainly indicated in the wonderful TYPE OF THE PASS-OVER LAMB. The very place of His birth, Bethlehem, was given.

People wonder today how the Jews could have been—and are—so blind as not to recognize the Messiah. This is no greater thing to wonder over than how Christians—even ministers, should fail to understand that Christ is going to come a second time—and that His coming is to be premillennial. Yet they wonder? The Bible gives the reason in these words, "SATAN HATH BLINDED . . .!"

Just Hoping

(Continued from page one) this present warfare. Very few are really blind . . . they only hope to be.

—Day Break

Editor's Comment:

The great denominations have created stronger and stronger centralized governments. Baptists have a theory that each church is self governing—that the church is sovereign and that various denominational agencies are to be the servants of the churches. Nice theory, but in practice it is not so with churches in general. Churches and pastors are bossed by "leaders" and "headquarters." Denominational loyalty is put ahead of loyalty to Christ and the Bible. Many a pastor of this day will close his eyes to the rottenest situation in a denominational agency or institution, and will lead his church to go right on supporting it, despite the rottenness, in order to be thought "loyal to the whole program." Let a church fail to fall in line and do as told by "the leaders" and that church is branded and stigmatized, and its pastor is given a black eye. How do I know? I know because both my church and myself have experienced it. I am pastor of a church that has always contributed to such denominational objects as we believe in, but because we do not give blindly to the "Program" we are considered off color.—Faith and Life.

Tithing

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We will stop talking about begging for the church, and the cause of God will be financed honorably and free from the stain of mendicancy.

5. Tithing Removes The Necessity For Spasmodic Efforts And For High Pressure Collections. We have been doing much of our giving under the stress of dire necessity, and under the influence of frenzied appeals. The tithe would keep the treasury of the Lord with ample funds all the while.

7. Tithers Usually Go To The Full Measure Of Stewardship. Those who are giving in a great way to the glory of God almost without exception, began their

stewardship as tithers; this recognition of the right of God to their money led them to the glory of complete stewardship.

8. Tithing Has The Promise Of The Divine Blessing. Mal. 3:10-11.

9. Tithing Breaks Down The Wall Of Partition Between The Sacred And The Secular. The man who is in partnership with God will find the business of the six days becoming holy like the worship of the seventh.

10. Tithing Enables Our Churches To Give Themselves To The Supreme Task Of Soul-Winning.

The energy now spent by preachers and deacons and other active church workers in raising money and in wearisome appeals for funds to meet expenses, could then be given without interruption to the chief business of the churches, that of leading the lost to Christ.

Fellowship

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such. That is why the Editor has no fellowship with dancing church members and urges their exclusion. They are not fit to belong to any decent church. Mixed bathers are just as bad. Those who own stock in such are worse: for they tempt others to sin. The Master said they had better have a millstone tied around their necks and be sunk in the sea, if they tempt others to sin. All secret orders belong to the works of darkness. Paul said in I Cor. 4:5 that all hidden things of darkness shall be brought to light. That is why all secrets of all lodges have been exposed.

Paul says in Eph. 5:8: "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord." Saved people do not walk in darkness. All, who walk in darkness, are going to Hell. All who are in the Lord and they only walk in the light. All others are Hell-bound. My the Baptists there will be in Hell! The rulers and bosses in our churches Paul calls "rulers of the darkness of this world" and "spiritual wickedness in high places." John says (I John 1:6): "If we say we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth." I did not say all this worldly crowd in our churches are liars; but John said so. I believe he told the truth. If you stay in a church with card players and dancers and mixed bathers and bootleggers and bribers and gamblers and libertines and perjurers and profane swearers and notorious crooks and adulterers and heretics and drunkards and gamblers and liars and haters and such like, then you are particeps criminis of all their sins: for Paul says have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. Paul says: "Come out from among them." II Cor. 6:14-18. Clean house!—H. Boyce Taylor.

The Will Of God

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no sin in doing what God commanded. Peter tells us they put Christ to death with wicked hands; therefore, they were not obeying a command of God. What God purposes is a determining factor; what He commands is our duty.

It seems easy for men to see distinction in everything except religion. A man who can see one side of the truth will say, "it is God's will or purpose to save me, He will save me; therefore will sit down and do nothing about it." Now this same man would not dare reason this way about other things. Concerning this year's crops, God's will purpose determine the harvest, but His command is to plow, plant, cultivate and reap. God will of purpose determine whether we live or die (James 4:15), but it is His will of command that we regard the laws of health. Nobody quits eating because he believes God's will purpose determines whether lives or dies. It is God's will command that we sow beside waters, to preach the Gospel every creature, and His will purpose will take care of the results and make it accomplish what He pleases.

It is God's will of purpose that determines whether I am saved or not, but it is folly to sit down and say that if I am one of the elect I will be saved; therefore, I need not take any interest in the matter. God's will of command to repent and believe, and this every man's responsibility. We are commanded to make our calling and election certain (Peter 1:10). We are commanded to strive to enter in at the strait gate (Luke 13:24). The man who takes no interest in his soul and has no concern for his salvation; if he persists in this attitude will surely land in the lake of fire; for that believeth not shall be damned. Much of God's will of purpose belongs to His secret will, and secret things belong unto God, but what He has revealed and commanded belong to us (Deuter 29:29).

Tracts

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