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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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## OUR TASK TILL HE COMES

Widespread attempt is being made to make it appear that God's purpose during this age is to **BUILD A KINGDOM** through ecclesiastical means. Whole denominations are engaged in what they call "Kingdom Building." The institutions and machinery of Christianity are supposed to eventually extend the rule and reign of God over this earth, such as to "Bring In The Kingdom." If one dissents from this view, he is chided as a pessimist. We make bold to say that this business of "Bringing In The Kingdom" is a man originated task. The Lord has not told us to "Bring In The Kingdom," and he

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has made it plain in his word that His Kingdom **WILL NOT BE BROUGHT IN DURING THIS AGE**. How presumptuous to change the whole objective of Christianity! How foolish for men to set out to do what the Lord makes plain cannot be done! Many people do not understand why Modernist ministers and religious leaders are so enamoured of Communism and Socialism. It goes directly back to that idea of bringing in the Kingdom of God on the earth by human means.

The theories of Socialism and Communism appeal to such men. They don't take into account fallen human nature, or the fact that Communistic theory and Communistic practice are entirely different. Those theories work practically for the worst form of slavery that mankind has yet known.

It is pitiable for men to actively enter the ministry without knowing what the God of heaven wants them to do. It is like entering the employ of a company without knowing anything about the purpose for which that com-

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### 1. When was THE BAPTIST EXAMINER started?

The first issue was printed on April 1, 1931.

### 2. Who started THE BAPTIST EXAMINER?

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER was launched under the very capable editorship of Elder T. P. Simmons, who is now President of the Tri-State Baptist Bible College, Evansville, Indiana.

It was carried on by Brother Simmons through 1938, during which time he printed 59 issues of the paper, and only discontinued it due to a lack of financial support.

### 3. How long has THE BAPTIST EXAMINER been under its present editorship?

It was issued for the first time on February 4, 1939, and has had a continuous weekly circulation ever since.

### 4. What circulation did it have in 1939?

About 250.

### 5. What is its present circulation?

Between ten and eleven thousand.

### 6. What is the highest circulation that it has ever had?

Its peak was approximately 17,000. However, we revised our mailing list recently and we check our mailing list once each month now, with the result that all who do not keep their subscription paid up, are removed. This means that while we have had as many as 17,000 on our list, we fluctuate as subscriptions are received, or expire.

### 7. Where does THE BAPTIST EXAMINER circulate?

In all 48 states and in about 20 foreign countries.

### 8. What is the weekly cost of the paper on which THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is printed?

Approximately \$60.00 a week at present, which means better than \$3,000.00 a year for paper alone.

### 9. What is the cost of the postage relative to the work of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER?

It runs nearly \$50.00 a week. Last year it amounted to \$2,361.88 which is the equivalent of nearly 80,000 - 3c postage stamps. If all our readers paid their subscription (Continued on page eight)

## Peaceful Co-existence Means Death To Baptist Principles

By Eld. Willard Pyles  
Garrison, Ky.

Exodus 34:12-17

We live in a day when the main topic of conversation is peaceful co-existence. The United Nations is trying to get countries to live together peacefully, which is almost like trying to get a skunk and a porcupine to live side by side. However, even more pathetic is the fact that the Federal Council of Churches is try-

ing to get all denominations to peacefully co-exist. They tell us that we are all striving for the same place, therefore we should forget doctrine, and pool our efforts together to take the world for Christ. It seems a little

strange that supposedly Christian men would or could even think that this would work, but this is a mark of the last days. (I Tim. 4:1).

It doesn't take a great theologian to see that you can't put a baby baptizer, a Christ rejector, a salvation by works, an open communion, a universal invi-

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### WHY ENEMIES PERSIST IN SENDING MAIL ANONYMOUSLY

Diotrephes of Russell, Kentucky is busily engaged in sending out anonymous letters relative to your editor, several of which have ended their journey in being sent back to me. One of my friends in western Kentucky, on receiving such, wrote, "I feel sorry for you, but much more sorry for the man who would thus send out such letters. Why would any man do so?"

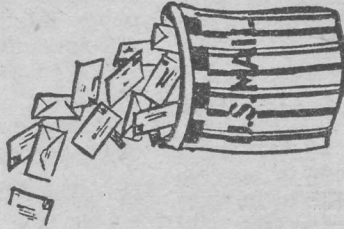
It is very easy to tell why anyone sends out anonymous letters.

First of all, he is afraid he might be called upon to prove his statements, and knowing that what he has written is a lie, he dares not put his name to the letter.

In the second place, he has little enough sense to think that people might believe him, whereas he ought to know that 99 and 44/100 per cent of the people of the

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### THANK GOD FOR THE FRIENDS WHO ENCOURAGE US



This week our mail has been more than interesting. It has been indeed warmly stimulating and encouraging. We share a few excerpts of the letters with you:

"I am still enjoying the best Baptist paper in print — the Baptist Examiner."

—Sherman Hartley, Tennessee

"I wish I could tell you how much I enjoy The Baptist Examiner. I would rather miss all other papers than it."

—Osgood Smith, Florida

"Due to the kindness of someone, a subscription to The Baptist Examiner is coming to me. I must say that I have certainly enjoyed reading this good paper. It has given me a better understanding of the Bible. I too am

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### OUR RADIO MINISTRY

WTCR—1420 ON THE DIAL  
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY  
Sunday—8:30-9:00 A. M.

WNRG—1250 ON THE DIAL  
GRUNDY, VIRGINIA  
Sunday—8:30-9:00 A. M.

## Eld. Bob Ross Ordained To The Baptist Ministry

On March 17, 1956, acting on an invitation from the Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky, a council of preachers and laymen met with the Calvary Baptist Church and after thorough questioning, Bro. Bob Ross was ordained to the Baptist ministry.

Bro. Ross was questioned by

### AN IMPORTANT PAGE FROM MY DIARY AS TO A DEAR FRIEND

Flying down to Memphis of recent date, among other things I wrote in my diary for the day, was an entry relative to a friend who was ill, as follows:

My mind goes back to Russell to my banker, to whom I talked just before leaving town. He has been so good and kind to me for over a quarter of a century. And now, he is sick — cancer — and his days are limited, and worse than all else, he is still unsaved. May every friend who reads this, pray for him — he's been so good to me."

This, I say, is just a note from my diary, which tells its own story. Here is a man who has been a wonderful friend to me for years, who is sick. I can't help him physically. The doctors have done their utmost for him. I want to ask you to pray for him from

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Bro. Jim Everman, and in a very satisfactory and credible manner, displayed a most remarkable knowledge of the Word of God. I measure my words when I say that of all the men whom I have helped to ordain, I have never known any man who showed more knowledge of God's Word at an examination, nor any one man who has more and brighter prospects for the future, than he.

Bro. Sidney Fisher, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church,



ELD. WILLARD PYLES



ELD. BOB ROSS

North Kenova, Ohio, preached the ordination sermon from Rom. 1:15, which was itself a masterpiece.

Bro. William Smith, pastor of (Continued on page two)

### A DECIDED CONTRAST BETWEEN BAPTISTS AND CATHOLICS

If everything that is Baptist is taken from any one of the Protestant Pseudo-Baptist bodies, what remains will be Catholic. If everything that is Catholic is taken away, what is left will be Baptist.

#### PROOF Baptist

1. Salvation by grace is Baptist (Eph. 2:8-9).
2. Regeneration by the Spirit through faith is Baptist (John 1:12-13).
3. Immersion of a believer for baptism because of Christ's command is Baptist (Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:4).

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## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

### "WHEN HE COMES"

"Thy Kingdom come."  
Matt. 6:10.

This text is taken from the model prayer—the prayer Jesus gave as a model or fashion or sample in teaching His disciples how to pray. In it, among other things, He teaches us to pray for the coming of the kingdom.

Let me say, at the very outset of this message, that I believe in the second coming of Jesus Christ—that He is coming back to this earth to set up His kingdom—just as all premillennial scholars for centuries have taught. I do not say when He is coming. I do not set any date

for His return. However, I do insist upon the fact that He is coming. No one could believe more strongly in His premillennial return than I.

I have three passages of Scripture upon which I base my conviction as to His return. If I had nothing else other than these three, then these would in themselves be sufficient. Listen:

"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And IF I GO and prepare a place

for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."—John 14:1-3.

These were the words that Jesus spoke as He would comfort His disciples when they were troubled over the thought of His going away. He said, "If I go, I will come again." Well, one day, beloved, He went away. Then, one day, He will return, for He said, "If I go, I will come again."

There is a second passage that conclusively proves that He will return. In the first chapter of (Continued on page two)

### THE KIND OF LETTER WE LIKE, BUT DON'T OFTEN GET

April 21, 1956

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Praise the Lord for your Tract Ministry and hope the readers of TBE greatly respond as good sound tracts are needed these days.

Am enclosing a check for \$100. \$50 to help print "How to Become a Christian" and \$50 to help keep our splendid little paper TBE, in the mail.

Please send us 200 of the above tract.

May the Lord bless you.

In His grace,

Mr. and Mrs. Alton F. Tracy,  
—Maine



# THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

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## An Important Page

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two standpoints. Pray that God will do for him what the doctors have not been able to do, and above all else, pray that Jesus might reveal himself to him as his Saviour.

May 8 is my birthday, and I want to ask for a birthday present from each of you — without an exception. I want to ask that during that day that you will go alone for a few moments and pray for my friend. We have over 10,000 readers scattered throughout the nation. I want to ask for over 10,000 prayers for my friend that day.

Please, don't fail me!



## Bob Ross

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Bethany Baptist Church, Rushtown, Ohio led the ordaining prayer.

Bro. L. D. Gibson, of South Point, Ohio presented a set of books — Spurgeon's Encyclopedia — to Bro. Ross on behalf of Calvary Baptist Church, of which he is a member, and the associate pastor.

Bro. Earl Kirkendall of Rushtown, Ohio acted as clerk of the evening's proceedings.

Truly it was a blessed evening and one for which to thank God, and since Bob and I are associated together in the work of printing THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and the work of Calvary Baptist Church, I offer my prediction that one of the greatest young men of this, and the next generation was ordained, when Bro. Bob was set apart to the Gospel ministry.

Let me offer a suggestion: If some church is in need of a Bible Conference or a revival meeting, please consider Bro. Bob when you pray. He preaches every Sunday morning for Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky and is always a blessing to those of us who hear him. He would be a real blessing in a revival meeting, to any church that wants the truth.



## Baptists and Catholics

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4. The symbolic view of the ordinances is Baptist (I Cor. 11:26).

5. Individualism in religion is Baptist (John 6:37).

6. The equality of all ministers is Baptist (Matt. 23:8-12).

7. The democracy of the church is Baptist (Acts 6:5-6; 15:22).

8. The independence of the local churches is Baptist (Acts 15:22-29).

### Catholic

1. Salvation by works is Catholic.

2. Baptismal regeneration is Catholic.

3. Sprinkling and pouring for baptism are Catholic and rest upon the primary assumption of the Catholic hierarchy that divine institutions may be changed by human authority.

4. The sacramental view of the

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MAY 6, 1956

## THE PARABLE OF THE LABORERS

Matthew 20.

MEMORY VERSE: "The Son of man is come to save that which was lost."—Mt. 18:11.

### I. The Parable Of The Laborers. Mt. 20:1-16.

1. The house-holder represents God. Cf. Mt. 21:28-33; Lu. 13:25; Lu. 14:21.

2. The laborers represent saved people. Cf. Eph. 2:10; Titus 2:11-14; 3:8.

3. The vineyard is symbolic of the world. Cf. Mt. 21:28-33.

4. Those of the first hour represent the Jews who were saved in Christ's day. The hiring of laborers at different hours represents the calling of Gentile nations at different periods of the Gospel dispensation.

5. When a man is saved, he is hired for service. We are saved to serve.

6. The hire or pay which each received was their reward for service. Saved people will be rewarded for all service performed in His name. Cf. Mt. 5:1; Mt. 10:42; Lu. 6:35; I Cor. 3:8-14.

7. We work for reward, and not for salvation.

8. God expects each saved person to be a worker. Cf. Mt. 21:28; Mt. 13:34.

9. God seeks the laborers and the laborers do not seek Him.

10. The Lord is always looking for more workers. In the first, third, sixth, ninth, and eleventh hours He hired laborers.

11. The Lord thrusts out the laborers (V. 2). This is not man's work, but the work of God the Holy Spirit. Cf. Mt. 13:34; I Cor. 12:6-11; Acts 13:1-4.

12. All of God's elect will be saved (V. 16). It may be in the eleventh hour, just before Christ comes again, but they must hear and be saved and become laborers for Him.

13. Lots of people will be surprised in the matter of rewards (V. 10). Cf. Mt. 6:2; II Cor. 5:10.

14. God is sovereign and will bestow rewards as it pleases Him (V. 15).

15. Every worker will be richly rewarded if he faithfully serves Christ after he is saved until death.

16. Christians will be judged not by the length of service, but by their faithfulness in service. The eleventh hour man who is as faithful in service as one who had more time for service, will receive just as much reward. The man who is saved and only lives a few minutes after, if he is faithful in service in those few minutes, will be rewarded as richly as the man who has served for sixty years.

17. This parable does not mean to teach that all will be rewarded alike. Cf. I Cor. 3:8; 14:15.

ordinances is Catholic.

5. Proxy religion is Catholic.

6. Orders in the ministry is Catholic.

7. Hierarchical control of the churches is Catholic.

8. The overhead control of the local churches is Catholic.

If you believe the items at the top, you are a Baptist. If you believe the items at the bottom, you are a Catholic. If you are a Baptist, stick to your convictions and come with us. We welcome you.

—By J. B. Gambrell in Baptists and their Business.



## Anonymous Mail

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United States reject an anonymous letter, and brand it as a lie.

Finally, some people don't actually know what their name really is — the mother just wasn't too careful in the man she chose to father her child. Of course, if a man isn't sure as to what his name is, then it is easy enough to understand why he doesn't sign his letters.

I say, beloved, that there are three reasons why people don't sign their letters — the letter is a lie — pure ignorance on the part of the writer — and a social sin and shame attached to the sender's birth.

To my friend in west Kentucky who asks, "Why should any man do so?", I offer these three reasons. It could be that all of them are true in this case.



## Coexistence

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ble churchite, etc. together and have anything but a mess.

Beloved, this brings me to the heart of the message. Baptist

Churches are being infiltrated by the "doctrine of peaceful co-existence." It is evident as we look round about us at the unionistic, modernistic, socialistic trend of our churches that this is true. Also this is true in our own individual lives, as we peacefully co-exist with sin and error. Yes, we get along with errors because we are afraid we will hurt somebody's feelings.

I know that people will think I am just trying to stir up trouble, but as a servant of Christ—one that has been bought with a price and commanded to be faithful, I feel it needful to blow the trumpet in Zion. Moreover when I see how easy it is to be caught in the current of this trend "the love of Christ constrains me" to warn godly Christians so they might receive a full reward. I can best do this by showing how God commands us to get along with the world.

In our text God warns His people the Jews not to make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither they were going but to destroy their altars, break their images and cut down their groves. (Vs. 12,13). There certainly was to be no peaceful co-existence. This is further emphasized when it came to marriage. (Vs. 16).

Moses, rather than peacefully co-exist in Pharaoh's court, chose to suffer affliction with the people of God. (Heb. 11:24,25).

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego chose the fiery furnace rather than to bow the knee to Nebuchadnezzar's image. (Dan. 3:13-27).

Daniel chose the lions' den rather than cease to worship his God.

John the Baptist spoke out against the scribes and Pharisees rather than to live peacefully with them and to administer unscriptural baptism (Matt. 3:7).

Also, he denounced the sin of Herod and lost his head because

18. The third, sixth, and ninth hour men went their way and did not go to work. If they are saved, they get no reward. Cf. I Cor. 3:14,15.

19. God treats every man right (V. 13).

20. The Jews will not be first; rather, this honor shall go to the Gentiles (V. 16).

### II. Jesus Foretells His Death. Mt. 20:17-19.

Jesus knew the future. He knew the Cross was before Him, yet He did not seek to avoid it. He prophesied the manner of His death and then set His face to accomplish it. Oh, how our hearts should overflow in love and how we ought to be faithful in service to Him, because of what He has done for us. Cf. John 21:15-17; II Cor. 5:14.

### III. An Ambitious Request. Mt. 20:20-28.

1. The mother of Zebedee's children. This implies that Zebedee was not saved. Perhaps their home, was like many modern homes, where the religion of the family is invested in the wife's name.

2. This request kills the Romanist idea that Peter was given first place at Caesarea-Philippi. Cf. Mt. 16:17,18. If he were made Pope, then the question of first place was then settled; why did these sons think the places of honor were yet to be assigned?

3. Christ was to drink the cup of death and be baptized with sufferings. James and John in a self-confident way declared their ability to experience the same. This literally came true. James was the first martyr. Cf. Acts 12:2. After all other disciples were dead, John was living but was living a martyr life (Cf. Rev. 1:9).

4. The places of honor will go to those for whom they are prepared (V. 23).

5. No lordship in Christ's church (V. 25,26). All are to be equal here. What a blow to Catholic popes, Methodist presiding elders, and Baptist self-appointed bosses.

6. The way to greatness is through service (V. 26,27).

7. The example for service was the example of Jesus Himself (V. 28).

### IV. The Blind Healed. Mt. 20:29-34.

This was a miracle, but no greater than the opening of the eyes of those who are spiritually blind. What Christ did for those, He can do for all who are spiritually blind today. When their sight was restored, they followed Him (V. 34). Herein is a lesson for saved sinners. Thus, we have seen in this entire chapter, our business is to serve Him. We are saved to serve.

of it (Matt. 14:1-4).

Peter pointed his finger in the faces of those who had just a little while before crucified his Lord (Acts 2:22, 23).

Paul failed to peacefully co-exist with error or sin. In Athens when he saw the city "wholly given to idolatry," he "disputed" in the synagogue with the Jews and then told them they were too "superstitious" and that they worshiped "ignorantly" (Acts 17:16, 22, 23). There was not too much peaceful co-existence in that! Also, Paul gave some good advice to Christ's followers when he told them to avoid those that caused division contrary to God's Word (Rom. 16:17), and to put away or discipline those living in outward sin (I Cor. 5:17). This means not to peacefully co-exist with sin in the church.

The Apostle John threw cold water on the meeting when he told the followers of Christ not to be a partaker of false doctrine or help "support it" (II John 10, 11).

Aquila and Priscilla thought it wise not to let a man preach who was failing to declare the whole counsel of God. Therefore, they took him aside and expounded to him "the way of the Lord more perfectly" (Acts 18:24-26). We certainly need this in our day and time.

Paul rebuked Peter to his face. Paul wasn't afraid he would hurt Peter's feelings, but realized that it would make Peter a better Christian.

However, the greatest argument in favor of not peacefully co-existing with error or sin is found in the life of Christ while He was here on earth.

In the 23rd chapter of Matthew, Jesus pronounces the woes upon the scribes and Pharisees for their hypocrisy.

In the 18th chapter of Matthew, He warns His disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Jesus real-

ized that a little leaven, leaveneth the whole lump. He wanted His disciples to be cautious of anything that was "contrary to sound doctrine," that they might not be "carried about with every wind of doctrine" but to be "rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith." Is this our concern today or are we more interested in having all men speak well of us?

Moreover, we see Jesus in the temple as He overthrows the moneychanger's tables, and as He chases them out of the temple He cries out, "Take these things hence" (John 2:13-17). I believe that Jesus was saying, in so many words, "My house is a place where God the Father is to be worshipped and revered, and anything that tends to take away from this is not to be peacefully co-existed, but to be taken hence." The reason for this is obvious, or should be. Men would see very little difference in God's house than in the "places of the world if these things were allowed to stay. This, I believe, was true then and is true today.

Yes, even though Christ had a heart of love and compassion, one that could be sympathetic and merciful; eyes that could weep over Jerusalem and at the tomb of Lazarus; ears that could listen patiently to the troubles of lost mankind; hands that could touch the afflicted and heal the sick; a mouth and tongue that could speak words of comfort, He still spoke out against error and sin and warned men of judgment. His eyes looked with disfavor upon hypocrisy and His hands drove from the temple the moneychangers. So we can see that the Lord, being perfect, could and did have righteous indignation against anything that was contrary to the will of His Heavenly Father.

I've given all of these examples, and they could be multiplied, to show you the extreme importance that God places commands in His Word for His people to be a separate people (II Cor. 6:17); a people that keep themselves away from error and from sin; a people that take their stand against worldliness in the churches; a people that take the Bible as their only rule of faith and practice.

Beloved, in the light of this, can we or should we close our eyes to the things that are going on in our own ranks? Can we expect to hear "Well done thou good and faithful servant," if we close our mouths and try to stay in the "middle of the road?"

Should we, like one of the three monkeys, "hear no evil" regardless of how much goes on? This is, so it seems, what it takes these days to be a "good" Baptist or one that "cooperates." Just close your eyes, ears, and mouths to the error and do what you are told or be "cut off."

May God help us to take the writer's admonitions, "seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith," and "fight the good fight of faith; earnestly contend for the faith, be temperate in all things, walk by the same rule, so run as to obtain, and to shine as lights in a crooked and perverse nation, holding forth the word of truth": this is my heart's desire and prayer unto God for the Baptists of our day.



## "When He Comes"

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Acts, we read how the disciples stood on Mt. Olivet, and saw Jesus suddenly lift Himself up, overcoming the force of gravitation. They saw Him lift Himself up little by little and little by little, into the air, up into the clouds and up into the skies, until He was just a little speck and thus passed out of their sight. As the disciples gazed up

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## "When He Comes"

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at Him, the angels spoke to them:

"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven SHALL SO COME in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."—Acts 1:10, 11.

They had seen Him go up. They had seen Him ascend. They had seen Him lift Himself, overcoming the force of gravitation little by little, until He had gone out of their sight. The promise from the angels was that some day He would come back exactly as they had seen Him ascend. I would say that it is conspicuous that in the book of Zechariah, it is prophesied that when He comes again, that the very first place that His feet will touch will be Mount Olivet, just outside the city of Jerusalem. That was the last place His feet touched when He was here on this earth. He went away and the promise is that He must come back. When He comes back the first place that His feet will touch, will be the place where He last stood upon, when He was here in this world.

There is a third Scripture that to me is very conclusive relative to the return of Jesus Christ, and that has to do with the Lord's Supper. When the Apostle Paul was giving to the church of Corinth special instructions as to the observance of the Lord's Supper, He said:

"For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do shew the Lord's death TILL HE COME."—I Cor. 11:26.

Last Wednesday evening at prayer meeting we observed the Lord's Supper. I thought after the service was over that the people who were here had seen a sermon concerning Jesus' return. Not a word was said relative to His return. Not one word was said as to the second coming, yet in the observance of this memorial supper, we had a tacit and silent sermon that Jesus Christ will come again, for the text says, "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do shew the Lord's death TILL HE COME." Thus in every observance of the Lord's Supper, we have a prophesy of His return.

Now I say to you, beloved, I believe that there are hundreds of passages that I might quote to you, that would show that Jesus Christ is coming back again. I might say, beloved, in the New Testament, that one out of every twenty-five verses has to do with the second coming of Jesus Christ. I might say that over two-thirds of the prophecies of the Old Testament have to do with His second coming, while the other one-third of the prophecies of the Old Testament have to do with His first coming.

phacies of the Old Testament have to do with His first coming. I might say, beloved, that of the parables that Jesus gave, the majority had to do with, and had a message concerning, the second coming of the Lord. I say, beloved, that I believe that He is coming back to this world. I don't say when He is coming. I don't know when. I don't offer a prophecy as to the time. I don't in any wise propose to set a date, or a time when He shall return. I just say that He is coming.

Now, every once in a while I will make a statement as to His return in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and someone will ask, "What is so important about the second coming of Christ? What is going to happen when He does come? Will anything take place when the Lord Jesus comes back to this world?"

Well, beloved, I would like to show you tonight out of the Word of God some of the things that are definitely prophesied to take place—some things that are definitely stated to happen—some things that are of utmost importance that shall come to pass when Jesus Christ comes back to this world.

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WHEN JESUS COMES HE IS GOING TO REIGN ON A LITERAL THRONE.

In Luke 1:32, 33 we have a prophesy relative to this fact. This I might say was the annunciation on the part of the angel Gabriel, when he was speaking to Mary about the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ which was to take place, with Mary herself, being the human instrument to bring Jesus into this world.

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall REIGN over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."—Luke 1:32, 33.

Here is a passage, beloved, that if there were no other would be sufficient to cause me to believe that when Jesus Christ comes back to this world that He is going to reign on a literal throne. But, notice again:

"After this I will return, and build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will BUILD AGAIN the ruins thereof, and I will SET IT UP."—Acts 15:16.

I think from this verse that you can like-wise plainly see that Jesus Christ is not only going to return to this world, but it is prophesied that He is going to reign from a literal throne in the city of Jerusalem. Listen again:

"And many people shall go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."—Isaiah 2:3.

Now here are three verses—and I might multiply them over and over again to show you the same thing—that when He comes back, that He is going to reign from a literal throne.

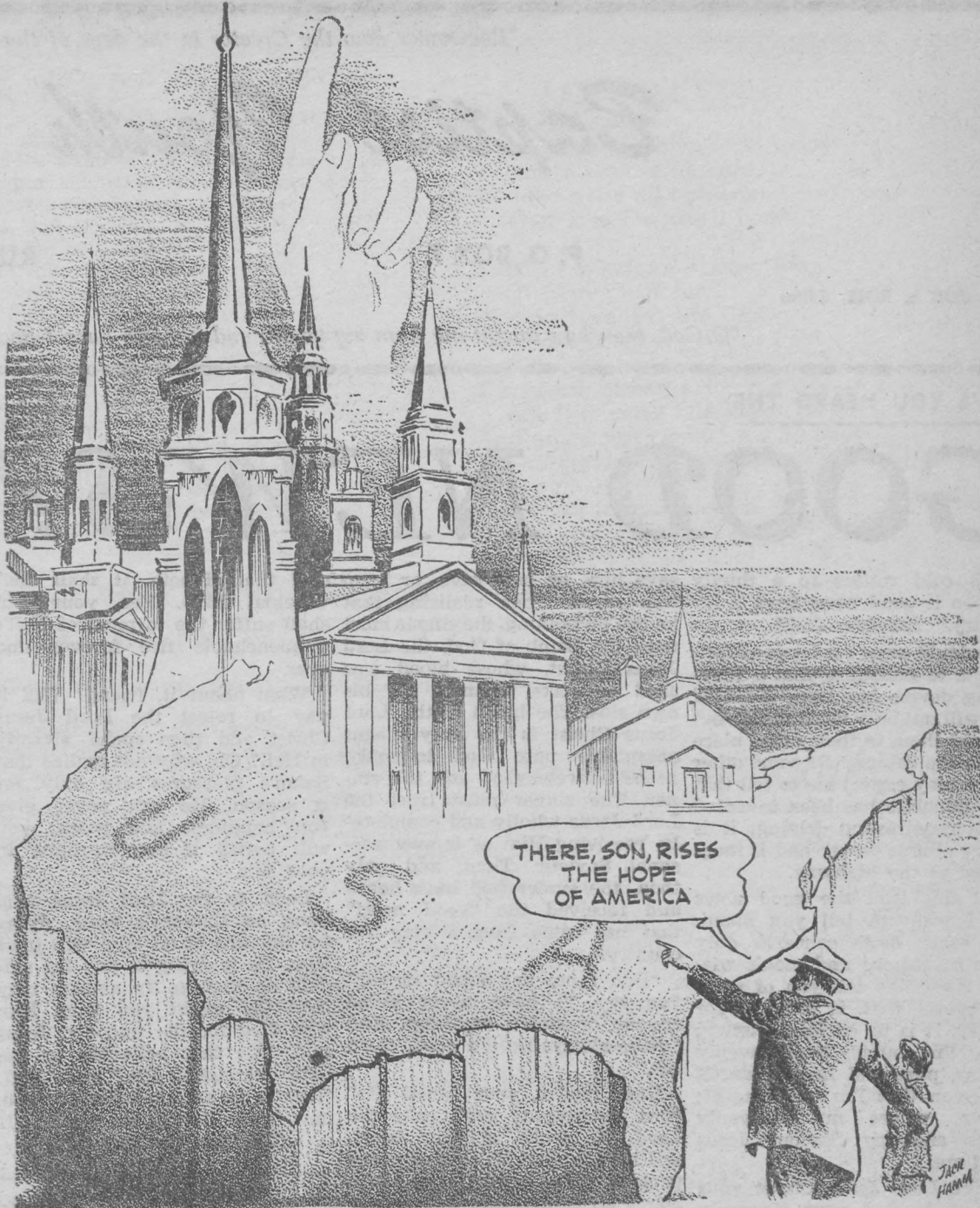
Over in Canada in one of the government buildings, I saw the chair that the Prime Minister occupies on occasions of state importance. It wasn't much different from any large chair that you can imagine. It was just a little more ornate—just a little bit more dressed up than the average chair. As I looked at it, it came to my mind that some of these days the Lord Jesus Christ is going to sit on a literal throne and reign over the world from the city of Jerusalem.

II

JESUS WILL BE KING OVER THE ENTIRE WORLD.

"And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people."—Isaiah 2:4.

"And the LORD shall be KING OVER ALL THE EARTH: in that day shall there be one LORD,



and his name one."—Zechariah 14:9.

The Lord Jesus will be king over all the earth and not just a part of it. From the time that man entered the world, it has been the dream of various individuals to reign over the world.

In the prophecy of Daniel it is said that there would be four world-wide rulers. The first was Nebuchadnezzar. The second world-wide empire was that of the combined country of Media and Persia. At a later date Alexander the Great ruled over his own country of Greece and all the then known world. Still later Rome became a dominant world power.

Daniel declared that these four would reign, but beyond these, there would never be another world-wide empire. From the time of Rome's power there has never been any man or any country, that has been able to control the whole world. Charlamagne tried it around 800 A.D., but failed. Kaiser Bill made the same attempt which resulted in World War II. It was the desire and ambition of both Mussolini and Hitler to reign over the entire world, but each failed.

Beloved, there shall never be another world-wide ruler until the Lord Jesus Christ sets up His kingdom in the city of Jerusalem, when He will then reign over all the world. What Hitler tried but never achieved—what Mussolini desired, but never could grasp—what Charlamagne and all the balance of earthly

rulers could never get within their power—will literally come to pass with Jesus.

III

THE FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS WILL BE REWARDED AND SHALL RULE UNDER HIM, AND WITH HIM, WHEN HE COMES AGAIN.

Let me insist that all those who are faithful to Him will be rewarded for their faithfulness when Jesus comes. Listen:

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall REWARD every man according to his works."—Matthew 16:27.

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."—II Timothy 4:8.

Not only is it true that the saints of God will be rewarded for their faithfulness, but the Word of God makes it clear that when Jesus rules from His throne in Jerusalem, that the redeemed of the Lord shall rule with Him. Listen:

"Do ye not know that the saints shall judge (or rule) the world?"—I Corinthians 6:2.

"If we suffer, we shall also REIGN WITH HIM."—II Timothy 2:12.

"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall REIGN on the earth."—Rev. 5:10.

How this ought to thrill the

hearts of all of God's children to know that in that day when we are rewarded for our faithfulness in service, that we shall then share with the Lord Jesus in His millennial splendor—reigning and ruling with Him over the entire world.

I feel indeed sorry for those folk who know nothing of the Word of God and who in their ignorance ask, "Is anything going to happen by way of importance when Jesus comes?" Why, beloved, the biggest, most breathtaking events are just out before the children of God. Could anything be more wonderful to know than that some day we are going to reign with Christ over this entire earth?

IV

WHEN JESUS COMES HE WILL ESTABLISH UNIVERSAL PEACE.

Do you realize that this world doesn't know much about peace? In the gospel of Matthew, we read that this age is to be characterized by "wars and rumors of wars." You can expect wars and rumors of wars to continue and to persist day by day until Jesus comes. At the end of World War II, when hostilities ceased, various statesmen and politicians declared that this war would outlaw and end all wars—that the nations had learned their lesson, and that never again would war break out on a world-wide scale as in this instance. They said, "This will put an end to wars and there will never be any other wars," for we have learned how to get along as nations. When I heard this, I thought how stupid and how ignorant can men in authority really be! I say this in view of the fact that God says there shall be wars and rumors of wars right on down until Jesus comes.

Some years ago H. G. Wells, the infidel historian of England, made a statement that impressed (Continued on page six)

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"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."—Eccl. 12:1

# Baptist Youth Witness

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"O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works."—Psa. 71:17

HAVE YOU HEARD THE

## GOOD NEWS?

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." Proverbs 25:25.

No doubt some reader is expecting me to announce that a time-saving device has been invented that will not only wash dishes but will put them in their usual place within the cabinet. Or some other person may expect me to tell that an automobile has been invented which requires no driving; it is run by atomic power and is magnetized to the highway.

But this isn't the good news that I want to tell you about. That other news concerns only man's inventions and man's wisdom. I want to tell you of some good news that is from a far country. It is no earthly country; rather, this country is a Heavenly country, pure and free of sin. It is Heaven that I'm speaking of; Heaven, where my Heavenly Father and my Saviour Jesus Christ are.

Is the Lord Jesus Christ your Saviour? Is God your Heavenly Father? No? Then you, dear reader, have not heard the "good news," because the good news is: "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10) How? "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:14,15.

Yes, the Lord Jesus came into this world over 1900 years ago to die on Calvary's cross for sinners that their sin-debt to God might be paid. All that is necessary for a sinner to be saved is that the sinner see himself guilty, lost, and without hope before God. The sinner must realize that he has sinned against God all of his life and has broken every one of His holy laws ever since birth. The sinner must be convicted within his heart that there is nothing he can do that will ever

save him, or help save, or keep him saved. Then realizing that he can do nothing, the sinner must trust the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, whose blood was shed to make payment for his own sins. The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only means acceptable unto God to make peace between God and the sinner. The sinner must trust the Lord Jesus wholly and completely, receiving Him as his own personal Saviour. Then, and only then, the sinner will have heard and received the "good news" that has come from a very far country.

"But, I am not a bad sinner," you say. "I have never killed anyone or stolen anything. And I have always lived a good, clean life."

Dear reader, your "good life" does not appear good unto the Lord. He looks at your heart, and here is what He says of every person: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jeremiah 17:9. You, myself, and everybody else are wicked, sinful, polluted with sin, and depraved. We are so sinful that we cannot help ourselves to be any better. The Scriptures say that "all of our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6) in God's sight. Even our best appears unto Almighty God as a filthy rag!

You may have attended church since you were a child, and even taken an active part in the Lord's work. Still, the Lord tells us in Proverbs 21:27 — "The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?" Until your heart and mind are cleansed by the blood of the Lord Jesus, nothing that you ever do will please God or pardon you from your sin-debt.

What will become of you if you never trust the Lord Jesus as your Saviour? God says: "The

soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezekiel 18:4). Yes, your soul shall suffer the torment of Hell's unquenchable fire forever and ever.

What about it, friend? Will it pay to reject the Lord Jesus Christ and then spend eternity in Hell? Oh, why not realize that Satan's pleasures are only for a season. He can never give you happiness and peace; you will perish if you continue in your sins.

Look to the Lord Jesus who hung on Calvary's cross, dying for the sins of all who will trust Him. He is dying to pay the sin-debt so that guilty sinners may live! Oh might you trust Him who died for the ungodly. Jesus said, "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." John 6:47. "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (II

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## WHO KISSED ME?

One morning I stood outside the large iron gates of a local police court and temporary prison. There were people waiting there, some out of curiosity and some because they had a relative inside. I waited expectantly for the opening of the gate. I heard sounds of loud voices, and one especially, that got louder and more shrill. It was the voice of a woman.

The gates opened wider, and then I witnessed a sight which, if eternity can wash it away from my mind, time never can. It was a woman. Two policemen walked in front, two behind. One stalwart man held firmly the arm on the right, and another the arm on the left. Her hair was uncombed and matted and disheveled. Her right temple was blackened with bruises; clots of dry blood stood upon her left temple. Her clothes were torn and blood-stained.

She tried to wrench her arms from the grasp of the police. The very atmosphere of the morning was laden with her curses and her oaths. She tossed her head wildly as the six policemen dragged her down the passageway and through the gates.

What could I do? One more moment and the golden opportunity would be gone. Could I offer prayer? No, there was no time. Could I sing? It would have been absurd. Could I give her money? She could not take it. Could I quote a verse of Scripture? (Continued on page five)

downward steps came from the slick floors of the dance hall.

Ask the hollow-cheeked girl in her teens that sits crooning to a babe whose father's name it will never be permitted to bear, "Who robbed your child of its birthright — the name of its father?"

"The dance hall..." she sobs the answer, holding the babe to her bosom. "I am a victim of a man's stirred passion. And it was as much my fault as it was his. I gave all he asked... my God-given purity, my womanhood, the virtue beyond price... and the result is easy to see: this babe and an outcast from home."

"Taxi-dancer, where did you get your start on this career which makes you the prey of men's demands?"

"It started innocently enough... I learned the steps at home with the rug rolled back... and the radio tuned low with swing-time music. Dad and the neighboring boys came in, and we swung our partners. Then came the community dance... the night club, and now this taxi dance hall. I lost the way when I took the first step at home with radio music blaring out sweet two-step tunes to the tempo of the swingtime band."

"And now what do you say about taxi dancing?"

"I am forced to yield myself to the whims of every man's desires. I can't say no to anything he does on the floor."

Candidly, whoever you are and whatever your position in life may be, can you afford to traffic in this trade that sends womanhood to the brothel?

Ask the juvenile delinquent, "What part did dancing play in

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## None In Hell

"Tracts everywhere!" said a youth with a sneer, as a young Christian lad handed him a leaflet one Lord's Day afternoon. "No," said the lad quietly, "there will be none in Hell," and passed on. God fastened that single sentence as a nail in a sure place and he could not get rid of it. "None in Hell!" seemed to echo in his ears every time he saw a tract, and ultimately he was converted.

Reader, there will be "None in Hell" — neither Gospel invitations, nor Gospel entreaties.

How eagerly the lost multitudes, in the hopeless regions of despair, would welcome the first invitations of mercy; but their day is past, their time on earth is over. Of these there is "None in Hell." How are you treating them on earth, these golden opportunities, solemn warnings — these loving invitations of God, as John 3:16 — "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"TODAY if ye will hear His voice, harden not your heart." Tomorrow — His voice may be silent — OR YOURS!

—Selected.



## Young People? Ask

Q. Did Moses write Genesis in the same sense as John wrote Revelation?

A. Read II Timothy 3:16.

Q. Is God going to get more people than the devil if He has to take the lives of babies to do it?

A. God will have more than Satan, but He doesn't have to take babies to do it. He could save all if He so desired. But He has chosen to show both His mercy and His wrath (Romans 9:22,23). God takes babies for His own good reasons, known only to Him. (Daniel 4:35).

Q. Is that statement true in the light of God's Word?

A. That God takes the lives of babies to get more than the devil, no.

Q. How do you know the Bible is true?

A. By its numerous prophecies, which, though made hundreds of years before time, have been fulfilled to the very letter; by its like effect and influence upon people of all nations, races, languages, social rank, office, and ages; by the prophecies concerning the Jews; by its perfect harmony with archeology and other sciences; by the character and godliness of those who have believed it; by the fact that it was written by 44 men of different phases of life, at different intervals in history, in different countries, and under different circumstances; yet it is in agreement in all of its teaching as to the world, God, Christ, the Scriptures, man, salvation, Heaven, Hell, sin, and Satan, etc. Some of these men were educated, some uneducated, some were theologians, some were fishermen; (Continued on page five)



## Our Bible Study

STUDIES IN GALATIANS

by A. M. OVERTON  
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Chapter Two

"But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid" v. 17.

The accusation is often felt, if not actually stated, that if God saves a sinner without the sinner having to do something to prove his worthiness, the Lord is putting approval on sin. Actually the opposite is true.

If God should allow the guilty sinner to go free on any ground except that the penalty has been fully paid, He would be violating the law. No man can ever fully

pay for his own sins, even though he should spend eternity in hell. Certainly he could never pay for another man's sins. Therefore, the only possible way of salvation would be for God Himself, being eternal and infinite, to pay the sin-debt Himself, and on that ground, justify, or declare righteous, those who receive this wonderful truth. That is exactly what He did in the Person of the One we know as the Lord Jesus Christ.

God's way of saving sinners — by paying the full penalty for them Himself — honors the law and magnifies the love, mercy and grace of God. Instead of it making Him a "minister of sin," or a servant of sin, it reveals Him as just, Holy, and Righteous.

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## An Objector Answered

"I don't like so much talk about religion," said a rude stranger in a city boarding house to a lady

opposite, who had been answering some questions with regard to a sermon to which she had been listening. "I don't like it. It's something that nobody likes. It's opposed to everything pleasant in the world. It ties a man up hand and foot. It takes away his liberty; and it isn't natural."

"Oh, no," answered the lady, "it isn't natural. We have the best authority for saying so. 'The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, neither can he know them, for they are spiritually discerned.' True religion is rowing up stream; it is sailing against wind and tide."

A pause for a few minutes; then the stranger began again—"People who speak and think so much about religion are queer, anyhow. I wish they could only know how people speak about them; nobody likes them, for they are like nobody; they are so very peculiar."

"Allow me to interrupt you again, sir," said the lady; "but I am so impressed with the manner in which your language accords with Bible language that I shall have to introduce another quotation from the blessed book."

### Our Bible Study

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"For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God" vv 18,19.

We will do well to notice in this connection Romans 6:6. When one believes in Jesus Christ as his Saviour, he is counted as having been crucified with Christ on Calvary. The old man—the Adamic man—is reckoned, or counted dead. Because he is so counted, he is to be put away, or buried, in baptism. Now, for one who has believed in Jesus Christ to "build again the things destroyed," to resurrect the old man and put him under the law for salvation, is transgression of the law, and not "good religion," as some seem to believe.

The law kills. It can never make anyone live. It works wrath and condemns, but can never give life (See Romans 4:15; Galatians 3:21, etc.). The law is the instrument of death to all who are under it. But, in Christ Jesus, every believer in Him becomes dead to the law, "that I might live unto God."

### Good News

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Cor. 6:2). Look to Him and trust Him as your Saviour today—this moment.—RUTH GILPIN.

### Young People Ask

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yet the majesty and sublimity of the style, language, and content throughout the whole of the Scriptures is unsurpassed by the writings of all other men combined; by its unexcelled moral standards; by its antiquity and continuance to this day, despite the attacks of infidels, atheists, Catholics, and wicked men to either destroy or pervert the spreading of its teachings; by the fact that the godly have cleaved to it even unto martyrdom, and the ungodly have despised it; by the awful judgments of God on men and nations who have despised and rejected it; by its fulfilled promises to those who have believed them; by its inexhaustible depth; by its historical accuracy; by its presentation of the facts as to men's lives, whether they be sinful or godly (this cannot be said of any other bio-

graphical work); by the unscientific theories which through the years have challenged it, yet later were proven to be absolutely false; and by many other reasons we cannot now think of or do not have the knowledge of.

### Who Kissed Me?

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ture? She would not heed it. Whether it was an angel's suggestion or not, I never stopped to think, but the impulse of a burning desire, which filled my heart as she passed, made me step quickly forward and kiss her upon the cheek.

Whether the police were taken off their guard by my extraordinary action and had relaxed their grasp, I do not know. But with one wrench she freed her arms, and clasping her hands, as the wind spread her matted and dishevelled hair, she looked toward the grey skies and said, "My God!" She looked wildly around for a moment, and then said, "My God, who kissed me? My God, who kissed me? Nobody has ever kissed me since my mother died."

Lifting her tattered apron, she buried her face in her hands, and like a little lamb, she was led to the vehicle which took her to prison.

Later I went to the prison in the hope of seeing her, and at the door stood the warder.

When I approached the warder, she said, "We think her mind has gone. She does nothing but pace her cell, asking me every time I go in if I know who kissed her."

"Would you let me go in and speak to her?" I said. "I am her best and only friend. Would you let me go right inside her cell?"

"Yes, yes." She opened the door, I slipped in. Her face was clean, her eyes were large and beautiful, and she said, "Do you know who kissed me?"

And then she told me her story.

"When I was a little girl, seven years old, my widowed mother died; she died very poor, although she was of gentle birth. She died in a back basement in the dark. When she was dying, she called me to her, and took my little face in both her hands, and kissed it. And she said, 'My poor little girl; my defenseless little girl.' And then, 'O God, have pity on my little girl, and when I am gone protect and take care of her.' From that day to this, nobody has ever put a kiss upon my face."

Then again she said, "Who kissed me?"

I said, "It was I who kissed you."

Then I told her of Him whose love was so much more tender than mine could ever be, and how He went to the cross, and bore our sins upon Himself, and was wounded for our transgressions, that He might put the kiss of pardon upon our brow.

In Him she found light, and joy, and comfort, and healing, and love, and salvation, and before she came out of the prison, the warders testified not only to the change in her life, but to its beauty. She was made through God, the means of salvation to numbers of others who were down as low as she herself had been, and who were bound with as heavy fetters as those with which she herself had been bound.

—EVA BOOTH

### After The Ball

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your life?" The delinquent girl answers, "I met the boys who gave me my first smoke at a high school dance."

The boy replies, "Dancing, smoking, a little booze, a hot party, and one of the knowing boys suggested, 'Let's steal a car to show the girls a time.' With the stolen car to our credit it was not long until we began to rob service stations of gasoline money, and on until today I am in the reformatory. It started innocent-like with the crowd that hangs around the dance hall."

This is the testimony of expert witnesses against the prisoner at the bar. These testimonies can be reinforced by the thousands. Public opinion, as the Judge, declares the prisoner guilty "of raping womanhood, turning youth into criminals, blasting American homes of their ideals of purity, putting cigarettes in the mouths of American girls, lowering morals, and sending the bloom of girlhood to the brothel."

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## ETERNITY—WHERE?

As a shoemaker sat at his work, the pendulum of the clock, as it swung, seemed to say, "Eternity! where?" This led to his conversion, and the words so impressed him that he afterwards penned these lines:

"Eternity!—where? it floats in the air:  
Amid clamor, or silence, it ever is there,  
The question so solemn: "Eternity!—where?"

"Eternity!—where?" oh, "Eternity!—where?"  
With redeemed ones in glory, or fiends in despair?  
With one or the other: "Eternity!—where?"

"Eternity!—where?" is well worth a care;  
Oh, shall we, oh, can we, e'en venture to dare  
Oh naught till we settle: "Eternity!—where?"

"Eternity!—where?" oh, "Eternity!—where?"  
Friend, sleep not, nor take in this world any share,  
Till you answer the question: "Eternity!—where?"

—Selected.

If I were to have my way, I would take the torch out of the hand of the Statue of Liberty and in its stead, place an open Bible.—Marshall.

If a man is not familiar with the Bible, he has suffered a loss which he had better make all possible haste to correct.—Teddy Roosevelt

## MY PRAYER

I ask Thee humbly, Lord, today  
Not to remove all care,  
Or take away all burdens  
That it is Thy will I bear.

I do not ask from Thee a life  
Of glory or of fame;  
Nor do I want a life that  
Never tastes of grief or pain.

I only ask strength for the day  
A will to serve but Thee;  
And grace sufficient, Lord, to bear  
The cross Thou givest me.

I only ask for humbleness  
And courage to stand true;  
And for endurance, Lord,  
To die to self and life for You.

—SHARON MASON

## For Little Children

### THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

#### Joseph Made Ruler In Egypt

After Joseph had been in jail in Egypt two full years, King Pharaoh dreamed dreams one night. The King called for all of the wise men and the magicians of Egypt to tell him what his dreams meant. But none of the wise men and the magicians could tell him what his dreams meant. The King did not know what to do about finding out what his dreams meant.

But then, the King's chief butler remembered Joseph who had told him what his dreams meant two years before. He remembered that he had forgotten to ask King Pharaoh to let Joseph get out of jail. So the butler told the King about Joseph.

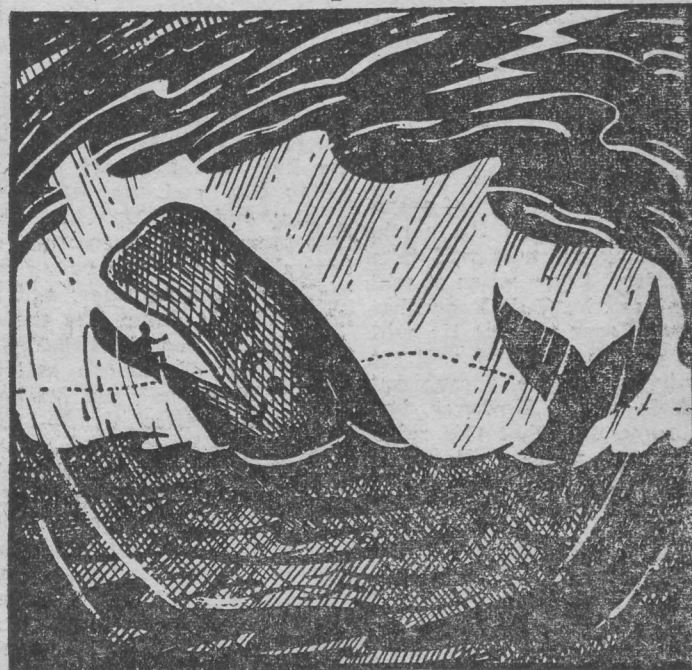
Then King Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and brought him from the prison. The King told Joseph that God would show him what the dreams meant. Joseph told him that his dreams meant that there would be seven years of good crops in Egypt, and then there would be seven years of famine, when there would be no food to eat. Joseph told King Pharaoh to prepare for this famine. Joseph said, "Appoint a man over the land and let him appoint officers over the land, and John 5:39.

take up the fifth part of all the crops during the seven years before the famine. Do this and you will have food in store, and you can live through the seven years famine."

The King thought that this was a wonderful idea, and he then appointed Joseph to be the ruler because the King said, "Can we find such a one as Joseph is, a man in whom the spirit of God is?"

Lesson: Joseph was a person who served the Lord. And he studied and learned about the Lord. In our story this week, it is easy to see how that Joseph's wisdom paid off. Because of his wisdom, he became the second highest ruler in Egypt. Boys and girls, are you studying and learning about the Lord? You must know Him and trust Him in order to be saved. One day, you will die, and you will either go to Heaven or to Hell. You must learn about the Lord so that you can be saved. You must learn that you are a sinner and that the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ can wash away all of your sins. You can not learn of the Lord when you read funny books or when you watch television. You must learn of Him from the Bible. "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me (the Lord Jesus)." John 5:39.

### Little People's Corner



Quiz by Ethel M. Hoskins; drawing by Marsden Lore

### Can You Name Him—a Bible Quiz

God told him to go to Nineveh,  
But for Tarshish he set sail,  
And after a stormy passage  
He was swallowed by a whale.

By Courtesy of C. S. M.

ANSWER:

Jonah



## "When He Comes"

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me very much. He said that in six thousand years of earth's history, that the world had never known but 227 years of peace.

In view of past experience on the part of mankind, and in view of the statements of prophecy in God's Word, we need not expect peace within the future until Jesus comes. In fact there can be no peace without the Prince of Peace.

Beloved, it seems to me that this world is just racing like mad to arm itself. The nations are working as hard as possible and fast as possible, each to build the biggest national defense. It would seem to me that the United States and Russia are each spending billions of dollars each year to see who can build the guided missiles that can shoot the farthest—who can build the finest guns—the finest army and the greatest weapons of destruction.

When I was down in Mexico of recent date, I was impressed by the fact that even our southern neighbor is vitally interested in military armaments and defense. In our country not everybody has to take military training. However, in Mexico, not a person—not one single man can escape military training unless he is so unfit physically that he cannot train. Why, in Mexico a man can't even get married until he has had a full course in military training. What is true there is practically true in all the world.

It is a blessing to my soul to know that some of these days our Lord is coming again, and when He does, He is going to demolish completely the gigantic war machine that is being set up and perpetuated by all the nations of the world. The nations now are seeking to be characterized as having the biggest armies, the biggest navies, the biggest air force and the biggest machines of war so far as all the weapons of war are concerned.

However, someday, this is going to come to an end. Don't just accept this fact because I say it, but take God's Word as final in this respect. Listen:

"And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANY MORE."—Isaiah 2:4.

"And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and NONE SHALL MAKE THEM AFRAID: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it."—Micah 4: 3, 4.

These two verses thus tell us that there is to be an era of peace—perfect peace upon the earth. I don't know when it will take place. I don't know when it will come to pass, but I do know that whenever Jesus returns He will put an end to war and will set up universal peace throughout the whole world. However, beloved, remember that this reign of universal peace will never come until Jesus, the Prince of Peace, comes again.

### V

WHEN JESUS COMES AGAIN THE DEVIL IS GOING TO BE BOUND.

Turn to the Book of Revelation.

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he

laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and BOUND HIM a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."—Rev. 20:1-3.

In the light of this verse, I ask: What is going to happen when Jesus comes? I'll answer my own question, by saying that He is going to shut up the Devil. The Devil is going to be sealed, arrested, shut up and cast into the bottomless pit. This seems almost unbelievable to us. You and I are so used to rubbing elbows with the Devil. We are so used to brushing shoulders with Satan, that it seems almost unbelievable to think that he will ever be completely bound and unable to influence the saints of God.

Yet, beloved, this is actually coming to pass, and then the saints of God will be living in a perfect environment. It will be perfect, both negatively and positively. Positively, it will be perfect in that Jesus will be on His throne, completely in control, and God's will will thus be done entirely on earth. Negatively, it will be a perfect environment, in that since Satan is bound, there will be no solicitation to sin.

How marvelous it must have been to have lived in the Garden of Eden as did Adam and Eve! How wonderful it must have been to live as they did in a perfect environment. I rejoice though to know that some of these days, when Jesus comes that I am going to live in this world in a more perfect environment than Adam and Eve ever enjoyed in the Garden of Eden. Then, at best, theirs was but a perfect human righteousness. However, all the redeemed today are possessors of a perfect divine righteousness. When Jesus comes, our old carnal natures will be removed, and then with only this perfect divine righteousness, we shall live in a world where there is no Devil to solicit us to evil, and then God's will will be done completely.

Surely this ought to thrill the hearts of all of God's children to know that one day we are going to live in a world where the Devil is bound and where Christ reigns supremely.

### VI

WHEN JESUS COMES AGAIN ALL ENMITY BETWEEN MAN AND BEAST WILL BE TAKEN AWAY.

All the enmity that has existed between human beings and wild beasts, since the day when man was turned out of the Garden of Eden, will be taken away when Jesus comes again. God's Word is most emphatic in this respect.

"The WOLF ALSO SHALL DWELL WITH THE LAMB, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den."—Isaiah 11:6-8.

Can you imagine a child today playing with wild animals? I have always enjoyed any acts on the part of trained animals. I like to see the individual who is able to put wild animals through their paces. I like to see him take control and force those animals to do that which he desires, which is contrary to their nature. Brethren, there is a day coming that is far different. There is a time coming when a little child shall make a pet out of these animals.

Can you imagine a child making a pet out of a lion? Actually, this is prophesied to take place when Jesus comes.

Let me read it to you again:

"The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. THEY SHALL NOT HURT NOR DESTROY in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD."—Isaiah 65:25.

Isn't it going to be wonderful, brethren, to be here when Jesus comes? Do you like snakes? How many of you will be interested in having a Boa Constrictor, or some snake of like nature, for a pet? I think I have the answer to my question by the expression on your faces. I think you like snakes just about as well as I do. Still God's Word tells us that there is a day coming when the snake will be so harmless that a child will play upon the snake's den, and put his hand into the burrow of an asp or a cockatrice. Yes, beloved, the ferocity of the animals will be taken away. God is going to even change the nature of the animals of this world, so that the animals that are today wild, will become domesticated pets.

### VII

WHEN JESUS COMES, ALL CRIME WILL THEN CEASE.

Believe me, beloved, in that day, there won't be any need for J. Edgar Hoover. There won't be any need for the F.B.I. There won't be any need for the police force. There won't be any need for any law enforcement agencies. Crime will cease.

"They shall NOT HURT NOR DESTROY in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."—Isaiah 11:9.

In that day there won't be anything to hurt. There won't be anything to destroy. This means that there can't be any crime since there will be nothing to hurt or destroy in that day. Then the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord. Instead of the earth being full of the knowledge of evil as it is today, it will be full of the knowledge of the Lord. Instead of the world being full of the evidence of sin, beloved, then, the world will be full of the knowledge of the Lord. This will be true when He comes, that there will be no crime, but that God's will will be completely done.

Believe me, beloved, when I tell you that the nation's crime bill is simply astounding and alarming and staggering. I was amazed of recent date when I read the figures as to the cost of crime, since the nation's crime bill is of such staggering proportion. More than is spent for churches so-called—more than is spent for education—more than is spent for all benevolent work—more than is spent for the taking care of the unfortunates of life—yes, more than is spent as a combined total of all these is spent each year on crime in the United States.

Yet when Jesus comes there won't be any more crime, since there will be nothing to hurt or destroy, and in view of the fact that the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the face of the earth.

### VIII

WHEN THE LORD JESUS COMES AGAIN, EVEN THIS PHYSICAL WORLD ITSELF WILL BE CHANGED.

Let me read it to you here in God's Word, hurriedly:

"Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a FRUITFUL FIELD, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest."—Isaiah 32: 15.

This says that the wilderness will be changed into a fertile field, but this is not the only reference of like nature.

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and BLOSSOM AS THE ROSE."—Isaiah 35:1.

Think of the poorest soil that you can imagine! Think of the poorest ground that you ever saw—ground that wouldn't grow anything at all today. Yet in that

day, it is going to blossom like a rose garden.

Here is another verse of like nature:

"Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."—Isaiah 55:13.

How did the thorns and briars get here originally? As you well know, they came as a result of sin. When Jesus comes, and all sin, and the producing causes of sin are removed, then this earth itself will be restored to what it was originally, and the entire world will be a perfect Garden of Eden. This world is going to be made over and the curse is going to be removed, so that it will be again as beautiful and as wonderful as when Adam first saw it.

Of recent date in driving down through Mexico, I was impressed by the great acreage of what today is nothing but wasteland. I saw thousands and thousands of acres of land that today produce nothing but cactus, mesquite and only a few desert shrubs—all because of a lack of moisture. As I looked upon this vast acreage of wasted desert land, I couldn't help but be reminded that Adam and Eve surely messed up multiplied thousands of acres in old Mexico, as well as in other parts of the world, by their sin.

Brethren, some of these days our Lord is going to make this world over again. I want to see what Mexico looks like then. It's going to be a different country then to what it is today. In the light of these verses we can see that even the worst land in all of the world is going to be made over, and will be a veritable rose garden then.

### CONCLUSION

Now brethren, I have told you some things that are going to happen when Jesus comes. There are many others that I might mention. These few will show you how wonderful it will be when Jesus comes again.

At the same time I couldn't close my message unless I told you what a fearful day it is going to be for the unsaved. What will be earth's gladdest day for the child of God will be the saddest day for the unbeliever. While it will be a time of joy for the Christian, it will be a time of mourning and sadness for the unsaved. Listen:

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall WAIL because of him. Even so, Amen."—Rev. 1:7.

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth MOURN, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."—Matt. 24:30.

"Thou shalt BREAK THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."—Psalm 2:9.

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in FLAMING FIRE TAKING VENGEANCE on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the

glory of his power."—II Thess. 1:7-9.

It's going to be a fearful day for that individual who is outside of Jesus. I wouldn't be true to you if I did not tell you that it will be a terrible day of sadness and mourning to those who are unbelievers. It is going to be a happy day for me. It's going to be a happy day for every child of God. But what is it going to be like for the man that is outside of Jesus Christ?

Whereas it will be a day of happiness for me, it will be a day of mourning for that one that knows not God. Yes, what is going to be a day of indescribable joy for the child of God, will be a day of sadness, weeping, wailing and mourning for that one that knows not Jesus in the pardon and remission of his sins.

I am looking forward to the time of Jesus' coming. I think of a lady who wrote me this past week who said: "What's so important about the coming of Jesus?" Well, beloved, she may abuse me today, relative to my position concerning the premillennial return of Jesus. Beloved, it is of vital importance to me, and it should be of vital importance to everyone—even to the unsaved, because if Jesus were to come tonight, you who have heard the Word of God would find Heaven's door fast closed against you, and you could never be saved. It would mean your destruction. Your destiny would be sealed in a Devil's Hell.

Thank God though, I have hope for you! Thank God, I have a message for you. It is the message of Calvary, and it is the hope that springs from Calvary. Come with me to the cross and see Him who was crucified for our sins. See His body that was bruised for our transgressions, and as you gaze upon Him, hanging there upon the cross, you can know that this is the price of redemption. Listen:

"Christ died for our sins."—I Cor. 15:3.

"Unto him that loved us, and WASHED US FROM OUR SIN in his own blood."—Rev. 1:5.

May it please the Lord to grant to you the gifts of repentance and faith. May you receive the Lord Jesus Christ now as your Saviour, and may you join with me in waiting for His return. May God bless you!

## WHEN BAPTISTS UNIONIZE

They, by this act, concede that these groups founded by Luther Calvin, Wesley, Campbell, etc., with whom they unionize, are Scriptural churches.

In conceding that these groups are Scriptural churches, they also concede that the baptism of these churches is Scriptural baptism.

In conceding that the baptism of these groups is Scriptural baptism, they concede that the faith into which the members of these various groups were baptized is the faith of the Bible.

In conceding that the faith into which the members of these groups were baptized is the faith of the Bible, they thereby endorse the various doctrines taught by these various groups, as being scriptural.

In endorsing the faith or doctrines taught by these groups as being Biblical, they endorse the sprinkling of infants, the sprinkling of the Lord, and from the

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Please . . . . .

Read "I Should Like To Know," this week, especially. It is our appeal to you for your support.

Others think THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is a missionary object worthy of support!

We hope you agree with them — and that we shall have your continued prayers and support.



# A Remedy For A Lot Of Our Church Troubles

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Read Hebrews 13:1

Were you to tell me that one seeking membership in the church must have thought, purpose, logic, industriousness, I would answer: I know one who meets these requirements excellently, yes, even if you add: And, of course, he must be a believer in God. He would still meet the standard. What is his name? Satan! But if you were to add: He must love. He must love God and His Christ. He must love the children of God. If you would add that, then you have crossed the line. The Devil knows nothing of love. Nor do his children.

To them, Jesus Christ, searcher of hearts said: "I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you."—John 5:42. Do you? Do you have the love of God in you?

Therefore, when God the Holy Spirit says in Hebrews 13:1, "Let brotherly love continue," He is speaking to the born again children of God, because the love of God is poured out into their hearts by the Holy Ghost (Romans 5:5). For that reason the Holy Spirit does not say, "Get brotherly love," but "Let brotherly love continue," for you already have it. Now use it. Do not lose it.

The first car we owned was a 1931 Pontiac sedan, four-door, and four wheels. In some ways I think it was the best car we have had. It ran, in fact it ran too good. Sometimes we had trouble in getting it to stop! But I remember one day when it did not run. We were out of Johnson City, Tennessee, and had stopped at a park to let the children play on some swings and sliding boards. But when we returned to the car it would not run. Nothing wrong with the car, gas in the tank, wires all hooked up, battery charged. Still a lot of power left in that old car, but it would not go. We lost the key. We needed the key. After some fervent prayer, and feverish fumbling, we found the key under the car on the roadside. Then we were off, speeding down the road, 40 miles an hour. Church of Jesus Christ, do not lose the key! Let brotherly love continue! Lose the key of Christian charity and the church will not move. The chariot wheels will stick like the wheels of the Egyptian's chariots in the midst of the Red Sea (Exodus 14:24-25). "No church is ready for a revival as long as the members are afraid to sit close together."

If we can let brotherly love continue, we can also stop it, at least in our own lives. How can we stop it? If somebody runs into the room and says: The cellar is leaking, is full of water! We immediately ask: Where is the leak? Where is the leak in the church where the love of the brethren disappears?

1. Brotherly love does not continue where there is selfishness. I dare say that out of every 100 cases of trouble in the church, 150 cases are due to selfishness of one sort or another. This is the very opposite of brotherly love. "Charity . . . seeketh not her own" (I Corinthians 13:4-5). It is the opposite of God enabling Martin Luther to say in defense of himself: "As for myself, I do not care about Luther. Whether he is a saint or a knave, what matters it? It is not he that I preach; but Christ . . ." (The

Life and Times of Martin Luther, J. H. Merle D'Aubigne, p. 551.)

2. Brotherly love does not continue where there is suspicion. Saul was suspicious of David. And Saul's spear crashing into the palace wall above David's head did not have brotherly love imprinted on the handle! (I Samuel 18:8-12). It is surprising what the mind of man will imagine. "The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth" (Genesis 8:21). But the Christian is to be "casting down imaginations" (II Corinthians 10:5). But such suspicions like stinking fumes arise from the cesspool of selfishness. Clean the cesspool of selfishness up. Die to self. "I am crucified with Christ . . ." (Galatians 2:20).

3. Brotherly love does not continue where there is slander. What is slander? It is "to injure by maliciously uttering a false report," thereby discrediting the victim. That does not mean that righteous judgment in the love of God, and criticism is outlawed. Some think this. Who are you that you think yourself above criticism? Your Lord was criticized severely, only the great difference lies in that He deserved no criticism, while you give many reasons why you should be so handled. But be sure whatever you say about your brother in Christ is the absolute truth, and necessary to speech, for God has solemnly promised: "Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off" (Psalm 101:5).

"Let brotherly love continue!" Above all things let brotherly love continue! "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee . . . for we be brethren" (Genesis 13:8). Do not forget "the brotherly covenant" (Amos 1:9). "Sirs, ye are brethren" (Acts 7:26). Amen.

## When Baptists Unionize

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ling of adults for baptism, universal church theory, church branch theory, women preachers, baptismal regeneration, sinless perfection, Arminianism, salvation partly by grace and partly by works, and other heresies too numerous to mention.

—BOB L. ROSS

## THE SHOWMANSHIP OF

## ORAL ROBERTS

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A new generation seems to imagine that in the person of Oral Roberts, self-styled "God's man of this hour," something unique has burst upon the American religious scene. With only the slightest reflection, it will be readily seen that Mr. Roberts has only copied and polished up the techniques developed by others. He has rather accurately evaluated the longings of the type of audience he appeals to, and in supplying the remedy, he has netted himself and his corporation millions annually.

To the veteran Billy Sunday must be given first credit for applying cheap showmanship and dramatics in preaching the Gos-

pel. And who can forget the imitable Aimee Semple McPherson, who parlayed dramatics in religion to the point that her "love offerings" rivaled the intake of the nearby Hollywood movie studios?

Now Mr. Roberts has capitalized upon the uncontested fact that Americans are faddists, with remarkably short memories.

Remember "Crazy Water"? Unsolicited testimonials from all over the nation testified to complete cure from arthritis, rheumatism, lumbago, asthma, sciatica, etc., until it was finally revealed that Crazy Water was of the same essence as common epson salts dyed purple. Exit Crazy Water.

And who can forget good old Hadacol? Before Senator LaBlanc unloaded this miracle elixir upon succeeding interests, he had a mountain of sworn affidavits declaring that Hadacol had completely cured everything from malignant tumors, to goiters, smelly feet, and halitosis. Now a bottle of Hadacol is about as scarce as an atheist in a Baptist church.

How about the many "exclusive" miracle ingredients we hear about in tooth pastes from time to time? A short time ago, we were informed that chlorophyll would put a film on the teeth which would practically eliminate the need for dentists in the next generation. Then a couple of British laboratory technicians put chlorophyll to the test. It was discovered that within 15 minutes after brushing, chlorophyll was about as effective as an umbrella in a bombing attack.

Let's not leave out antihistamines, either. Here, we Americans were informed by the "neutral" Reader's Digest about five years ago, was the end of the cold germ or virus. But the cold germs must not read Reader's Digest, for we still have with us the common cold, firmly entrenched as ever. And we have plunked down over 100 millions on antihistamines probably no more effective in cold control than the common aspirin.

Literally tons of vitamins are

consumed annually by Americans. Yet many M. D.'s insist that synthetically produced crystalline vitamins contribute nothing to human nutrition.

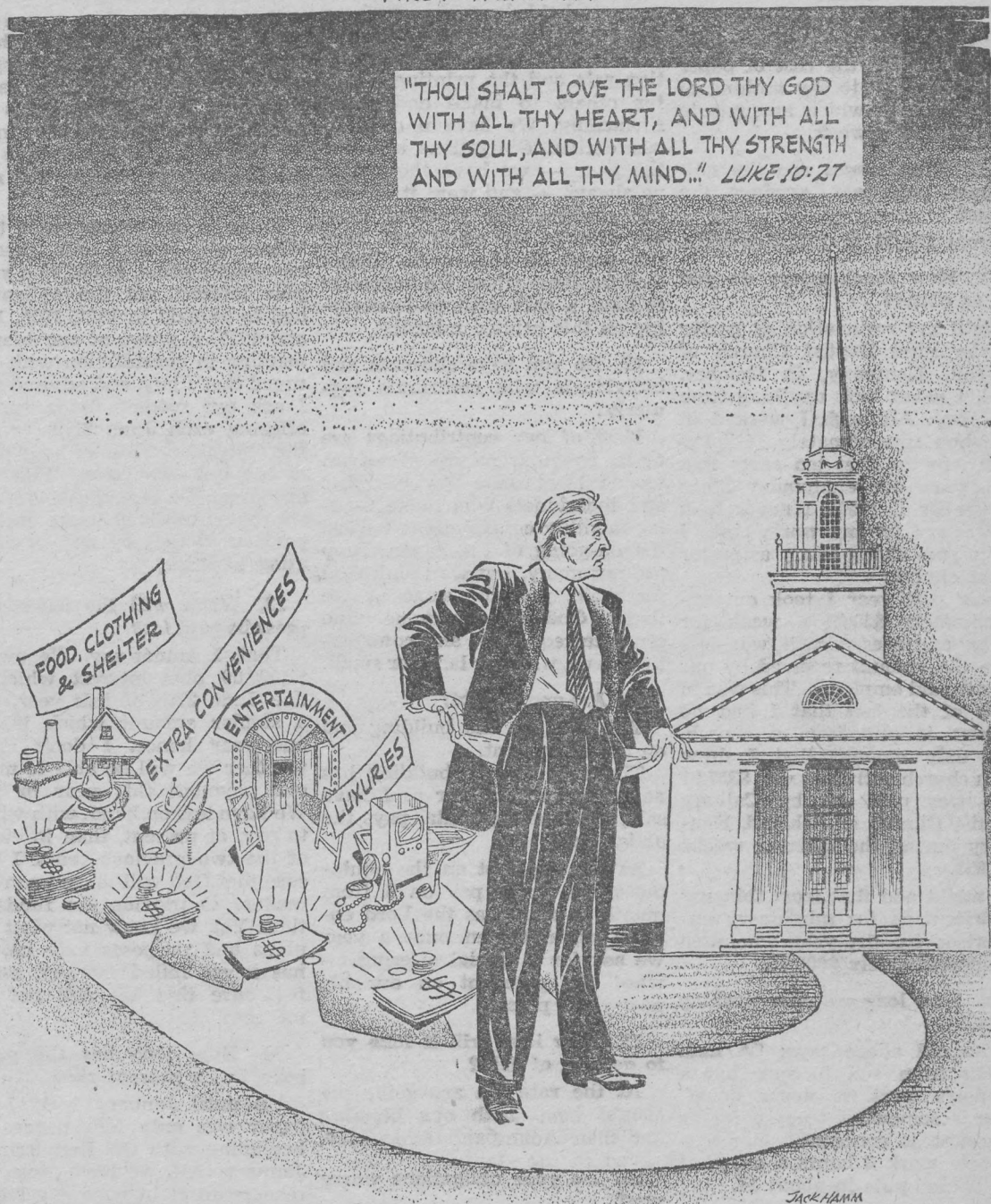
And now finally the AMA comes along with an announcement which does not surprise some of us, anyway. It has been revealed that for the past several years, many hospitals over our nation have been experimenting with placebos. Now a placebo is a pill or medication which is chemically inert. But these same inactive tablets, according to Dr. Henry K. Beecher of Harvard Medical School, reveal: ". . . in over 1000 patients in 15 studies, we have found that more than 30 per cent of the individuals . . . get satisfactory relief from such varied pains as angina pectoris, nausea, wound pain, headache, etc."

Now when even "blank" pills can soothe and cure almost as effectively as the new wonder drugs, one is forced to the conclusion that an overwhelming amount of healing is produced and worked within the patient's own mind.

Among mankind, the interest in religion is a universal one. Nearly everyone likes to feel that he is among the choice group of individuals who maintain "right" beliefs. Nearly all of us are on the constant lookout for "guaranteed" cures for our ills.

Now Mr. Roberts, college-trained psychologist that he is, fully comprehends these universal yearnings, and in his typical presentation he has refined and employed the techniques long since practiced by the witch doctor, the minstrel medicine man, and the modern hypnotist. He has discovered that if he exudes enough confidence, he can "talk" a person into believing he is cured. Pay particular attention to Mr. Roberts on his next healing program. It is always Mr. Roberts who controls the conversation. It is he who does virtually all of the talking, and in so doing he succeeds in convincing his already half-convinced audience that a cure has been wrought by God

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through his intervention. It is particularly significant to note that prior to the broadcasts, the "patients" are carefully selected and screened, and the audience prior to the actual broadcast is always "conditioned" and prepared by the strong-willed Mr. Roberts' "love sermons."

Remember the Phillip Morris cigarettes tests conducted all over the country several years ago? Everyone of the interviewed preferred Phillip Morris above the brand he was smoking when interviewed. There was a reason for this. Each of the interviewers was trained in human psychology. He was able to "guide" the conversation in precisely the same fashion that Mr. Roberts operates. For sheer fear of embarrassment, every person interviewed agreed that Phillip Morris was indeed the superior cigarette. Yet later interviews by independent researchers revealed that the vast majority went back to smoking their original brand!

So it can be clearly seen that the American public is always wide-open for the next product or person who has a new twist in his presentation. The confidence man we will always have with us, it seems, and past experience seems to make us none the wiser.

Now Brother Roberts offers us in one program a cure, a conversion, and capital entertainment—all in one package. It will be interesting to see how history treats Mr. Roberts about 25 years from now.

"I feel that it is a privilege to have a part in helping to circulate such a paper as The Baptist Examiner, so I am enclosing \$6.50 for 13 subscriptions. I do not hesitate to recommend it to all my friends and neighbors."

—R. M. Brantley, Florida

## THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

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CAN BE A RED LETTER DAY —

IF YOU HELP US OUT OF THE RED!



## "I Should Like To Know"

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tion when due, the revenue would not cover even the cost of paper and postage — to say nothing of our labor bill, which amounts to over \$300.00 a week.

10. What wages are the employees paid who produce the paper?

From \$65.00 to \$92.50 weekly.

11. How much salary do you get as editor?

Until my resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Russell, Kentucky, in October, 1954, I never took anything from the shop. Although I worked in the shop approximately 14 hours a day, in the first ten years that we owned our equipment (since November 1, 1954), I never took any salary for my work, since I had a good living salary as pastor of the church.

This past year I took out approximately \$60.00 a week for living expenses, which was less than the amount received by our lowest paid employee. This was in view of the fact that I had no regular income from a church. The only amount that I drew from church activities was \$357.91 that was paid me by Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky during the last few weeks of 1955.

I might add that from this, my contributions for missionary enterprises for the year amounted to approximately \$600.00.

12. How long are your working days.

The old adage says: "A man works from sun to sun, but a woman's work is never done." This is somewhat true so far as our shop is concerned. Our employees work 8 hours a day, but the "boss" puts in about 14.

13. Do you own your own building?

Yes. We are very grateful to God for our present location, which we bought in 1950. Through the providence of God we have a very wonderful and large building, just one block from the heart of town, which is in excellent condition, and which we purchased for a song.

I built a home at Russell a good long while ago, and 17 years ago I sold it. When the deal was closed, I had \$2,000.00 left which I used as a down payment on our present building.

There are two four-room apartments and two two-room offices upstairs over the printing shop. We use one of the offices, and rent the rest of the upstairs. The rent from the building is retiring the mortgage and in four more years the building will be completely paid for — having paid for itself with its own rent, while we have had the downstairs for our printing shop, free of charge.

14. What is the subscription price for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER?

It has always been 50c a year since 1939.

15. Why don't you raise the subscription price in line with other publications of like size and nature?

Before I ever printed one issue of the paper, when in prayer, God impressed me that I should charge 50c a year. This was as little as I could charge. My impression in prayer was that if I charged 50c a year, no one could say that he was too poor to subscribe since actually the paper was costing less than one cent a week. God made me a promise then that if I would do so, that He would take care of the deficit. He has done such a good job since February 4, 1939, that I would surely be afraid to change the price now.

16. Do you do job work in the shop?

We do every bit of work by way of printing that we can, in order to hold down the overhead on the shop. Even then it is impossible with our low subscription rate and the printing we do for others to make ends meet financially. We have a continuous deficit. Obligations are like the poor — we have them with us always — and were it not for the contributions received from our friends we could not keep the paper in the mails. Thank God for these whom He impresses to have a part with us in carrying on this printed ministry.

17. Do you have churches and individuals who contribute regularly?

Most of our contributions are of an irregular nature. However, we do have some few churches and individuals who make regular monthly contributions toward the on-going of the paper. They are not many, but we thank God for them, just the same as we thank God for everyone who sends infrequently, any contribution to us, whether large or small.

18. Are you in debt?

Yes, both on the building and on the equipment.

The debt on the building has never worried us, for as I have said, the monthly rental pays the obligation.

As for the debt on the equipment, we try to pay on it from month to month as the Lord enables us, and then once a year we ask for a special offering toward the payment on our big newspaper press.

19. How long will it take you to get out of debt?

At the rate we are going we should have both our building and machinery paid for in 1960.

20. Do your obligations worry you?

Yes. I am only human, and when they come due from time to time, I am naturally anxious to meet them promptly. Some folk say that they never worry, but I am frank to say that there have been many nights that I have stayed awake, on account of my debts. I guess some of our enemies will say that I am a tremendous sinner to worry. However, if they had the problem of making ends meet on our scant income, I am sure that they would do a little "sinning" too.

21. Why don't you carry paid advertising in order to help with the expense of printing the paper?

When I first started editing the paper in 1939 we carried advertising. We did so for fourteen months, and we discontinued it for the following reasons. (1) I don't like to see secular advertising in a religious paper. (2) The advertising takes up much valuable space and robs the paper of much of its otherwise good reading matter. (3) If the paper is for God's glory, then why print secular advertising. (4) In 1940, I spent a month at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and with nothing to do (I was there for rest and treatment), I had lots of time to think and pray concerning my work. I was definitely impressed to discontinue the advertising. I came home and did so the following week. I've learned that when He tells me to do something, I'd better do what He says.

22. How have you gotten your printing equipment?

For ten years I worked in the shop at no cost to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. The work which I did, if I had hired someone else to do it, would have cost the shop fully \$5,000.00 a year. Multiply this by ten and you have \$50,000 saved. Then in the providence of God, I bought equipment from five different printing shops that were defunct. In each instance I bought low and sold high, so that I was able to make some money in behalf of the shop through our trades. For example, I bought one printing press in Gallipolis, Ohio for \$1,000.00, and sold it for \$3,500.00. It was with this \$2,500.00 profit that we made

the down payment on our present large newspaper press.

Contributions which we have received through the years have taken care of the deficit on operating expenses. What I have saved the shop by working gratis for ten years, and what we have made by our trades, is responsible for the equipment which we now own.

There is one exception to this: When we bought our present newspaper press, \$1,000.00 a year, plus interest, on the obligation had to be paid in 1954, 1955, 1956 and 1957. A group of our friends, meeting in consultation with me, urged that I buy, and advised that I ask our readers for a special offering each June 27th, to pay the obligation. This we have done in the last two years. With this exception, the contributions which we have received have merely paid our deficit by way of operating expense.

23. When will the newspaper press be paid for?

That, I cannot say. We owe a \$1,000.00 plus interest which is due June 27th of this year, and a similar amount which is due one year hence. I don't know whether we will be able to make our payment this year or not. We have less on hand, with which to pay, at present, than in either of the two previous years. I feel sure that God will move upon our readers to provide the funds in time. Yet, we know not what His plans and purposes may be. He has never failed me yet, and I feel sure that He will not fail me now.

24. How long has the paper been in its present size?

Up until January 1, 1954 the paper was only four pages, but beginning with the first issue of January 1954, we have given our readers an eight page paper each week.

25. Do you always have an abundance of material, or is there danger of eventually "running out."

Actually we have an over abundance. We have to discard more good material than we can use. I have many good articles, which I have had on hand for years, that I have never been able to print for lack of space. The material that we use is like the meal in the widow's barrel — it lasts and lasts and lasts.

26. What do you pay your contributors?

Nothing. There is not one person whom we have ever paid for writing for our paper. Needless to say, we couldn't do so, even if we wanted to.

27. Do you pay Bob and Ruth for the time they put in in editing BAPTIST YOUTH WITNESS?

It is true that they put in a lot of time, yet their work is nothing less than a labor of love. Prior to the beginning of BAPTIST YOUTH WITNESS, Ruth used to come to the shop each afternoon after school, and work from one to three hours, in mailing the paper. She also worked on Saturdays. For the hours she spent in the shop, I paid her gladly, as she was very efficient help. If I had not hired her, I would have had to hire someone else.

Now for the last seven months she has worked only a very few hours, as it takes practically the entirety of her spare time (she is a Junior in High School) to take care of BAPTIST YOUTH WITNESS. Thus you can see in reality, that it has been quite a little sacrifice that she has made. That which is true of her is also true of Bob. How we do thank God for both of them, and for their consecration and zeal for God.

28. Why don't you defend yourself from the attacks of your enemies in the columns of the paper?

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER was started "in defence of the Gospel," and not to defend John R. Gilpin. Let my enemies say what they please. They can apolo-

gize to me when we meet at the judgment seat of Christ. As for making explanations, my friends don't need them, and my enemies wouldn't believe them, so why make such?

29. As a result of your doctrinal stand, you have many enemies. Don't these worry you greatly?

One day Martin Luther's wife came into his study, dressed in the deepest black. When he looked up, he was surprised to see her dressed in such deep mourning. Since he did not know of the death of any of their near kin, he asked: "Who is dead?" Her reply was: "God." He had been in the dumps for months and she was sure that in view of Martin Luther's attitude, that God must be dead.

Well, beloved, God isn't dead, and I don't have the blues and I am not down in the dumps. God lives. He is on His throne. He has taken care of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, and its editor since February 4, 1939. Sometimes it seems to us that He is a little slow in taking care of our needs, yet He has never failed us, and I am sure He will not fail us now.

In spite of our enemies, our current debts and our obligation which must be paid June 27th, I am facing the future with absolute confidence, knowing that God is leading us day by day.

In Clara E. Laughlin's "Foch The Man," she tells that when the French line was pierced in World War I, the Germans began at once to celebrate. Foch telegraphed to general headquarters: "My center gives way; my right recedes, the situation is excellent; I shall attack."

Well, the words of Foch might well be our battle cry today. Though our difficulties may be many, and our enemies not a few, our future is just as bright as the promises of God, and we shall continue the attack.

30. What about the future?

Two things used to worry me greatly — my library and THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I have a fine library of old priceless books, and I hated to think of having my library parceled out among my friends at death. Furthermore, I hated to think of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER coming to an end. When the hand, heart and brain that produced it is gone, I naturally wondered what would become of the paper.

Now I have my answer to both these perplexing questions. When God gave me Brother Bob Ross as my associate, I had my answer. The library will continue intact, and the paper will go on as it has in the past. If I can live four years, and get all of my equipment and building paid for, Bob will be able to carry it on in the future, as in the past, for Bob will make a very capable editor. My son, John, Jr., who is my right hand in the shop, can handle the typographical problems and Bob can edit the paper.

Bob is a remarkable lad. He is as sound as a dollar. It is remarkable what a similarity there is in even the style of his writing and of mine. I am satisfied that I could step aside today, and Bob could carry on the paper, and I would never be missed. I am glad to have him with me and to be able to give him the training that he is getting at present, realizing that in the providence of God, he should be able to carry on THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for many years to come.

I am thus happy as I face the future, knowing that the work that you and I do together today, is but preparing the way for Bob to continue giving us a great independent Baptist voice when I am gone.

I invite your prayers, contributions, and sympathetic interest in behalf of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. We need your help to meet current expenses now, and especially need your assistance in meeting our note on June 27. We are trusting God to move you to respond as is well pleasing to Him.

## Our Task, Till He Comes

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pany exists.

What Does God Really Design To Do During This Age?

God's Purpose Is To Call Out Of The World "A People For His Name." Acts 15:14-18. This is to be done through world-wide witnessing and evangelism. (See Acts 1:8 and Mark 16:15). The world — the system that is called the world — is considered as doomed by the teachings of the Scriptures. "The whole world lieth in the evil one" is the teaching. "The world passeth away and the lust thereof," we further read. The business of churches is RESCUE BUSINESS — the rescue from a doomed world, of those who will heed the gospel and believe. The Scriptures make plain that the Kingdom will NOT have been brought in — that a right order will not have been instituted before his return.

What Will Be The State Of The World At The Return Of Christ?

1—Politically, it will be so degenerate as to have passed under the complete rule and sway of the most vicious monster that mankind shall ever know — THE ANTI-CHRIST. (See Rev. 13:1-18).

2—Religiously, the world will reach a condition something like obtained in the days of Noah. "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be . . ." Instead of the universal worship of the true God, men in their spiritual depravity will come to worship a man. (Rev. 13:8).

3—Military, instead of universal peace, there will be millions under arms, and were it not for the intervention of heaven the human race would commit suicide. Jesus said, "Except those days were shortened, there should no flesh be saved." Militarism shall not be ended through the "United Nations" but through the supernatural destruction of the armies of anti-Christ at the return of Jesus. (See Rev. 19:17-19).

Fools! Wilful, arrogant, Bible-defying fools are they who insist that the Kingdom of God is going to be brought in during this age through ecclesiastical means. Such men wilfully misinterpret the Book of Revelation, or sneer at it. Such men slander the truth by giving the Book of Daniel a late date such as to negate it out of the realm of prophecy. Such men wilfully aside the Divine objective of this age, and substitute their own — the futile objective of "Bringing In The Kingdom." "Fools and blind" Jesus called the Pharisees and those words can be accurately applied to the "Kingdom Boys" of today who are going "Bringing In The Kingdom" in spite of God.

Let us keep before us the task to which we are assigned — the evangelization of the lost, through which God will call out his elect people, who shall rule and reign with the Prince of Peace in the Kingdom Age that looms ahead. For remember — this is the day nor age of the Prince of Peace. It is the day of His rejection. The age shall come when HE COMES, and not before!

## Thank God

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enclosing the names of some of my friends whom I would like to receive this paper for one year.  
—Mrs. T. C. Batchelor, Ill.

"I am enclosing a dollar to receive my paper for one year. I send it to someone else for me. I enjoy it so much that I want to send it to someone else."  
—Harold Chapman, Ill.

"I certainly enjoy The Baptist Examiner. I don't have a big come, but will certainly have something to pay on the debt of your press before it is due."  
—C. E. Hughes, New Mexico