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

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## Family Worship

There are some very important outward ordinances and means of grace which are plainly implied in the Word of God, but for the exercise of which we have few, if any, plain and positive precepts; rather are we left to gather them from the example of holy men and from various incidental circumstances. An important end is answered by this arrangement: trial is thereby made of the state of our hearts. It serves to make evident whether, because an expressed command cannot be brought requiring its performance, professing Christians will neglect a duty plainly implied.

Thus, more of the real state of our minds is discovered, and it is made manifest whether we have or have not an ardent love for God and His service. This holds good both of public and family worship. Nevertheless, it is not at all difficult to prove the obligation of domestic piety.

Consider first the example of Abraham, the father of the faithful and the friend of God. It was for his domestic piety that he received blessing from Jehovah Himself, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord,

to do justice and judgment" (Gen. 18:19). The patriarch is here commended for instructing his children and servants in the most important of all duties, "the way of the Lord"—the truth about His glorious person. His high claims upon us, His requirements from us. Note well the words "he will command" them; that is, he would use the authority God had given him as a father and head of his house, to enforce the duties of family godliness. Abraham also prayed with as well as instructed his family: wherever he pitched his tent, there he "built an altar (Continued on page five)

1. If an Episcopalian rector is the apostles spoke publicly at saved and preaches the Gospel of Christ, should he get out of his organization and unite with a New Testament Church, or remain in it and preach the Gospel to his people?

He ought to get out. II Cor. 6:17; Eph. 5:11. At the very outset, he is living in disobedience to the Master's command to be baptized. Further, he is a member of a rankly, false, heretical church. He won't have much power nor fellowship with God until he obeys God's will.

2. Why is it you are always knocking something or somebody?

There are two classes of knockers, namely, (1) those who knock on the Bible, and (2) those who knock with the Bible. We ask that you observe every knock THE BAPTIST EXAMINER makes, and see if it isn't with the Bible. The biggest thing you can do with a hammer is knock. The Bible is a hammer. Cf. Jer. 23:29.

3. Does Joel 2:28 and Acts 2:17, 18 give the women the right to preach or speak in public?

No. Acts 2:14 shows that only

4. Explain Rom. 3:23.  
A picture of oriental imagery underlies this text. Paul imagines a man shooting at a target with an arrow. One arrow came up almost to the target, while perhaps another fell practically at the feet of the one who was shooting. Other arrows fell in between. Not one reached the target; not one hit the target; not one over-shot it. Paul declares that in life we are "shooting at" the glory of God. None of us reach it, and none of us over-shoot it. Hence, we have "all sinned and come short of the glory of God."

5. Is it Scriptural for women to vote in church business, and in the election of a pastor?

Yes, it is right for them to vote, but not to make motions or reports. The 120 voted in Acts 1 women and all.

6. Is it right for Baptist churches to place a large cross back of the baptistry?

No. It is too much like the Catholic (Continued on page eight)

## What Will The Baptists Of The South Now Do?

The most blistering anathemas which fell from the lips of our Lord Himself were directed, not at the publicans and sinners, but at the religious Pharisees, who were the ancestors of our modern denominational officials.

"Then spake Jesus unto the multitude and to his disciples . . . Woe unto you, scribes, and Pharisees, hypocrites . . . Woe unto you ye blind guides . . . Ye blind guides which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel." —Matt. 23:1,15,16,24.

Recently the Southern Baptist officials strained at a gnat, by passing a vote of censure upon Mr. Lee Roberson, and the Highland Park Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tennessee, for exercising their inalienable right as an independent sovereign New Testament Church to direct its own affairs as directed by the Holy Spirit and support Bible believing missionaries of their own choosing, and to train and educate around seven hundred young men and women whom the Lord of the harvest has raised up for the gospel ministry, and the mission fields around the world.

The same denominational officials now swallow a camel, by having Mr. Carney Hargroves as a special speaker at the next convention at Miami, Florida, whose praise of Father Divine and the report of his partaking of communion and the Lord's Supper with the notorious false religious leader, has been published

throughout the country. If that is not "straining at a gnat, and swallowing a camel" the figure of speech employed by our Lord has no meaning or application whatever.

The fat is now in the fire, and the lurid flames will reach to high heaven, and attract the attention of the whole religious world.

We do not recall whether anyone has ever preached a sermon, or heard one preached at the annual Southern Baptist Convention on the 23rd chapter of Matthew. Doubtless there are several of the brethren who have a good outline on that chapter. The time is ripe, and the occasion calls for it. We would not be so immodest as to even suggest an outline of the contents of this powerful sermon by our Lord Himself, but we do believe it has particular application to a condition with which Southern Baptists are now faced.

### The Main Issue At The Miami Convention

This issue at Miami will take precedence over every other matter. To condemn Mr. Lee Roberson, and his great church for refusing to support the inclusive policy of modernism and fundamentalism in our Baptist Seminaries, and on the foreign mission field, and at the same time honor and promote Mr. Carney Hargroves after having fellowship with Father Divine an unparalleled blasphemy of sitting down with this religious false teacher (Continued on page five)

## Be Sure To Drop "Reverend" From Preacher's Name

By LASSERRE BRADLEY, JR.

We are living in a day in which many preachers have acquired some title of distinction. This, however, is foreign to New Testament teaching. Paul was simply called an Apostle. Stephen was a Deacon. Other men were called Pastor or Elder. These titles are the only ones with Scriptural authority.

Today preachers carry the title of "Reverend," "The Right Reverend," or "Most Reverend." These titles came into existence with the graded ministry. Early in the history of the church, there arose the error of one church or one preacher attempting to lord over another. This eventually manifest itself in the Catholic Church and its graded ministry. Many Protestant denominations carried with them from their Catholic mother, the idea of the graded ministry.

Certainly the humble followers of Jesus knew nothing of a graded ministry. Jesus taught humility and Paul writes that we are to esteem our brethren higher than ourselves. When a preacher attaches "Reverend" to his name he certainly is not showing much humility.

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### OUR RADIO MINISTRY

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## Here's The Rest We Need Even In This Restless Age

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"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass." —Psa. 37:7.

How we need to rest in the Lord! As I consider this song of the sweetest singer of Israel, the one admonition that stands out above all others as especially appropriate to our day is this one: "Rest in the Lord."

Of course, all the other admonitions of Psalm 37 are important. We are told to "trust the Lord" for through trust in Him we shall receive the blessings of life and physical nourishment—"so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed." We are told to "delight in the Lord," in return for which He "will give thee the desires of thine heart." In the fifth verse we are promised that if we "commit" our way unto the Lord, He will bring to pass those things we desire. But let us especially note that admonition which seems most needful for our age: "Rest in the Lord."

If ever any age in the history of mankind needed a gospel of resting in the Lord, it is this age in which you and I live. We often refer to our day as "this busy age," or "this swift-moving age." But this age is more than just "busy" or "swift." These adjectives in themselves aren't bad, for it is good to be busy in the things

of God and to be swift to do good works. Business and motion are signs of life and zeal and are good if applied to good ends. Perhaps the best description of our day would be "This restless age."

A gnawing restlessness seems to be continually driving people out of their homes and into the shops and amusement places of our cities. Many mothers have mentioned to me the restlessness of their sons who have returned from service in our Armed Forces. "Why Johnny was never so restless before he went away," they say, "And now he can't seem to sit still for a minute; he's always on the go." But it is true not only of servicemen; men and women in all walks of life show this hurried, harried characteristic; they have no real rest. Boys and girls, teen-agers, roam the streets at night, forming "gangs" and getting into mischief or downright law-breaking. We could talk at length about the symptoms of this restlessness that afflicts our society, but I want to discuss the basic cause behind the restlessness and tell how the restless ones may find rest and satisfaction for their souls in God.

We must first recognize the fact that SIN and a sense of separation from God is behind much of the restlessness of our day. This fact is ignored by many religious leaders, even some Baptists, and they try to treat the symptoms instead of the disease. That is, instead of preaching the gospel that the souls of people may be saved and their hearts made new by the (Continued on page three)

## ADAM AND EVE COULDN'T HIDE

A woman said to D. L. Moody: "Please pray for my husband. He has many sinful things, but he has a good heart." The evangelist gave the perfect answer when he replied, "That's where you are wrong lady. Your husband doesn't have a good heart, or else he wouldn't do those sinful things." That's why the Bible says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." —John 3:3.

Adam and Eve were the first members of the chlorophyll cult. When they sinned, they tried to hide their nakedness by making garments out of fig leaves. The green in those leaves, and all leaves, is chlorophyll. But God still saw their sin in spite of the chlorophyll. In fact, God didn't like their chlorophyll religion! He sent them out of the Garden of Eden—poor, wretched, and sinful.

—Contender: "The great Physician now is near,

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

### "The Disease And The Physician"

"Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" —Jer. 8:22.

This, as you probably recognize, is an old familiar text. It has been the basis of many, many evangelistic appeals through the years. When I was just a boy, before I became a minister myself, I heard this text preached from often by evangelists in revival meetings. It is a good text and is in keeping with at least one of the songs that we sing quite often:

The sympathizing Jesus;  
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer,  
Oh, hear the voice of Jesus.

Sweetest note in seraph song,  
Sweetest name on mortal tongue;  
Sweetest carol ever sung,  
Jesus, blessed Jesus."

Well, beloved, at this time I wish to direct your thoughts to Him, the great Physician, the Lord Jesus Christ—the Physician that is spoken of in this text in Jeremiah.

I

MAN IS, AND HAS BEEN

## VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST

The victory of the indwelling Christ is well embodied in the simple story of Mary, but recently become a Christian and now being examined for admission to the church. The question ran something thus: "Mary, are you a Christian?" "Yes." "Does it make any difference in your life, being a Christian?" "Oh, yes, indeed," said Mary. "Well, what difference? Suppose, for example, you are tempted to sin; what do you do?" This was Mary's reply: "When I hear Satan come knocking at my heart's door, I just turn to Jesus and say, 'Lord Jesus, won't You go to the door?' He goes and opens the door, and when Satan sees Jesus, he says, 'Excuse me, I have come to the wrong place,' and bowing, he goes away."

### SINCE THE DAY OF ADAM, THE SUBJECT OF MORAL DISEASE.

Just as there are diseases that affect the human body, so there are moral diseases that affect the soul.

There is the disease of LEPROSY that affects the body. One day a man notices a little spot, perhaps on the end of his finger, maybe no bigger than a pinhead, and maybe he'll even rub it—perhaps brush the scab away, and in a week he will notice that that scab has grown, is large, more inflamed, more angry in its appearance (Continued on page two)



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**"Disease And Physician"**

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ance, and after a while, unless something is done to arrest and stay that disease, the joint in his finger will fall off. Little by little, that leprosy will eat, until another joint in his finger is eaten away, and will continue until a man's entire body is affected thereby. In the Bible, when a leper saw anyone approaching him, he would not dare let that one come close to him, without holding up his hands and shouting, "Unclean! Unclean!" It was a crime in society, even in the days of the Lord Jesus Christ, for a leper to allow anyone to come close to him.

Well, beloved, man is a moral leper. There is residing within us the virus of moral leprosy, which we choose to call sin. Everyone of us are affected with it. Those of us who are saved are just sinners saved by grace, but we are still sinners just the same. Those of you who have never trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ and His atoning work at Calvary are unclean and leprous. Beloved, just as a leper in the Old Testament was compelled to lift his hands and shout, "Unclean," so, as you stand in the presence of Almighty God and look up into His face, your business is to bow before Him in submission and to cry out, "Unclean! Unclean! Woe is me, because of my unclean position."

**"But we are all as an UN-CLEAN THING, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."**  
—Isa. 64:6.

To say nothing about the worst within us, the best there is about us, is like a dirty filthy rag that you wouldn't want to touch. As you would spurn and shun a leper, not wanting to touch him for fear that you would be contaminated thereby, so, beloved, you need to realize that every man outside of Jesus Christ stands as a moral leper in the sight of God.

To be sure, it may be that moral leprosy is not apparent to such a great degree in your life today, but what is it going to be ten years from now, twenty years from now, or fifty years from now? Moral leprosy grows. What is it going to be a hundred years from now in eternity? What is it going to be like after you have been in eternity for a millennium. For God says that their sinful dispositions go on and on, never satisfied throughout a never-ending age of eternity. Listen:

**"He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still."**  
—Rev. 22:11.

John A. Broadus, visiting the city of Jerusalem years ago, walking around the city's walls one morning, saw a little basket, and looking into that basket under the covers, saw a little baby with a beautiful smile upon its face. Broadus was just in the act of taking that babe in his arms and lifting it out of the basket when somebody shouted, "Unclean! Unclean!" He realized that it was a leper babe that had been left there by somebody that didn't want it, and if he had picked that

babe to his bosom, he himself might have been contaminated thereby. It didn't show any signs of leprosy that day, but unless something were done for that child, in a few short years that babe would die the horrible death of a leper.

Oh, listen to me boy, girl, young man, young woman, there is within you signs of moral leprosy, even sin itself, and unless the grace of God comes within your heart, this disease of moral leprosy will grow and grow and grow, both in time and in eternity, and a million years from now, you will be in Hell, still an unclean leper. Man, beloved, is a victim of moral leprosy.

Leprosy is not the only disease that is mentioned within the Bible. There is **INSANITY**, for insanity in the Word of God, is an illustration of sin. When an individual is insane, he can't think correctly. In fact, beloved, the man who is insane thinks that everyone else is crazy, and he himself is all right.

There was a lad in college with me who was the brainiest young man that I ever knew in my life. He could go deeper in any subject when it came to the matter of reasoning than any man that I have ever known. Two or three years after I saw him for the last time in college, he was reading one day Nietzsche's "Philosophy of the Superman." He closed the book, laid it to one side, raised up and said, "I have a terrible pain in my head." That was the last sensible thing that he has ever said. I used to go to Lexington to the asylum to see him quite often. The last time that I saw him he could read Greek just as fluently then as he could when he was in college. I said to him, "Judd, what are you in here for?" "Oh," he said, "they have me here watching these crazy folk." I pointed to an inmate and I said, "What's wrong with this fellow over here?" "Oh," he said, "he's crazy." I pointed to three or four others, and every time he would say, "He's crazy." I said, "How about myself?" He said, "You are the craziest one of the whole crowd." Beloved, he thought everyone was crazy and that he was the only smart man in that entire building. That's insanity. When a man is insane, he thinks everybody else is wrong since he has not the ability to think correctly.

Beloved, that's exactly what God says about every sinner. God says that every sinner is spiritually insane. Listen:

**"Having the understanding darkened."**—Eph. 4:18.

Brother, sister, you will never be in your right mind spiritually, you will never be anything but a spiritual lunatic until the Lord Jesus Christ saves your soul. We read:

**"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of A SOUND MIND."**  
—II Tim. 1:7.

Now, beloved, when does a man have a sound mind? Not until he is saved. That is why it is that unsaved people can't think correctly. That is why it is that an unsaved man is totally unable to turn to God in any wise at all. He is spiritually insane. He will never be able to understand God's thoughts, and he will never be able to have correct judgment spiritually until the Lord Jesus Christ becomes his Saviour.

Moral disease is also illustrated by **PALSY**. Do you know what palsy is? Did you ever see an individual that when he moved or when he spoke, he was shaking continually? I remember a blacksmith when I was a boy that when he would talk to you, his head would shake continually. When he would talk, his hands would shake. He had a bad case of the palsy. But, beloved, suppose a man were paralyzed to the extent that he couldn't move his eyes, that his hands were helpless, and that his legs were immobile. In other words, suppose he were paralyzed to the extent that he was absolutely helpless from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet. If you could find a man that was thus paralyzed,

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JULY 19, 1955

**JACOB'S EXPERIENCES AT HARAN**

GENESIS 29-31

Memory Verse: "The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent from one another."  
—Gen. 31:49.

**I. Prayer To God Or Interrogation Of Men, Which? Gen. 29:1-5.**

Cf. Gen. 24:12. Instead of praying thus to God for guidance, as we would naturally expect Jacob to do, we see him interrogating the shepherds.

**II. God Or Chance? Gen. 29:6.**

Chapter 28 tells of Jacob's experience after his first day's journey from home. The rest of his journey of 500 miles is unrecorded. We next see him at a well near Haran. Here he first met the daughter of the man with whom he was to live. What a striking proof that the Lord was with him. This was no chance meeting. There are no chance meetings nor accidental happenings in a world that is governed by God. All is of a Divine appointment.

**III. Rolling Away The Stone. Gen. 29:7,8.**

It is our business to water and feed the sheep today (John 21:15-17). That must be done ALONE through the teaching of the Word of God. As with Jacob, so today we come face to face with stones of difficulty we need to roll away. Whatever may be a hindrance to the Lord's work is a stone of difficulty. May God help us to roll all these away!

**IV. Kissing And Weeping. Gen. 29:9-11.**

Rachel was possibly twelve years of age. (Had she been older, she would not have been caring for the sheep). But in Oriental countries, a girl of twelve is equal in maturity to one of seventeen here. Why should Jacob weep after he had kissed her? No, not alone because he loved, although it was love at first sight! The preceding verse (v. 10) refers three times to his mother. Rachel evidently called to his mind his remembrances of home and his mother. Thus, homesickness, as well as love, actuated the weeping.

**V. Jacob Meets His Match. Gen. 29:13-19.**

Two thieves met when Laban and Jacob kissed. Jacob remained a month as Laban's guest (v. 14). Then Laban suggested a trade. Jacob named his price (v. 16-18). Laban assented (v. 19).

**VI. Sowing And Reaping. Gen. 29:20-28.**

Jacob had deceived his father; now he is deceived by his father-in-law, Jacob had disregarded the rights of Esau as first born (Gen. 27); now he must learn to respect the rights of the first born (Gen. 29:26). Cf. Job 4:8; Prov. 22:8; Hosea 8:7; Gal. 6:7,8.

Pharoah drowned Israelitish boys (Ex. 1:22). Was in the end drowned himself. (Ex. 14:28).

Korah caused a cleft in the congregation of Israel (Num. 16:2,3); God made a cleft in the earth to swallow him (Num. 16:30).

Adoni-bezek had his toes and thumbs cut off just as he had done to others. (Judges 1:6,7).

Ahab slew Naboth and the dogs licked up his blood (I Kings 21:19); so was Ahab's blood licked up (I Kings 22:38).

King Asa put a prophet in stocks (II Chron. 16:10). God afflicted him with a disease in the feet. (I Kings 15:23).

Saul of Tarsus consented to stoning of Stephen

you could find an example of what the sinner is spiritually in God's sight, for every unsaved man is paralyzed spiritually and morally before God. An unsaved man can't take a step in the direction of God unless the Spirit of God enables him. Listen:

**"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him."**—John 6:44.

Listen to me, beloved, unsaved people are spiritually paralyzed to the extent that they have no strength within themselves to reach up to God. Talk about a man reaching up to the Lord! Can a man who is spiritually paralyzed, do anything? A spiritually paralyzed sinner is so feeble that he can't see God—that he can't do anything, until the Spirit of God enables him.

Yes, beloved, in order to illustrate that man is a subject of moral disease, God speaks of leprosy, insanity, and palsy as illustrating man's moral and spiritual condition.

But more than that, He speaks about **BLINDNESS**—that every man outside of the Lord Jesus Christ is spiritually blind.

**"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."**—John 1:5.

Suppose, beloved, you were to walk into this room, and it is in total darkness. You press a button the light flashes, and the light takes hold of the darkness. The light overcomes the darkness. The light apprehends the darkness.

Beloved, the sinner is so blinded that he doesn't understand, he doesn't comprehend.

Can you think about the darkest night that you ever knew in this world? Can you think about the time that you groped about in darkness to find your way? Can you remember that time that you could almost feel the darkness, and then you could turn on a light and the darkness would disappear? Listen, my brother, my sister, you are so blinded by the things of this world that you are in dense darkness. God's Word shines all about you, but the darkness is still there and it can't lay hold of the light of the Word of God.

Yes, beloved, I come to this text of Scripture about the physician and the fact that there is no medicine to be found, and I remind you that man is a subject of moral disease, illustrated by leprosy, insanity, palsy, and blindness, in the Word of God.

II

**LET'S GET A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF MAN'S MORAL DISEASE.**

I would remind you, first of all, of its **ANTIQUITY**. That moral disease that you are suffering with today didn't begin just yesterday. It isn't a modern disease that you have today. You know, there are a lot of diseases that are modern. It used to be when a man had a pain amidship, he just had the stomachache. That's all. Now-

(Acts 7:58). Later he himself was stoned (Acts 19).

**VII. Evils Of Polygamy. Gen. 29-30:24.**

(A struggle between these two wives is manifested in the names given their children). In the first seven years of their married life, Leah bore seven children: Rachel one; and the two hand-maids bore two each.

Leah's children:

Reuben, i. e. "see, a son!"; Simeon, i. e. "a hearer"; Levi, i. e. "a joiner"; Judah, i. e. "a promise"; Issachar, i. e. "reward"; Zebulun, i. e. "dwelling"; Dinah, i. e. "vindication."

Bilhah (Rachel's hand-maid):

Dan, i. e. "a judge," Napthali, i. e. "wrestling"; Zilpah (Leah's maid):

Gad, i. e. "a troop cometh," Asher, i. e. "happy"

Rachel's first born:

Joseph, i. e. "adding."

**VIII. The New Contract. Gen. 30:26-36.**

When Jacob's second term of seven years was fulfilled, he found himself with no money and property but a large family of twelve children and four wives (the hand-maids were virtually wives). Jacob asks that the question of wages be left up to God. He said, "I will accept no salary. I will leave it in the hands of God to designate what I ought to get. Most of the sheep are white. My part shall be the speckled, striped and ring-streaked." (v. 31-33). Laban accepted the proposition, but he passed through the flock and took out all which might produce in Jacob's favor, giving these to his sons and separating the flock (v. 35,36).

**IX. Jacob's Increase; Laban's Decrease. Gen. 30:37-43.**

**X. Jacob's Flight From Haran. Gen. 31:1-21.**

Laban's sons began talking about Jacob's increase, while their father's flock decreased (v. 2). Jacob saw that Laban's countenance was not as it once was (v. 2). Jacob called a council meeting of his wives to see if they would agree to leave with him (v. 4-10). On top of it all, God called Jacob back to Bethel (v. 11-13). (This is the first mention of God for twenty years; Jacob was a genuine back-slider). While Laban was away (v. 19), Jacob stole away with all of his possessions.

**XI. Laban And God. Gen. 31:22-24.**

Although Jacob was a back-slider, God protected him from the hands of Laban.

**XII. An Angry Meeting On Mt. Gilead. Gen. 31:25-55.**

While Laban was angered by Jacob's stealing away unawares, yet the most of his anger came from the loss of his "gods" (v. 30). He cared more for these than for his family and possessions. These gods were used as oracles. Laban inquired of them what he should do. Hence, Rachel stole them to keep her father from inquiring which way Jacob's caravan had gone.

Note the word "Mizpah" (v. 49). This is not the prayer of parting friends, but of enemies. It literally meant for the Lord to watch between them, since He is the only One able to keep His eye on two such tricksters.

adays, he goes to a doctor and finds he has appendicitis, peritonitis, or a half dozen other "itises." Beloved, we have all kinds of new viruses and all kinds of new diseases. It used to be that doctors didn't know a thing about all the new diseases that have been discovered today. What I am talking about spiritually, is a disease that is almost as old as the race itself. It began, beloved, in the Garden of Eden. It was there when Adam and Eve sinned, and it has been in existence from that time down to this. I tell you, beloved, this disease I am speaking about, is this moral disease that everyone of us are afflicted with. It is not something that is new or modern, but it is something that began in the Garden of Eden. It is an old, old disease that no doctor in this world has ever found a cure for.

It is also interesting to notice the **UNIVERSALITY** of this moral disease, because here's a disease that has affected every body in the whole human family. There are very, very few people who have ever been affected with leprosy. There aren't many people that you have known through life who were afflicted with blindness. There are not many people you know with insanity or palsy, but the disease that I am talking about today is as wide spread as the human race, because every individual since the day of Adam is suffering with this (Continued on page seven)



The fellow who is pulling on the cars usually hasn't time to rock the boat.

## "The Rest We Need"

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Spirit, many are trying to provide "recreations" and "amusements" for their church members. The argument is: "Well, if we don't provide an outlet for the social life of people, they will go to worldly places to find it." Most church members go to church these days in search of pie rather than piety; play rather than prayer; shows rather than showers of blessing. Such activities are calculated to satisfy the flesh only, and when the crowd that is after the "loaves and fishes" get home they are conscious of a deep need that has not been satisfied: They still need rest in the Lord.

Rest in the Lord is the only cure for restlessness, for basically it is caused by your sense of separation from the Lord and spiritual things. Sin separates us from God; He cannot look upon sin. Sin is a slap in God's face: He cannot fellowship with sin, for it is a transgression of His divine command, an expression of unbelief in His goodness, power and majesty. The only cure for sin and the restlessness that it brings with it is found with the One who said:

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you REST. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find REST unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

—Matt. 11:28-30.

The first "rest" is that which comes in salvation when the burden of our sin rolls away and we trust Jesus and His shed blood. The second "rest" is that which comes to the saved person by obedience to the commands of Christ. Jesus applied His invitation to both saved and unsaved; and some of the things I shall discuss will apply to the saved, others to the lost. Let us consider our need of rest and what rest in God includes.

### I. We Need Rest

Rest is a basic physical need of the animal and human worlds. It is a deep need of life. If we despise physical rest, or ignore its importance, it is to our own ruin, the ruin of our bodies and the shortening of our lives. Doctors tell us that many children need to spend at least half of their time in sleep. A grown man needs to spend about one-quarter of his time in sleep. Sometimes I consider sleep as a waste of time and working on in the night to "save time." But sleep is NOT a waste of time; it is God's way of giving our bodies rest that we may be strengthened for the next day. Physiological studies have shown that school boys know their work better after a good night's sleep. Have you ever puzzled over some problem until you went to bed, only to find to your surprise that the next morning in your mind? Such an experience shows how sleep, physical rest, is refreshing to the mind as well as the body. And how much more it is true that one must have spiritual rest in the Lord to have an energetic spiritual life. Jesus said to His disciples in Mark 6:31:

"Come ye apart and REST."

"Come ye apart and rest." He

is still saying that today. Child of God, He is inviting you to the Garden of prayer, to the place of rest from the wearisome world, to the place of re-creation through the Bible and prayer. Lost person, He is inviting you to find rest from your doubt in the certainty of truth; rest from your care in the faith of Jesus that is His gift. He is inviting you to be justified by faith and have peace and rest in Him. Yes, we need physical and mental rest, but our primary need is rest of soul, and that only God can give. He is the soul's rest.

### II. What Rest In God Includes

First, rest in God must be based on a strong faith in a personal God. Pleasure, profit, entertainment, and delight are to be found in the created things of God; but only in HIM is there satisfaction, perfect rest, and peace of soul. And there can be no rest in Him apart from faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, for it is the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, which cleanseth us from all sin.

What is faith, does someone ask? Well, faith is NOT a sudden snatch or a grab at a passing chance at life, as one might try to catch the ring on the merry-go-round. It is NOT a clenching of the fists and a gritting of the teeth with the effort to believe. Faith is NOT barely hanging on for dear life as the winds of doubt and skepticism blow around you. Some evangelists may picture faith this way, but this is not faith. Faith is trusting God, believing God. Faith is resting in the Lord and His Word. Faith is an abiding, firm, everlasting hold upon things eternal. It is a resting in the cleft of an immovable, unshakeable Rock of Ages. It is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. It is a gift of God.

Allow me to illustrate faith from two objects in nature in my home state of Florida. Faith is NOT like the gray moss that hangs from all the trees like old men's straggly beards, for a strong, driving wind will soon cover the ground with piles of gray moss interlaced with leaves and sticks pulled from the tree by the falling moss. Faith is like the ivy that covers the brick walls of the buildings. Just before I left the University of Florida to travel North, a howling hurricane whipped through the state and some of the strongest winds raged across the university campus. Pine trees were blown down, moss and palm branches littered the ground; but the ivy held firm to the red brick walls. Why? Because of the firm, close, vital hold of the ivy roots into the very mortar points of those walls. God's implanted faith is that which holds true, and firm and peaceful, though all Hell should endeavor to shake it loose, for saving faith is God-given faith and what God gives He will not take away.

Then, rest in God includes reconciliation. If you and a friend have a misunderstanding or a disagreement which leads to a severing of the intimacy you have enjoyed in the past, there must necessarily be a reconciliation effected before you can rest in one another again—that is, before you can be at ease with one another again. Thus it is with God and men. The sin of man separates him from God and has ever since the sad separation in the Garden of Eden when man's first parents sinned. Man cannot rest in God until there is reconciliation. The purpose of the gospel message is to reconcile men to God. God is already reconciled to men by the death of His Son, but men must trust in the death of Jesus as having paid for their sins in order to be reconciled to God.

"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, then, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

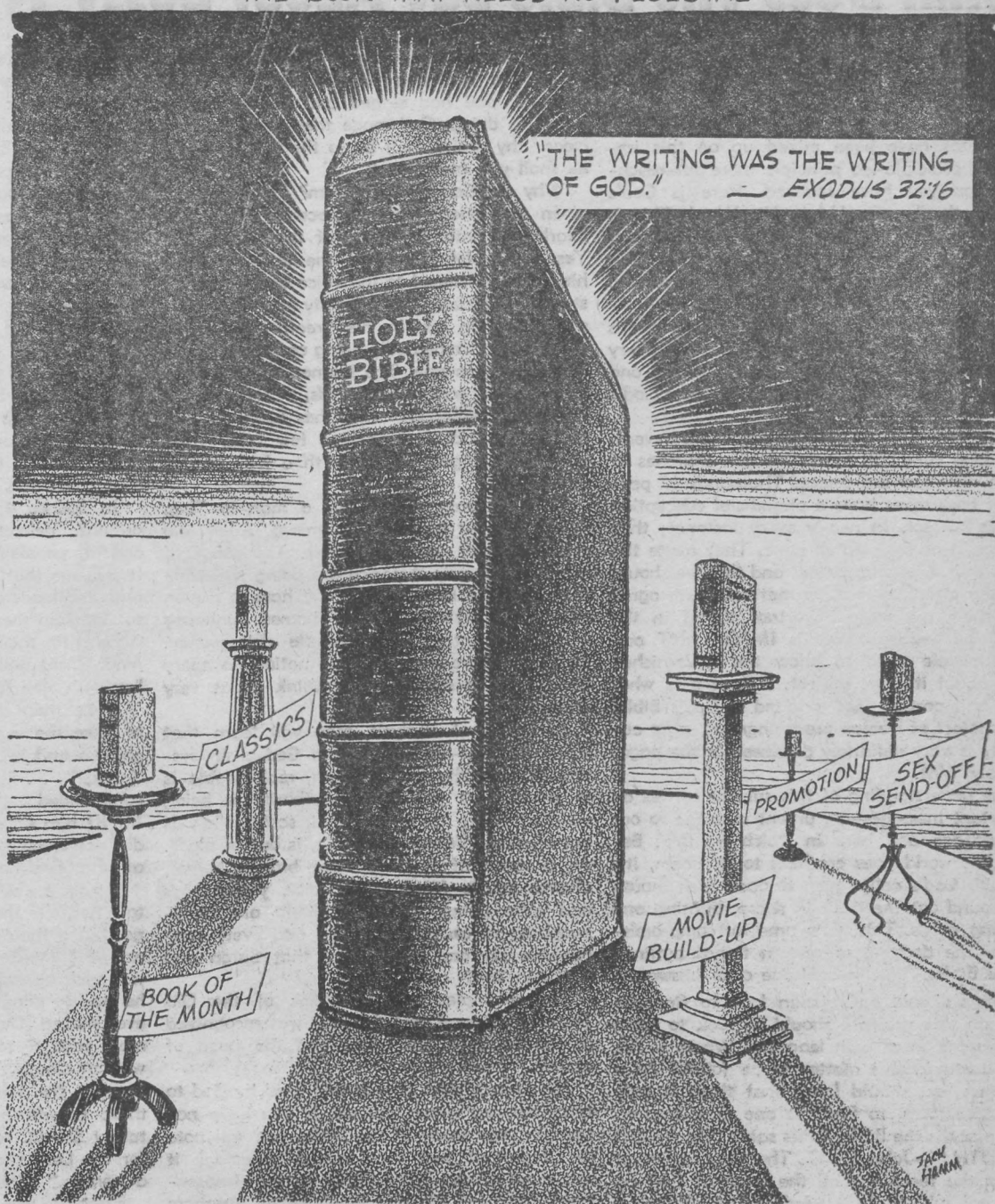
—Rom. 5:10.

The invitation to be reconciled to God is a personal one as given by Paul:

"We are ambassadors for Christ as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

—II Cor. 5:20.

## THE BOOK THAT NEEDS NO PEDESTAL



Now that is the function I want to fulfill; that of one who in Christ's place as His ambassador, pleads with you to find rest in the Lord, to be reconciled to God.

In the face of all the bloodshed and wickedness on every hand today, the message of the psalmist as inspired by God is "Rest in the Lord." God is still on His Throne, and His purpose will not, cannot, fail. Christian friend, beginning today, Rest in the Lord with an unlimited, active trust in Him and His guiding providence. In your daily life and conduct, in your work for God and the right, and in your witnessing for Jesus Christ, rest in the Lord. Then you can say with the poet:

"At the heart of the cyclone  
tearing the sky  
And flinging the clouds and the  
towers by  
Is a place of central calm;  
So here in the roar of mortal  
things,  
I have a place where my spirit  
sings,  
In the hollow of God's palm."

If you aren't a Christian and are without the assurance of salvation, by trusting Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you will find rest for your soul in Him. What does it mean to put your trust in Christ as your Saviour? It means to believe His Word when He says: "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

Perhaps this simple illustration will help you to see what it means to believe what Jesus says and rest in Him. A dear old lady stepped up in the railway passenger coach. She was obviously a country lady who had traveled very little by train, and she seemed to be at the point of tears.

"Is this the right train to New Bedford?" she asked a gentleman passenger near the door.

"Yes, that's right," replied the man.

The old lady took the man's word to the extent that she took a seat, but she was still very nervous and sat gingerly on the edge of the seat as though she wanted to be able to get off the train in a hurry. The train began to move slowly out of the sta-

tion, and she turned in an even more agitated state than before to ask, "Are you sure this is the right train to New Bedford?"

"Why, yes, I'm positive," answered the man.

The old lady, however, still couldn't relax in her seat. Just at that moment, in came the conductor wearing the uniform of the railroad company which showed his authority. Thrusting her ticket at him, the little old lady asked, "Sir, is this the right train to New Bedford?"

The conductor looked at the ticket, punched it, and gave it back to her as he replied with assurance, "Yes, Ma'am, you're on the right train, and I'll be sure that you get off at the right station."

In just a few minutes, the other passengers noted with amusement that the little old lady had leaned back in her seat and fallen sound asleep. What brought rest from anxiety to this woman? Faith in what the conductor, the man of authority, told her. What will bring rest to your soul? Faith in what the Lord Jesus Christ, the only One who speaks with authority from God, has said. Here are His words:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."—John 6:47.



### Reverend

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The word "Reverend" is used only once in the Bible and then in reference to God and not man. "Holy and reverend is His name." (Psa. 111:9). How terrible for us to call men reverend when this title only belongs to God.

Webster's Dictionary says that reverend means: "Worthy of reverence," the second meaning given is: "Sacred; holy." Only God is worthy of reverence. Only God is holy. All men are sinful and none deserve a title which indicates that they are holy. This would be completely contrary to all Scripture.

Jesus preached to the Pharisees, "And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in

the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. But be not called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and ye are brethren. And call no man father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased: and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."—Matt. 23:6-12.

Jesus' teaching about giving men titles of distinction is plain. Surely if He was displeased by one being called Father, Master, or Rabbi, He is displeased when we call a man Reverend—or Holy. God's Word teaches against such titles whether it is the Catholic priest being called "Father," the Jew being called "Rabbi," or a Baptist preacher being called "Reverend."

The only reason our Baptist brethren received these titles is because of the desire to be accepted by the world. They want a place of distinction; like the men of Jesus' day they love recognition. But my friend, God's men have never been accepted by the world and we should not expect to be today. We are taught not to be conformed to this world but to be transformed. No doubt many of our brethren who carry this title today do so without thinking how it really sounds. But I plead with you to examine it by the Bible.

Let us disregard the traditions of men. Let us shun the influence that Catholicism has upon the world and not call preachers by these unscriptural titles. "Brother" or "Pastor" are suitable titles for any man of God. Let us stick to Bible terms. Until the last few years Baptists knew not of the modern attempts to bring the graded ministry with its titles into the church. Why modernize? The Bible hasn't changed.

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# What Does The Bible Say About Bossy Wives And Women Preachers?

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Millions have been mixed up on this important principle—a principle more far-reaching than you have realized. Here is God's answer clearly revealed in His Word. This is not the opinion of man—but of God! I do not expect the approval of a lot of people when they read this message. Rather, I expect to receive considerable criticism.

Here is a vital subject which greatly needs to be understood in every home, in every church and in every nation. Untold misery and suffering can be avoided if we understand God's truth and obey it.

The very fact of women preaching reveals a striking condition in our modern churches of which very few are aware. Thousands of people of both sexes have a prejudicial conception of this subject. In nearly every instance, they look on it as an isolated topic. They make the claim that it is unimportant and that we should give our attention to other matters. I will agree that there are more important things in the Bible; but—this subject is **IMPORTANT** and God's people need to know the unvarnished facts about it! Any subject, I don't care what it is, is important if it is found in God's Bible. The subject of women preaching and using authority is very definitely discussed in the pages of Holy Writ.

The understanding of this subject carries an important message—an urgent message to our present age and hour in which we live! Before this world goes crashing to its doom, it's time for God's called men to open their mouth and sound out the truth in sharp, burning and piercing words. This is no time for compromising or the dodging of certain things outlined in the Bible. There is only one clear answer.

Where should a Christian look to find the truth on this subject? Should he look to some Doctor or man of high learning? Where is the basic truth in this matter to be found? As a Christian you should know that there is only one place to go to find the one clear answer. That place is the Bible. Jesus said, "Thy WORD is TRUTH."—John 17:17. Therefore, we must accept the teaching and the truth of God on this vital subject. It is needful that you, as a Christian man or woman, know the truth on this subject. I wish to also add that this is a subject where there is absolutely no room for disagreement if we accept God's Word as truth, and we must do that.

God's Word is very clear and definite in revealing the status of woman in the church, the home, and I might add, in society. From the book of Genesis through the book of Revelation, the same principles are consistently set forth. They never differ! They remain the same! Neither is there room for any two-sided answers on this subject.

Yet, sad to say, here is a subject on which whole church denominations disagree. Here is a matter which is causing much of the rottenness, wretchedness and home failures in this modern age—if you please! It's high time we find the truth! It's high time we dismiss prejudice from our blinded minds and accept the plain truth of God's Word, not only on this subject, but all subjects. It is high time that men and women get in their God appointed capacities and stay there!

## WHY WOMAN WAS CREATED

Was woman created to be man's boss? Was she created to rule over man or to use authority over him? If not, why was she created?

After God had created man in His own image, He said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a HELP MEET for him." (Gen. 2:18). Thus, God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and from his side took a rib and made woman. I have very often said—God did not take woman from the head of man to be boss. He did not take her from the feet to be kicked and beat around, but He took her from the side of man to be in subjection to man!

The very purpose of woman's creation was to provide a help suitable for man. But the very first time man needed this help, what happened? Genesis 3:1-16 relates the story. Woman allowed the serpent, the Devil, to beguile her into disobeying God, her Creator. She thereupon caused her husband, the husband she was supposed to help, to disobey God. Why did she do this? Because she had taken the initiative and was trying to lead man—a thing she was not able to do. A thing she was not created for!!!

Because she had sinned in doing this, God had this to say to her, "... thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall RULE over thee." (Gen. 3:16). These are plain, sharp and burning words from the Lord God. This is not man's opinion. God had made man first in His own image, as God is always spoken of in the masculine gender. He had made the man stronger and with every necessary quality to be the head and the leader of woman. Adam knew that woman was to be his helper and that he was to be her HEAD. He knew that this

was God's order. But now that woman has taken the initiative without consulting her husband, and had sinned and caused him to sin in so doing, God made their status doubly clear "thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

Why did God rebuke Adam? The answer is given in Genesis 3:17, "Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife..." Yes, Adam let Eve wrest the initiative from him. Adam listened to the voice of his wife instead of exercising the authority and the leadership vested in him by his Creator—God! The same thing is repeatedly being carried on today in this modern age. The banner has been unfurled with screaming words, "THIS IS A WOMAN'S WORLD!" Man has been content, to take a back seat, pay a few bills, yawn with holy indignation and with a look of unconcern!

It is an easy matter for a man to "bog down" and let his wife run things. Adam did and the Devil soon took over. Thousands of men right here in America are doing the same thing. As the result of this we have a nation covered in crime, broken homes, unhappy homes, corruption, and juvenile delinquency. These evils are besetting our nation on every hand. This is something to think about very seriously.

In the final analysis, man will learn that when the God-constituted and God-given system of authority breaks down, real trouble is in store. This pattern of authority is being violated today on a national scale. Man is out of place. Woman, likewise, is out of place. As a result of this we have broken homes, divorce courts filled to capacity, young boys and girls going wrong, adultery and wife-swapping at an all time high and every conceivable sin and debauchery that Satan and Hell can belch out!

The examples and teachings of the Old Testament reveal that the man was recognized as the head of the house and the head of woman.

Man was always chosen and used by God to carry out any group project. If you have noticed in your study of the Bible, you will note the important fact that in the genealogy it was most always from father to son (masculine). You will likewise recall when Abraham was inspired to give prophetic blessings (Gen. 49), they were given to his SONS and not to his daughters. Man was regarded as the direct representative of God over all the animate creation, and woman was recognized as his helper. Husband is wife's God-constituted head! That is God's order and it is good! I dare not change it or tamper with it, lest I suffer and cause suffering.

Then, too, I want you to recall that God called Moses, a MAN, to lead His people out of Egyptian bondage. Then when it came time to institute God's physical priesthood, God chose Aaron and his sons. (Ex. 29:9).

Notice this! In every case, God chose MEN! Not one single time did He choose woman! It was always man! It has always been, and still is, God's plan that man is to be His leaders, His spokesmen, His preacher, His evangelist! Never has there been an exception! If there has been, then I have never found it in the Bible.

But today, this so-called "modern day" woman is conducting herself in such a way that would have made her grandmother blush! But modern woman comes back with the remark that this is a modern day and "old fashion" ideals must be ignored. But I would have you know, my dear friend, that this is not a contrast between us and what you call "old fashion." Rather, it is between "our ways" and "God's ways."

Yes, it is quite true that in both ancient and modern times the Gentile nations often had queens or women ruling over them. But never, never did God appoint or approve a woman as queen or to any office of authority or administration either in the nation of Israel or in the church! It is just not God's way or plan! If your human ways or ideas are different, then it is you—not God—who should repent of this error and carnal, human way. You are the one that is in the wrong.

## PROPHETESSES?

In both the New and Old Testaments we find God used righteous women in the office of prophetesses. But were they preachers? Did they use authority? Did they exercise rule over the man? The answer is negative! If you will study these cases carefully, you will see that their function has been misapplied and that a prophetess carried no administrative authority, but they were simply used of God to convey a message to one of His servants, or to other people—but never in the capacity of preaching or using authority over them. In Exodus 15:20, 21, we read the account of Miriam the prophetess how she led the women out to dance and praise God in song. But she is nowhere spoken of as having preached or using authority of any kind over men. And any honest and open-minded Bible Christian well knows that it would have been contrary to existing

mode of conduct, and to God's command, for her to have done so. The trouble with a lot of people is this: They read something into the Bible that isn't there! I know some of you "WOMEN PREACHERS" won't like this, but I am not concerned over that! But one thing is sure—if you believe God's Word you are forced to agree with this, regardless of your likes or dislikes!

At one time in the history of Israel there arose a situation that parallels our present day of degeneracy. This unusual situation is described in the fourth and fifth chapters of Judges. Now I believe that most Bible scholars will agree with me when I say that the book of Judges, deals, for the most part, with the history of Israel's mistakes. Why? Because "In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes," (Judges 17:6 and 21:25).

In Judges 4:1 we find that Ehud, Israel's present "deliverer" (Judges 3:15) had died, and the people began doing evil in God's sight. It appears that there was no man of real purpose and leadership to guide Israel at this time, so God sold them into the hand of the king of Canaan for their disobedience. At this point, we read, "And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time."

Since there was no man with the courage to take the initiative, Deborah, being a prophetess and knowing the will of God, reminds Barak, "... Hath not the Lord God of Israel commanded..." And she proceeded to REMIND him of what God had commanded. She did not command him, but only reminded him of what God had commanded!

Barak, a weakling (like a lot of men today), told her, "If thou wilt go with me, then I will go; but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go." (Verse 8). It seems as if the old boy was such a weak-kneed, spineless, coward that he had to cling to a woman's skirt before he ever moved. Deborah knew that he should be man enough to carry out this responsibility without clinging to the skirt of a woman. Here is what she told him, "I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest SHALL NOT BE FOR THINE HONOUR; for the Lord shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." (Verse 9).

Deborah was a righteous and God-fearing woman. She had no desire to use leadership. Her own words betray the fact that she was ashamed of men that had to be "mothered" along in order to get them to do God's will. Later, she sang of this national tragedy. "The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel until that I arose a MOTHER in Israel." Judges 5:7.

In this modern day there is a mass repetition of this pitiful spectacle going on. Men have become too lazy and too weak to carry out their God-given responsibility for leadership! In fact, the whole population seems to delight in ridiculing man's position as head of the house. The poor, weak American husband is fast becoming the butt of every joke. Yes, it appears that we are reaching the stage when this is a "woman's world" with diaper-changing husbands and independent wives! This attitude of contempt for what God has ordained is displayed in comic strips, movies, radios and now television as well as other ways. All of which picture the husband as a big, over-grown brute who has to be "managed" by his "modern" wife! This situation may strike some of you as being funny, but it is an abomination to Almighty God! It is nothing to laugh at! Rather, it should cause weeping, prayer and supplication.

The Bible forbids women preachers. But women preachers constitute only a small part in this problem. The big problem is that men and women both have departed from the way of God in their lives. Some preachers take it out on the women, but I'm telling you the men are equally to blame. Both sexes are in the wrong!

Men use to feel and exercise their God-given duties as head of the home. But now it seems they just don't care. I am of the conviction that if they cared they would do something about it. They are too weak! God wants strong men, not weaklings and babies! Man, wake up and command your home. Set an example of purity and spiritual devotion in your home.

## SOME OTHER PROPHETESSES

There are a few other prophetesses mentioned in the Bible, and in every case they were used as Deborah was—to impart knowledge to others as to God's will. In no case did they exercise authority.

In II Chron. 34:22-28, we read of Huldah the prophetess. Here we see that the King of Judah sent to Huldah to find out what God's will was. But, upon learning it, HE made the decision as to what should be done.

Then in Luke 2:36-38, we read of Anna, a prophetess, who was a widow 84 years old. She was a righteous woman who "served God with fastings and prayers night and day."

Philip the evangelist had four virgin daughters. (Acts 21:8,9). The account says, "they did prophesy."

The word "prophesy" means to "foretell

for God." This may be in the sense of a revelation or of inspired preaching. But, this latter function was never exercised by women prophetesses. I am dogmatic in these assertions. I do not and cannot take a middle-ground position. The Bible is very clear on these issues and I am giving you what "thus saith the Lord." I dare not do otherwise.

## NEW TESTAMENT TEACHING

The teachings of the New Testament are very clear and to the point on this issue. I can only give you what God says.

First, I want us to see the order as instituted by the Lord and recorded in I Cor. 11:3: "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of every woman is man; and the head of Christ is God." This is God's Divine order. Notice it again. First, Christ is head of man. Second, man is the head of woman, and God is the head of Christ.

In Eph. 5:23, we read, "For the husband is the head of the wife..."

From I Pet. 3:7 we learn that the woman is the "weaker vessel."

In Col. 3:18, we read, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands as it is fit in the Lord."

## WOMEN TO BE SILENT

No doubt, you are asking where I get my Bible grounds to back up my assertion that God does not call women to preach. Here it is: "Let the woman learn in SILENCE with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp (use) authority over the man, but to be in SILENCE. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." This Scripture says what it means and means what it says. You women running over the country side crying, "I'm called to preach," need to read this over carefully. (Then read it some more!!!)

Preaching the Gospel under the power of the Holy Spirit is using authority over men and over women. The Bible says a woman is not to use authority over the man. Then that includes preaching! This verse of Scripture needs no explanation. It's very plain in what it has to say. No man or woman can deny its meaning. If you "women preachers" will show me just one verse of Scripture that gives you liberty to preach and use authority over the man, then I will retract all I have ever said or written on this subject. There may be some "self-made" and self-called women preachers, but there are no God-called women preachers! If there were then it would be in direct conflict with what God has said on this matter.

Man is to be the head of woman in spiritual matters as well as in physical. If women wish to ask questions, then let them ask their husbands at HOME—"for it is a SHAME to them to SPEAK IN THE CHURCH." I Cor. 14:35.

Present circumstances are no excuse for not obeying the commands of God. This goes for men as well as women.

Women—and women preachers—have taken unto themselves much authority that is not rightfully theirs. But in most cases they have done so because men were so lazy and indifferent they have failed to carry out their God-given responsibility. And so it is a situation that we all need to REPENT of!

We need some men like Joshua. Men that will cry out, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."—Joshua 24:15. We need men that will take on their shoulders the responsibility of leading their household in ALL MATTERS!!!

## GOD'S WAY IS BEST!

Women preachers? Women leaders? NO! God's Word is plain—abundantly plain if we seek His way.

This knowledge will cause no "battle of the sexes." Rather, it will, or should, bring men and women to the sober realization of how very far we have drifted from God's ways and God's command!

God's system needs to be restored in the home and in the church, in the nation and elsewhere. Then, growing children will be properly trained for life by firm, but loving, God-fearing parents. And wives—as many of them secretly realize—would have a deeper love and respect for their husbands. If men and women would get in the place God has assigned them, then, and only then, our church life would become cleansed of some of the paganism and human tradition that is presently cluttering up the services of God!

And what I am going to say now, I say it in all respect to the Holiness movement. I say it only after a very careful and prayerful study of the Bible. I say it after being brought to the place, where I was seeking "tongues." God showed me the truth! I want all that God has for me. So do you!!! But—if women will get in their place, and men in theirs, a lot of this so-called "speaking in tongues" would come to a stop. I know that some of you are not going to appreciate that remark, but I can't

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## Family Worship

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to the Lord" (Gen. 12:7; 13:4). Now my readers, we may well ask ourselves, Are we "Abraham's seed" (Gal. 3:29) if we "do not the works of Abraham" (John 8:39) and neglect the weighty duty of family worship?

The example of other holy men are similar to that of Abraham's. Consider the pious determination of Joshua who declared to Israel, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (24:15). Neither the exalted station which he held, nor the pressing public duties which devolved upon him, were allowed to crowd out his attention to the spiritual well-being of his family. Again, when David brought back the ark of God to Jerusalem with joy and thanksgiving, after discharging his public duties, he "returned to bless his household" (II Sam. 6:20). In addition to these eminent examples we may cite the cases of Job (1:5) and Daniel (6:10). Limiting ourselves to only one in the New Testament we think of the history of Timothy, who was reared in a godly home. Paul called to remembrance the "unfeigned faith" which was in him, and added, "which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois and thy mother Eunice." Is there any wonder then that the apostle could say, "from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures" (II Tim. 3:15)?

On the other hand, we may observe what fearful threatenings are pronounced against those who disregard this duty. We wonder how many of our readers have seriously pondered those awe-inspiring words "Pour out Thy fury upon the heathen that know Thee not, and upon the families that call not on Thy name" (Jer. 10:25). How unspeakably solemn is here that prayerless families are here coupled with the heathen that know not the Lord. Yet need many surprise us? Why, there are many heathen families who unite together in worshipping their false gods. And do not they put thousands of professing Christians to shame? Observe too that Jer. 10:25 recorded a fearful imprecation upon both classes alike: "Pour out Thy fury upon . . ." How loudly should these words speak to us.

It is not enough that we pray as private individuals in our closets; we are required to honor God in our families as well. At least twice each day—in the morning and in the evening—the whole household should be gathered together to bow before the Lord—parents and children, master and servant—to confess their sins, to give thanks for God's mercies, to seek His help and blessing. Nothing must be allowed to interfere with this duty: all other domestic arrangements are to bend to it. The head of the house is one to lead the devotions, but if he be absent, or seriously ill, or an unbeliever, then the wife should take his place. Under no circumstances should family worship be omitted. If we would enjoy the blessing of God upon our family, then let its members gather together daily for praise and prayer. "Them that honour Me I will honour" is His promise.

An old writer well said, "A family without prayer is like a house without a roof, open and

exposed to all the storms of Heaven." All our domestic comforts and temporal mercies issue from the lovingkindness of the Lord, and the best we can do in return is to gratefully acknowledge, together, His goodness to us as a family. Excuses against the discharge of this sacred duty are idle and worthless. Of what avail will it be when we render an account to God for the stewardship of our families to say that we had no time available, working hard from morn till eve? The more pressing be our temporal duties, the greater our need of seeking spiritual succor. Nor may any Christian plead that he is not qualified for such a work: gifts and talents are developed by use and not by neglect.

Family worship should be conducted reverently, earnestly and simply. It is then that the little ones will receive their first impressions and form their initial conceptions of the Lord God. Great care needs to be taken lest a false idea be given them of the Divine Character, and for this the balance must be preserved between dwelling upon His transcendence and immanency, His holiness and His mercy, His might and His tenderness, His justice and His grace. Worship should begin with a few words of prayer invoking God's presence and blessing. A short passage from His Word should follow, with brief comments thereon. Two or three verses of a Psalm may be sung. Close with a prayer of committal into the hands of God. Though we may not be able to pray eloquently, we should earnestly. Prevailing prayers are usually brief ones. Beware of wearying the young ones.

The advantages and blessings of family worship are incalculable. First, family worship will prevent much sin. It awes the soul, conveys a sense of God's majesty and authority, sets solemn truths before the mind, brings down benefits from God on the home. Personal piety in the home is a most influential means, under God, of conveying piety to the little ones. Children are largely creatures of imitation, loving to copy what they see in others. "He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments" (Psa. 78:5,7). How much of the dreadful moral and spiritual conditions of the masses today may be traced back to the neglect of their fathers in this duty? How can those who neglect the worship of God in their families look for peace and comfort therein? Daily prayer in the home is a blessed means of grace for allaying those unhappy passions to which our common nature is subject. Finally, family prayer gains for us the presence and blessing of the Lord. There is a promise of His presence which is peculiarly applicable to this duty: see Matt. 18:19,20. Many have found in family worship that help and communion with God which they sought for with less effect in private prayer.

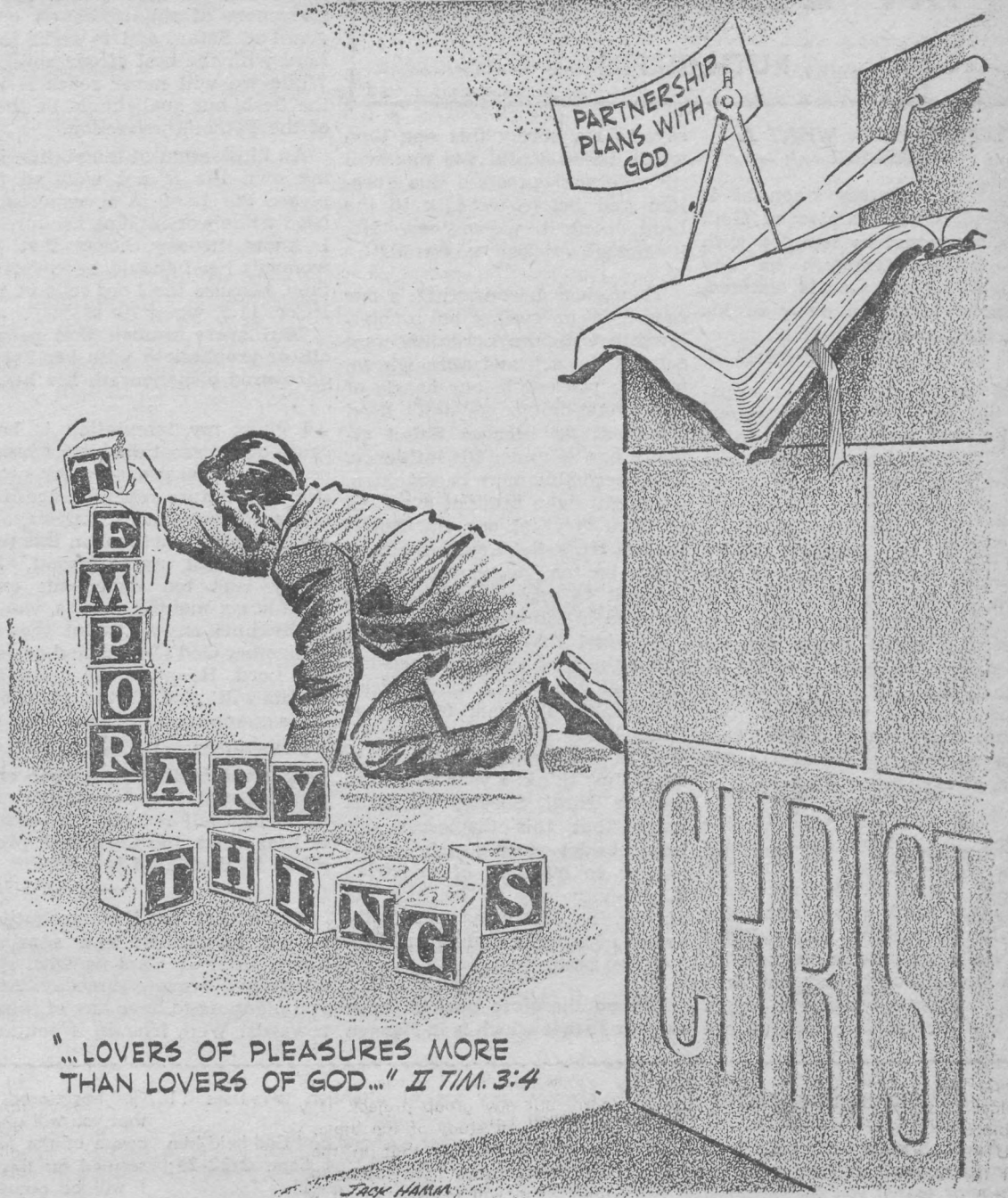
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## Southern Baptists

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who calls himself God, and accept the worship of his deluded followers, will constitute the blackest page of betrayal and apostasy in the world's history among people called Baptists.

If this man who is the President of the American Baptists, formerly the Northern Baptist Convention is permitted to speak on the platform of the Southern Baptist Convention without a ranging protest that will be heard around the world, the word "Ichabod" will be written in letters of fire over the Southern Baptist

## BUILDING MATERIALS



"...LOVERS OF PLEASURES MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD..." II TIM. 3:4

JACK HAMM

## Even The Methodists Are Plagued With False Leaders

Baptists aren't the only ones who have apostasy to face today.

The Methodists have it too. Georgia Harkness has a new book, "Understanding The Christian Faith." This book is a "must" in study course for admission on trial of every Methodist preacher, and for accepted supplies to qualify for administering the Lord's Supper.

Of course, I am not concerned as to what the Methodists do, since they are no Scriptural church. They are merely one of the harlot daughters of the old Roman Catholic whore. However, it is interesting to notice the way that they are drifting. In fact, in all denominations, it is the trend of the day.

In view of the modernism and infidelity in our seminaries, only God knows what the future holds for America today.

The following are direct quotations from this new book by Miss Harkness:

### The Holy Trinity

Georgia Harkness — "The Trinity does not mean—that in some peculiar manner three different persons are one person."

### Deity Of Christ

"This does not mean that Jesus

Convention.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased in goods, and have need of nothing, and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, and that thou mayest be rich, and white raiment that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear, and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."—Rev. 3:13,17,18.

—World Witness

### Virgin Birth

"The question as to whether Jesus was born of a virgin is one on which the opinion of Christians differ, and the Biblical accounts do not throw clear light upon it. In any case Jesus' sonship hinges, not on the physical manner of His birth, but on what He was and said and did."

### The Bible

"But one should read it (Bible) also as one would study any other book—for an understanding of its total structure, message and contribution to truth. But this is not to say that every word or passage comes directly from God and is therefore not to be questioned. The authors who wrote the Bible, and many persons had a hand in writing parts of it were human beings like ourselves and as prone to make mistakes. Many of their own erroneous ideas naturally got mixed with the truth that came from God."

### Original Sin

"There is born in all of us, not 'original sin' as hereditary corruption passed on from Adam's guilt, but a biological tendency to self-centeredness. A doctrine of inherited original sin, which we do well to question, has long been held on this basis." (On the Genesis' story of the Fall of man).

### The Atonement

"There is the propitiation theory. When this is taken to mean, as it often has been, that an angry God has to be appeased, the modern Christian rightly rebels. It sounds like primitive religion, and clearly is not the kind of God that Jesus worshipped and served. Another doctrine, as unsatisfactory as the propitiation theory when taken in its crude form but with a kernel of true meaning in it, is the ransom theory. The assump-

tion beneath it is that mankind was in the clutches of the Devil until God through Christ paid the ransom in our behalf in order to release us. In support of it one finds in the Bible such passages as Paul's, 'Ye were bought with a price,' and the words attributed (wonder why she didn't say Jesus said them?) to Jesus, 'For the Son of man also came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.' The truth in the ransom theory is not that sin can be cancelled by another person's paying the bill; it lies rather in the fact that in his death Jesus demonstrated to the uttermost and for all time what it means 'not to be ministered unto, but to minister. Because of the emphasis on what Christ did in assuming the penalty of our guilt this view is often called the substitutionary theory. It is apparent by now that these theories though they differ in imagery and emphasis, tend to merge into one another. At the root of them is the idea that the blood of Christ atones for our sin and lifts its cure. What are we to do with them?' Here is what Miss Harkness says we shouldn't do—"We can cling to them tenaciously, condemn those who disagree, and make of the 'blood' something of almost magical potency."

### The Resurrection

"The risen Christ may have appeared to the first disciple in some more tangible form than He comes to us. That is a possibility on which we can have opinions, but not certainty."

Here Are A Few More Statements Of Miss Harkness' Theory

"Even without the record of Christ's resurrection, Christianity would in all probability have made personal immortality a central tenet of faith."

"But what of Hell? Though there is much imagery in the New (Continued on page eight)

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# "MY LORD IS REAL"

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## TEMPTATION: WHAT A SNARE!

"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed."

—James 1:13,14.

So many of us persist in accusing the Devil of bringing us our temptations, and causing us to be turned aside from the Lord into a temporary condition of backslidingness. Of course, I'll heartily admit that Satan does offer his assistance in tempting God's children, since he controls our flesh, but I believe it is after the old nature within us has expressed a small desire for the temptation, whatever it might be. And then if we allow Satan to proceed in his wishes, the joy of our salvation is not present with us for a few minutes, a few days, or even several weeks.

It is so easy to say within ourselves, "Well, now, I'm a pretty good Christian, and just this one 'little' time won't hurt me." Then we think about our daily habits of reading God's Word and spending time in prayer with Him throughout the day, and then when we have boasted so much and are become so puffed up, we

say, "Why, surely this one time won't be so sinful for me, will it?" We ask ourselves this question and before we talk to the Lord about it, we answer, "No, it's not so very bad; go ahead."

Then, dear friends, that is our first step in getting out of fellowship with the Lord. We next commit the act, and although we may be pricked in our hearts of our wrong-doing, we don't heed this warning because Satan already has us under his influence. After becoming more backslidden, we might even attempt a second or third "try" at our sin. But if we are truly the Lord's sheep, it won't be too long until we are brought to repentance, and are restored in fellowship to Him.

But just think a few minutes about the time spent in backsliding, that you lost in communicating with the Lord and feasting on Him. What if it were a whole year of cold, indifferent service to Him? Just think; a year wasted in serving Him! Surely, we must know that this displeases our Lord besides causing us to be unhappy; so let each of us strive more every day to be like the Master, as He was continually aware of Satan's snares. In Matt. 5:48, we read:

**"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven**

**is perfect."**

Now, this doesn't mean sinless perfection, but a continual, daily awareness of sin, to be on our guard of Satan, and to serve the Lord with the best of our ability. While we will never reach it in the flesh, our goal should be that of the Father's perfection.

An illustration of temptation in my own life is not wanting to please the Lord in covering my head while worshipping in church. I know in my heart that a woman's head should be covered then, because the Lord tells us in I Cor. 11:5, when He says:

**"But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head . . ."**

I guess my temptation is because of my great dislike for hats, or rather, it is probably my own stubborn nature rebelling against God's commandment. Anyway, I am tempted sometimes in this respect, and I'll say to myself, "It really isn't too important; one time in six months, maybe, won't really hurt anyone." But then I remember God's Word, and praise the Lord, He gives me grace to do His will! And He will give you the same grace if you are His.

Remember:

**"Blessed is that 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.

This means that if we are faithful in temptation and snaring times, He will bless us with rewards and crowns someday. Are you planning to have any of these rewards? Well, friends, if you are to

## THE QUITTER

*I have taught a class for many a year;  
Borne my burdens, toiled through tears  
But folks don't notice me a bit,  
I'm so discouraged—I think I'll QUIT!*

*I joined the choir sometime ago  
For awhile, I was faithful, don't you know.  
But folks don't seem moved a bit  
So what's the use to sing—I'll just QUIT!*

*I've labored long in women's work  
And not a task did I ever shirk,  
But folks have talked quite a bit.  
And I won't stand it—SO, I'll just QUIT!*

**CHRIST'S CAUSE IS HINDERED EVERYWHERE**  
*And folks are dying in despair,  
The REASON WHY? Just list a bit:  
The Church is full of FOLKS WHO QUIT!*

--Copied

His child and live for Him daily, you will have. And if you are not His, I pray that you might accept the Lord Jesus as your personal Saviour this day. Rom. 10:9,10:

**"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the**

mouth confession is made unto salvation."  
The lad with the loaves and fishes was willing to give up his lunch. Subtracting it from himself, he added it to the resources of Jesus. Jesus divided the bread so that it might be distributed, and in this division it was multiplied until the great throng was fed. There is a divine arithmetic.

## Women Preachers

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do anything about it. I am constrained by the Holy Spirit to tell you the unvarnished truth. If you people will speak in tongues as outlined in I Cor. 14:26-28, I'll say "A-MAN" to it. But I am against anything not in agreement with the Bible. The doctrine of so-called "speaking in tongues" and "women preachers" is definitely not in agreement with the inspired Word of God!

## SHOULD I OBEY MY UNSAVED HUSBAND?

For an answer we simply need turn to the Word of God. "Likewise, ye wives be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the Word, they also may without the Word be won by the conversation of the wives; while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear"—I Pet. 3:1,2.

A great lesson is here taught. Saved woman, you can win that unsaved husband to Christ, if you will! Not by bossing him or using authority over him! Not by raising a fuss with him when something goes wrong. But you can win him with your chaste, godly and Christian conversation. Live the Christian life before him. Let him see Christ in you. But I hear some of you asking: "What if he asks me to drink with him, or go to the movies or partake of some other thing that is wrong? Am I to submit to this?" Listen, dear Christian wife, if you have salvation and you live a genuine Christian life each day in front of your husband, if you pray and read the Bible each day and obey God's command, then I don't believe such as that will ever face you. Your husband will respect you and your salvation!

No excuse, whatsoever, is found in the Bible for a woman to not obey her husband. You may be more educated than your husband. Maybe you have more money than he. Nevertheless, he is your God-appointed head and your duty is to be subjective to him—"IN EVERYTHING!" Search as you will, you will never, never, find an excuse to disobey him. You say, "But preacher, I'll lose my self respect." Listen, if you are out of the place God has assigned you, you have already lost it and the only way to gain it back is to get in your place!

## GOD HOLDS MEN RESPONSIBLE

On the shoulders of man, God has placed the responsibility of leading his household. Man is God's deputy in the home. Man is responsible for the way his home life is carried on. All of the feeble excuses will not change the explicit commands of God on this important, Bible subject! Man was chosen by the Lord to be leader! If a home is not a success, I feel, that first of all, man has failed. Second, his wife has failed as a result of his failure. But upon the shoulder of man, God has placed the burden. I feel that it would be good for you to read the "Law of Vows" recorded in the book of Numbers, chapter 30. In reading this

chapter, pay special attention to verses 11 through 15.

Eli was a slacker husband and God held him responsible. I Sam. 2:12; I Sam. 2:22-25; I Sam. 3:12,13; Deut. 21:18-21.

Husband is commanded to "love his wife." We read in Eph. 5:25, "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it."

Verse 28 says, ". . . so ought men to love their wives as their own bodies." Remember, your wife is part of you. When you took your wife in the vows of holy matrimony, you TWO became ONE. Verse 13 of the same chapter tells us that we are to love our wives as we love ourselves. I have yet to see a man that hated himself. Most of us men love old self. Well, do we love our wives as we do self? My God, this should humble every husband!

Matt. 19:5 says that the man is to cleave to his wife. In marriage, we took our wives "for better or for worse." Then God help us to live up to that holy vow. A man that will forsake his wife when the going gets tough isn't much of a man! That applies to the woman also!

Prov. 18:22 says, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing . . ."

"A prudent wife is from the Lord," says Prov. 19:14.

Husband, your wife is part of you. Love her, respect her, treat her as the "weaker vessel." Cleave to her and have a Bible home, a happy home—a home that will never be broken by sin or divorce.

Husband, if your home is not right, you are to blame, "and be sure your sin will find you out." Begin today to command your household in all matters. Accept, with humbleness, the God-given responsibility that is yours! Begin today to "SET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER!"

## CAN WOMEN PRAY IN PUBLIC?

No doubt, that question has been asked by many Christian women. Is it right for a woman to pray in church? Is it right for a woman to teach little children in the churches? I am going to give you "MY OPINION" on this!

I see no harm in a woman teaching small children or teaching other women—as long as she does not exercise AUTHORITY!

I have never made it a habit of calling on women to lead prayer in a mixed congregation. Furthermore, I shall never do so as long as I feel as I do now. It is a man's place, man's responsibility and man's duty to do this. I firmly believe that there are Christian women that could do a better job of it than men. But that is no excuse! I believe it is man's place to do this. However, let it be clear, I am not forbidding women to pray in public. It is God that does so. I thank God for the fine, loyal, praying Christian women in our churches. I have confidence in you. I respect you and I want you to pray for this boy. I don't want you to get the wrong opinion of me. I am simply trying to show you, from the Bible, the responsibility of leadership that

God has placed on man, not on woman. I pray that you will understand. Still, I am very much aware of the fact that I will be bitterly persecuted for this book. I will be talked about. I will be accused of committing the unpardonable sin. Well, I've been accused of that before and I haven't committed it yet.

God has never used a woman in preaching or in writing His Word. Any woman, I don't care how good she may be, using this authority is doing so in direct violation to the command of God, ". . . let your women keep silent in the churches for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law." —I Cor. 14:34,35. Not only does grace say this, but also saith the law!

Does not verse 35 of the same chapter have this to say, ". . . for it is a shame for women to speak in the church?" Does the Bible say that? Then what are you going to do with it? Will you accept it as a command of God and be obedient to it? Or will you ignore it, explain it away and say it is not for today? What are you going to do with it? Do something, you will!

Then notice verse 37, "If any MAN think HIMSELF to be a prophet, or spiritual . . ." The masculine gender is used. Notice that it does not say, "If any WOMAN . . ." It says "MAN!" It means "MAN!"

A bishop was to be a man as illustrated in I Tim. 3:1, "This is a true saying, If a MAN desire the office of a bishop . . ." Again the masculine gender is used.

It has been argued and discussed as to whether a bishop was a preacher or some other officer in the church.

But regardless of his office or his work, he was to be a MAN—not a woman!

Verse 2 of the same chapter is in the masculine. So are verses 4, 5, 6, and 7.

In I Tim. 5:17, we have a Scripture that implies that some elders were preachers, and some were not. "Let the ELDERS that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who LABOUR IN THE WORD AND DOCTRINE." Then I want you to notice verse 22, "Lay hands suddenly on no MAN . . ." The laying on of hands is used when we ordain a preacher or deacon. They should first prove themselves and then, if found worthy, be ordained. But notice, it says, "MAN" AND NOT WOMAN!!

Then notice I Tim. 6:3, "If any MAN teach otherwise . . ." Again, the masculine gender is used.

Then in verse 11, "But thou, O MAN of God, flee these things . . ."

Another Scripture I would have you notice is found in II Tim. 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a WORK MAN that needeth not to be ashamed . . ."

I cannot understand how people can stumble over the plain teachings of God's Word. I often am made to wonder if they have ever really studied the Bible. Surely, if they have they could see these plain, undeniable commands of the Lord God.

A woman is to be in behaviour as becoming holiness. She is not to be a false accuser. She is to teach the younger WOMEN (not men) to love their husbands and their children, keeping at home, to be obedient to their husbands as the Word of God be not BLASPHEMED!—I Tim. 2:3-5. But notice the context of this chapter. It teaches us that the MAN is the one that is to preach or teach this doctrine first, to them. This is the pastoral work of a true minister. When Jesus gave the Great Commission, He gave it to MEN—not women! He said to the eleven apostles as they sat at meat, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15).

## WHAT ABOUT WOMEN OF OLD?

This too, is answered in the Bible. We were meek and quiet in spirit, which is in the sight of God a great price. They trusted God and were in subjection to their own husbands. Sarah even called Abraham "lord." (I Pet. 3:1-7). Not that Abraham was worthy of being called lord, but Sarah loved him and was obedient to him. O, I would to God that we had some women like her, and some men like Abraham! I wish that we men and you women would get in our God-given places and stay there!

How pitiful our home life is! It's a shame and disgrace! The Word of God is being blasphemed and we are unconcerned. Pathetic, indeed is the condition of our homes, our churches and our nation! Both men and women are to blame for this tragic condition.

It has well been said, "A nation either rises or falls with the home." How true that is. As the home goes, so goes the nation. When the home lowers the standard, then the nation likewise falls.

It is high time to realize that true Christianity means obedience to the commands of God. God's Word is consistent! His will is clear! His explicit commands have been set forth! His Word is the blue-print for men and women to follow. It is in the Bible—the inspired Word of the Lord God—how homes are to be conducted. It reveals man's place in the home, the church and the nation. Likewise, it reveals woman's place in the home, the church and the nation. But, sad to say, both men and women are out of their God appointed and God ordained places!

Where do you stand? Are you obedient to the commands of God? Husband, are you exercising the responsibility that God requires of you? Wife, are you in subjection to your husband—your husband? Are you obedient to him? Do you reverence him? Or, are you playing the role of a "Bossy Wife and Woman Preacher?"

Begin today, to "Set your house in order!" Start family worship in your home. Lead your home in both spiritual and physical matters. Remember, dear husband, if your home is wrong, you are to blame, "And be sure your sin will find you out." Somewhere, sometime and in some way you will pay off. "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. . ."



# MABEL CLEMENT

(Continued from last week)

## "Disease And Physician"

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disease of sin. Listen:  
"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

—Rom. 3:23.

"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."—Gal. 3:22.

Lots of folk don't like to admit they are sinners, but it is true. I remember years ago that I needed a girl to do some special typing, and I hired one who was unsaved. I remember the very first day that she came to work for me that I was talking to her about her spiritual condition, and I referred to her as a sinner. I noticed the blush on her face when I said that. Well, it happened that she came to be very excellent help and she worked in my office for nearly four years. After she had been working for me for about six months and came to understand something about the Word of God, which she didn't know a thing about when she first came to work for me, she told me how angry she became when, on that first day in my office, I referred to her as a sinner. She said that she had been brought up to think that everybody was pure and good until they became grown and vile as a result of their own misdeeds. I imagine, beloved, about what most people believe today. Even though she was a grown lady, because of her moral mess, she didn't even think of herself as a sinner.

Let me tell you, every man and woman in this world is afflicted with this moral disease I am speaking about. You are a sinner in the sight of God. You don't have to wait until you get drunk to be a sinner. You don't have to wait until you have done vile things. You don't have to wait until you are classified as a reprobate in your community. Beloved, you are a sinner in the sight of God.

Suppose I go out on an hunting expedition in the wilds of Africa, and I find in the course of the expedition a cute little lion cub. Maybe he is just a little fellow. Maybe he is just a few weeks or a week or two old, and so cute that I just can't kill him and I bring him home with me. I raise that little lion cub in my home. He is a playful little fellow. He will roll on the floor and play with me. I'm not a bit afraid of him. There's no danger in that little lion cub. Days, weeks, and a year and a half pass, and that little lion cub has now grown to be a lion. You know, beloved, if I were to get in a cage with him, I would want insurance, fire insurance and life insurance, and all kinds of insurance, and I'd want it all paid up when I got on the inside of the cage with him. Now, what's the difference between that little lion cub and that big lion? Why, brother, that little lion cub has the marks of a lion about him. He has all the potentialities of a lion about him, but he just has to grow a little and develop before he is able to do bodily harm.

Beloved, that is just exactly like sin. There is sin in every child that is born within this world. It is a universal matter. As that child grows to maturity, the sinful nature develops, just as the nature of the lion develops on the part of that lion cub. 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.

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"Now, Doctor, lead this penitent believer into the water and baptize him. Remember he is possessed of all these blessings, and then baptize him IN ORDER TO! if your conscience can dare. There is not a soul in this house who does not see it will not do to baptize in order to. Nothing but criminal blindness can keep people from seeing this truth which is as plain as a mathematical demonstration. It seems that this great central truth is just as plain as God could make it to finite minds. Thank God, we do not want it any plainer. It is plain enough. God has written His law plainly, very plainly. The way is so plain that 'the way-faring men, though fools, shall not err therein.'"

There was a breathless pause of almost a minute here. This was a new way of showing that baptism is not in order to remission of sins. Dr. Stanly had all along been unable to manage the thing presented in this way; and now the facts were summed up, each fact being a gleaming bayonet thrust at the very life of Campbellism, he saw no possible escape from defeat, felt he had no hope of showing his doctrinal views were at all Scriptural. His mortification and confusion were so great it was impossible to conceal them. Some pitied him, while others censured him for not being better qualified to take care of his own doctrines. The spectacle man seemed to be plunged into a sea of rapturous delight. Language can hardly depict the many shapes into which he twisted his long, lean, crooked form, or the wry looks that played in rapid succession over his bony face.

"I should like very much," said Arthur, breaking the painful silence, "to thoroughly sift this whole matter while we are at it, if it meets the approval of Miss Clement and Dr. Stanly. It is late now, but we might continue the discussion tomorrow night. We have seen by adverting the plain passages of God's Word that baptism cannot be in order to remission. Now we ought to examine those passages that are relied on to prove baptismal remission. Let us see if the Bible is contradictory."

"If it meets the approbation of the Doctor and others," said Mabel, "we shall continue the discussion till the subject is exhausted. Tomorrow night we can examine a few of the passages you allude to."

"It is true," said the Doctor, "we have not discussed the design of baptism; but I do not see the propriety of discussing the matter further. No good is likely to grow out of a debate longer stretched out. So I think it had better stop."

"I do see the propriety," replied Arthur; "I do think this discussion ought to go on till we get through with it."

That's so," said Brother Jones; "I'm glad in my soul I'm here,—it ought to go on, sure."

After some more parlaying the Doctor said: "All right, then, as it seems to be the wish of the body, I agree to go on; but I want it distinctly understood we are going to discuss baptism as to its Scriptural design. I hold you to that; there shall be no switching off to some side-track. I promise you there will be developments that will astonish this audience."

The crowd then dispersed. Some walked home in meditative silence. Others chatted in a lively manner. By the next day all Sterling was stirred by the seemingly disastrous results of the discussion. It was the topic of conversation on the street, in banks and business houses of all sorts, and around the fireside at home. In spite of the Campbellite effort to the contrary, the facts of the discussion began to leak out through the columns of the Sterling Spectator, a weekly publication. In an editorial, headed, "The Debate," occurred these words: "Miss Clement is covering herself all over with laurels. She is not only beautiful, but brainy. Her language is chaste, her familiarity with the Scriptures is wonderful, her logic is irresistible, her positions impregnable. She has marvelous tact and energy in using the Word of God, wielding it like a skilled swordsman. In her hand God's Word is a rapier that pierces the heart of every unscriptural theory. Her arguments are revolutionary."

On the day after the above discussion a bevy of ladies met at the home of Mrs. Brown. They were the gossips and professional talkers of the town, who had dropped in for a confabulation.

"Were you at Mr. Clement's last evening?" inquired Mrs. Green.

"O yes," replied Mrs. Brown. "I declare they are having a lively time of it. But it was really unendurable to hear Mabel Clement talk as she did to Dr. Stanly."

"It is true," said Mrs. Black, "every word of it. My very heart ached to see how the good Doctor was cramped and how little he felt like talking."

"I have heard a great many people remark that Mabel wasn't any smarter than she ought to be," added Mrs. Brown.

"So have I," echoed the shrill voice of Mrs. Green. "Did you know, Florinda Brown, that I have an idea she will never come to what her parents have dreamed of? More pains and money have been lavished on her than on any other girl in Sterling; yet I can't see she's any better for it, and I'm a close observer, too."

"I don't believe she'll turn out any better than the other girls; and I shouldn't wonder, if her self-conceit leads her to some bad end."

"She's too brazen-faced," added Mrs. Brown. "To think she'd set herself up to argue with Dr. Stanly! Of course, she doesn't know anything about the Bible."

"Ladies," said Mrs. Hendricks, who had been listening quietly, "for my part I was very much pleased with Miss Clement and considered her modest in her addresses to Dr. Stanly. She certainly showed much familiarity with the Bible and established beyond refutation every proposition set forth."

At this point there was a significant lull in the conversation and some of the ladies had urgent business at home.

Our friends, Jeems and George, could scarcely wait till their feet began to press the pavement before they began their usual comments.

"Mr. Morgan," said George, "things are gettin' lively like. I'm thinkin'—that is to say—they are takin' a curious turn."

"Hang me, if they hain't George," replied Morgan. "Now I'm not a person as talks much, I can't argue; but I tell you that girl's talk won't do—it's all wrong, positively wrong, George."

"Positively, Jeems," echoed Mrs. Morgan.

"I think I'm not a fool, George," continued Morgan; "haven't I been to lots of cities? and traveled and seen the wurld? And isn't this one way to be edycated?" Morgan quickened his pace and made forcible gestures with his long arms.

"She says," remarked George, alluding to Mabel, "that persons are pardoned and saved—that is to say—without baptism."

"Yes, she says so," replied Morgan.

"Certainly she does, Jeems," chimed in the little wife.

"And that they have eternal life," added George.

"That's eternal nonsense," replied Morgan.

"And I think," added George, "she said everything else promised the people in this and t'other world, comes on believers—that is to say—without baptism."

"Yes, George; but you see the girl's beside herself," replied Morgan; "gone ravin' mad. She's what they call a monomaniac; and she's insane about faith. I tell you, George, that girl hasn't got but one idea in her head and that's faith; and I'm thinkin' she'll be in the asylum in a month."

"Them's my sentiments, Mr. Morgan," said George; "you've spoke out my mind edzacly. I was a thinkin' all thru the diskussion that thar was cumthin' wrong with the young lady's upper story—that is to say."

"You see, George," said Morgan, and he spoke confidently, his face knit with determination and his eyes shining in the darkness, "thar are some things I know positively, as sure as thar's a wurld, and no girl in her teens can convince me I'm wrong. Why I've studied over these things when that ere girl wuz asleep. This doctern is clare to my mind and I could make it clare to the whole wurld, if—if—if I had the time."

Here they came to the parting of the ways and separated for the night.

Sunday was a bright day in Sterling, and the discussion filled the church to hear Dr. Stanly preach. He preached the old Campbellite theory of salvation and by fuss and fume sought to prop up the falling pillars of Campbellism. But it was poorly done. The preacher felt crippled and shorn of power. Mabel heard him and marked his weakness. The day was mainly spent by her in prayer and meditation on such portions of Scripture as she hoped to use during the nights to come.

## CHAPTER XI

It was night again in Sterling. The day had been pleasant; and, as the sun set behind the western hills, the families in the neighborhood of the Clements began to get ready to hear the discussion. Great crowds surged in, till every nook and corner was filled. Arthur Manly took his seat as usual, Bible, paper and pencil in hand. Mabel appeared somewhat pale and anxious, but hopeful. Dr. Stanly made an effort at cheerfulness; but he was nervous and uneasy. The spectacle man filled his accustomed corner; and as he shrugged his shoulders, it looked as if the stoop was all coming out. Mr. and Mrs. Clement were crowded out of the room, but sat in the next peering in at the door eagerly. There were several of the Campbellite faith present who had not attended the discussion before, notably, Mr. Wilds and Farmer Grubbs. The conversation was opened by Arthur Manly. He said:

"I hope the discussion will not continue so long as it did on Saturday evening. It was near midnight when we retired to our homes. Sleep and rest are essential to mental vigor; and we certainly need that in this Bible investigation."

"I heartily approve what you say," said the Doctor; "and I hope our discussion will close by ten o'clock. I think we should examine critically a few passages each night."

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## "Disease And Physician"

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moral disease is that it is **INCURABLE** from a human standpoint.

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and **DESPERATELY WICKED: who can know it?**"

—Jer. 17:9.

Now, when it says "desperately wicked," the Hebrew says, "incurably wicked." How wicked is your heart? How wicked are you as a sinner? The Word of God says that you are incurably wicked from a human standpoint.

To be sure, philosophers and preachers have tried to work out something whereby men might be cured, but, beloved, that moral disease that affects you and me today is incurable from a human standpoint.

We have been hearing a lot about brainwashing in the last few years' time. I think that it is nothing new. The fact of the matter is, we have been having religious brainwashing a long time. Christian Science is nothing but an attempt to wash the brain of man. It is a failure from beginning to end. As John Billings said one day when he was called on to make a speech at a banquet in California, "I just have two points to my speech. Your religion, first of all, is not Christian, and, in the second place, it is not science."

Let me tell you something, beloved, man has tried everything in the world in order to bring about a cure for this moral disease, but it is always ineffectual. Why, some people have even tried isolation. You know, that is the way that they treat smallpox, to isolate a person—put him off in a room to himself, so he won't be the means of causing others to become afflicted thereby. Beloved, religiously, the same thing has been tried. A Monk has gotten inside a cell and that cell is inside a building, and that building is inside a wall. He tries to isolate himself from the world, but after he has done that for fifty years, he is just fifty years more a sinner than he was when he went into the cell. You don't cure of this moral disease in that manner.

Then, beloved, some people have tried religion to cure this moral disease. What an effort they will make to try to cure this moral disease! Oh, listen to me, you can take a man, I don't care how big a sinner he is, and baptize him in the Ohio River time after time, and when you get through with your baptism, he will be just as big a sinner as he was when you started. The moral

disease won't be changed one bit.

A little boy came to a service one morning and heard the preacher say, "Now, it is something like this: You go down into the water a goat, and you come out a lamb." Well, that afternoon, his old goat did something that he didn't like, so he took him down to the river and soused him up and down, and when that old billy goat came up, he still had horns. He soused him down a third time and when Billy came out, he still smelled like a goat. The boy came back to church that night and shook his hand in the face of the preacher and said, "Preacher, you lied this morning. You said that you go down in the water a goat and come out a lamb. I baptized old Billy a dozen times this afternoon and he's still a billy goat."

Mark it down, beloved, this moral disease that you and all humanity are afflicted with, is incurable by human agents, whether it is by brainwashing, or religion, or culture, or refinement. Regardless of what you may try, you'll find that it is incurable by human agents.

### III

## THERE IS A GREAT PHYSICIAN.

I am glad that the Word of God tells us that there is a physician. Thank God, there is such a physician in Jesus:

"The great Physician now is near,  
The sympathizing Jesus."

Beloved, for you and for me, suffering with moral disease without any cure from the standpoint of man, there is a remedy, and that remedy is offered to us in and through and by the great Physician, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let me remind you that the Physician that we offer to you is an **OMNISCIENT** Physician. He knows all things. Wouldn't it be wonderful when you are sick and go to a doctor, that when you walk into his office you could have the assurance that he knows what he is doing. The fact of the matter is, when you go to a doctor today for consultation, he will ask you about two dozen ques-

tions in order to try to formulate an opinion of what's wrong with you. Why? Because he is not omniscient. He doesn't know what is wrong with you. He has to ask you a lot of questions in order to give you an opinion of what is wrong with you. But, beloved, that is not true with the great Physician. He is omniscient. He knows all things.

"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered."

—Mt. 10:29,30.

You see a little sparrow sitting in a tree and as you observe him, he falls to the ground and dies. Even the Heavenly Father knows the fall of the sparrow. He sees all things. He knows all things. Even the hairs of our head are numbered. Scientists say that the average brunette has about 130,000 hairs, and the average blond has about 110,000 and the red-head about 95,000. I don't know how many you have, and I don't know how many I have, but, beloved, I can tell you of Somebody that does know. The great God of the universe in His omniscience knows all about us. Oh, I am glad, my brother, my sister, that I have put my case in the hands of a physician—a physician who is omniscient to the extent that He even knows the number of hairs in my head, and who even sees the sparrow as it ceases in its flight, and falls to the ground.

This physician is not only omniscient, but He has **PROVIDED A REMEDY**, and that remedy is by and through His own atoning blood.

Years ago, I read of a plague in Marseille, France, how that a doctor by the name of Guyon went into a deathroom to sit down by the patient and watch the disease. No doctor had ever been able to isolate the germ to find what it was, so that they could provide a remedy whereby the plague could be stopped. This doctor went into a room, sat down beside the patient and watched that patient die. Then he dissected the body after death and located the germ. Having located that germ and finding what was taking the people by the thousands in this city of France, he then opened his own vein and took some blood and wrote the story of this dead man, and the prescription whereby this germ could be killed. He then dipped the whole thing in vinegar whereby it would not be contagious and mailed it to his colleagues. Within seventy-two hours that plague was stopped in France.

Oh, let me tell you, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ came to Calvary, and they drove the nails into His hands and into His feet. The spear was thrust into His side, and from those wounds in His body poured out the blood that is necessary for your salvation and mine. My brother, my sister, the physician I am talking about has already provided a remedy by way of His own atoning blood.

This physician is likewise **SYMPATHIZING AND FAITHFUL**. The trouble with too many doctors, it appears to me, is their lack of sympathy and their faithfulness to their patient. But, beloved, we have a sympathizing doctor. Our physician is sympathetic. If you go to some doctors, they will jab a needle in you and laugh at you when you squirm. You go to other doctors and they will pull a tooth and laugh at you, at what you call pain. But, beloved, we have a sympathizing physician. He knows all about this moral disease, and He knows about it to the extent that He sympathizes with us concerning it. I am glad, beloved, that we can go to one who is a sympathizing physician.

"Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a **MERCIFUL** and **FAITHFUL** high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to **SUCCESS** THEM that are tempted."

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—Heb. 2:17,18.

I thank God that when I talk to you about the great Physician, that I can tell you that He is not only a good physician, providing an atonement in His blood, but that I can tell you that He is a sympathizing physician, ready to give to you the remedy that you need.

### CONCLUSION

Let me ask you, what is keeping you from this physician? What is keeping you from calling on this physician? Why, the self-delusion that leads you to think that you don't need a cure is about all that I can think of—the fact that your stubbornness and your pride keeps you from calling on Him, because you think that you don't need a cure. You think everyone else is crazy, but you are not willing to admit that you yourself are the one that is spiritually insane. Oh, sinner friend, may you seek out the great Physician, and may you see that His remedy is one that you can get without money and without price. May God bless you!



## I Should Like To Know

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olics—ritualistic and superstitious.

7. When a man is born again, is the old nature changed or is he now in possession of two natures?

Every unsaved man has two natures: (1) a carnal nature which is very much alive, and (2) a spiritual nature which is dead. When saved, his dead spiritual nature becomes alive. Cf. Eph. 2:1. Yet his old carnal nature still persists. Warfare between these two natures goes on daily. Gal. 5:17. Every Christian ought to starve the old nature. Cf. Rom. 13:14. At the same time, he ought to feed the new nature. I Peter 2:2.

8. Were Jesus' apostles Christians before Pentecost?

I never heard of any one who raised a doubt about their salvation. Their names were already written in Heaven. Cf. Luke 10:20. That's hope enough for me.

9. What do you think of a Baptist preacher who believes in Santa Claus, denies the doctrine of the second coming, and who preaches falling from grace?

You ought to pray God to move him from your pulpit. You'd be as well off with a Phillistine or a Gergashite in your pulpit.

10. Referring to the closing chapters of Ezekiel, will there be a literal Jewish temple, or is this

## Announcing Two Important Meetings

Both the editor and Eld. T. Simmons are scheduled for services in West Virginia for the weekend of July 9, and the following week.

Your editor will be preaching for the Rosedale Baptist Church (near Stumptown), of which A. S. Reed is pastor on Saturday night July 9 and Sunday morning, July 10.

Bro. Simmons is to be with Pleasant View Baptist Church and Pastor C. W. Shafer to deliver his lectures on "The Trail of Blood," whereby he traces Baptist history from the days of Jesus to the present. The lectures will begin on July 11 and continue one week.

Both Pastors Reed and Shafer extend a most cordial invitation to all the readers of this paper to attend these services and share the spiritual blessings God will give us. Needless to say both Simmons and I will be happy to meet our friends in these various localities.

## Methodist Leaders

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Testament to suggest eternal outer darkness, weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth, the mingling of Hell as eternal torment does not fit the loving God who Jesus taught us to worship. A sensitive person could really be happy in paradise and that other human beings writhing in eternal fire and if it cannot, surely God cannot.

figurative?  
Literal.

11. Why do churches teach that if a woman has long hair she must not cover her head when she comes to church services?

Personally, the editor thinks that every woman ought to have long hair, and wear a hat when she comes to church. One should her subjection to man, and not other to God.

12. If forever means always, why the expression "forever ever?"

So far as the editor knows, it is merely an expression for superlative of emphasis.

13. What is meant by the "ward plan" for hospitality?

Bed and breakfast is given but that isn't the Master's idea of hospitality. Read Mt. 10:11. Call for a revival of old-fashioned hospitality in our churches.

## I Could Not Live Without Jesus

I could not live without Jesus  
For I am His creation  
By imparted faith I'm made His own,  
In Him I am God's relation.

I could not live without Jesus,  
He gave His life for mine,  
He lived, He died, He arose again  
To give me this life divine!

I could not live without Jesus:  
My Redeemer, my Hope, my Joy,  
My Solace in grief, my Refuge in storm—  
His praises my tongue doth employ.

I could not live without Jesus,  
He upholds me by His power.  
When the world is shaken, He'll be my stay,  
On Him is my trust for that hour.

I could not live without Jesus—  
This wonderful Saviour Divine!  
Deluded the one who trusts ought else,  
Who beholds not the Light sublime.

"Life outside of Christ is mere existence."  
—Spurgeon