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His Blood Alone!

By RAYMOND A. WAUGH

The World Versus The Blood

Across America congregations almost without number are listening to sermons and evangelistic messages, as well as political and educational lectures, about the ethical, moral, political, legal, economic, and spiritual condition of the people of our nation. From every direction leaders of most every description are presenting surveys showing the increase of immorality which makes the American scene look like a revived Roman Empire. Such facts are so engrossing the attention of many spiritual leaders that cries for repentance are sounding forth from every quarter. But most of those who feel the need of calling America to repentance are presenting bloodless sacrifices as the means of salvation from our fearful and pitiful spiritual state.

The scholastic and educational tenor of most of our colleges, seminaries, and other institutions of learning has been so warped by scientific, ethical, and psychological emphases that preachers and people have become self-satisfied to try to live by the sermon on the mount; never realizing that

such is as impossible as it is to get to Heaven by trying to live by the golden rule. All such have never known or they have forgotten the tragedy of Calvary where blood was shed for the sins of men.

Men have become so wrapped up in aesthetics, beauty contests, give-away programs, movie and TV celebrities, handsome athletic adonises, and beauty queens that they have forgotten that the visage of Jesus was "so marred that no man would desire Him." Men have become so enamored by the life and miraculous works of the Son of God, while He spent 33 years on earth, that they won't follow Him to Calvary! Men have so desired to hang a beautiful though fictional picture of Christ by Sallman or some other artist in their homes, classrooms, and sanctuaries, that they fail to remember that the Christ who walked the dusty roads of Palestine could accomplish no man's salvation without His hanging in degradation and rejection upon the cruel Cross of Calvary.

Too, men are so desirous of emphasizing the fine qualities of their own human natures that

they refuse to recognize the beastly nature of their own sins which required that Heaven's Beauteous Glory, even **The Only Begotten Son of God**, be blasted in baneful judgment. Men are so desirous of justifying themselves before a god, whose ethical principles fall into line with their



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worldly thinking and devising, that they concoct out of their own reasoning a god whose principles of justice guarantee any sincere believer in so-called ethical principles or in any phase of Jesus' life an eternal home in Heaven. Men are so wrapped up in their offerings of the fruit of the field, finance, and worldly fancy that they have forgotten that God requires "the blood of an unblemished Lamb."

God says in His Holy Word, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission." And every man who stands to present Jesus Christ without presenting fully His Bloody Sacrifice is a man who does not serve God; no matter what his title or his ordination may be. Every man who brings an offering of human works is a man who is being used of Satan to blind lost ones to the real Word of Salvation and to send them to a burning Hell forever and forever. And every man who stands to present the Life of Jesus as the way of salvation and as the Gospel is a man who does despite to the Spirit of Grace. There is only one way into the Holy Place, even before the Throne of God, and that is through the Blood of Jesus Christ, the "Lamb without spot."

God, who is the same, yesterday, today, and forever, has never

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1. Where can I find the question and answer relative to "What must I do to be saved?"

In Acts 16:30, 31: "And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

2. What is the veil a symbol of in Genesis 24:65? I think I understand the other symbols in this story. I can't get the veil.

I do not know that the veil has any particular significance. It was the custom in those days for the bride-to-be to cover her face in the presence of the husband-to-be, and this was at least one reason why Rebekah covered her face with the veil.

3. What is the recipe for the unleavened bread of the Lord's Supper?

It is as follows:
1 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
1 scant tablespoon of shortening

Mix shortening and flour. Add enough milk or water to make dough easy to handle. Roll thin, prick with fork, bake slowly. DO NOT BROWN.

4. What is meant by the New Hampshire Confession of Faith?

This is simply a published statement of certain articles of faith held by Baptists of New Hampshire in 1830. The Confession expresses the Baptist position so generally that it has been adopted for use by many other Baptist churches in this country. The Confession was drawn up by J. Newton Brown.

5. I would like to know if our loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord can see us? Please give Scripture.

Hebrews 12:1 seems to teach

that our loved ones and others who have gone to be with the Lord can see us. The word translated "witnesses" actually means spectators. I believe that the heavenly spectators are looking on as we run the race set before us.

6. What is Oral Roberts' doctrine? Is it really false?

He claims that God heals through him. He does not claim to be the healer, but merely the medium through whom God deals. Of course, he does not mean by that that he is the only medium, but that he is one medium. But frankly, I have seen his TV program dozens of times and I have never yet seen anyone healed. Of course, they all claim to be healed of something—but what? The only things that I have heard them say that they were healed of are internal diseases, ear or eye trouble, or something of like nature. Roberts has never restored a man's leg, arm, or any other limb; he has never performed a visible healing yet. The kind of "healing" he performs is the same kind of healing that Christian Science, psychologists, and other hypnotic powers perform. Jesus, Peter, Paul and the other apostles performed miracles that one could see with the eye. Roberts has not done so. And even if he did, I would check the work carefully in the light of Rev. 16:14, I John 4:1, etc.

7. Please explain Romans 6:23 where it says that the wages of sin is DEATH. Some teach that the death is cessation of existence. Is this true?

No, this isn't true. "Death" always is a separation, never an annihilation.

Adam's death was a separation from God. (Genesis 2:17, 3:23, 24).

Christ's death was a separation (Continued on page eight)

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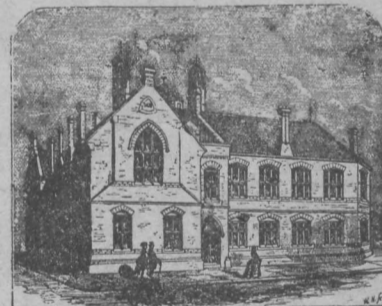
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By C. H. SPURGEON

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Church that this end may be accomplished, nor has the prayer been in vain, for some 330 men (Continued on page eight)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

"THE BOOK OF REVELATION"

(Read Revelation 12).

In our last chapter, we noticed the time when the kingdoms of this world are going to become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ. Whenever I think of it, I can only lift my eyes to the skies and say, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Certainly it is my prayer that the Lord might speedily come, and the day might speedily arrive when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ. In chapter 11, we saw the time when that is going to take place.

I would remind you that the kingdoms of this world are not

Christ's today. As much as we might love our own country, there isn't even one of us who would dare say that our country is a Christian nation. There isn't a one of us who would dare say that this country belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ, much less Russia with its godless leaders — much less China — much less the various nations of the world. They are in the hands of the usurper, Satan, but eventually the Lord Jesus Christ is going to be victorious. Ultimately, Jesus is going to be completely and finally victorious, for some day the kingdoms of this world are going to become the kingdoms of our

God and His Christ.

In Revelation 4-11, we have a continued and continuous chain of events. I think that everything we find in these chapters follows chronologically one event right after the other, but beginning with chapter 12, the remainder of the book is not consecutive so far as the events are concerned. I remind you of this because with the beginning of this chapter the events are overlapping and in the remainder of the book, the events are not in chronological order.

I

THE WOMAN.

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IDIOTS OR NUTS? BEST TO BEHAVE

A preacher was annoyed by people talking and giggling during a service. He paused, looked at the disturbers and said: "I am always afraid to expose those who misbehave for this reason: Several years ago, as I was preaching, a young man who sat before me was laughing, talking and making uncouth grimaces. I stopped and administered a severe rebuke.

"After the service a woman said to me, 'Sir, you have made me very sad. That young man you reproved is an idiot.' Since then I have been afraid to reprove those who misbehave during the church service lest I should repeat the mistake and reprove another idiot." During the remainder of the service the order was excellent.

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"The Book Of Revelation"

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"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travelling in birth, and pained to be delivered."—Rev. 12:1, 2.

The word for wonder doesn't mean something that you can't understand, but it literally means a sign or symbol. In other words, there appeared a great wonder, or sign, or symbol in Heaven.

Let's get the picture of this woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. Can you imagine anything much more beautiful than this woman, who is clothed thus? Surely John doesn't mean to say that this was a literal woman, but he says that it was a wonder, a sign, or a symbol from which you and I, by studying, might learn what the Lord Jesus Christ meant to teach unto us.

If I were to ask the Catholics to interpret this Scripture, they would say that this represents the Virgin Mary. If you were to read any Catholic commentary, you would find that that is the position that the Catholic church takes, without one single exception. They say that this represents the Virgin Mary in all of her glory and in all of her beauty. Well, beloved, I will show you presently that this does not represent the Virgin Mary.

Then there is another interpretation that is placed upon this passage of Scripture that is equally as false. There are those who say that the woman represents the church, and that every time that a church gives birth to a new soul, the Devil is standing there ready to destroy that new-born babe in the Lord Jesus Christ. I will grant you that that application is true. I am ready to grant that every time a person is saved the Devil is ready to destroy that individual, and that he stands ready in his attempt to do so; but that is not what this passage of Scripture means.

Now, beloved, having shown you that I do not believe that this woman represents the Virgin Mary, and that it does not represent a church giving birth to a child of God, I say to you that it represents Israel. Beloved, it represents Israel — not Israel of

the rejection, but it represents Israel in the purpose of Almighty God.

I would remind you that Israel is not now as she should be. Rather, beloved, she is out of her land and afar from the promises of God. Israel now is an Israel of rejection — the Israel who rejected the Lord Jesus Christ, and who in turn has been rejected of God. That Israel is not pictured by this woman, but rather this woman represents Israel as she appears in the purposes of Almighty God.

I say then, as this woman was arrayed with light from head to foot, with a crown of stars upon her head, clothed with the sun and the moon, so this woman is a picture to us of the Jewish nation as they stand in the purposes of Almighty God. In God's plan, everything so far as this world is concerned centers and revolves around the light that radiates from the Jewish nation.

Notice that this woman was with child, for it says, "And she being with child cried, travelling in birth, and pained to be delivered." I think that those birth pains that are spoken of are but the prophecies of the Lord Jesus Christ that are given to us in the Old Testament.

In the book of Genesis, we have the first prophecy that was ever given in the Bible. In fact, it is the fountain-head of all the balance of the prophecies. All the rest of the prophecies flow out from this one. We read:

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."—Gen. 3:15.

You will notice that God says there is going to be enmity between the Devil and the woman and between the Devil and the seed of the woman. Beloved, there was never but one person who could be called the seed of the woman, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. All of us are the result of the combined seed of man and woman, but the Lord Jesus Christ is the seed of the woman.

When I say this, you know at once that I believe in the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, I say that it is nothing short of the vilest blasphemy when any modernist denies the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's notice another prophecy: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."—Gen. 49:10.

Here is a prophecy that Jesus Christ is to be born of the tribe of Judah. As I turn through the Word of God and see these prophecies, I say that they are nothing more nor less than the birth pains of Israel, as Israel was to give birth to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice again: "I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheh."—Num. 24:17.

Here is a prophecy that was uttered by Balaam. It was a Messianic prophecy of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you will study it carefully, you will see that it can refer to no one but the Lord Jesus Christ. When I read it, I can see Israel travelling to give birth to the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Psalms 22:1-18, we have the picture of the darkest hours of the Lord Jesus Christ. Verse 1 is a picture of the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus. Listen:

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?"

These are the very words that Jesus spoke when hanging upon the Cross. When I read it, I can see that this woman, Israel, has had another birth pain, and she is travelling to be delivered of the babe, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's notice again:

"But thou, Bethlehem, Ephraim, though thou be little among

the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."—Micah 5:2.

In this prophecy, we read of the very place where Jesus was to be born—the city of Bethlehem.

Listen again:

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."—Isa. 53:5, 6.

Every time I read one of these prophecies, I see in it a birth pain so far as Israel is concerned. I believe that this woman who is spoken of as a wonder, or a sign, or a symbol which appears in Heaven, represents Israel, and the birth pains that she is experiencing are nothing more nor less than the prophecies as to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to this world. If I took the time, I could show you that numerous Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled in a few hours before, and including the time when Jesus Christ was hanging upon the Cross of Calvary. Every one of these Old Testament prophecies find their fulfillment in the life and experience of Jesus, thus giving to us one after another of these birth pains in producing and bringing forth the Lord Jesus Christ into the world.

II

THE DRAGON.

"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red DRAGON, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his head. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."—Rev. 12:3, 4.

This second wonder is none other than the Devil.

"Oh," you say, "Brother Gilpin, do you still believe that there is a Devil?" Beloved, I would just like to know who it is that causes me so much trouble and difficulty if it isn't the Devil.

I am reminded in that respect of the two little boys who were talking about Santa Claus and about other things in general. Finally, one of them got around to the Devil, and he said, "Oh, there isn't any Devil; he is just like Santa Claus—it's your Pa."

Well, beloved, that is rather hard on some of us "Pa's," but I just don't believe the little boy was exactly right in his theology.

I say, beloved, I believe in the Devil. So far as I am concerned, he is just as real to me as the Lord Jesus Christ. The only difference is that the Lord Jesus Christ is real to me for good, whereas the Devil is real to me for evil. He is just as real as the Son of God, and I feel sorry for the individual that the Devil isn't real to.

I often think of a preacher whom I knew years ago who went into a community to pastor a church. The first time he preached in that church he announced that he didn't believe in a Devil, and, beloved, it wasn't three weeks before the congregation raised him one.

Well, I am of the opinion that any Baptist preacher that stays around a Baptist church very long will soon find that there is a Devil. He will soon find out with but very little experience that there is a personal Devil within this world.

God's Word tells us that there is a literal Devil within the world. We read:

"The enemy that sowed them is THE DEVIL; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels."—Mt. 13:39.

The person who says that there is no Devil has to say that the Son of God falsified when He gave His own interpretation of the parables of the tares, whereby he said that "the enemy that sowed them is the devil." Beloved, I say to you, I not only

believe what the Bible says about the Devil, but I especially accept the words of Jesus when He said that there is a personal Devil.

Notice again:

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary THE DEVIL, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."—I Peter 5:18.

"But Peter said, Ananias, why hath SATAN filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?"—Acts 5:3.

Beloved, who is it that put this wicked purpose into the heart of Ananias? Who is it that puts wicked purposes into your heart and mine? It is the Devil—the same one that is spoken of here, who put this wicked purpose into the hearts of Ananias and Sapphira.

As the poet says:

"Men don't believe in a Devil now,

As our fathers used to do; They have forced the door of the broadest creed,

To let his form pass through.

There isn't a print of his cloven hoof,

Nor a fiery dart from his bow To be found in earth or in air today,

For the world has voted so.

But who is mixing this fatal draught

That palsies both heart and brain

And loads the bier of each passing year

With ten hundred thousand slain?

Who clogs the steps of the toiling saint,

And digs the pit for his feet? Who sows the tares in the field of time,

Wherever God sows His wheat?

Ah, the Devil is voted not to be

And of course the thing is true; But who is doing the kind of work

The Devil alone should do?

They say he does not go about

Like a roaring lion now, But whom shall we hold responsible

For the everlasting row,

To be heard in home, in church, in state,

To earth's remotest bounds, If the Devil, by a unanimous vote,

Is nowhere to be found?

Won't somebody step to the front

forthwith, And make his bow, and show,

How the frauds and crimes of a single day

Spring up? We want to know.

Oh, the Devil is fairly voted out. And of course the Devil's gone. But simple folk would like to know

Who carries his business on."

Revelation 12:3 contains two descriptive adjectives concerning the Devil—"great" and "red." He is great, beloved. When you consider what he has done in the last six thousand years, you will have to admit that the Devil is great in power.

Then he is spoken of as being red. Of course, that is the color of blood, which would indicate that the Devil is a murderer. Beloved, that is exactly what he is. Notice:

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do: he was a MURDERER from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it."—John 8:44.

Who did the Devil ever murder? Go back to the Garden of Eden and you will find Adam and Eve living there within that garden, in all of its beauty and with everything that they could ask for. One day, Satan, impersonating a snake, made his way into that garden and suggested that temptation to Eve, which she turned passed on to Adam; with the result that while she was deceived, Adam sinned with his eyes wide open. Consequently, sin entered the human family. Beloved, what happened that day? The Devil murdered Adam and Eve spiritually. They were not the only ones murdered that day. Would you believe me when I say that everyone of us were murdered spiritually that day, just like Adam and Eve, for Adam is our federal head. We read:

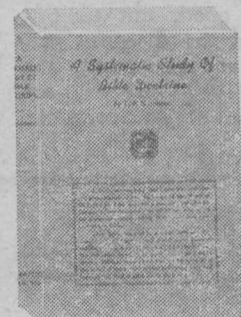
"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so DEATH PASSED UPON ALL MEN, for that all have sinned."—Rom. 5:12.

Unless you have been saved, you stand today in the sight of God murdered spiritually. Every once in a while I hear a preacher over the radio talk about the fact of there being a little bit of good in everybody, and that all he needs to do is to get in the right environment and that spark of divinity will burst forth into a flame, with the result that that individual will be walking in communion with the Lord. Beloved, I say to you, a man who dares to make such an assertion is certainly speaking contrary to the Word of God, because there isn't a spark of divinity about any man.

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Anything God can not use, we can well afford to do without.

Spurgeon's Comments As To The Use Of Commentaries

By C. H. SPURGEON
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In order to be able to expound the Scriptures, and as an aid to your pulpit studies, you will need to be familiar with the commentators: a glorious army, let me tell you, whose acquaintance will be your delight and profit. Of course, you are not such wiseacres as to think or say that you can expound the Scriptures without assistance from the works of divine and learned men who have laboured before you in the field of exposition. If you are of that opinion, pray remain so, for you are not worth the trouble of conversion, and like a little coxswain who think with you, would present the attempt as an insult to our infallibility. It seems odd, that certain men who talk so much of what the Holy Spirit reveals to themselves, should think a little of what He has revealed to others. My chat this afternoon was not for these great originals, but for you who are content to learn of holy men, taught of God, and with mighty in the Scriptures.

It has been the fashion of late years to speak against the use of commentaries. If there were any such, they would be exalted into Chris- tian Targums, we would join the chorus of objectors, but the ex- tence or approach of such a dan- ger we do not suspect. The temp- tations of our times lie rather in empty pretensions to novelty of sentiment, than in a slavish fol- lowing of accepted guides. A re- spectable acquaintance with the opinions of the giants of the past, might have saved many an er- ratic thinker from wild inter- pretations and outrageous inferences.

Usually, we have found the de- prisers of commentaries to be men who have no sort of acquaintance with them; in their case, it is the opposite of familiarity which has bred contempt. It is true that there are a number of expositions of the whole Bible which are hardly worth shelf-room; they aim at too much and fail alto- gether; the authors have spread a little learning over a vast sur- face, and have badly attempted for the entire Scriptures what they might have accomplished for one book with tolerable success, but who will deny the pre-emi- nent value of such expositions as

those of Calvin, Ness, Henry, Trapp, Poole, and Bengel, which are as deep as they are broad? and yet further, who can pretend to Biblical learning who has not made himself familiar with the great writers who spent a life in explaining some one sacred book? . . .

The best commentators, after all, are those who have written upon only one book. Few men can comment eminently well upon the whole Bible; there are sure to be some weak points in colos- sal works; prolixity in so vast an undertaking is natural, and dull- ness follows at its heels—but a life devoted to one of the in- spired volumes of our priceless Bible, must surely yield a noble result. . . .

Commentaries are called "dead men's brains" by certain know- ing people, who claim to give us nothing in their sermons but what they pretend the Lord reveals di- rect to themselves. Yet these men are by no means original, and often their supposed inspiration is but borrowed wit. They get a peep at Gill on the sly. The re- marks which they give forth as the Spirit's mind are very infe- rior in all respects to what they affect to despise, namely, the mind of good and learned men.

A batch of poems was sent me some time ago for *The Sword And The Trowel*, which were written by a person claiming to be under the immediate influence of the Holy Spirit. He informed me that he was passive, and that what was enclosed was written under the physical and mental influence of the Spirit upon his mind and hand. My bookshelves can show many poems as much superior to these pretended in- spirations as angels are to blue- bottles; the miserable doggerel bore on its face the evidence of imposture.

So when I listen to the sense- less twaddle of certain wise men who are always boasting that they alone are ministers of the Spirit, I am ashamed of their pretensions and of them. No, my dear friends, you may take it as a rule that the Spirit of God does not usually do for us what we can do for our- selves, and that if religious knowl- edge is printed in a book, and we can read it, there is no necessity for the Holy Ghost to make a fresh revelation of it to us in

order to screen our laziness. Read, then, the admirable com- mentaries. Yet be sure you use your own minds too, or the ex- pounding will lack interest.



CHARLES H. SPURGEON

Famous pastor of Metro- politan Tabernacle, London; editor of "Sword and Trow- el;" founder of Pastor's Col- lege; published thousands of books, pamphlets and tracts to the ingathering of hosts of God's elect. Born June 19, 1834; died January 31, 1892. A Baptist and a Calvinist by the grace of God.

Here I call to mind two wells in the courtyard of the Doge's pal- ace at Venice, upon which I look- ed with much interest. One is filled artificially by water brought in barges from a distance, and few care for its insipid contents; the other is a refreshing natural well, cool and delicious, and the people contend for every drop of it. Freshness, naturalness, life, will always attract, whereas mere borrowed learning is flat and in- sipid.

Mr. Cecil says that his plan was, when he laid a hold of a Scripture, to pray over it, and to get his own thoughts on it, and then, after he had so done, to take up the ablest divines who wrote upon the subject, and see what their thoughts were.

If you do not think and think much, you will become slaves and mere copyists. The exercise of your own mind is most healthful to you, and by perseverance, with divine help, you may expect to get at the meaning of every under- standable passage. So to rely upon your own abilities as to be un- willing to learn from others, is clearly folly; as to study others as not to judge for yourself is im- becility.—(From *Commenting and Commentaries*).

Jesus Christ, was promoting the cause of Satan!

God's Truth remains the same today! Every man, woman or per- son who comes to you as the fol- lower of Jesus Christ and yet re- jects the Blood of Jesus Christ as the Way of Salvation is deny- ing the Bloody Gospel and is serv- ing Satan. Every man or woman who preaches to you Jesus Christ and does not present Him as your Substitute for sin is a servant of Satan. Everyone who preaches to you of the sciences instead of flowing blood from the Saviour's wounds is the servant of Satan; no matter what his ordination, degree, or recommendation may be. Everyone who presents to you a theological theory devoid of Jesus' Blood, instead of the tor- turous sufferings of the Son of God who purchased Salvation on Calvary's Tree for every one who will receive it, is a preacher of darkness and not of light. Every- one who stands to enunciate ser- mons or lectures drawn from so- ciological, psychological, and oth- er surveys and who denies or questions the security which can be found only in the Supreme Sacrifice of the Lord of Glory amidst the squalor of Golgotha's Summit is in the supercilious and wilful service of Satan.

Tragically there still remains in the minds of many the question as to what God teaches concern- ing the Gospel. Consequently, many who stand in the pulpits and lecterns of our nation take it upon themselves to talk about the Gospel this, the Gospel that, or the Gospel the other thing. And yet, void of a living faith in the Son of God themselves, all such can produce are rightly- sparsed sermonettes or pretty speeches. Such as these are like the Scribes and Pharisees who walked in long robes—bearing the marks and degrees of worldly wis- dom—while the man of God stood out by an unsanitary pool in stinking skins to proclaim God's Message, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

Many of the above can speak profusely about the love of God but they never tell about the eternal Holiness of God. They may speak concerning the sweet- ness of the Spirit of God but they never tell about the Power. They may even discuss the ethical per- fection of God but they never let themselves consider what they call "a slaughter-house religion"

and neither do they bother to tell others that unless they are wash- ed in the Blood of the Lamb they will be doomed and damned to an everlasting Hell, which burns with fire and brimstone, by a Just God.

Yes, all kinds of pretty speech- es are coming from behind pul- pits and lecterns today. But, my dear friends, there is only one kind of a speech which can do a lost soul one particle or scintilla of good; that is the Word of God concerning "Jesus Christ dying for our sins according to the Scriptures."

No infidel, no agnostic, no com- munist, no renegade, no criminal, and no Devil from Hell ever did or can do more evil than the man who stands supposedly to preach the Gospel and then denies the Substitutionary, Bloody Sacrifice of the Son of God. Satan has his servants who boldly denounce the tenets of the Christian faith; Sat- an has his servants who brazenly question the validity of the Chris- tian faith; and Satan has his ser- vants who announce their disbe- liefs and insidiously attempt to overthrow God's eternal purposes. But the most faithful servants that Satan has and the most effect- ual followers upon whom Satan can depend are those men and women who stand to call them- selves Christians but who deny the Plan, the Faith, and the Pur- poses of Almighty God which are eternally established in the Bloody, ignominious death of His Son on Calvary's Cross.

Christianity And The Blood

"Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission." This is the cry of God throughout all ages; past, present, and future. And, "Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission," is the continuous and total end of all eternally effectual earthly tes- timony and witness.

Peter, having come to a living faith in the Crucified Lamb of God and born-again by the quick- ening power of God's Holy Spirit, stood one day to cry, "Forasmuch as ye know that you were not re- deemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot."—I Peter 1:9. And John echoed this wondrous truth with, "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from

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changed His Plan, His Order, or His Way of Salvation. Either a man dies for his own sins and is forever damned or another, a Perfect Substitute, must die in his place. From the beginning it has been so. And the eternal ages will proclaim the wisdom of the Bloody Purposes of Almighty God.

Men may rebel against it, men may claim such to be a perversion of God's Justice, and men may deny it and preach a bloodless Gospel so long as their mortal lives shall last. But while the eternal ages roll, their cries of anguish and the cries of those whom they have deceived, mis- led, and damned by false and unscriptural doctrines will ascend from a burning Lake of Fire.

God is a Holy God, God is a Righteous God, and God is a Just God. And no matter how sincerely or how earnestly men may op- pose His Eternal Design, His Holiness, Righteousness, and Justice will reign and be established as Sovereign over those who reject His Grace which is manifested in Salvation only through the Shed Blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. Hear it, O Soul, to the end of

your travels on earth and to the end of your days, and let it ever resound and reverberate through your mind; a Just and a Holy God will send every soul who re- jects the Bloody Sacrifice of His Son to an eternal Hell of contin- uous conscious torment. This truth is made graphically clear in God's Word, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prop- het are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever . . . And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."—Rev. 20:10, 15.

The Word of God does not speak only of condemnation. For all who have ears to hear and eyes to see, it proclaims also, "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures," and again, "He that believeth on him is not condemn- ed; but he that believeth not is condemned already . . ."—I Cor. 15:3 and John 3:18.

The Religious versus The Blood

Across America the Holy Word of God is being rejected by many who claim to be friends of God. Voices of many are crying for your sacrifices; they want your money; they want your time; and they want your blood. But such sacrifices did not save Babylon, Sodom, or Rome, and they did not save Cain, the son of Adam. Cain brought his sacrifice; in religious form not unlike that of his brother Abel. But coming

with the fruit of the field and in the strength of the flesh, he came without blood and without faith in the Lamb of God and went out to a life tormented by his sinful rejection and into eternal damnation without hope. Abel, however, brought his Bloody Sacrifice which proclaimed his faith in the Lamb of God and forever and forever the Courts of Heaven ring with, "Abel was accepted in the Beloved." Abel was accepted in the Be- loved through the Blood!

Ahab and Jezebel and 400 prophets of Baal stood on the mount and cried unto the gods of the heavens for the fires of Heaven but without faith in the Blood of God's Perfect Lamb their cries went unanswered. Then Elijah rose up and sacrificed and poured out the blood and mingled it with water until his sacrifice was impervious to earthly flames. And through faith in the Blood of God's Appointed Sacrifice, he called upon the God of Glory and before the assembled hosts the Heavens were opened and the Fires of God's very Presence re- ceived his bloody sacrifice.

Peter stood on the Mount with the Lord Jesus Christ one day and, in the heat of his humanity, rejected the idea that the Son of God should shed His Blood for the sins of men. But in this Jesus pointed to him as the servant of Satan. Peter, in rejecting the Bloody Sacrifice and in refusing the Substitutionary Sacrifice of

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

Heaven

By J. C. Ryle

There is a glorious dwelling-place provided by Jesus Christ for all His believing people. The world that now is, is not their rest. They are pilgrims and strangers in it. Heaven is their home.

There will be a place in Heaven for all sinners who have fled to Christ by faith and trusted in Him, for the least as well as the greatest. Abraham took care to provide for all his children, and God takes care to provide for His. None will be disinherited. None will be cast out. None will be cut off. Each shall stand in his lot, and have a portion in the day when the Lord brings many sons to glory. In our Father's house are many mansions.

The Inheritance Of The Saints

What mortal man can explain the full nature of the inheritance of the saints? Who can describe the glory which is yet to be revealed and given to the children of God? Words fail us. Language falls short. Mind cannot conceive fully, and tongue cannot express perfectly, the things which are comprised in the glory yet to come upon the sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty. It is indeed a true saying of the apostle John, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be."—I John 3:2.

The Bible lifts only little the

veil which hangs over this subject. How could it do more? We could not thoroughly understand more, if more had been told us. Our constitution is as yet too earthly, our understanding is as yet too carnal to appreciate more, if we had it. The Bible generally deals with the subject in negative terms, and not in positive assertions. It describes what there will not be in the glorious inheritance, that thus we may get some faint idea of what there will be. It paints the absence of certain things in order that we may drink in a little of the blessedness of the things present. It tells us that the inheritance is incorruptible, undefiled, and fadeth not away. It tells us that the Devil is to be bound, that there shall be no more night and no more curse, that death shall be cast into the lake of fire, that all tears shall be wiped away, and that the inhabitants shall no more say, "I am sick." And these are glorious things indeed! No corruption! No fading! No withering! No Devil! No curse of sin! No sorrow! No tears! No sickness! No death! Surely the cup of the children of God will indeed run over!

The Glory Yet To Come

But, there are positive things told us about the glory yet to (Continued on next page)

"I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—Matt. 16:18.

"I will be with you alway, even unto the end of the age."—Matt. 28:21.

The question as to the origin of Baptists has risen within the ranks of our denomination. One has contended that our churches cannot be traced further back than 300 years. This is approximately the time of Roger Williams and would infer that he founded the "Baptist church."

In nowise would I seek to dim the luster of the name of our glorious Baptist preacher, Roger Williams, but to link his name with such a thought as that is impossible. This is the story, briefly, of

ROGER WILLIAMS

In October of 1635 he was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony on account of his religious opinions. Driven from white men, he became a missionary to the Indians from whom he bought the land that made up the Providence Plantation.

Friends joined him on the new colony, and they organized a church after the pattern of the New Testament. There was no Baptist minister in the group to whom they could repair for baptism, so Roger Williams was baptized by one of their number, Ezekiel Holliman; and in turn Williams baptized Holliman; and some ten others.

Be that as it may, the case had

no historical repercussions as far as our Baptist churches, our Baptist pastors, and our Baptist policy are concerned. John T. Christian in "A History of the Baptists," Vol. II, p. 40, writes, "This baptism of Williams has been the occasion of much heat and strife; but it is difficult for me to understand what significance it has in Baptist history. So far as is known, not one Baptist church or minister came out of the Providence church of this period or was in anywise affected by the baptism of Williams."

JOHN CLARKE

The real beginning of our Baptist work in Rhode Island came from John Clarke, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newport, organized about the same time that Roger Williams began his work in Providence. Clarke was a Baptist minister before he came to America. He was a "Particular" or Calvinistic Baptist educated at the University of Leyden in Holland.

To him more even than Roger Williams ought to go the credit for the organization of the noble colony of Rhode Island with its grant of full religious liberty to all and certainly must go the distinction of beginning the Baptist work that so marvelously multiplied in America. But even John Clarke would be amazed at the suggestion that he founded the "Baptist Church." He was just one of the long line of Baptist preachers who faithfully proclaimed the truth of Christ through the ages.

WHERE?

All this raises the ultimate question: Where did these people called Baptists come from anyway? Try to find their beginning and you go back and back and back and arrive finally on the banks of the Jordan River where one of their number, a God-called preacher named John, is preparing a people for the coming of Christ. If you stop this side of John the Baptist, you stop too soon. Their story continues all the way through.

"THE TRAIL OF BLOOD"

After the days of the apostles and after the days of the Father a corrupt, apostate hierarchy (Catholic) stamped as heretics a who witnessed to the truth as it was in Christ Jesus. These noble men of God furnished the material for the rack, the dungeon, and the stake in the dark days when the established church (Catholic) took up the bloody sword of persecution. They themselves were not free from all error, but believed God's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and they sealed it with their lives.

THE DONATISTS

For example, the Donatists arising soon after the early Fathers, were known for the purity of their church members, for the independence of their churches and for their custom of baptizing again those who came to them from other groups. They were called Anabaptists, or re-baptizers.

Reduced by fierce and bloody persecutions waged against them by Mitre (Pope) and Crown, they nevertheless multiplied and scattered throughout the empire. The historian, Benedict, says, "For a thousand years after the rise of the Donatists we find them spread along in all parts of Europe, under different names, but recognized by friends and foes as substantially the same people and in the middle of the seventeenth century Fuller, the English ecclesiastical historian, says of the English Baptists that they were Donatists, new dipped."

At the time of the Renaissance and the Reformation these "Anabaptists" sprang up overnight everywhere. They came out of their hiding places where bitter persecution had driven them. Mosheim in his Church History, Vol. IV, p. 428, says of their origin, "The true origin of the Anabaptists is hid in the remote depths of antiquity."

That would be to say, they did not begin with the Reformation. They were reformers before Reformation. Or more truly said, they were the true church and the true people of God, living in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.

EARLY BAPTISTS IN ENGLAND

When the gospel was first carried into Great Britain nobody knows. It was certainly at an (Continued on next page)

The Little Baptist

"My son," said his mother, "I cannot dispute your reasoning. I have been thinking much on this subject of late. I intend to give it a further examination in the light of God's truth, and see if I can find any authority for the practice. The Gospel is, of course, addressed to us personally. Each individual must hear, believe, and obey for himself. I am fully satisfied that the baptism of a child on the faith of its parents, is not the act of the child, nor can it possibly be transferred so as to answer for the child's obedience. No act of a parent can release the child from obligation to obey the commands of Christ whenever it reaches a stage of accountability. Repentance, faith, and baptism are alike personal duties, which cannot be performed by another."

"Well, Mother, this is strange talk to come from one who has always been considered such a reliable and devoted Presbyterian, and has been so much interested in having her children brought up in the same fold. Surely, little sister has turned you into a Baptist, too."

"It is true, Frank, that Mellie did put me to thinking. And thinking and reading together, had gone far toward settling me in the Baptist faith. It has caused me to doubt much that I once accepted as true, just because other people said it was so. I am yet undecided as to what course to pursue, but the more I investigate, the more doubts I have relative to the Bible authority for my baptism, and for infant baptism too. I do think, too, that there is a growing disposition among too many of the different denominations, with our church no less than others in a good degree, to ignore experimental religion. They make it too much of mental training—place too much stress on educating the young to Christianity."

"Surely, Mother, said Frank, 'the better educated people are, the better Christians they will make, for

'If ignorance is bliss,

'Tis folly to be wise.'"

"Very true, my son," continued Mrs. Brown; "the more education the better, if it be rightly used. But I mean that there is with some a reliance on it for salvation. There is a tendency to teach children to be Christians, when they should be taught

that they are sinners, in need of regenerating grace. True religion consists not in mental training, but in a change of heart. And this can only be effected by the power of the Holy Spirit."

"The Saviour said: 'They shall all be taught of God.' Our moral nature is depraved, and something more than education is required to purify it. All the mental culture of the world can not renew the heart of the sinner. So far as it enlightens the judgment, enabling the sinner to realize the necessity of regeneration, it comes in as a valuable acquisition. But if it tends not to humility, there is danger of its proving a curse. For while education increases our responsibility, it can not discover a new way to Heaven, for 'strait is the gate, and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life.' The wise, as well as the ignorant, must humbly trust in Christ, who is the only Name given whereby we may be saved. And it is said that 'the wisdom of men is foolishness with God,' and that there are some things that God has hidden from the wise, and yet revealed unto babes (His children)."

Several days had passed since the last conversation, when Frank came into his mother's room and said: "Now, Mother, I want to show you that there is a virtue in the baptism of infants; else our church and all the other churches that practice it are wrong. How could so many good and wise men be mistaken? And why should they teach that baptism regenerates the child, if it is not so?"

"You are mistaken, Frank," said his mother. "Our church does not teach baptismal regeneration. Nor do any of the other churches, as far as I know. They don't baptize children to make them Christians."

"No, Mother, I am not mistaken; I have the 'documents' on it, as the lawyers say. Here is the Episcopalians' Book of Common Prayer, and in the formula for the baptism of infants, after baptism, the minister says:

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Heaven

(Continued from preceding page) come upon the heirs of God, which ought not to be kept back. There are many sweet, pleasant, and unspeakable comforts in their future inheritance, which all true Christians would do well to consider. There are many words and expressions of Scripture which you and I ought to lay up against the time of need.

Is knowledge pleasant to us now? Is the little that we know of God and Christ and the Bible precious to our souls, and do we long for more? We shall have it perfectly in glory. "Then shall I know even as also I am known."—1 Corinthians 13:12. Blessed be God, there will be no more disagreements among believers! We shall marvel to find how childish and blind we have been.

Is holiness pleasant to us now? Is sin the burden and bitterness of our lives? Do we long for entire conformity to the image of God? We shall have it perfectly in glory. "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing."—Ephesians 5:27. Oh! the blessedness of an eternal good-bye to sin! How many of us, like Naphtali, are goodly in our words, but like Reuben, unstable in our works! Thank God, all this shall be changed!

Is rest pleasant to us now? Do we often feel faint, though pursuing? Do we long for a world in which we need not be always watching and warring? We shall have it perfectly in glory. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."—Hebrews 4:9. The daily, hourly conflict with the world, the flesh, and the Devil, shall at length be at an end. The enemy shall be bound. The warfare shall be over. The wicked shall at last cease from troubling. The weary shall at length be at rest. There shall be a great calm.

Is service pleasant to us now? Do we find it sweet to work for Christ, and yet groan being burdened by a feeble body? Is our spirit often willing, but hampered and clogged by the poor weak flesh? Have our hearts burned within us, when we have been allowed to give a cup of cold water for Christ's sake, and have we sighed to think what unprofitable servants we are? Let us take comfort. We shall be able to serve perfectly in glory, and without weariness. "They . . . serve him day and night in his temple."—

Revelation 7:15.

Is satisfaction pleasant to us now? Do we find the world empty? Do we long for the filling up of every void place and gap in our hearts? We shall have it perfectly in glory. We shall no longer have to mourn over cracks in all our earthen vessels, and thorns in all our roses, and bitter dregs in all our sweet cups. "I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness."—Psalms 17:15.

Is communion with the saints pleasant to us now? Do we feel that we are never so happy as when we are with the excellent of the earth? Are we never so much at home as when in their company? We shall have it perfectly in glory. "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity."—Matthew 13:41. "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds."—Matthew 24:31. Praise be God! We shall see all the saints of whom we have read in the Bible, and in whose steps we have tried to walk. We shall see apostles, prophets, patriarchs, martyrs, reformers, missionaries, and ministers of whom the world was not worthy. We shall see the faces of those we have known and loved in Christ on earth, and over whose departure we shed bitter tears. We shall see them more bright and glorious than they ever were before. And best of all, we shall see them without hurry and anxiety, and without feeling that we only meet to part again. In glory there is no death, no parting, no farewell!

Is communion with Christ pleasant to us now? Do we find His name precious to us? Do we feel our hearts burn within us at the thought of His dying love? We shall have perfect communion with Him in glory. "And so shall we ever be with the Lord."—1 Thessalonians 4:17. We shall be with Him. We shall see His face. These eyes of ours will behold those hands and feet which were pierced with nails, and that head which was crowned with thorns. Surely, if there is rest and peace in following Him by faith on earth, there will be far more rest and peace when we see Him face to face. If we have found it good to follow the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire in the wilderness, we shall find it a thousand times better to sit down in our eternal inheritance with our Joshua in the promised land.

Are You An Heir To This Glory?

If you are not yet among the heirs of glory, how much you are missing! How little true comfort you are enjoying, struggling on, and wearying yourself for mere earthly ends, seeking rest and finding none, chasing shadows and never catching them, wondering why you are not happy, and yet refusing to see the cause, hungry, thirsty, and empty, yet blind to the plenty within your reach, your expectations all perishing, and none to look forward to beyond the grave! Hear the voice of Jesus, and learn of Him! —Tract

The Origin Of Baptists

(Continued from preceding page) early period, possibly in the second century. The historian Cook, in his volume entitled "The Story of the Baptists," p. 72, quoting from an English historian, says: "In England there can be no doubt that Baptist churches existed early in the third century. We are warranted in saying that the early British Christians held the distinctive principles of Baptists. Austin, in the sixth century, had a great deal of trouble with a colony of Baptists in Wales, and used such repressive measures against them as to load his name with infamy."

SPURGEON

Cook then quotes Charles Had-don Spurgeon, "It would not be impossible to show that the first Christians who dwelt in this land were of the same faith and order as the churches now called Baptists. All along our history from Henry II to Henry VIII there are traces of the Ana-Baptists. There must have been a great hive of them on the continent for, despite their being doomed to die almost as soon as they landed, they continued to invade the country to the annoyance of the priesthood and the hierarchy."

About 30 years ago George W. McDaniel, pastor of First Church, Richmond, Va., and one time president of the Southern Baptist Convention, published a little book entitled "The People Called Baptists." I read that book as a boy. It left an indelible impression on my mind. The first page is the following:

"The name 'Christian' was first applied, in derision, to the followers of Christ by enemies at Antioch. The name 'Baptist' was first given, in ridicule, by Pedo-Baptists, opponents of the people who rejected the baptism of babies. Both names, like the cross, have been changed from marks of shame to badges of honor.

HOW AN INFIDEL BLUNDERED

By Daniel Webster

When in Paris some years ago I received an account of a French infidel who happened to find in a drawer of his library some stray leaves from an unknown volume. Although in the constant habit of denouncing the Bible, like many infidel writers, he had never read any part of it. These fugitive leaves contained the prayer of Habakkuk. Being a man of fine literary taste he was captivated with its poetic beauty and hastened to the clubhouse to announce the discovery to his associates. Of course they were anxious to know the name of the gifted author, to which inquiries the gifted infidel replied, "A writer by the name of Habakkuk, of course, a Frenchman!" Judge of the infidel's surprise when informed that the passage he was so enthusiastically admiring was not produced by one of his own countrymen, nor even by one of his own class of so-called free-thinkers, but was penned by one of God's ancient prophets and was contained in that much-despised book, the Bible. This (Hab. 3), I regard, as one of the sublimest passages of inspired literature.



For Little Children

JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS
(Matthew 3:13-17)

Boys and girls, many people think that sprinkling a little water on a person's head is baptism. Others think that pouring a little water over a person's head is baptism. But Baptists believe in doing everything just as Jesus did.

How then was Jesus baptized? Was Jesus sprinkled? Did John pour water on Jesus' head? We all should want to do just as Jesus did, so we should want to be baptized just like He was baptized.

Well, the Bible tells us how Jesus was baptized. It tells us that He came to John the Baptist to be baptized. John was baptizing in a river called Jordan. Jesus came to John, and they both went down into the river Jordan. Here is the verse in the Bible that tells us what happened in the river:

"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved son,

in whom I am well pleased." — Matt. 3:16, 17.

This passage of Scripture clearly shows us how Jesus was baptized. He was put under the water by John, and He came up "out of the water." He was not sprinkled by John, and He did not have any water poured on His head by John. He was immersed in the water.

Wouldn't it be silly for a person to go into a river simply to be sprinkled with water? Boys and girls, did you ever know anyone who went into a river to be sprinkled? I doubt if you have ever known such a thing to happen.

So Jesus was baptized by John. When He came up out of the water, His Father spoke to Him out of Heaven, and said, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." Now, boys and girls, if you want God to be pleased with you, then follow Jesus; that is, if you are a saved person. If you are saved, you please God by following Jesus. And one way you follow Jesus is to be baptized as Jesus was.

But before you are baptized as Jesus was, you must trust His death on the cross to be saved from your sins.

"To be well born is to enter life with advantages. Baptists are justly proud of their parentage—the New Testament. They have an ancient and scriptural origin. Certain characters in history are named as founders of various denominations: the Disciples began with Alexander Campbell; the Methodists with John Wesley, though Wesley never left the Church of England, the Presbyterians with John Calvin; the Lutherans with Martin Luther; and the Church of England with Henry VIII and Cramer's Book of Common Prayer in the reign of Edward VI.

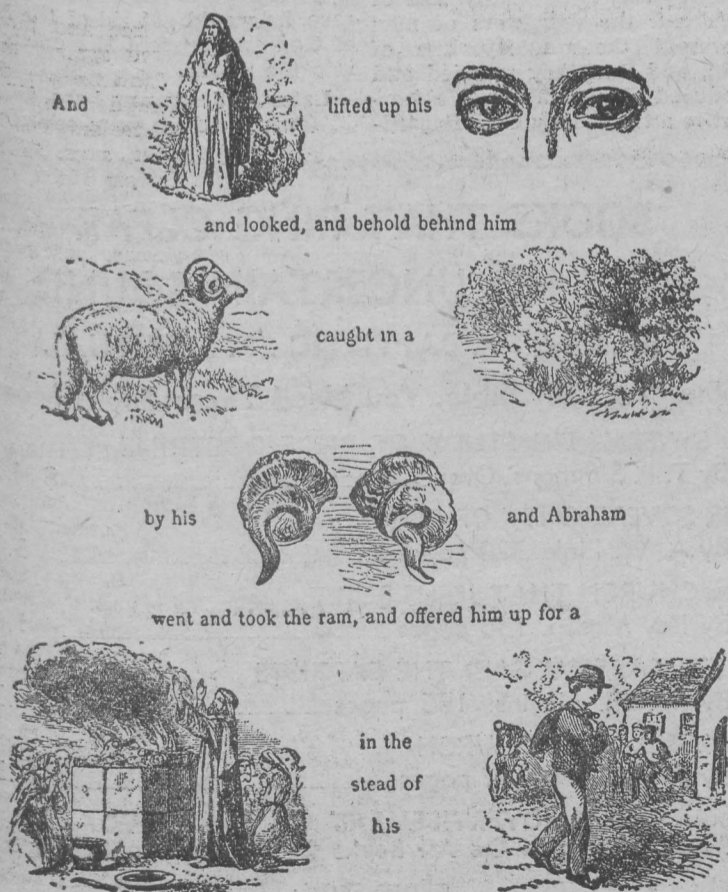
"Not so with the Baptists. There is no personality this side of Jesus Christ who is satisfactory explanation of their origin. The New Testament churches were independent, self-governing bodies like the Baptist churches of today. We originated, not at the

Reformation, nor in the Dark Ages, nor in any century after the Apostles; but our marching orders are the Commission, and the first Baptist church was the first church of Jerusalem. Our principles are as old as Christianity and we acknowledge no founder but Christ."

I BELIEVE THAT—We (Baptist churches) came from the pierced hands of Christ; and the gates of Hell have not, nor ever shall prevail against it. At times its witness has been almost drowned in blood. Days without end its life seemed about to perish in the flames. Its scattered flock suffered no less than its martyred pastors. But it lived. It lives today. It will always live, this loved church of the Lord Jesus Christ, these people called Baptists.

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READ THE BIBLE BY SYMBOLS



"And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering, in the stead of his son."—Genesis 22:13.

"...AND EVERYWHERE THAT MARY WENT..."



"For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." —Rom. 14:7.

His Blood Alone!

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all sin."—I John 1:7.

The sciences proclaim with an ever-increasing crescendo that all peoples have a religion. But in the midst of the welter of all human attempts to approach God with human devices and human works, there is only **One Gospel**. In the historical progression, God has testified in types through the flesh of mortal men and of animals but none of these could save from sin. For sinful men cannot redeem sinful men from sin; sin added to sin equals only sin. But once in the end of the ages, the Son of God came forth. The Lamb of God without spot, the Son of God, even Jesus the Christ, "Who was tempted in all points even as we are, yet without sin," came to take upon Himself the penalty for our sins!

The blood of bulls and goats and lambs in God's required offerings, and even the blood of animals and men in pagan sacri-

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fices, could not save from sin. But Jesus the Christ, "By His Own Blood," He entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained Eternal Redemption for us . . . (and) the Blood of Christ, who through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God . . . is the Mediator of the New Testament, that by the means of death . . . after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the Right Hand of God . . . (and) by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified."—Heb. 9:12, 14, 15; 10:14. And one day for all who believe, the Ramparts of Heaven will ring with this joyous Word, "These are they who came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."—Rev. 7:14.

The Personal Imperative

There is no Gospel other than the **Bloody Gospel**! There is no Gospel other than the Substitutionary Gospel! There is no Gospel apart from, "Jesus Christ and him crucified."—I Cor. 2:2. Peter preached it, Paul preached it, Barnabas preached it, Matthew preached it, Mark preached it, Luke, James, and John preached it! Men of God throughout the ages have preached it, and, by the Grace of God, I preach it. There is no other way into God's Glorious Heaven and eternal Life of Joy and Peace. There is only one way; namely, **The Way of the Cross**, for it was there Jesus shed His Precious Blood.

If you are saved today you are saved by the **Blood of Jesus Christ**. As the man who walked Galilean shores, Jesus saved no one. But as the Son of God who was sacrificed for the sins of men He saves all who will come to Him by simple faith. If you are saved today it is because you have been washed in and covered by the Blood of Jesus Christ which was shed on Calvary's Cross. If you are lost it is because you have rejected Jesus Christ as your Substitutionary, Bloody Sacrifice, your sin-bearer.

If you call yourself a Christian and yet rebel against the idea of Jesus' Blood saving you from sin, you, my friend, are lost and on your way to the Lake of Fire! If you call yourself a Christian and yet rebel against the idea of Jesus dying in your place, you are lost! If you call yourself a Christian and yet don't believe

God will send an unbelieving soul to a Hell of eternal torment, you are lost! If you call yourself a Christian and believe that God can save sinful men without their placing their faith in the Son of God who shed His Blood for the remissions of sins, you are **LOST!**

I point you not to men, I point you not to the theories of men, I point you not to the ideas of men; I point you to the **Revelation of God in Jesus Christ, whom wicked men slew upon the tree**, as we find it in the Holy Word of God, the Bible. I point you not to a system of theology or a denominational creed and neither do I point you to pious priests, false prophets or hypocritical ministers; I point you to the "Lamb of God slain before the foundation of the world" that you might believe and have life and have it abundantly.

I point you not to any one of the world's myriad gospels which are not gospels but instead are Satanic devices; I point you to the **Lamb of God who Himself, in His Work of Death, Burial, and Resurrection, is the only Gospel!** I point you not to a saint and neither do I point you to a sinner; I point you to a Saviour!

Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, alone had and has a Message of Life from Glory for He alone came from Glory. He alone prepares the way for the sinner for He alone made the journey to Calvary and arose in victory. He, then, is your only hope for life, your only hope for salvation, and your only eternal security. **Believe on Him and receive Him NOW!**

As Paul, the Apostle, cried to the jailer who asked, "What must I do to be saved," so I cry to you for time and eternity, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved!!"—Acts 16:31.



"The Book Of Revelation"

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The Apostle Paul, in writing to the church at Ephesus, said:

"And you hath he quickened, who were **DEAD IN TRESPASSES and sins**."—Eph. 2:1.

Beloved, that is why it is that I preach sovereign grace, and that is why it is that I tell people all the time that there is no hope for them by joining the church, or by baptism, or by doing the best they can. That is why I tell people that they can't save themselves, but that the only hope they have is in the Lord Jesus Christ. Beloved, it takes the power of God to make a dead man alive.

If you will notice in the Old Testament, you will find that there were three dead ones who were raised to life. In the Gospels there were three dead ones who were raised to life. Then in the book of Acts you will find two more who were raised to life. In all, not counting Jesus, there were eight who were dead and were raised to life, but in every instance it took the power of God to raise that individual back to life.

I insist, beloved, that it took the power of God to bring the body of Jesus Christ out of the grave, and it takes the same power of God to make a dead sinner alive today. Unless we have been made alive by the power of God, we are dead spiritually, because we were murdered spiritually by the Devil in the Garden of Eden.

Notice also that the Devil is a deceiver:

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which **DECEIVETH the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."—Rev. 12:9.

Beloved, did you ever stop to think how the Devil deceives? As a Christian, does the Devil deceive you? I often say that the biggest problem in all my ministry is knowing whether the Lord is leading or whether the Devil is deceiving, and that is true in the ministry of any of God's preachers. Christian friends,

let me remind you that the Devil can surely deceive us as individuals.

When you go to church and hear a sermon, the Devil will try to deceive you about that sermon. He will tell you that the preacher is lying. Beloved, that is why I read so much Bible when I preach, for I know that the Devil is back in the audience telling the people that it is not true. Beloved, I want them to know that it is so, because I read it out of the Bible. I don't want the argument to be between Gilpin and the Devil, but I want it to be between the God of Heaven and the Devil.

Yes, beloved, the Devil is a deceiver. He will deceive you concerning your Christian responsibilities. He will deceive you concerning the matter of going to church. I ask you, how many times has the Devil made you think you were too sick to go to church? The Devil surely knows how to deceive.

I don't think there is anybody in the world who knows more about the Devil's deception than I, for I confess to you that I have been deceived by him time and time and time again. Therefore I say, if the Devil can take a preacher and deceive him spiritually, materially and physically, surely those who sit in the pews ought to be mighty careful lest the Devil deceive them.

You will notice that the Word of God tells us that the Devil accuses the brethren:

"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which **ACCUSED them before our God day and night**."—Rev. 12:10.

We have an illustration of the Devil as an accuser when he came into the presence of God at the time when the angels came to give an account unto the Lord of their stewardship. Listen:

"And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?"—Job 1:7-9.

In other words, the Devil says that Job is a good man but the only reason that he is serving the Lord is because the Lord is good to him. He was accusing Job in saying that the only reason that Job served the Lord was the fact that the Lord was good to him.

Notice what else this Scripture says of Satan's work:

"And his tail drew the **THIRD PART OF THE STARS of heaven**, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."—Rev. 12:4.

Who are those stars in Heaven? I think we can get the answer to this, when we read:

"When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"—Job 38:7.

This is talking about the angels of God, how they clapped their hands and shouted for joy when they saw this world swing out into space. In other words, the morning stars refer to the angels of God.

Now, beloved, when it speaks about the stars of Heaven and how the Devil drew the third part of them with his tail, I think it means that a third part of the angels were cast out of Heaven along with Satan when he rebelled. We read:

"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."—Jude 1:6.

"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.

Still Standing Despite All The Heretics, Whittlers And Hucksters!



2:4.

I think that these verses tell us when the Devil sinned that he had angels to sin with him.

Now what is the Devil doing in the light of this prophecy in Revelation? Beloved, he is standing before the woman that he might devour the child when he is born. The child refers to the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Devil is waiting for the destruction of the child just as soon as the Jewish nation gives birth to that child.

Beloved, the Devil has fought the Lord Jesus Christ all through the years. If you will read Genesis 3, you will find that the Devil tried to prevent the entrance of the woman's seed into the world. When he learned that the woman was to give birth to a child that was to bruise his head, immediately he took for granted that Abel was that child and he caused Cain to rise up and slay his brother Abel. Cain killed his brother Abel because Abel's gift was acceptable before the Lord, whereas Cain's was not acceptable; but actually, back of it all was the Devil trying to prevent the entrance of the woman's seed into the world when he thought that Abel was the woman's seed who was going to crush his head.

If you will study through the Bible, you will find that the Devil did his best to defeat the purpose of Christ and to keep Him from being born. He nearly succeeded when the sons of God married the daughters of men. I think, beloved, that the sons of God represent the Godly line of Seth and the daughters of men represent the ungodly line of Cain, and that they married and produced a race that was abhorrent to a thrice-holy God. Regard-

less of whether you agree as to this interpretation, I say that the Devil almost succeeded in destroying the race, for there were only eight who survived—Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives.

If you will read a little further, you will find that God revealed that Satan's destroyer was to be born of Abraham's seed. What did the Devil do? He got behind old Pharaoh and caused him to declare that all boy babies born were to be drowned. Beloved, the Devil was back of it because he knew that Satan's destroyer, the seed of the woman, was to come from the seed of Abraham.

A little later God made a further revelation that Satan's destroyer was to be born of the tribe of Judah. When he did so, the Devil immediately caused the kingdom of Israel to be divided with ten kingdoms on the one hand and Judah off by herself on the other. The Devil knew that he could work better through one kingdom for the destruction of the Lord Jesus Christ than he could through the entire nation.

Then later, beloved, you will find a man in Babylon who said, "I will give you twenty million dollars if you will let me put an end to the Jewish race." Can you imagine an individual who was so filled with hatred and malice in his heart that he was willing to spend twenty million dollars to kill off the Jewish race? What was it? Because the Devil knew if he could get rid of the Jewish race, he would get rid of the Son of God and prevent His entrance into the world.

Later on Jesus was born. When

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was thus born, the Devil immediately used King Herod in using him to send forth an edict at all boy babies in the city of Bethlehem were to be destroyed. The Devil had failed to keep the son of God from being born. Now at He had been born, he was trying to destroy Him.

A little later we find Jesus tempted of the Devil when he had him tempting Jesus to take walk with him on the pinnacle of the temple. We read:

"And he brought him to Jerusalem and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, Thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."—Luke 4:9-12.

Beloved, that is just exactly the Holy Roller when he picks up a snake and says that he can handle that snake without being hurt. He is just tempting the Lord.

If you will read in Luke 4, you will find that after Jesus was tempted He went into the temple and started to read from Isaiah, saying, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

He preached in the synagogue, the people were filled with wrath and they took Him out to the brow of the hill to cast Him headlong. It was their desire to kill Him and get rid of the Lord Jesus Christ. Why did they want to kill Him? It was because the Devil was back of it all.

One day we find Jesus speaking about His church. We read: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—Mt. 16:18.

Then Jesus goes on to say that He was going to have to die to cause those who would constitute the membership of His church. When He did so, the Devil spoke through one of His disciples, Lis-

Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me Satan."—Mt. 16:22, 23.

Beloved, it was Simon Peter who spoke, but it was the Devil who was speaking through him. It was the Devil who was back of it all.

Then, beloved, the tail of Satan was wrapped all the way around the Cross of Calvary. He now succeeds where previously he had failed. He couldn't prevent the coming of Jesus, and he hadn't been able to get rid of Him. Now he thinks that he has completely succeeded, and the tail of Satan wrapped all the way around Calvary. Everything that was done here was done because it was tempted by the Devil.

III

THE CHILD.

"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to

his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."—Rev. 12:5, 6.

This child which is spoken of is the Lord Jesus Christ. The Devil fought Israel to prevent Israel from bringing the Lord Jesus Christ into the world, but in spite of it all, God's plans succeeded.

I tell you, beloved, you can't defeat the plans of God. That is why I am so insistent upon the fact that God's elect will be saved. I am not worried one particle lest some of them will not get to Heaven. God isn't going to be defeated. You can't defeat the purpose of God. The Devil tried to defeat the purpose of God but the Lord Jesus Christ was born just the same.

Some of these days, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ is going to rule all nations with a rod of iron. Listen:

"Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."—Psalm 2:9.

I tell you, beloved, there is a day coming when the Lord Jesus Christ is going to rule the world. It makes me happy that there is a day coming when there aren't going to be any Democrats nor any Republicans, and there aren't going to be any Communists nor any Socialists, but we are all going to be under the leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is going to rule the world with a rod of iron. Thank God, you and I as His children are going to rule with Him.

Revelation 12:5 tells us that this child was caught up to God and His throne. This is but a picture of the ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Go out to Mount Olivet and see Him as He lifts Himself up, little by little, into the air. As He does so, I see His disciples as they stand there looking up into the clouds, watching as He passes out of sight. As they thus stand, the angels of God say to them:

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."—Acts 1:11.

Beloved, He was caught up, and thank God, He is coming back.

In between verse 5 and verse 6 of Revelation 12 is the whole of the church period and the first half of the tribulation period. I haven't time to offer definite proof of that, but there is a definite break between verse 5 and verse 6. We are living today in between verse 5 and verse 6. I don't know how far along we are, but I believe that we are getting near the end.

IV

THE HEAVENLY WARFARE.

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."—Rev. 12:7, 12.

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III. Jesus Was Eternal (Jn. 1:1).

John takes us back to the beginning and shows us that the Lord Jesus had no beginning. Cf. Jn. 17:5. He was not created; HE WAS.

IV. Christ Is Called The Word (V. 1).

Cf. Rev. 19:13; Psalm 33:6; Psalm 107:20.

1. A "word" is a symbol of a thought. Words help us to see unseen thoughts. As the Word, Christ, helps us to see the invisible God.

2. A "word" is a method of revelation. One is revealed mentally and morally by His words. Christ as the Word, reveals the attributes of God.

V. Christ Is Divine. (V. 1 "was God").

He is not a creature, an angel, or any being inferior to God. He is the very God. Cf. Jn. 10:30-38; Jn. 12:45; Jn. 14:9-11. Unitarianism, Christian Science, and Russellism (they maintain that Christ is only a creature and not God) fail when viewed in the light of this text.

VI. Christ Is One of the Trinity (V. 1 "with God").

Cf. Jn. 17:5; Col. 2:9.

VII. Christ Is Separate From God (V. 2).

He is a distinct personality, separate from the Father and the Spirit.

VIII. Christ Was Creator (V. 3).

Cf. Heb. 1:2, 3; Col. 1:16; Eph. 3:9. This proves He is Divine, for none but God can create. Evolution comes to its deathbed by this verse.

IX. Christ is the Source of Life (V. 4a).

He is the Fountain of Life. As Life-Giver, He is the source of physical, mental, spiritual, and resurrection life.

X. Christ Is The Light of Men (V. 4b).

Cf. Jn. 8:12. The only light which this world knows is Jesus. Agnosticism, infidelity, philosophy, and science cannot lighten the world. Christ only is Light!

XI. The Relation of This Sin-Blinded World To This Light-giving Christ (V. 5a).

Cf. Psa. 51:5; Psa. 58:3. This shows each person is born depraved. All are in darkness, yet Christ bears witness to all.

XII. The Reaction of This Sin-Blinded World To This Light-giving Christ (V. 5b).

Cf. Jn. 3:19. All other darkness fades away before light, but moral darkness is hopeless. The fact that the darkness does not apprehend the light shows how depraved that fallen human nature really is.

XIII. John The Baptist Came From God (V. 6).

Cf. Mal. 3:1; Isa. 40:3.

XIV. John Came To Bear Witness For Christ (V. 7).

When the sun is shining, only the blind need to be told that it is shining. How pathetic the condition of man! Christ, the light of the world, shining before men, yet God must send Christ to bear witness of the Light. Oh, how blind is man!

1. This shows the office of a preacher. He is to be a witness to tell what he knows.

2. This tells us what a preacher should preach—Christ. Cf. I Cor. 1:23.

3. This shows the purpose of preaching—"that men might believe." Cf. I Cor. 1:21.

XV. John Is Not To Be Confused With Jesus (V. 8).

He is separate and distinct. Christ is the Creator; John was the creature.

XVI. Christ is the True Light (V. 9).

He was not a type nor a shadow, but the real Light. Cf. John 9:5; John 12:46.

XVII. Christ Lights All (V. 9b).

Christ casts His Light on every human being in the world. We speak of heathen darkness. This

verse would tell us of heathen light as well. Christ lights all, so all are without excuse before God.

XVIII. The World Rejected Christ (V. 10).

The one who made the world was in the world for 33 years, yet He received no hearty welcome, but rather, "The world knew him not." Cf. Rev. 1:19-22. How pathetic this is!

XIX. Prophecy Is Fulfilled (V. 11).

Cf. Isa. 53:2. This prophecy of His rejection is thus fulfilled when His own subjects received Him not.

XX. God is not defeated (V. 12).

Cf. Prov. 19:21.

XXI. The Human Side Of Salvation (V. 12).

On the human side, one is saved by receiving Christ by faith. Cf. Jn. 5:24; Gal. 3:8, 9.

XXII. Sons of God (V. 12).

The more correct translation would be "children of God." Notice that no one becomes a child of God until he receives Christ. Then the heresy of the "Fatherhood of God" is proved a perversion.

XXIII. Heredity Won't Save (V. 13 "not of blood").

Salvation is not by inheritance because of Godly parents. The Presbyterian doctrine of inherited grace fails when tried by this verse. Cf. I Cor. 15:50.

XXIV. Reformation Won't Save (V. 13 "nor the will of the flesh").

Salvation cannot be obtained through human effort. Cf. Rom. 8:8.

XXV. Religion Won't Save (V. 13 "nor of the will of man").

The new birth cannot be brought about through the powers of the preacher, church ordinances nor the priesthood.

XXVI. Who Receives Christ (V. 13).

Only those who are born of God. Cf. Acts 13:48; Rom. 11:5; Eph. 1:4; Salvation is of God and not of man.

XXVII. God Became Flesh (V. 14).

This verse is an explanation of verse 1.

1. Jesus took upon Him a human nature. Cf. Rom. 8:3; Phil. 2:5-8.

2. However, He did not cease to be God, for God cannot cease to be God.

3. While He had human flesh, yet He was sinless. Cf. Heb. 7:26; I Pet. 1:18, 19.

4. His body was a prepared body, with no taint of sin in it.

5. This union of the two natures, is one of the mysteries of our faith. Cf. I Tim. 3:16.

XXVIII. The Early Disciples Directly Beheld His Glory (V. 14).

They beheld His supernatural birth (Lk. 2:8, 9); His transfiguration (Mt. 17: II Pet. 1:16-18); His miracles; and above all, God's fathomless grace and truth. We too can behold this same glory indirectly through reading His Word. Cf. II Cor. 3:18.

XXIX. John's Witness To Jesus' Divinity (V. 15).

Historically, John was born six months before Jesus. When John says Jesus was "before him" he refers to His external existence and thus to Christ's divinity.

XXX. Christ's Fullness (V. 16).

This is another reference to His deity. Cf. Col. 2:9.

XXXI. What We Have Received From Christ (V. 16).

What is it we have not received! Out of His fullness, we have received life (Jn. 10:28); peace (Jn. 14:27); joy (Jn. 15:11); the Holy Spirit (Jn. 20:22). Above all else, we have received grace upon (heap-ed up) grace.

XXXII. Grace Came By Christ (V. 17).

The law of Moses couldn't help man. Cf. Rom. 8:3; grace and truth (inseparable verities) came by Christ for man's redemption.

XXXIII. The Only One Who Ever Saw God, The Father, Is Jesus (V. 18).

All the manifestations of God in the Old Testament were not manifestations of the Father, but of God, the Son. Since no one has ever seen the Father, the Son came to declare Him. This verse summarizes the whole of these first eighteen verses of this Gospel.

During the tribulation period, gels. As a result, the Devil is going to be cast out once and for all.

V

THE TRIBULATION.

If you will read the rest of the chapter of Revelation 12, you will see how the Devil is going to persecute the elect of God during the tribulation period. But notice, they are going to be victorious over the Devil, and that by the blood of the Lamb. There is only one way that anyone can get victory over the Devil, and that is by the blood of the Lord Jesus

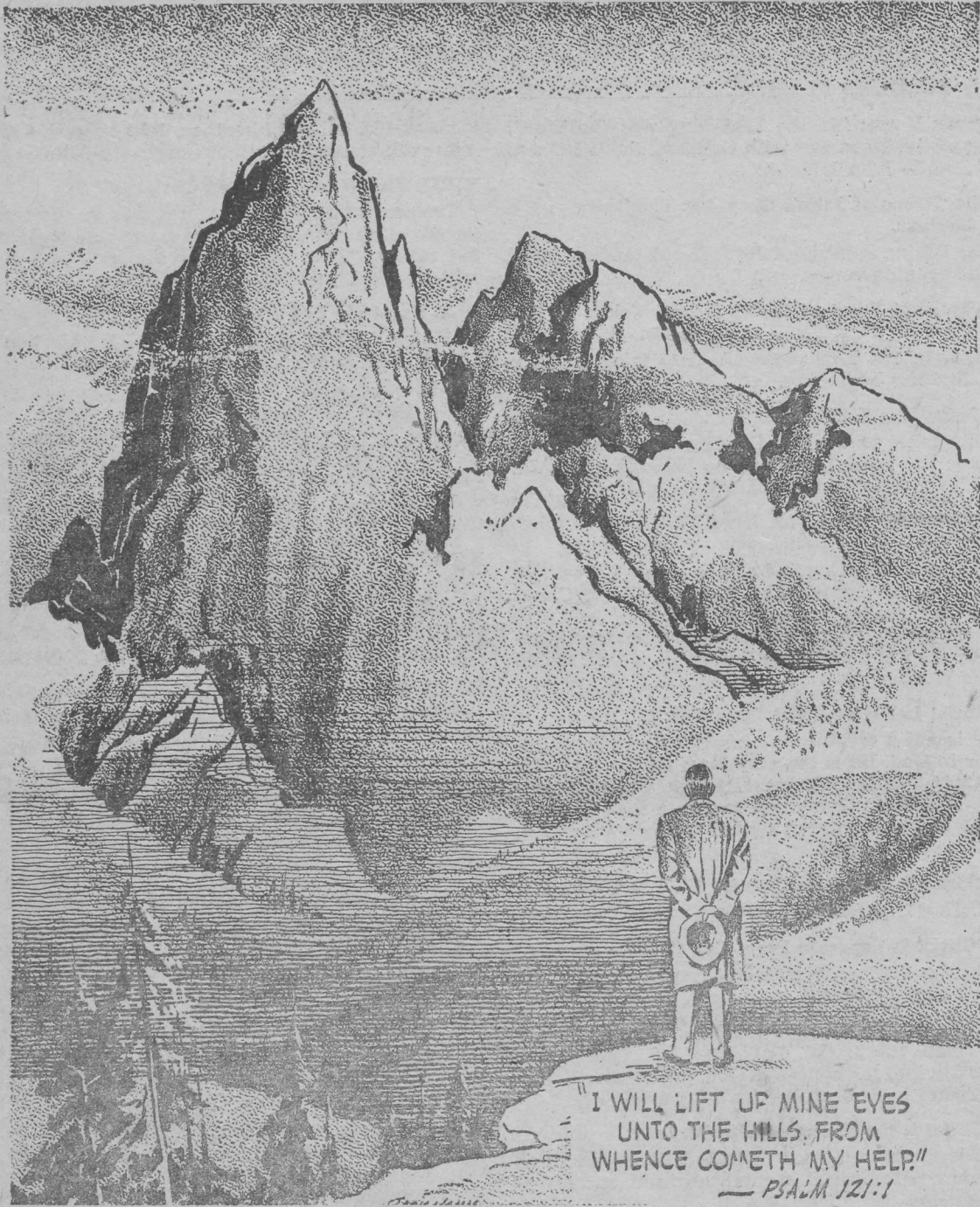
Christ. There are some people in this world that I feel sorry for. They are so sincere and yet they are Scripturally ignorant. I know some people who will tell you that they find the Devil in the piano but Christ in the tuning fork. They will tell you that you (Continued on page eight)

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"I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES
UNTO THE HILLS, FROM
WHENCE COMETH MY HELP."
—PSALM 121:1

"I Should Like To Know"

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from God. (Matthew 27:46).

Physical death is the separation of the soul from the body. (Luke 16:22, 23).

The second death is the final and eternal separation of the unsaved in the "lake of fire" (Rev. 20:1-15. That the second death is not annihilation, see Revelation 19:20 and Revelation 20:10).

We might also say that "destruction" is not annihilation, either. Something can be destroyed without being annihilated. There is much destruction of property, buildings, goods, etc., in war, but such things are not annihilated.

It will certainly be destruction for the unsaved in Hell—destruction of peace, joy, happiness, pleasure, rest; destruction from all that the saints of God have in Heaven; but no annihilation.

"The Book Of Revelation"

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can be baptized and go to Heaven, but if you were to get there, beloved, it wouldn't be because of Christ getting you there, but it would be because you had the strength to outrun the Devil. I feel sorry for them, beloved, since they are practically all unsaved. If one of them gets to Heaven, it will be because he is saved by the blood and not by the water. I tell you, beloved, as surely as there is a God in Heaven, the only way that the Devil can be overcome is by the blood of the Lamb.

We are living in a modern day when modern science has added a "less" to just about everything. We have horseless buggies, smokeless shells, iceless refrigerators, beardless wheat, and seedless fruit. We have all these things that are improvements over the past, and the sad thing today is

that we have a bloodless religion in most of our churches. I grant you, beloved, that horseless buggies, smokeless shells, iceless refrigerators, beardless wheat, and seedless fruit are improvements over the past, but a bloodless twentieth century religion will send souls to a first century Hell.

Beloved, I thank God that we have victory over the Devil through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I like to sing:

"What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood, nothing
but the blood;

What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood, nothing
but the blood.

What can pay sin's old back debt?
Nothing but the blood, nothing
but the blood;

What can make me a Christian yet?
Nothing but the blood, nothing
but the blood."

Thank God for the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Spurgeon's School

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are now declaring the gospel of Jesus who were trained in this manner. Besides the students for the regular ministry, several hundreds of street preachers, city missionaries, teachers, and workers of all kinds have passed through our evening classes, and a band of 250 such men are now with us, pursuing their callings by day and studying in the evening. We ask for much prayer from all our brethren, that the supply of the Spirit may sanctify the teaching, and anoint every worker for the service of the Lord.

As it would be quite unwarrantable for us to interfere with the arrangements of other bodies of Christians, who have their own methods of training their min-

isters, and as it is obvious that we would not find spheres for men in denominations with which we have no ecclesiastical connection; we confine our college to Baptists; and in order not to be harassed with endless controversies, we invite those only who hold those views of divine truth which are popularly known as Calvinistic—not that we care for names and phrases, but as we wish to be understood, we use a term which conveys our meaning as nearly as any descriptive word can do. Believing the grand doctrines of grace to be the natural accompaniments of the fundamental evangelical truth of redemption by the blood of Jesus, we hold and teach them not only in our ministry to the masses, but in the more select instruction of the class room. Latitudinarianism (modernistic pussy-footing with God's Word—Editor) with its infidelity, and unsectarianism with its intolerance, are neither of them friends of ours: we delight in the man who believes, and therefore speaks. Our Lord has given us no permission to be liberal with what is none of ours. We are to give an account of every truth with which we are put in trust.

Our means for conducting this work are with the most High God, possessor of Heaven and earth. We have no list of subscribers or roll of endowments. Our trust is in Him whom we desire to serve. He has supported the work for many years, by moving His stewards to send us help, and we are sure that He will continue to do so as long as He desires us to pursue this labour of love. We need, at least, 100 pounds every week of the year. Since our service is gratuitous in every sense, we the more freely appeal to those who agree with us in believing that to aid an earnest young minister to equip himself for his life-work, is a worthy effort. No money yields so large a return, no work is so important, just now none is so absolutely needful.

(From "Lectures To My Students" by C. H. Spurgeon, \$5.95. Order from us.)



REVIEWED

Thirty Years A Watch Tower Slave (The Confessions of A Converted Jehovah's Witness) by William J. Schnell; Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 207 pages, \$2.95.

For those who wish to know the facts as to the inner workings of the modern Watch Tower propaganda machine, this book is an absolute necessity. Here is a man who helped make the Watch Tower what it was years ago in Germany—a religion that almost took Germany. He later came to the United States and labored in this country, helping to develop the Watch Tower along the same lines first used in Germany.

Since we have previously published Baker Book House's article describing this book, we will not go into any further detail in reviewing this book. But too much, I hardly think, can be said as to the value of this book. It undoubtedly will have a great and useful ministry, and will cause much dissatisfaction on the part of the leaders of the Watch Tower machine.

By all means, order this book today!

Jehovah of the Watchtower by Walter Martin and Norman Klann; Zondervan Brothers, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 201 pages, \$2.50 (cloth binding), \$1.50 (paper binding).

Better get this book if you want the best exposure in print of the so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses." This book gives the history of this sect; exposes their false doctrines; exposes the rotten life of C. T. Russell; refutes the Watchtower "Bible," **The New World Translation**; gives general information about the movement's present maneuvers, and brings to light much that Christians need to know about this heretical, anti-Christian organization.

It will make an excellent companion volume to the above book on Russellism, which deals chiefly with the methods and organization and tactics of the movement.

Both of these books on so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses" may be ordered from us.

The Chaos of Cults by J. K. Baalen; Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan. 409 pages, \$3.50.

This is the best handbook on cults that we have seen. It is certainly a needed book in the life of the Christian. Here are the cults that are dealt with within this big, readable, cloth-bound volume: Spiritism, Theosophy, Rosicrucianism, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Unitarianism, Liberal Catholic Church, Christian Science, Unity, Baha'ism, Anglo-

PRISONER GLAD FOR FREE 'SUB'

We recently received a good letter from one of the prisoners in the penitentiary in Missouri where we sent the subscription. We wrote back to this man, and here is his second letter expressing his deep appreciation for what the readers of TBE have done in buying the subscriptions for the prisoners:

"I have received your most welcome letter last week; it was joyful letter. Your letter to me was a very encouraging letter to know there are some Christian people in the world to care for someone like me.

"I am taking this opportunity to give my sincere appreciation to the wonderful people who have paid for the convicts' subscriptions to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

"Brother E. Paul Weaver, the prison chaplain, has helped me out a great deal, and also he has helped a great number of other convicts besides myself. Brother Weaver is showing the men here the road to the Lord, and also the road to rehabilitation to the security for him or her in the world.

"I would like to thank all the members of the wonderful newspaper, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, for making it possible to read the wonderful paper."

Well, I am sure that our readers are happy to know that the prisoners of the prison appreciate the paper. I think it is certainly a great privilege that you and have in sending the paper to the men.

We are still receiving money from readers to pay for subscriptions, and we are still asking that you send money in. Brother Weaver will give us names from time to time of men who will read the paper.

Israelism, Buchmanism, Seventh Day Adventism, Swedenborgianism.

Devotions And Prayers of Martin Luther, selected and translated by Andrew Kosten; Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 111 pages, \$1.50.

This small book contains fifty-two short devotions and prayers of the leader of the Protestant Reformation. The devotions are good, but frankly, the book about one dollar too high for its size and the material that it contains. The publishers of such books, I hope, will soon learn that if they will give the reader his money's worth, such publications will be more widely scattered and will be of more spiritual benefit.

(Books reviewed by Bob Ross.)

WHAT WOULD HE SAY?

If He should come today
And find my hands so full
Of future plans, however fair,
In which my Saviour has no share,
What would He say?

If He should come today
And find my love so cold,
My faith so weak and dim
I had not even looked for Him,
What would He say?

If He should come today
And find that I had not told
One soul about my Heavenly Friend
Whose blessings all my way attend,
What would He say?

If He should come today
Would I be glad—quite glad?
Remembering He had died for me,
And none, through me, had heard His call,
What would He say?

—Grace Troy