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WHY BAPTISM DOES NOT SAVE

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There has always been a tendency to exalt rites and ceremonies and to give them saving significance. The sabbath among the Jews who lived in the time of Jesus had been exalted, and all sorts of artificial restrictions had been placed around it, until the whole thing became an end in itself. Jewish leaders utterly condemned Jesus for healing on the Sabbath. When the disciples, passing through a wheat field on the Sabbath rubbed out some grains of wheat in their hands, they were charged with carrying

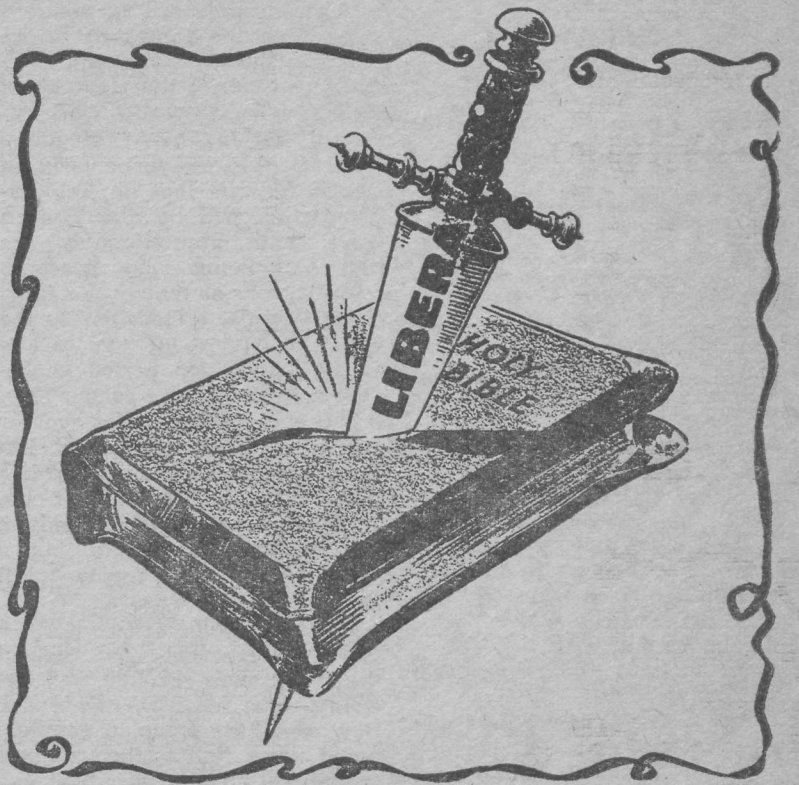
on threshing operations, and thus violating the Sabbath.

In the early centuries the Catholics came to exalt baptism—making of it a saving rite. A person who was desperately sick could make a Christian profession and he was deemed unsaved if he died unbaptized. Often such persons were so very sick that they could not be baptized by immersion. So (as Cardinal Gibbons says in "Faith of Our Fathers") for the sake of "convenience" the Catholic Church changed the form of baptism to sprinkling or pouring. Thus a dying person could be "baptized" in this way, and

thus could go on to Heaven. Also it was taught by the Catholics that a child dying in infancy unbaptized was lost, and this new form of baptism by sprinkling made it easily possible to baptize infants with a minimum of exertion. So sprinkling and pouring originated out of the belief that baptism is necessary to salvation.

Today, the Church of Christ people—so different from the Catholics in many respects, join with them in the doctrine of baptismal salvation, holding that one must be baptized in order to be saved. However, of course, they

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This is what all the modern-day heretics do to the Word of God. Those who preach Arminianism, universal churchism, open communionism, alien baptism, unionism, and all other isms, as it were, (Continued on page eight)

Wouldn't You Like To Be A Genuine "Fellow-helper To The Truth?"

Baptist Baptism Began With John The Baptist

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Most denominations have a baptism and say it makes little or no difference who does the baptizing, or whether sprinkling or immersion is used; authority

means nothing to them. Jesus walked sixty miles to John the Baptist, a man sent from God. Why did He walk so far to go to John? Because John and John alone had the authority from God to baptize. John 3:27, "A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven" (speaking of baptism).

Where do the Protestant churches get their authority? Five hundred years ago they did not even exist, and when they did start, they were founded by sinful men.

Jesus founded His church in His personal ministry, Matthew 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Jesus gave the authority to His own people in Matthew 28:19. If He gave this commission to them as individuals, the commission would have died with them, but He promised to be with them to the end of the age. He was speaking to them as a church (a called out assembly of baptized believers). Jesus gave His commission and His authority to baptize to this little band of believers, who had been baptized by John the Baptist (therefore Baptists) and to no one else.

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When One Is Saved, For How Long Is He Saved?

O. W. TAYLOR

When a man is saved can he ever become unsaved? A spurious or merely nominal professor of religion may, indeed, lapse into his former manner of life, as that is his nature (II Peter 2:22). But what is said of him cannot be declared of the Lord's true "sheep." Whoever lapses into confirmed rejection of Christ has not once been saved and then lost his salvation. He has never "believed to the saving of the soul" (Heb. 10:39). The true believer is saved forever.

Saved As Long As Salvation
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Salvation is "an everlasting salvation" (Isa 45:17). God's redemptive acts are without change of mind on His part and are, therefore, without revocation (Rom. 11:29). Salvation once possessed is possessed forever. Believers are redeemed "from all iniquity" (Titus 2:13, 14). Hence, there is not any iniquity that can damn their souls. Theirs is an "eternal redemption" (Heb. 9:12). Jesus saves "unto the uttermost," which means completely and eternally (Heb. 7:25). Accordingly, believers have "ever-

lasting life," which means that "they shall never perish" (John 3:36; 10:27-29). When a man is saved this is how long he remains saved.

Saved As Long As Regeneration
Lasts

Believers are "born of God" and are "partakers of the divine nature" (John 1:11-13; II Peter 1:4). Neither naturally nor spiritually can one be unborn. The fact and effect of regeneration continue "till the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6). Being regenerated forever, believers are saved forever.

Saved As Long As Faith
Holds Out

Believers are "kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation" (I Peter 1:5). True faith stretches all the way from earth to glory and commits the soul to Christ "against that day" (II Tim. 1:12). But faith secures "an everlasting salvation" and, so, the believer can never be lost.

Christ prayed that Simon Peter's "faith fail not" and the prayer of Christ is always heard (Luke 22:32; John 11:42). Therefore, Peter never lost his salvation. When Jesus used the word "converted" (turned again) in reference to him, it meant turning from disobedience to consecration, obedience and fellowship, not being born again the second time.

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AN ATHEIST CHOKED BY A GNAT

Arthur Pierson used to tell the tragic tale of a man who called himself an atheist. He would say: "About a half century ago, an infidel got up one of the heights of the Catskill Mountains, and, in the presence of some atheistic companions, defied the God of heaven to show Himself in battle. The atheist swung his sword to and fro and challenged the Almighty to meet him in single combat."

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When we come to Revelation 6 and 7, we get actually the beginning of the Tribulation period. The Tribulation period is that period that extends between the rap- ture and the revelation—that is, our Lord isn't going to be defeated. Revelation 4 and 5 show us that there will be Gospel results, and that there will be a group of people that will be saved, even during the period which we call the "Church Age," in which we now live.

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"THE BOOK OF REVELATION"

(Read Revelation 8, 9)

We have a divinely-given outline for the book of Revelation. We read:

"Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter."—Rev. 1:19.

The things which John had seen are in Revelation 1; the things which are, are in Revelation 2 and 3, which have to do with the seven churches of Asia; and the things which shall be hereafter, which refer to all that

follows, begins with Revelation 4. When we come to Revelation 4 and 5, which is in reality the beginning of "things which shall be hereafter," we find that these chapters teach us that there are going to be some Gospel results growing out of the preaching of the Word of God. I would like to keep emphasizing the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ is not going to be defeated. Even though things look mighty discouraging throughout all the picture which we have of the seven churches,

our Lord isn't going to be defeated. Revelation 4 and 5 show us that there will be Gospel results, and that there will be a group of people that will be saved, even during the period which we call the "Church Age," in which we now live.

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We need to get more readers. More readers need to get this paper. The friends of the truth must get the truth into the hands of others. The enemies of the truth are marching forward! they are not standing still, nor looking back. It is a mighty combination today that is fighting against the truth and for error: the straddlers, the unionists, the modernists, the compromisers, the ecclesiastical machinists, the bosses, the heretics, the feminists, the inter, non, and un-denominationalists, the anti-missioners, the "healers," the lodges, the nudists, the sensualists, the money-lovers, the worldlings, the pleasure-lovers, the hucksters of the Word, and the whittlers of the Word. They all hate the truth. They hate TBE which declares the truth.

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God bless you!

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"The Book Of Revelation"

(Continued from page one) in between the time that Christ comes in the air and catches the saints away, and the time when He comes back to this world to set up His millennial kingdom. Other Scriptures, particularly in Daniel, indicate that the Tribulation period will be about seven years, with approximately the first half being very peaceful, when it looks as though the Antichrist is really a God-send to the world. Along about the middle of the Tribulation period he begins to show his true colors. Then it is that one plague after another falls upon this world that has been forever in rebellion against God, with the result that the Tribulation period is not only a time of Jacob's trouble, but a time of trouble and sorrow to all the nations of the world.

When we studied Revelation 6 and 7, we saw that when each of the seals was broken, a terrible plague fell upon the world. Now when we come to chapters 8 and 9, we find as the trumpets are blown, that likewise a plague falls upon humanity. Just as with the breaking of each of the seals a plague came upon the world, so with the blowing of each of these trumpets, a plague falls upon the earth.

I

THE SILENCE IN HEAVEN.

"And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was SILENCE IN HEAVEN about the space of half an hour. And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound."—Rev. 8:1-6.

Notice that it tells us that there was a silence in Heaven about the space of half an hour. One old boy back up in the hills said that the fact that there was a silence in Heaven proved to him that there wouldn't be any women in Heaven. Beloved, I think he was very much wrong in regard to his application of the Scripture. I think that there is a reason for that silence. I think that God caused the activity of Heaven to come to an end long enough that He might hear the prayers of the saints of God, that were being saved during the Tribulation period.

In the preceding chapter, we have the story of a group of people that are saved even out of the Tribulation period. It tells us that there are 12,000 out of each tribe, or 144,000 Jews in all, and in addition to these a mighty remnant of Gentiles out of each nation which no man was able to number. Now, beloved, these individuals that are saved, pray, and God causes the activity of Heaven by way of plagues that come when the seals are broken and later when the trumpets are blown—God causes this activity by way of judgment falling upon the world to cease, that He might hear the prayers of those that have been saved during the Tribulation period.

Might I remind you of the words of the poet, when he said:

"The mightiest force of the universe

It is not of wind or air;
Tis the fervent prayer of God's redeemed

Poured out at a throne of prayer."

Beloved, I believe with all my heart that there is no greater privilege that has been given to the sons of God than the privilege of prayer, yet we use that privilege but very, very little. Notice how important prayer is. It was so important that our Lord stops the activity of Heaven for half an hour and He causes all the plagues that are falling upon the world with the breaking of the seals and with the subsequent blowing of the trumpets to come

to an end for a space of half an hour, that He might hear the prayers of those who have been redeemed during the Tribulation period.

Let me remind you that it is the Lord Jesus Christ who makes these prayers acceptable unto God, for we read:

"And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne."—Rev. 8:3.

If you will go back to the Old Testament, you will have the historical background for this. The high priest, in order that he might illustrate to us the fact of Christ as our Intercessor, would put incense upon the golden altar where there was continually burning coals, and as the incense was placed upon the burning coals, the smoke would ascend up as a type of the Lord Jesus Christ as our High Priest, who makes our prayers acceptable unto God.

I would remind you also that it is the Lord Jesus Christ who is our Priestly Intercessor today. Listen:

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he EVER LIVETH TO MAKE INTERCESSION for them."—Heb. 7:25.

"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also MAKETH INTERCESSION for us."—Rom. 8:34.

Just as we find in the book of Revelation that this individual takes the golden censer with the incense and offers it with the prayers of the saints of God to make those prayers acceptable unto the Lord, so the Lord Jesus Christ is continually in the business of acting as Intercessor in our behalf.

Beloved, do you realize that if it were not for the work of the Lord Jesus Christ as our Intercessor, that even our prayers would not be acceptable unto God? We are saved by grace by what Jesus Christ does; we are kept by the grace of God, and



even when we pray it is the grace of God that makes our prayers acceptable unto the Father. Listen:

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."—Rom. 8:26.

Notice that expression, "helpeth our infirmities." In the Greek language, the original of this, there is but one word, "sun-anti-labeti," which means that our Lord works over against us, but when it was translated into the English language, we have the three words "helpeth our infirmities." I will give you an illustration that you might not forget this one word in the Greek language, "sun-anti-labeti."

Have you ever seen men working along side of the railroad track? Perhaps you've seen them pick up a crosstie or a railroad iron. They will put a grab hook on each side of that which they are going to carry and with one man on each side of it, they pick it up and carry it along together.

Beloved, the idea of this Greek word "sun-anti-labeti" is that the Holy Spirit works over against us. This means that the Holy Spirit works over against us, to help us along with our infirmities, for the simple reason that we don't know what to pray for. As I have said, God saves us by grace, He keeps us by grace, and when we pray, if it were not for the grace of God, not a prayer that we would pray would ever be acceptable unto the Father.

For what are these individuals praying? Beloved, I rather imagine that they are praying for judgment to fall upon their ene-

mies. We read:

"How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"—Rev. 6:10.

When these individuals pray and when God gives silence in Heaven for half an hour to hear the prayers of these saints that are saved during the Tribulation period, I think that as they pray, God's trumpet judgments that fall, come as vengeance upon the world, in answer to their prayers. These individuals are saved during the Tribulation period. When they are saved, they refuse to give allegiance to the Antichrist any longer. As a result, they seal their testimony with their life's blood, and accordingly, they pray to God for vengeance, and for God to pour His wrath upon their adversaries.

Beloved, that is the way you and I ought to pray so far as our enemies are concerned. You have no business taking your enemies into your own hands. You have no business trying to handle your enemies yourself. The only thing that you and I ought to do is to look to the Lord, and depend upon Him that He will avenge His own.

We read:

"And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them. I tell you that he will avenge them speedily."—Luke 18:7, 8.

"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written. Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."—Rom. 12:19, 20.

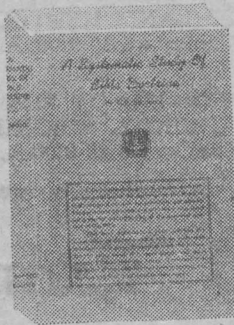
These individuals prayed for vengeance to fall upon their enemies. Beloved, when we have enemies we are not to seek to do them wrong. We are not to heap vengeance upon those who differ with us. Instead, if I have an opportunity, God's Word teaches that I ought to give a cup of cold water to my enemy. I am taught that if I have an opportunity, I am to do good to that individual that has done evil to me, but at the same time I am to call upon God for vengeance to fall upon that enemy.

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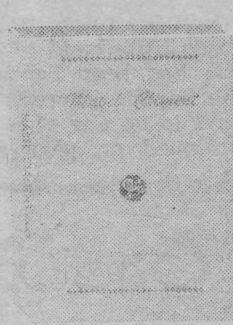
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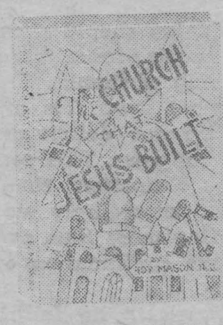
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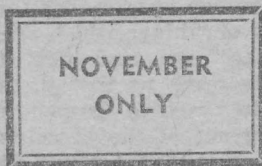
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How Long Saved?

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Jesus "ever liveth to make intercession" for believers (Heb. 7: 25). On earth He prayed for God to KEEP believers (John 17:11). Evidently this is one of the things for which He prays in Heaven (Romans 8:34; I John 2:1). "If any man (a believer) sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." Therefore, unless sin can nullify the prayer of Jesus, then sin can never take the believer to Hell. But sin can not nullify that prayer. Sooner or later also, that prayer will lead the sinning Christian to repent. Since the believer's faith can never entirely fail, his salvation is forever assured. Faith in Jesus can never be lost as long as He is worthy of it, and this means forever and ever.

Saved As Long As God's Power Is Effective

Believers are "kept by the power of God." God "forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved forever" (Psalm 37:28). So Paul's conviction was that the Lord would keep him "against that day" and that "the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom" (II Tim. 1:12; 4:18). If it be argued that the believer can "take himself away from God," let it be replied that neither will the true believer ever want to do this nor can he do it. Under His everlasting covenant God "will not turn away from them (believers) to do them good," and His work in their hearts is such "that they shall not depart from me" (Jer. 32:40).

So far as the idea of sinking into Hell is concerned, God is "able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless" before His throne (Jude 24). Being willing and able to do this, He will do it. Under no circumstances, therefore, will the believer ever be "cast out" or "come into condemnation" (John 6:37; 5:24). Jesus came to earth to do the will of God. "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day" (John 6:39). This is how long a saved man stays saved.

Saved As Long As God's Mercy Endures

God's mercy is "from everlasting to everlasting" (Psalm 103:17). Having applied His mercy in salvation, surely He will apply it to continue that salvation! Mercy withdrawn would not be everlasting.

When Christians sin, "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (I John 2:1). The divine mercy still operates, and Christians are preserved and are also led to repent of their sin in due time. When they are slow to repent, they are "chastened of the Lord, that they should not be condemned with the world" (I Cor. 11:32). Disobedient and chastised though the Christian may be, "nevertheless my loving kindness I will not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail" (Psalm 89:33). When a man is saved this is how long he remains saved.

Saved As Long As Sovereign Grace Reigns

In Rom. 8:29, 30 are five words expressing God's grace in accomplishing the salvation of sinners: "foreknown," "predestinate," "called," "justified," and "glorified." The only way for a saved man to fail to reach Heaven would be for God's foreknowledge, predestination, calling and justification to be nullified, which is impossible.

Romans 8 reveals seven redemptive facts each of which insures the believer's eternal salvation: 1. The Spirit prays for the believer according to the will of God (vs. 26, 27). 2. "All

things work together for good" to believers (v. 28). 3. The sovereign acts of grace make the believer secure (vs. 29, 30). 4. Since God is "for us, who can be (successfully) against us?" (vs. 31, 32). 5. Since God justifies, "who can lay anything to the charge of God's elect?" (v. 33). 6. Christ will not condemn, for He "maketh intercession for us" (v. 34). 7. No creature or power above or below, past, present, or future, "shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (vs. 35:39). "Grace reigns through righteousness (imputed righteousness of Christ) unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 5:21). When a man is saved this is how long he remains saved.

Falling Without Losing Salvation

"Fallen from grace" in Gal. 5:4 applies to "you, whosoever of you are justified by the law." But in reality, "no man is justified by the law" (Gal. 3:11). The passage can not, therefore, mean that a true believer has or can actually and personally fall OUT OF GRACE and become unsaved. The arguments already considered forbid any such interpretation. The passage can only mean that whoever vainly tries to be justified by the law (by works) removes himself from the true concept of grace and is doctrinally "fallen from grace." Whoever really has this attitude in his heart and is actually committed to it is not only gone away FROM grace, but has never been IN grace nor saved BY grace (Eph. 2:8, 9; Heb. 4:3, 10).

True Christians can "fall from their own steadfastness" (II Peter 3:17); but God does not fall from His steadfastness nor do Christians fall out of their saved estate. "The just (justified) man falleth down seven times (the number of completeness), and getteth up again," no matter how many times he may fall (Prov. 24:16). And "though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand" (Psalm 37:23, 24). Christians can fall, but they can never lose their salvation and fall into Hell.

"They Are Preserved Forever"

What a blessed fact! Some argue that such teaching as this tends to make people careless in their lives. Can it be that the better God is to His people the meaner they are toward Him? This is unthinkable. Moreover, observation will show that those who believe in the preservation and consequent perseverance of the saints live equally as good lives as those who believe otherwise.

True believers "endure to the end" and, therefore, "shall be saved" because God is with them to keep them and empower them to endure (Matt. 24:13; Heb. 13:5).

Since Jesus saves "unto the uttermost," sinners can come to Him for salvation with a "strong consolation" and find an anchor that is "both sure and steadfast" (Heb. 6:18, 19).

Saints can rest in such a Saviour, being assured that they are safe behind the blood "from this time forth, and even for evermore" (Psalm 121:8). When a man is saved this is how long he remains saved.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul though all Hell should endeavor to shake I will not, I will not, I will not forsake!

—Tract

"The Book Of Revelation"

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I ask you, do you have some



"EVERY KINGDOM DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF IS BROUGHT TO DESOLATION; AND EVERY CITY OR HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF SHALL NOT STAND."
—MATTHEW 12:25

problems, some difficulties, some burdens? Has somebody slandered you? Has somebody spoken ill of you? Has somebody treated you in a way that has caused you to realize that that individual is definitely an enemy to you? Beloved, all I can say is: "Take your burdens to the Lord and leave them there." That is the place for all the problems of this world.

When these saints that are saved during the Tribulation period take their burdens and problems to the Lord, God causes all the activity of Heaven to cease for half an hour in order that He might hear their prayers.

II

THE FIRST TRUMPET.

"The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up."—Rev. 8:7.

The arch-angel is now closing up the history of a doomed world and a judgment of hail and fire mingled with blood falls upon the world.

Did you ever read in the Word of God that there is going to be a repetition of those plagues that are found in the book of Exodus? Listen:

"According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I show unto him marvelous things."—Micah 7:15.

Beloved, it is going to be like it was in the days when the children of Israel were coming out of the land of Egypt. Let's notice what happened:

"And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field. Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail. And Pharaoh sent, and called for

Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the Lord is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. Entreat the Lord (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer."—Ex. 9:23-28.

If God could do this in Moses' day, God can do the same thing today, and He can do the same thing in the Tribulation period. When this first trumpet blows, the arch-angel that is now closing up the history of a doomed world causes a judgment of hail, fire and blood to issue upon the world, just like it happened in the period of the plagues of the Old Testament, and just like Micah tells us it will be repeated again at some future date.

Notice the result of this plague upon the world. It says that a "third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up." Imagine a world that is burnt over like a forest fire. Imagine a world that is black to walk upon. Imagine a world with one-third of the trees gone. Imagine a world with the stumps of the trees left. Imagine a world with all the green grass gone.

Beloved, when all Christians are caught away, and the Holy Spirit is taken away, and when the Anti-christ takes control, God gives this world over to those who are completely in rebellion against Him, and yet, when He does so, He sends upon them plague after plague.

III

THE SECOND TRUMPET.

"And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; and the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed."—Rev. 8:8, 9.

Beloved, this was not an ordinary mountain. John said that it was something which looked like a burning, fiery mountain. Notice the effect when this burning, fiery mountain was cast into the sea. A third part of the sea turned to blood, a third part of the creatures in the sea died, and a third part of the ships were de-

stroyed. I tell you, beloved, God is showing His hand by way of vengeance with the blowing of each of these trumpets.

Let me pause long enough to say that I believe in the miraculous and the supernatural of the Bible. You can't understand anything about the Bible if you rule out the miraculous and the supernatural. This is nothing short of the hand of God and the power of God. These trumpets are blown and miraculously these things take place. Beloved, I believe it, because the God of the Bible is the God of the miraculous, and the God of the supernatural.

IV

THE THIRD TRUMPET.

"And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; and the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter."—Rev. 8:10, 11.

This is a star-like meteor which falls out of the sky, with the result that it embitters the waters and the fountains of the waters. John says that it fell like a star, literally, a torch, and it fell upon the waters and put a curse upon the waters, with the result that when the waters were embittered, many died because of the poison that was imparted into those waters.

Can you imagine what wormwood tastes like? I can't, for I never did taste it. They say that quinine is a forty-first cousin to wormwood—that it is far removed from wormwood. Beloved, when God worked this miracle, the result was that many people died because of the poison that was imparted into the waters.

Now, beloved, this isn't the final Hell; this is just hell on earth. This is just what happens during the Tribulation period. This is what happens when the

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Nothing good ever started with the majority. One with God is enough.

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

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

The Empty Grave Of Jesus

By J. M. Pendleton

"Come, see the place where the Lord lay."—Matthew 28:6.

Whether a place is occupied or vacant is sometimes a matter of great significance. The occupancy or the abdication of a throne has involved the interests of millions. The operations of war furnish many instances of the wisdom or folly of holding or abandoning places. At times, the fact that a place is held is very suggestive; at other times, that a place is vacated is more suggestive. Of all the unoccupied places in the universe, I know of none teaching lessons so important as the empty grave of Jesus. That grave had possession of His body from the day of crucifixion to the first day of the next week; but from then till now it has been empty. The angel said to the anxious women, "Come, see the place where the Lord lay"—where He did lie—not there now. Let us mentally approach and see where the Lord was once lying. My theme is—

The Empty Grave Of Jesus

From its emptiness we may learn such lessons as these:

I. That He is the Christ. He affirmed during His ministry that He was the Messiah, the Son of

God. See John 4:25, 26 and 9:35-37. On His mock trial before the Jewish Council, the high priest put Him on His oath, saying: "I adjure thee by the living God, tell us whether thou be the Christ" (Matthew 26:63, 64). How majestic His answer! The Jews said that He was an impostor, and their highest court pronounced Him a blasphemer. The issue was made, He affirming and His enemies denying His divine Sonship. When He was nailed to the cross, the Jews were confirmed in their view (Mark 15:31, 32). He did not come down from the cross. He died, was buried, and the hopes of the disciples were buried with Him. How still He lies in the sepulchre! But He has said that He would rise. His resurrection is ascribed to Himself, and also to His Father. If we consider Him as rising by His own power, there is a demonstration of His Messiahship; and if we contemplate Him as raised by the Father, there is not only a demonstration, but an indorsement of His Messiahship (Romans 1:4). Would God indorse the character of an impostor? Infinitely impossible. A voice, therefore, comes out of the empty grave of Jesus, and proclaims in trumpet tones that He is the Christ. There would be no such voice if the grave were not empty. On the

supposition that Jesus of Nazareth was an impostor, it was impossible for Him to rise from the dead; on the supposition that He was the Christ, it was impossible for Him not to rise.

II. The all-sufficiency and the acceptance of His atoning sacrifice. His sacrifice was necessary. The law of God had been transgressed and justice had been offended. Christ, "the man of sorrows," and the victim of Calvary, undertook to satisfy law and justice by His obedience and death. Satisfaction is the central idea in atonement, and if satisfaction had not been rendered, there would have been no resurrection of Christ. Law and justice would have protested against it forever. The words of the text would never have been heard. The grave would not have become an empty one. The emptiness of the grave, therefore, shows the competency of Christ's atoning sacrifice to effect the purposes for which it was made. The grave left without

its illustrious Occupant says to more worlds than this, that the sacrifice of Jesus was all-sufficient, and was accepted by the Lawgiver—was to Him "a sweet-smelling savor" (Eph. 5:2).

III. That it is safe to trust in Him for salvation. Who could trust in Him if His grave were not empty? On this hypothesis, there would be a perfect absence of the crowning proof of His Messiahship and of the all-sufficiency and the acceptance of His atoning sacrifice. With His empty grave before us, we know who He is, and what He has done. Hence we are sure that it is safe to trust in Him for salvation. Having risen from the dead, He is evermore alive and able to superintend the interests committed to His care (Romans 5:10; Hebrews 7:25). The empty grave of Jesus tells of the safety of trusting in Him. Paul knew this (II Timothy 1:12). We trust in a living Saviour, who was dead, but is not dead now; whose grave was once occupied, but is empty now. Nothing is safer than trusting Christ, and the safety is indicated by His empty grave.

IV. That His followers will rise as certainly as He rose. "The last Adam," as well as the first, is a representative character, and He never acted more representatively than in rising from the dead.

He is called "the first-fruits of them that slept." The after-fruits must come. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. The redemption of which He is the author is so complete that it provides for the salvation of the body as well as the soul. The resurrection will be a wondrous epoch in the history of the saints. Paul calls it "the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Romans 8:23). It is the last, the public act of adoption. The first act was a private matter between God and the soul; the last will have all possible publicity. The empty grave of Jesus is prophetic of the emptiness of the graves of all His followers. Wherever their graves may be, whether in the earth or in the sea, they are destined to become empty. Jesus will never see of the travail of His soul so as to be satisfied till He sees all the redeemed raised from the dead with bodies like His own. How majestic are the words recorded in Phil. 3:21. The empty grave of Jesus speaks of the resurrection of all His followers and amply guarantees it.

Study these lessons more earnestly and devoutly. The more thoroughly they are understood, the greater joy of the saints. Let sinners remember that Jesus lives to save all that are willing to be saved by Him.

NEXT SERIES FOR "BIBLE STUDY" BY PASTOR M. L. MOSER

Beginning next week, a series of five messages on the theme, "The Bible," will be published in OUR BIBLE STUDY. These messages were written by Pastor M. L. Moser of Central Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.

New Jazz Plot To Seduce Youth And Corrupt Races Is Exposed

(From "The Virginian," Newport News, Va.)

The people who are trying to force race mixture and mongrelization on this nation will stoop to almost any depth, as a news article in the Oct. 6th Richmond Afro-American, Negro newspaper, proves.

The article was headlined "Show Business Moves To Fight Dixie Jim Crow," and it was dated-lined New York. It carried a full report of a new scheme to force whites and Negroes to mingle socially.

The plot will go into effect in February of next year when a group of "jazz musicians" calling themselves "Birdland Stars" will take to the road with a touring show.

The Afro article says that Morris Levy and Al Wilde, whom it describes as "proprietors of the package," have recently signed contracts containing a "clause that is meant to guard against any separation on the basis of race."

(Editor's note: Right here we would like to say that Morris Levy doesn't sound like a Negro to us, and we doubt that Al Wilde is, either. These men, though, are reported to own the package (show) and to be behind the race-mixing plot!)

The contracts signed by Levy and Wilde require the posting of

a guarantee for the show, to be forfeited by the promoter, should the theater or arena sell tickets on a segregated basis.

Included in the group of "jazz musicians" are Billy Eckstine, Sarah Vaughan, Count Basie and Jeri Sothern.

The Negro newspaper then went on to quote the show business magazine, Variety, which commented at length on this new policy. We are reprinting a portion of Variety's article which every parent and thinking teenager should read with great interest. But first we want to say that Variety is far and away the most important professional publication in the world of show business. It is called the "Bible of Show Business," and it amounts to almost that much.

Read below what Variety had to say about the enforced race-mixing clause:

"The jazz field is regarded as particularly important because its audiences are generally in the teens and 20s group, or closely paralleling the age brackets involved in the battle for integration of the public schools in the South.

"The Birdland backers apparently figure that they can give the cause of integration a tremendous boost because it affects the age groups now regarded as the prime battleground.

"It's figured that if the teens and 20s fall in line with the Supreme Court ruling in that matter on a voluntary basis, the strife will diminish considerably in all age groups."

There it is, friends, in black and white. And no magazine can (Continued on next page)



PASTOR M. L. MOSER

Everyone who reads these messages will be tremendously blessed by the truth and information that Brother Moser presents. The faith of young people in the Bible will be tremendously strengthened and upheld by this series. Here is the subject of each message:

1. The Composition of the Bible
2. The Inspiration of the Bible
3. The Influence of the Bible
4. The Message of the Bible
5. The Purpose of the Bible

Don't miss a single one of these messages!

THE BIBLE

"Who hath this Book and reads it not, doth God Himself despise; Who reads and understands it not, his soul in darkness lies. Who understands and savors not, he hath no rest in trouble; Who savors and obeyeth not, he hath his judgment double; Who reads, doth understand, doth savor and obey; His soul will stand at God's right hand in the great Judgment Day."

his appeal on the ground of what he had suffered for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ and His gospel message. They had turned away from him and had been persuaded by the Judaizing preachers to reject his message. Now they will certainly consider him and his message when they remember what he has endured for the truth he delivered to them.

"Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen."—V. 18.

Someone has said, and with reason for doing so, that this last verse is the apostle's secret signature. We find it, with variations, at the end of each of his letters. It expresses the deep and abiding concern of the Lord's servant for those he loves in the Lord. And no greater wish can one express for anyone than for the abiding presence of "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ." We need grace more than we need anything else in all the world, and yet most of us spend most of our time in concern for and in pursuit of material things of infinitely less value.

By this same grace, the apostle has been faithful in his obedience to the Holy Spirit in writing this needed, if unappreciated, message to the churches of Galatia. He has spoken that which they needed rather than that which they (Continued on next page)



Our Bible Study

STUDIES IN GALATIANS

By A. M. Overton
(Now in Glory)

CHAPTER VI

"And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God."—V. 16.

This principle or rule of "a new creation" should be our yardstick in measuring all religious tenets and practices. If human works or human goodness is set forth as any kind of basis of salvation from sin, we may know at once that it is not of God. Such theories dishonor God the Father, minimize God the Son, and disregard God the Holy Spirit. But, the benediction of peace from God is upon all who walk according to the rule of "a new creation." They are the true "Israel of God," and are not merely outward religious professors.

"From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus."—V. 17.

The apostle had faced and endured much trouble for the sake of the gospel he had preached. His body had felt and still bore the marks of the beatings and stonings he had received from those who hated the truth. Now, in his closing words to these Galatians, he appeals to them to give no more trouble. He bases

Jazz Plot

(Continued from preceding page) speak with more authority about show business than Variety.

Your children—the teens and 20s group—are described as the “prime battleground.”

And how are we fighting for that “prime battleground?”

This writer has pleaded, begged, demanded and urged that segregation leaders take some steps toward facing the facts of life and competing with our enemies for the minds and hearts of our young white people.

Have I met with any success? No.

Why? I wish I knew. I rather think that it's because the vast majority of the white people are so ignorant. And I do not think that “ignorant” is too strong a word to use.

How else can you describe people who can not see the objective for which they are supposed to be fighting?

And if we are not fighting for our young people, what are we fighting for?

Time after time I have gone into communities to speak, sometimes to large crowds, sometimes to small groups. And when I stand up to face the audience, what do I see? Usually a sea of elderly or middle-aged faces!

I love old people. I respect them. But why do they need to hear me speak? They aren't going to be “integrated.” And most of them are beyond the child-bearing stage. They've had their children, and many of them their grandchildren.

It's the young people who need to hear the facts—because they are the ones the enemy is after.

And I wonder why parents do not bring their young sons and daughters with them to segrega-

tion meetings? They send them to church—and in most churches they get a lot more pro-Communist and pro-mongrelization propaganda than they get Christianity. Also, many parents give their children money to squander in “juke boxes” on African howls and moans which they call “music.”

What can such parents be thinking of?

And then I go to meetings of Conservative leaders, or segregation leaders. And what do I see there? More of the same. Often the average age would be in the late fifties or early sixties.

And I say, over and over again, that such meetings are a waste of time. Why should a bunch of old men sit around cussing the Supreme Court and the NAACP—and all the time letting the enemy steal and ruin the hearts and minds of their own children and grandchildren.

It doesn't make sense.

There will be those among our readers who say that we are wrong to print this where the NAACP can find it and use it. Are we? You can rest assured that the NAACP knows and understands this situation as well as we do.

We must face the fact sooner or later—and if we wait much longer it will be too much later.

We are all wasting our time, unless and until we can reach the young people. They are the ones the enemy is after. It is your son and your daughter, your grandson and your granddaughter whom the enemies of America and the white race hope to lure into a bed of shame to breed little mongrels.

This is a fact. And you who doubt it are invited to read again the words which Variety uses in discussion of the race mixing

clause! There will be those, of course, who say, “Oh, well, white people who would go to such affairs are trash anyway!”

That's true. Nothing but white trash of the worst kind would be interested in watching a mob of Africans carry on their obscene and disgusting antics on a stage—but are you real sure that none of that trash is related to you? Does any of it live next door to you, and go to school with your children?

And what are we doing to guide that white trash into a better path? What are we, who claim to love our God and our race so much, what are we doing to show that love?

Aren't we ignoring our own young people—and pushing them, by our neglect, into the arms of the Devil?

Our Bible Study

(Continued from preceding page) wanted to hear. He has given them eternal truth, and instead of spending much time and effort in begging them to receive it, he closes all he has said with a simple word, “Amen!”

He has spoken God's truth, eternal truth. One of the meanings of the word “Amen” is “So be it.” And so is it here apparently “So it is!” “Here is the truth: what will you do with it?” His last word places the responsibility for what they do with the truth squarely on their own shoulders. He is clear, for he has declared unto them the truth in simple and plain terms, and in the spirit of love for the Lord, and for them. Terrible will be their condemnation if they reject it or treat it lightly.

Likewise, great is our responsibility today if we fail to learn the wondrous truths of grace so simply revealed in this letter to the churches of Galatia. May the Lord help us to read and reread it, study and meditate upon it, and to receive and believe it. Great will be the spiritual blessings upon all who read, receive, and believe the Lord's Word as given in this small letter to “the churches of Galatia.”

Editor's note: I want to remind you that the series of articles that has appeared in BYW for the past 10 months can be purchased from us in book form for \$1.00.

For Little Children

ESTHER

(The Book of Esther)

Boys and girls, Esther was a very beautiful young girl who did not have any parents or a husband. She lived with her old cousin, Mordecai, who treated her as his daughter. Mordecai and Esther were Jews and lived in the country of Babylon where King Ahasuerus reigned.

One day King Ahasuerus was looking for a wife to be his queen. And all the young girls of the land came to the king's palace for him to choose one of them for his queen. Several beautiful young girls passed before King Ahasuerus, but he was most pleased with Esther, and he loved her very much. So King Ahasuerus set the royal crown upon her head and made her his queen.

About this time, Mordecai, Esther's cousin, saved King Ahasuerus' life one day. Two of the King's men were mad at him and tried to kill him. But Mordecai warned Esther about them, and so these men were hanged. But King Ahasuerus forgot to thank Mordecai or to reward him for what he had done.

King Ahasuerus had a man named Haman who was above all the princes of the land of Babylon. King Ahasuerus had placed Haman above most everybody else in his court, and everyone was supposed to bow when they met Haman on the street. But Mordecai did not bow to Haman because he did not like him. Haman hated the Jewish people, and that is why Mordecai did not bow to him.

One day some people told Haman that Mordecai did not bow to him, and that made Haman so mad that he went to see King Ahasuerus and told him a lie about the Jewish people. He told King Ahasuerus that the Jewish people were not obeying the laws of King Ahasuerus and that they ought to be destroyed. Of course, boys and girls, the Jewish people were obeying King Ahasuerus' laws. But Haman just told King Ahasuerus this because he hated Mordecai since he did not bow to him, and Haman wanted to

kill all the Jews. So King Ahasuerus, not knowing that Haman was lying to him, told Haman to go ahead and prepare for a certain day when all the Jews would be killed. So Haman began to prepare for the day when he would kill all the Jews.

When the Jews heard about Haman's plans, boys and girls, they were all very sad and did not know what to do. They knew that their beloved queen Esther would be killed too, because King Ahasuerus did not know that she was a Jewish girl. So Mordecai sent a message to Esther and asked her to go in to the King and to ask the King to spare the lives of her people, the Jews.

Esther sent a message then to Mordecai, and she told him that no one could go in to see the King unless he sent for that one, or they would probably be killed if they did.

But Mordecai told Esther to go ahead and speak to the King. And Esther said that she would.

So when Esther went into the royal house of King Ahasuerus, he invited her to come to him, so she went and told him that she wanted to have a banquet tomorrow and that she wanted just King Ahasuerus and Haman to come. So King Ahasuerus said that he and Haman would come.

That night King Ahasuerus could not sleep very well, and he asked for the records of his kingdom to be brought to him and read. When the books were opened and read, he found that Mordecai one time had saved his life from two men who tried to kill him. And Ahasuerus asked his servants what had been done to reward Mordecai. And the servants told him that he had done nothing for Mordecai.

Then King Ahasuerus asked Haman to come in, and the King asked Haman what should be done to the man whom the king wants to honor. Old wicked Haman thought that King Ahasuerus wanted to reward him, so he said that the King should give his own clothing and crown and horse to the man and let him ride through the streets of the city and let people honor him. So King Ahasuerus ordered that his clothing and crown and horse be given to Mordecai and that he should ride through the city.

Old Haman was so surprised, but he didn't say anything. And in a few hours he and King Ahasuerus came to Esther's banquet which she had prepared for them. While they were eating, King Ahasuerus asked Esther what she wanted to say to him. Then Esther asked that King Ahasuerus spare her life and not let her and her people die. King Ahasuerus then asked her who was going to kill her, and Esther told him that wicked Haman was going to kill all the Jews in a few days.

Then King Ahasuerus was very angry at Haman and ordered that he be hanged. So they hanged Haman and his ten sons and King Ahasuerus put Mordecai in Haman's place to rule. And the Jewish people were not killed.

Boys and girls, old Haman was a wicked man and wanted to kill the Lord's people, the Jews. But instead, the Lord saved His people and allowed Haman to be killed. Haman sowed wickedness, and the Lord made him reap punishment, his death. Boys and girls, here is a memory verse for us to learn:

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

Q. “Is there any Scripture for a church to have a special mourner's bench?” H. S. D., Okla.

A. I know of no verse in the Bible that makes special mention of a mourner's bench. — D. N. Jackson in “American Baptist.”

JONAH AND THE WHALE

You have heard it said that the whale could not have swallowed Jonah. What about that fellow caught down at Miami, described by the secretary of the Miami Chamber of Commerce as follows: Weight, 30,000 pounds; weight of liver, 1,700 pounds; length, 45 feet; circumference, 23 feet; diameter, 8 feet; width of mouth, 50 inches; depth of mouth, 43 inches; length of tongue, 40 inches? A man could stand upright in the fish. When caught, there were in the whale hundreds of pounds of fish, including an octopus, all being alive. The fish was captured by Captain Charles Thompson, after a fight lasting 39 hours. Science had said there was no such fish. The science of a lifetime was knocked in the head by a fact.—(From a 1924 copy of “News And Truths.”)

The Little Baptist

CHAPTER VIII (Continued)

Dr. Farnsworth was somewhat confused at the effect that his remarks were seeming to have, but recovering his balance, he continued, “Sister Brown, I would by no means have you to understand me as wishing to dictate to you in this matter. But I see clearly that you do not conceive the extent of Mellie's influence, nor the danger there is of her leaving the church in which she was born and dedicated to God by baptism, as well as of leading astray so many other children. For, young as she is, her opinions have great weight with the people. You know that I design no flattery to you by saying that she is an extraordinary child, and manifests unusual knowledge for a person of her age, so much so, that many regard her as being almost supernatural. And just the idea that a child left unbiased to read the Scriptures, sees everything in favor of the Baptists, carries great force with it. It naturally creates the impression that the Bible is so plainly in favor of the Baptists' peculiar views that every one would become a Baptist if they would read without prejudice.”

Mrs. Brown was about to reply that if she thought such were the case, she would envy the Baptists' position, but Mellie entered the room at the time, and she thought it more prudent to suspend her remarks until another time.

Dr. Farnsworth looked at his watch and discovered that he had overstayed his time, asked to be excused, and promised to call another day. Turning to leave, he took a nicely bound little book from his pocket, saying: “Here, Mellie, you are fond of reading new books, and I have one that I will leave for you, and when I call again you must tell me how many nice things you have found in it.”

“Thank you, Doctor,” said Mellie, receiving the book with a smile that told how proud she felt for such a token of the doctor's

regard.

Dr. Farnsworth bid all a good-bye, patted Mellie on the head, telling her to be a good girl, and to read her new book carefully. Then, mounting his horse, he rode away.

As soon as Dr. Farnsworth had gone, Mellie said: “Mamma, I'll read this new book, but before I begin, I want you to tell me about the pictures in the Bible. Some Bibles have pictures and others have not; and if God made the pictures or had them in the Bible, why are they not all alike?”

“Pictures,” said her mother, “are the inventions of man. God did not make them nor instruct man to put them in the Bible. Therefore pictures representing men and things are in some Bibles and in others they are not.”

“Well, then,” said Mellie, “Mrs. McFlimsey, the Methodist Sunday School teacher, tried to deceive me, and I don't think that it was honest for her to do it. You see, I told her that Christ was baptized in the river by immersion, and she said He was not, but that the water was poured on Him. I asked her to prove it by the Bible, and she went and got a Bible that had a picture of one man pouring water out of a horn on another man, and she said, ‘Here is John the Baptist, pouring water on Christ out of a horn, and you can't dispute it, for it is plain before your eyes, in the Bible.’ The Sunday School children all believed it, but it was so different from the reading that I could not see how it could be true, and have been greatly puzzled about it, and wanted you to tell me about it. I guess the reading doesn't suit some folk, and they make pictures in the Bible to try to make children believe things that are not taught there. Well, I'm glad that there are no pictures in my Bible, so I have nothing to hinder me from believing the truth just as God has told it.”

(Continued Next Week, D. V.)

THE JEW

Scattered by God's avenging hand,
Afflicted and forlorn,
Sad wanderers from their pleasant land,
Do Judah's children mourn;
And e'en in Christian countries, few
Breathe thoughts of pity for the Jew.

Yet listen, Christian, do you love
The Bible's precious page?
Then let your hearts with kindness move
To Israel's heritage;
Who traced those lines of love for you—
Each sacred writer was a Jew.

And then as years and ages passed,
And nations rose and fell,
Though clouds and darkness oft were cast
O'er captive Israel,
The oracles of God for you
Were kept in safety by the Jew.

And when the great Redeemer came
For guilty man to bleed,
He did not take an angel's name
No—born of Abraham's seed
Jesus, who gave His life for you,
The gentle Saviour was a Jew.

And though His own received Him not,
And turn in pride away,
Whence is the Gentiles happier lot?
Are you more just than they?
No; God in pity turned to you—
Have you not pity for the Jew?

Go, then, and bend your knee to pray
For Israel's ancient race;
Ask the dear Saviour every day
To call them by His grace;
Go, for a debt of love is due
From Christian Gentiles to the Jew.

—Author Unknown

Baptist Baptism

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On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit took up His office in the church which had been already established. When Peter preached his great sermon, the Bible tells us that 3000 souls were ADDED to the Church. You certainly cannot add something to something that does not exist! If you contend that every believer is automatically in the church, where were the seventy disciples, the woman at the well, Lazarus, Jesus' own mother, and many other believers, when the first communion was taken, and when the commission was given out? The same eleven were present both times. In Luke 6:13 we find that twelve were chosen, including Judas, from the disciples. These were called apostles. I Corinthians 12:28 tells us God had set some in the church.

This church was a Baptist Church and it is the only church today that can trace itself back to Christ in an unbroken line, through every century. The Holy Spirit is not responsible for the heresies that came out of the confusion established by men, and inspired by the Devil. Jesus Christ left an example. He went to the right authority. He founded the only Scriptural church. Why not follow in His footsteps?



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"The Book Of Revelation"

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saints of God are up yonder in the sky being married to the Lamb. This is what takes place here on earth when God pours out His vengeance upon a world that has forever been in rebellion against Him.

THE FOURTH TRUMPET.

"And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise."—Rev. 8:12.

Here the luminaries of the skies are darkened by this judgment. One-third of the day becomes

night and one-third of the night has neither moon nor stars. Let's notice what happened when the children of Israel were coming out of the land of Egypt:

"And the Lord said unto Moses, stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt. And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings."—Ex. 10:21-23.

Notice, they had a similar darkness when the children of Israel were coming out of the land of Egypt. God put a judgment upon the land of Egypt—a judgment when they had darkness for three days time—the kind of darkness that they could even feel. During the Tribulation, God puts a curse upon the world in that the luminaries of the skies are darkened by way of judgment, whereby one-third of the day becomes night and one-third of the night has neither moon nor stars. I tell you, beloved, God is going to pour out His judgment of woe upon this world.

VI

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE JUDGMENTS.

"And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!"

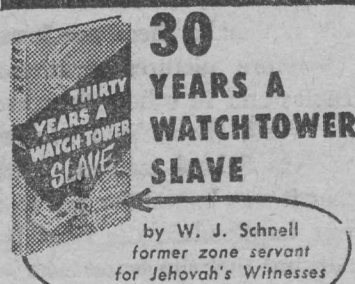
So fearful are the judgments that are yet to come that a special messenger is sent to announce them. What has happened is only preliminary to what is yet to follow. It is bad enough when the sun turns black and the moon refuses to shine, and when star-like meteors fall out of the skies and embitter the waters so that it becomes as wormwood and men die from the drinking of the fountains of waters. It is bad enough when the world is burnt over so that one-third of the trees are gone and only the stumps are left and only blackened ground remains to walk upon, with all the green grass gone. Beloved, that is only play in comparison to the judgments that are to follow with the blowing of the other trumpets. Accordingly, so fearful are the judgments that are yet to come that God sends a special messenger to announce what is about to take place.

VII

THE FIFTH TRUMPET.

"And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit, and there arose a smoke out of that pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their

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foreheads. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months; and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. And they had a king over them, whose name is the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter."—Rev. 9:1-12.

The star that is spoken of is Satan, and with the key that he has in his hand, Satan himself opens the bottomless pit and breaks down the wall between earth and Hell. As the people of this world have preferred to serve the Devil, God now allows them to have a full experience of his administrations.

These locusts that are let loose are supernatural, infernal, and not earthly locusts. Furthermore, these locusts couldn't hurt any-

body but the unsaved. It says, "but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads."

Talk about the security of the saved! When I saw this for the first time to realize that when Hell is turned loose, it can't hurt the person who has the seal of God in his forehead, it thrilled my heart to know that God's child is secure forever.

As these supernatural locusts were unable to hurt the saints of God who had the seal of God in their foreheads, so all Hell can't hurt a child of God. If you have the seal of God and are a child of God, then you have the greatest assurance in this world that all Hell can't touch you.

Listen:

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."—Rom. 8:38, 39.

Here Paul mentions nine agents (Continued on page seven)

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We thank the Lord for Bro. Shelton, and we pray the Lord's blessings to be upon him.

"The Book Of Revelation"

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cies — infernal, internal and external — and he says that none of these nine, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God.

Notice again:
"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."
—John 10:28, 29.

I'll never forget when I was in a little country town in eastern Kentucky waiting to see a man. I sat out in front of the courthouse and read my Bible. While I was there an old country boy came by, and seeing me reading my Bible he wanted a conversation. As always, I was glad to listen to anybody who wants to talk about the Lord. That country lad sat down beside me and the more he talked with me the more I listened with rapt attention. He might have looked "seedy" but he certainly knew something about the Word of God. He said, "Martha and Mary were two unusual characters, but Mary chose that part that shall not be taken away from her." He said, "That is security." I said, "Thank the Lord for this old country boy who came along and gave to me a lesson in the Bible that I had never seen before."

Beloved, as Mary chose that which shall never be taken from her, so every child of God has something that can't be taken away from him. Even in the Tribulation those that have been sealed of God can't be hurt by Hell.

I am not one bit afraid of Hell. I am not in the least alarmed about it. All Hell can't hurt the man who has been sealed by God.

Notice whom these locusts did hurt. It tells us that they tormented the unsaved people for five months. These locusts couldn't kill them. They had the sting of a scorpion in their tails. Even though they tormented them for five months time, they couldn't kill them.

Even the unsaved couldn't kill themselves, for it says, "And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee

from them."

I read a few weeks ago about a man in California who was determined to kill himself. He decided he would take a big dose of sleeping pills, which he did. He decided he would hang himself and shoot himself at the same time. He got up on a chair and thought by hanging himself and shooting himself and taking a big dose of sleeping pills that he was sure to die. As he stood there to shoot himself, he shot the rope in two and he fell. The people heard the noise and came to see what had happened. When they discovered the empty bottle of sleeping pills they rushed him to the hospital, and they pumped his stomach. He tried to kill himself by the sleeping pills, by shooting himself, and by hanging himself, yet he failed in all three ways.

Beloved, this crowd will seek death, but they will be unable to die.

There is no indication that these locusts could be caught or killed. Their leader was none other than the Devil. The word "Apollyon" literally means "destroyer." No wonder after the first four trumpets had blown, that God caused that special messenger to glide through the heavens to announce the judgment that is to come upon them.

VIII

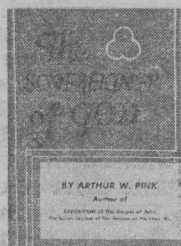
THE SIXTH TRUMPET.

"And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand; and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them,

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1956

THE HARVEST OF THE WORLD

Memory Verse: "The same shall drink of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb; And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receive the mark of his name."—Rev. 14:10, 11.

INTRODUCTION: The blackest storms often give place to the loveliest sunsets. So with this chapter. In our last study we noticed the power of the Anti-Christ. We noticed his conceit, self-will, hellish power, blasphemies, tyranny; have seen him usurp God's place; have seen the nations bow to him in worship and his bloody persecutions on those who do not.

But now the scene changes. The reign of terror cannot last. God's merciful goodness cannot allow it long. Instead of the beast, the Lamb now comes in view. Instead of blasphemers, the redeemed come before us.

I. The 144,000. Rev. 14:1-5.

Who are they? Same as described in Rev. 7:4. Notice their chief characteristics. Their conspicuous confession; "name written in their foreheads," V. 1. Unworldliness; "redeemed from the earth," (V.3). Singers (V. 3). Purity (V. 44). The reign of Anti-Christ will be one of harlotry, both spiritual and literal. "Follow the Lamb" (V.4). Are first fruits of Jewish nation being saved (V.4). Truthful (V. 5) "was found no guile."

II. The Angel Preachers. Rev. 14:6-13.

The First Angel (V. 6, 7). He preaches the everlasting gospel to a few just before the judgment begins. It is the last call to an apostate world.

The Second Angel (V. 8). He announces the fall of Babylon. Will discuss this in Rev. 17, 18.

The Third Angel (V. 9-12). He preached that the doom of the beast worshippers was an eternal burning Hell. I prefer to believe the angel instead of Charles T. Russell, or any other "No-Hellite" preacher.

The Fourth Angel (V.13). He speaks of the blessedness of those who die martyrs by Anti-Christ. He speaks of REST. What would not these dupes of Anti-Christ's family give for rest! This offers encouragement to martyrs.

III. The Vision of Christ. Rev. 14:14.

Christ is coming upon the clouds. Cf. Acts 1:9-11; Lu. 21:27. He will be crowned with a crown of gold. Not the lowly Nazarene, but the lordly Nazarene here in view. Cf. Dan 7:13, 14. Sharp sickle. Cf. Mt. 13:24-30.

IV. The Angel's Announcement. Rev. 14:15.

Man's inventions are ripe. Printing press. Diesel train—palace on wheels. Modern steamer. Man's harvest is ripe because governments have reached their apex. God's ideal government is a monarchy. Man's ideal is a democracy. Most nations have come to democracy.

The harvest of the earth is ripe in religions. Catholics, Protestants and Baptists have all compromised. Have lots of religion, but mighty little Christ. No doctrine preached; no evangelism; churches are amusement centers. Have heathen days (Christmas and Easter). N. B. C. Survey: "The Christian Church has completely revolutionized its thought of its mission in the past 25 years. We now see most clearly that the mission of the Christian church is not merely to pluck a few brands from the burning, but to create a Christian civilization. This repudiates Judson and Carey. S. B. C. coming to same position.

The harvest of the earth is ripe in the magnificence of the modern city.

The harvest of the earth is ripe in its learning. Humanism, Agnosticism, Pantheism, Evolution.

having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone; and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails; for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood; which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."—Rev. 9:13-21.

Notice these four angels that are loosed from the great river Euphrates.

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."—II Pet. 2:4.

These particular individuals in the realm of evil powers are superior to other demons, and they are loosed from the great river

Euphrates.

I wish you would think with me for a moment concerning the river Euphrates. It has been the seat of Satan's work all through the years. The Garden of Eden was located along the Euphrates River. It was there that the Devil first came into the Garden of Eden. It was there the Devil told the first lie that was ever told. It was there that the first murder was ever committed. Now, these four angels that were bound in the great river Euphrates are loosed. They had been prepared for thirteen months difficulty so far as this world was concerned. A day, a month, a year and an hour is thirteen months.

There was a host of infernal cavalry that followed them. It says that there were two hundred thousand thousand, or, in other words, two hundred million of these infernal cavalry that followed these four angels, and as

V. The Harvest of Evil. Rev. 14:16-20.

This is the great battle of Armageddon, prophesied through the whole Bible. The curse of this world has been wars (beginning in Genesis 3:15).

War costs more than any human beings can reckon. For war is a result of sin, and only God knows the costliness of sin. But human reckoning, inadequate though it is, throws light on the cost of war. Two British magazines, The Life of Faith and The Dawn, have been publishing startling figures. Giving British currency in American terms, the following statements are made: World War I cost 30,000,000 lives and \$400,000,000,000. That was the total cost to all the belligerents as estimated by the League of Nations statisticians. The \$400,000,000,000 could have provided a home site and furnished cottages worth \$4,000 for every family in Great Britain, America, Canada, France, Germany, Belgium, and Russia. After carrying out this housing scheme, we could have supplied every city of 200,000 inhabitants in the countries mentioned with a \$5,000,000 hospital, and a \$10,000,000 university. Then we could have established a trust fund which at 5 per cent interest, would have provided an annual subsidy of \$1,000 a year toward the salaries of 125,000 teachers and 125,000 nurses. After doing all this, there would still have been a surplus left equal to the total value of all the public and private property existing in France and Belgium when the war broke out in 1914." Counting the total cost of World War I at \$400,000,000,000, which is a conservative estimate, it would require 1437 warehouses 50'x100'x18' to house this money if in silver dollars.

"From 1776 to 1930 there have been only 39 years in which the United States has not been at war."—(John Hix).

The cost of war is tremendous. From 1789 to 1920 the U. S. spent \$53,000,000,000 on war—37 per cent of the total income. \$20,000 for every hour since the birth of Christ. No wonder the nations are bankrupt. It cost \$9,000,000 per hour to wage World War I. Europe lost the wealth it had taken a hundred years to accumulate.

Ten million men were killed. This would make a parade of ten abreast marching from morning until night, 46 years to pass by. In addition there were 13,000,000 wounded and 10,000,000 refugees. World War I is still costing the U. S. \$2,000,000,000 a year.

Scripture prophesies war—Is. 34:1-6; Is. 63:1-6; Joel 3:9-16; Micah 4:11-13; Zeph. 1:17, 18; Zeph. 3:8; Zech. 14:1-7; Zech. 14:12, 13; Rev. 16:13-21; Rev. 19:11-21.

Two-thirds of Jews to be slain. Zech. 13:8, 9. Israel to be saved—Rom. 11:26; Is. 11:8; Jer. 51:10 23; Joel 2:1-11, 18-21; Zech. 12:1-11.

Note the carnage. Rev. 14:20. Cf. Mt. 24:22. When the Romans destroyed Jerusalem, the fires of many houses were quenched by the blood, says Josephus.

CONCLUSION: Child of Adam, be admonished now while salvation is freely offered. Your sins must be answered for. Gal. 6:7,8.

Following this awful scene comes the millennium. I thank God for this coming reign of peace.

On September 1, 1932, earthquake destroyed Yokohama, Japan. \$3,000,000,000 worth of property was destroyed. 70,000 died. In 7 years they rebuilt a modern city. The emperor, called the Mikado, is looked upon as divine—the Son of Heaven. He is of oldest royal house known—123 rulers in that line. The day came when reconstruction was complete. Great pavilion, 60,000 men of rank gathered before it; at last Mikado came in royal state. Minister of interior gave papers testifying all was completely rebuilt. Every one shouted, "Banzai; Banzai."

I long for the time when this bloody, war-weary, revolutionary world will be completely built again for His glory, and we can then sing:

"All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!"

they went forth, out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. In other words, this crowd literally belched Hell upon the world, and as a result, one-third of the human family was killed.

Beloved, what happened to the two-thirds of humanity that was left? Don't you think that they had seen enough trouble that they should have repented and turned to the Lord? God's Word tells us concerning them:

"And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet REPENTED NOT of the works of their hands."—Rev. 9:20.

"NEITHER REPENTED THEY of their murders, nor of their

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"I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW"

1. We Baptists believe in eternal security, so how would you explain Mark 13:13 where Jesus tells His disciples, "he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved"?

Scripture will interpret this passage for you. Turn to Psalm 89:29 and read, "His seed also will I make to endure for ever." This is a prophecy concerning Christ Jesus; and God says that He will make the "seed" of Christ to endure forever. The seed of Christ are all believers (Galatians 3:26, 29).

Mark 13:13 says that he that endures to the end shall be saved, but it does not tell us how the individual is to endure. Psalm 89:29 tells us how, as does John 10:27-30: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one."

God's elect cannot fail to endure, for God makes them to endure, just as God made the three Hebrews, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, endure in the fiery furnace that was heated seven times hotter than usual (Daniel 3).

Mark these truths: A sinner must be **born again**, but God gives the new birth.—John 1:13, 5:21, 6:63; Eph. 2:1.

A sinner must **repent**, but God gives the repentance.—Acts 5:31, 11:18.

A sinner must **believe**, but God gives the faith.—Eph. 2:8; Romans 12:3.

A saint must **overcome**, but God gives the victory by giving grace and faith.—James 4:6; 1 John 5:4, 5.

A saint must be **faithful**, but God gives the faithfulness.—Luke 22:32; John 17:9-12; Psalm 37:24.

A saint must **endure**, but God gives the endurance.—Psalm 37:28, 89:29.

The salvation of God's elect is all of **grace**! There are no works that one can add to God's grace to help accomplish salvation (Romans 11:6). God must have all the glory—He will not share the least wee-bitsy bit of it with man. (Ephesians 1:6; Revelation 1:6).

2. I notice in your column, "I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW," that you referred to the New Hampshire Confession of Faith. Please make mention in your paper of the price of this.

I do not know whether or not this confession is published separately, but it is included in several books and in church manuals. We sell Pendleton's Church Manual, which contains this Confession. The price of the book is \$1.00.

3. Explain Proverbs 23:31, in view of the matter of using wine in the Lord's Supper.

The passage says, "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright." This has reference to looking upon the wine with a greedy eye, as to desire or lust after it, as a drunkard does. Matthew 5:28 warns against looking upon a woman to lust after her in the heart. Such is the meaning of this verse. In observance of the Lord's Supper, there is certainly no "looking upon the wine" as is referred to in this passage.

4. Please give the Scripture that condemns such idolatry as the "Christmas tree."

Jeremiah 10:1-4.

5. What would your answer be to a Catholic who asked you to explain why you don't believe what is written in John 20:21-23?

I would first of all inform him that I most certainly believe every word written therein and that he is the one who does not believe the passage.

Only God can forgive sins, through Christ, and the only forgiveness that any person can have is through Christ (Acts 4:17, 13:38, 39). The passage in John, in the light of the whole Scripture, is to be understood in a ministerial way by the preaching of full and free remission of sins, through the blood of Christ, to such as repent of their sins and believe in Christ. Paul discusses this very matter in II Corinthians 5:20, "Now we then are ambassadors for Christ, AS THOUGH GOD DID BESEECH YOU BY US: we beseech you in Christ's behalf, be ye reconciled to God."

The only preaching that lost sinners will hear will be that of Christ's "ambassadors." Only as sinners hear the Word of God can they be saved from sin, receiving the remission of sins. In this sense only do preachers of the gospel "remit sins." The last phrase of verse 23 emphasizes the fact that, if we do not preach the gospel in order to "remit sins," then we are sinfully "retaining sins," thus permitting sinners, humanly speaking, to drift into hell.

The Catholic error as to this passage is that they violate II Peter 1:20, which warns against interpreting a single passage isolated from the Word of God given elsewhere. The Word is to be "rightly divided" (II Timothy 2:15).

6. Please give some information on the Nazarene church. Was it not once called Pentecostal Nazarene? Do they sprinkle or pour? Is it a safe church to join?

(1) To answer the first question as to name, I do not know. There are so many of the Holy Roller movements, that I have quit trying to keep up with their splits, divisions, and names. I simply refer to all who believe the false doctrines of sinless perfection in the flesh, jabbering (supposedly speaking in an unknown tongue), so-called "Holy Ghost baptism," and so-called "divine healing," as Holy Rollers.

(2) All the Holy Roller groups that I know of, immerse.

(3) Holy Rollerism goes back to John Wesley, who taught that Christians could become free from sin so as to be sinlessly perfect. Wesley lived from 1703 to 1791. Ever since his time, Holy Rollerism has cursed the earth's inhabitants.

Phelan's "Handbook of Denominations" says that a union of Holy Roller movements was accomplished in 1907 at Chicago, and was called The Nazarene Church.

(4) No, it is not a safe church to join.

7. What do you think of L. R. Shelton from Louisiana? He is a Baptist and says that he was saved after preaching for 25 years.

Like most other Baptist preachers, I agree with him on some things and disagree with him on some things. He stands for Sovereign grace, election, depravity, security, and particular atonement; so do I. I do not know his position on the church, the Lord's Supper, or Baptist history. I do not approve of his letting women speak over his radio program. I do not know whether or not the women speak in the church of which he is pastor. I have not heard his radio program enough to definitely know whether he preaches mourner's benchism or not; some of his messages seem to lean in that direction.

Many Baptist preachers are unsaved, if they actually believe what they are preaching. Many more of them need to be saved.

8. Give chapter and verse in the Bible which says that John was a Baptist.

Matthew 3:1. John was called "the Baptist" before he ever started preaching. He was called

"the Baptist" because of his divine mission. God sent him on this mission (John 1:6). God sent him to baptize (John 1:33). God sent him to baptize saved people only (Matthew 3:8). God sent him to baptize the saved people who had repented of their sins and had believed on Christ (Matthew 3:1; John 1:29; Acts 19:4).

God called John, "the Baptist" (Matthew 3:1). That was before he preached or baptized. The name "Baptist" is from Heaven.

Baptism Does Not Save

(Continued from page one) demand immersion for baptism.

It matters not who teaches that baptism is necessary to salvation, IT IS NOT SO! How do we know that baptism has nothing to do with salvation?

1.—Because Jesus saved apart from baptism. To the sinful woman who came repentant, He said, "Thy faith hath saved thee, go in peace." (Luke 7:50). He didn't even mention baptism to her.

2.—Because the Scriptures teach clearly that salvation is apart from baptism. In Acts 16:30-31 we have the question asked "What must I do to be saved?" The answer is given, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Baptism is not mentioned in the answer. It is true that Acts 2:38 would give some support to the idea that baptism is necessary to salvation, were it not the same man. The apostle Peter, makes it clear in Acts 10:43 that faith in Christ alone secures the remission of sin. Evidently Acts 2:38 should be translated (as it is elsewhere) "because of the remission of sin."

3.—Because we have definite examples of persons being saved who were not baptized. The penitent thief was saved. We know he was because Jesus promised to take him where He was going that day. He was not baptized. He could not be baptized. Baptismal regenerationists try to perform some wonderful tricks of interpretation on this passage, but their very frenzied efforts betray the skulduggery of their motives. There is no need to try to do any juggling or explaining, for the meaning is simple. A penitent man turns in faith to Christ, and Christ saves him apart from even the mention of baptism.

Cornelius and the believing members of his household were also saved BEFORE they were baptized. This is perfectly plain. (See Acts 10:44-48). The Holy Spirit does not come in power into the lives of unsaved people—and He DID come before they were baptized. It is plain here that they were baptized because it was plain that they HAD BEEN SAVED—and not in order to finish their salvation.

4.—Because it is evident from the Bible that the Gospel "is the power of God unto salvation" (see Rom. 1) not baptism. If someone wants to argue that baptism is a part of the gospel, let them read the words of Paul to the Corinthians, "For Christ sent me NOT TO BAPTIZE, but to preach the gospel."

5. Because multitudes of un-immersed people of denominations that do not practice immersion bear evidence that they have been born again. Some men of that kind have preached the gospel with great power under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and multitudes have turned to Christ. The Church of Christ people would consign all such to Hell because they were not immersed. Certainly they OUGHT to have been immersed—but not for salvation.

6. Because the Bible says that "the blood of Jesus Christ . . . cleanseth us from all sin." Blood not water! If the Blood cleanses from ALL sin then what sin is left for water to wash away? Baptismal regenerationists have an H2O god. One part hydrogen, two parts oxygen. Just as well have a god of brass as an H2O god!

CHRIST CAME

"When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son."—Galatians 4:4.

He came Himself, He did not send a mighty Angel down,
For Angel hands could never do the work His hands have done,
For it required His wondrous worth the awful debt to pay.
For which He went to Calvary and gave Himself that day.
And He Himself doth oft draw near in special times of need,
Our hearts burn in us as He speaks, then we are blest indeed.
And He Himself shall yet come down to claim His purchased ones.
This is the blessed shining hope of all God's waiting sons.

Choked By A Gnat

(Continued from page one) bat. Of course," Pierson would conclude, "God paid no attention to him. Instead He commissioned a little gnat, so small it could scarcely be seen under a microscope, to fly that way, lodge in the windpipe of the atheist, and choke him to death."—Prophecy Monthly.

"The Book Of Revelation"

(Continued from page seven) sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."—Rev. 9:21.

Notice that there were murders, sorceries, fornication and thefts going on during the Tribulation period. In other words, it shows us the state of society both before and after the plagues.

Notice it says that this crowd did not repent. Can you imagine a world passing through one trumpet judgment after another and not repenting? Can you imagine a world suffering as they suffered as each of these trumpet judgments fall upon them? Can you imagine a world that is overrun by two hundred million cavalymen, with one-third of their friends killed? Can't you imagine how much they must have suffered, yet they did not repent of their sins.

We read:

"Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him."—Prov. 27:22.

"And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."—Luke 16:31.

How many times have people thought surely when trouble comes it will cause men to turn to God! Look at all the trouble that comes upon this world during the Tribulation period, yet men don't repent. Beloved, if a dead man were to come through yonder door and come up here and preach to you of the world beyond, you wouldn't believe it one bit more than you would when a preacher stands here and tells you the same thing. It would not have one bit more effect. Why? Because you don't receive the Word of God except as the Holy Spirit reveals it unto you, and if the Holy Spirit doesn't enable you to receive it, you are not going to receive it, regardless of who preaches it unto you.

Look at this world — trouble, trouble, trouble! God sends one heartache after another but they don't repent. They go right on in their sins.

In the Old Testament we have a picture of Pharaoh as the lightning danced all around him. He would lift one foot to let one bolt of lightning go by and then would lift the other foot to let another bolt of lightning go by. He said, "Pray to the Lord that He will stop this lightning and I will let you go free." Just as soon as God stopped the disturbance of the elements and the lightning ceased, old Pharaoh was just as big a devil as ever. Why? Because the Holy Spirit wasn't in it—he had not been drawn of God.

I want to insist upon this fact that men are not saved because trouble comes upon them. They are not saved because of any emotional experience that they might have. Rather, the Spirit of God must bear witness within their hearts before they will ever be saved. That is why it is absolutely foolish for a preacher to tell an emotional story at the end of his sermon and think that this is going to be the means of causing men to be saved.

One of the boys at Asbury College at Wilmore, Ky., told me himself that they taught the young preachers at that school just when to cry in their sermon to have an effect on their congregation. Can you imagine anything much more artificial than that? Let me tell you, beloved, all the pathetic stories that you might tell and all the tears that you might shed will never be the means of saving one single soul. The Holy Spirit must draw men if they are saved. Listen:

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

Beloved, if the Holy Spirit doesn't draw him, he will never be saved. Let all the trouble you can think of come to a man, but it won't change his heart one particle. Nothing, I say, will change a man except the Holy Spirit as He applies the Word of God to that man's life.

May God help you to realize this, that the one thing that we need to do is to preach the Word, and when we preach the Word we need to depend upon the Holy Spirit. As the Holy Spirit takes the Word of God and applies it to the lives of men, then and then only, may we expect results. Then and then only may we expect men to turn to the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless you!

The Old Book Stabbed

(Continued from page one) stab their dagger into the old Book and the old Faith. One day, and oh what a day! the old Book will be opened and all the heretics will be judged according to the words written therein. I would rather be true to the old Book and suffer the reproaches of men in this life than to stab a dagger of liberalism into the Book and on that day have the Book to judge me.

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