

# The Baptist Examiner

Paid Circulation In All States And In Many Foreign Countries

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

VOL. 26, NO. 4 RUSSELL, KENTUCKY, FEBRUARY 23, 1957 WHOLE NUMBER 974

## PASSAGES THAT TEACH SOVEREIGN GRACE

SCRIPTURES ON SOVEREIGNTY, ELECTION, PREDESTINATION, TOTAL DEPRAVITY, GOD'S EFFECTUAL CALL, PARTICULAR REDEMPTION AND ETERNAL SECURITY

By BOB L. ROSS

"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."—Ephesians 1:4.

Here is another passage dealing with God's eternal election of His people. You will notice at a mere glance at this passage, certain truths which refute the heresy of Arminianism.

God did the choosing, not man. "He (God) hath chosen us."

God's choice was made "before the foundation of the world," not at some later date.

God chose His people to make them holy, not because He foresaw that they were or would be holy—"that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love."

This holiness and blamelessness is "in Christ," according to election, not in the flesh of the elect.

Some who oppose the doctrine of election try to pervert this passage by making a play upon the phrase "in Christ." They say that a man only gets into Christ by faith, and since no one existed before the foundation of the

world to get into Christ by faith, then there is no election before the foundation of the world.

Well, that is just a perversion of the meaning of the phrase, as anyone with spiritual discernment can easily see. The apostle refers to Christ here as the "head of the elect remnant." We are chosen "in Christ" as our federal representative who acted for us in our behalf. Everything that Jesus did upon the earth and is doing in Heaven now, He did and does as the representative of the elect of God. Every man born naturally into the world is "in Adam" by federal representation (Romans 5:12-21). Every man chosen of God before the foundation of the world was chosen "in Christ" as his federal representative.

# Within The Veil

By I. M. HALDEMAN

Bro. Haldeman was pastor of the First Baptist Church of New York City for almost fifty years.

Hebrews 6:20: "Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest forever after the order of Melchisedec."

Three lines of thought are here presented:  
1. Jesus Christ has entered within the veil.  
2. He has entered there as our forerunner.  
3. As our High Priest.

Let us look at the first proposition.

### I. Jesus Christ Has Entered Within The Veil

The language carries us back to the types. In the wilderness Israel had a tabernacle as their gathering center for worship. This tabernacle was an oblong, box-like, wooden construction, about fifty feet in length, some fifteen feet high and broad, covered with curtains of skins. The affair was divided into two parts. One part, the outer, called the Holy, the other, the inner part, called the most Holy. Between the two hung the veil, made of fine-twined linen, blue, purple and scarlet, worked together with needle

work into the form of cherubim. The inner place represented within it, the throne of God.

Once a year the High Priest, with the blood of a victim, entered there, and this was typical of a man entering into Heaven into the presence of God. In fulfillment of this type, Jesus our Lord, after His resurrection, entered into Heaven. So said the angels to the sorrowing disciples who watched Him ascend. So said Stephen when he cried out in the Sanhedrin, that he saw Heaven opening and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. So says Jesus Himself, speaking to John in Patmos. The great truth for us, then, to hold is, that Jesus Christ, a real man, in bones and flesh, is in the Heaven of heavens, on the throne of the most excellent glory, robed in the shekinah light, and waiting until His enemies be made His footstool.

### II. He has Entered Into Heaven As Our Forerunner

A forerunner is one who goes before—a pledge that others are coming and that the others will be like Him. No believer, since the resurrection and ascension of Christ, has entered Heaven in bodily form. Those who die, depart in spirit to be with the Lord, and are blessed; but they rest in union with His Person—His very body unmanifested to the Father or in the glory. They are called asleep in Jesus, because their bodies are folded away in death, and themselves are not in the activities of the kingdom. Their manifestation and glory will take place at the coming of the Lord, when their bodies will be raised and united to their spirits. Until that time Jesus Christ is in Heaven, the witness and pledge to the Father on their behalf, saying, "Behold in me, Father, the first sheaf of the great harvest of the resurrection; as I am they will be when I descend to receive thy church unto myself."

Beholding Him, therefore, as a glorified man, in the full splendor of the divine presence, we may read our magnificent future, for "when he shall appear we shall be like him" (1 John 3:2).

### III. He Is Within The Veil As Our High Priest

The office of the High Priest was three-fold.

#### 1. To present the people before God free of judgment.

This is the work of Jesus now. He is there to present us, as it is written, "faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24).

#### 2. To intercede.

Not for aliens, but for the commonwealth of Israel. So Jesus intercedes not for the world, but for the household of faith, the Sons of God, the divine family: intercedes for us not as rebels, but as children who sometimes err through the weakness of the flesh. He says unto the Father, "they are thy children; I come to plead for them as such; forgive them, for when I died, I died to cancel all their guilt and make them thine."

Thus, God looks on them through the intercession, as a Father and not as a judge.

#### 3. To advocate claims.

It was through the priest that Israel presented their worship to the Lord and sought His blessing. So, through Jesus Christ must ascend our prayers and our worship. Through Him, within the veil, we must present our heart's desire. He says, "No man

means worship with instrumental music accompanying odes. (Strong, Thayer, Liddell and Scott, Bagster, and others.)

4. Please print the "five points of Calvinism" and explain why these fundamental teachings come under the name of John Calvin when these teachings are from the Bible.

The five points are:

- (1) Total Depravity
- (2) Unconditional Election
- (3) Limited Atonement
- (4) Irresistible Grace
- (5) Preservation, or perseverance of the saints.

We care nothing for the name "Calvinism," except to distinguish ourselves by a term whereby our position as to these truths may be clearly and unmistakably known. The term "Calvinism" was applied to these five points of truth because of Calvin's outstanding presentation of them. The term became more and more prominent after the day of Arminius who opposed these truths. Those who followed after Arminius' theories, were called "Arminians;" those who stood true to these Biblical truths, were termed "Calvinists."

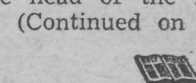
#### 5. Is it scriptural for women to preach.

No. Read 1 Cor. 14:34, 35, and 1 Tim. 2:1-15.

cometh unto the Father but by me."

He does not wait for us to ask. He knows our wants and advocates them even before we know or can express them. Take Peter's case. He wanted faith, and did not know it, but the Lord knew and prayed for him that his faith might not fail. So with us; blessings come to us and we wonder. We need not; up there within the veil is One who loves us, who has walked through all the way of trial in which we go, knows our needs; feels for us; can even yet drop the sympathizing tear, and in the power of His redemption-merit, advocates our cause, and sees that angel-messengers come freighted from celestial heights, to help and bless us.

When the High Priest entered within the veil, the people waited outside for his return; then, having confessed the sin upon the head of the live goat, the



### "GOAT DONE ET UP WHERE HE'S GWINE"

The Bible is the only book which tells man his origin and his destiny, whether Heaven or Hell. It is of utmost importance for man to know his eternal destiny before he closes his eyes in death.

A crated goat was picked up at a railway station. A Negro was in charge of the baggage car. A tag, indicating the goat's destination, was attached to the crate. As the train moved swiftly along, the Negro looked for the tag, and saw that it was gone. Only the string, to which the tag had been attached, remained. With a look of puzzlement on his face, the Negro exclaimed in his unique dialect, "Dis 'ere goat has done et up where he's gwine!"

That goat reminds us of those who reject the Word of God which tells man of his eternal destination, and warns him to flee from the wrath to come! Said an outspoken champion of modernism toward the close of his earthly life, "Modernism has taken the Bible away from the people and has given them nothing to take its place! The situation is serious!" Nothing can take the place of God's eternal, inerrant Word!

—W. B. Knight

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

### "THE BOOK OF REVELATION"

By PASTOR JOHN R. GILPIN

(Read Revelation 20)

If you will study it carefully, you will notice that most of the book of Revelation has to do with the tribulation period. In fact, beginning with the fourth chapter and running through the nineteenth chapter, practically all of the book of Revelation has to do with the tribulation period.

The Word of God reveals that during this tribulation period the people of this world will actually experience, virtually, a literal Hell right here on this earth.

When the tribulation period begins, it appears that it will be nothing short of a Sunday School

picnic. I am satisfied that most everyone who will be in the world then will look upon the Anti-Christ as a God-send, when he takes over to control the world. I am sure that the majority of people will say, "What fools we have been to remain aloof from one another and to try to have various nations, when we might have all gotten together politically, internationally, religiously, and in every other phase and activity of life." I am sure that the majority of people will say, "We've been fools by not getting together long ago under one individual such as this un-

usual person."

As I say, beloved, it looks like it will be just one grand Sunday School picnic that the world is going to enjoy, and for about 3½ years it continues as such until the Anti-Christ gets his complete power. When he gets his complete power, and when he comes to the place that he really has dominion over the world, it is then that he manifests his true nature. He then reveals his blood-thirsty disposition, and the Word of God tells us that this world is bathed literally with blood for 3½ years.

I am satisfied that there will

(Continued on page two)

### YOU CAN HELP GAIN "SUBS" AT NO COST

We wish that every reader of the EXAMINER would send the name and address of every Baptist and every Christian that he or she knows. We are always seeking to enlarge our mailing list, and one of our most effective methods is by sending sample copies. And we send samples to every person whose name and address comes to hand.

You can never tire us by sending us names. Many have become subscribers to the EXAMINER through the means of a sample copy. Won't you please send us some names? Do it often; we are only too glad to send the paper to others.

Let me suggest that you send the names of Baptists (especially) and Christians. It is little profit to send the names of those who belong to groups that are totally heretical. But if you think that an individual who belongs to an heretical group might be receptive to the truth, then send the name and address, and we shall send the person a sample copy, praying that God will lead him or her to the light.

We shall be looking for names from you.

\$1.50  
\$3.00

MINER  
LUCKY



**THE BAPTIST EXAMINER**  
**BOB L. ROSS—Editor-In-Chief**

**JOHN R. GILPIN — EDITOR**

**PUBLISHED WEEKLY**

**SUBSCRIPTION PRICE**  
(Domestic and Foreign)  
One year in advance 50c

Send Remittance to Ashland, Ky.

Editorial Department, ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, where communications should be sent for publication.

Entered as second class matter MAY 31, 1941, in the post office at Russell, Ky., under the act of March 3, 1879.

Paid circulation in every state and many foreign countries.

Subscriptions are stopped at expiration unless renewed or special arrangements are made for their continuation.

## "The Book Of Revelation"

(Continued from page one)

be a number of people who will be saved during that hellish, ungodly reign of terror. However, I believe that everyone who is saved will go to Heaven as a martyr, because when he is saved, he will naturally oppose the Anti-Christ, and if he opposes the Anti-Christ, he will lose his life.

Eventually, beloved, the period of the Anti-Christ comes to a close. The tribulation period of seven years ultimately comes to an end, and as we begin the study of this chapter, we find what takes place at the end of the tribulation period.

I

## THE REIGN OF THE REDEEMER.

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."—Rev. 20:1-3.

Notice that Heaven controls Hell. The Scriptures say that an angel came down from Heaven, who had the key to the bottomless pit, and laid hold upon the old dragon, or the Devil, and bound him for a thousand years. This would indicate that those who go to Hell, go there through the direct action of Heaven itself.

I would remind you that there is a personal Devil here within this world today. Too many times we forget about him, though we rub elbows and brush shoulders with him, though we see his work on every hand, and though he goes to church more religiously and more regularly than most of us; in spite of that fact, beloved, we forget about him. Though there is a personal Devil here within this world today, thanks be unto God, there is a day coming when the Devil is going to be arrested.

Beloved, God is a sovereign God. Every time that I preach, I try to emphasize the fact that God is a God of sovereignty, and Revelation 20 gives to us a marvelous illustration of the sovereignty of God over the Devil.

If you will read through the Bible, you will find that God is sovereign in every particular. In the Old Testament, you will find ravens bringing food to a perishing, starving prophet of God by the name of Elijah. God is sovereign over the birds. You will find that Daniel was cast into a lions' den, but he lay down and slept through the night with those lions unable to hurt or injure him. God is sovereign over the wild beasts. You will find that three Jews named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego were cast into a fiery furnace that was heated seven times hotter than they ordinarily heated it, yet they walked about in that fiery furnace unscathed and unhurt. When they came out, the Word of God tells us that not even a hair of their heads was singed. Beloved, God is sovereign over the fire.

Likewise, God is sovereign over nature. You can read how that

the mountains quake at His presence and how Jesus walked on the water, and you will come back to this fact, that He is sovereign over nature.

On that memorable day when taxes were due and Simon Peter had no money with which to pay, the Word of God says that Jesus told him to go down to the stream and in the first fish that he took up he would find a coin with which to pay his taxes. Beloved, He is sovereign over the fish.

I tell you, beloved, God is a God of absolute sovereignty, and when we come to this twentieth chapter of Revelation, we see Him sovereign over the Devil.

Many people have in mind that the Devil is going to rule and reign in Hell. That comes from Milton's "Paradise Lost," it does not come from the Bible. It comes from man; it doesn't come from God. Beloved, when the Devil goes to Hell, he will go there to be punished himself, and not to punish others. He will go there just the same as any sinner will—to receive the punishment for his ill deeds. I tell you, beloved, God is sovereign over the Devil.

Someone might ask, "If God is sovereign over the Devil, why doesn't He put the Devil out of the world? Why doesn't He lock him up? If God is sovereign, why does He allow him to run roughshod over the saints of God?" God's Word gives us the answer:

"Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight."—Luke 10:21.

The same is true concerning death, for God's Word says that every death brings honor and glory to God, and that God has a secret purpose behind it all. The same is true concerning war and strikes and all the difficulties of this life. God permits them to come because He is a sovereign God, and in the end it will all bring glory to Almighty God.

Sometimes God lets the Devil run roughshod over us until we are almost crushed beneath the dust. He does it, beloved, because He has a secret purpose best known to Himself that He is working out in your life and in mine. Beloved, He is letting the Devil remain here in the world, but remember this, in allowing him to remain here, God is sovereign concerning him.

You will notice that the Devil has been deceiving the nations, for Revelation 20:3 says that the angel "shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more." Beloved, he has been doing a mighty good job of deceiving the nations, too. I am satisfied that the majority of the nations in the world have fallen as result of the deceptions that the Devil has brought to pass.

When I read the pages of history—when I read particularly the Old Testament, I can see how the Devil has worked so far as the nations of the world are concerned. In the book of Daniel we read concerning those four world-wide empires that are prophesied, which prophecy finds its fulfillment in the country of Babylon under King Nebuchadnezzar, in the county of Media-Persia, in the country of Greece under Alexander the Great, and in Rome under the Caesars. God said there would be four world-wide empires, and, beloved, they have come, they have been, and they have passed off the scene. I am satisfied that everyone of those four great, world-wide empires were deceived by the Devil, and he is still in the business of deceiving the nations of the world today.

For example, for years, the United States had a non-aggression pact with China, but a depression came along and in order to get out of the depression, Japan offered to buy scrap-iron from the United States. Of course, everybody who used his brain realized that that scrap-iron was being used by the Japs in order to make bullets and implements of war in order to kill the Chinese. "But what are a few Chinks? There are plenty of them; so why worry? It is helping us to get out of the depression." That was the reasoning of the

people of the United States in the days when we were coming out of the depression. We all thanked the Lord for the privilege of selling scrap-iron to those Japs. It was true that we had a non-aggression pact with China and that we had promised to come to the defense of China should any nation arise in opposition to her, but we forgot all about that; it was helping us to get out of the depression.

Will you believe me, beloved, that when the attack came on Pearl Harbor and a boy was wounded, that they took him to the hospital and started to remove some scrap-iron from his body. When they did so, a screwdriver was removed, which had "Singer Sewing Machine Co." stamped in the corner of it.

Yes, we got our scrap-iron back, all right! I cite this instance in order to say this, that the Devil has been in the business of deceiving the nations of the world all the days down through time. He deceived the United States in this instance, and he will continue to do so until the angel locks him up and puts him in Hell.

Our text tells us that someday the Devil is going to be locked up for a thousand years. In other words, God is going to be the policeman, and the Devil is going to jail. It says that they are going to put the "bracelets" on him, for it tells us that this angel came down with a "chain in his hand." Beloved, there is a day coming when the Devil's purpose in this world is going to be fulfilled, and when that day comes, God is going to lock him up, put him into Hell, and he is going to stay there for a thousand years.

How I rejoice that there is a day coming when there will be no Devil within this world for a thousand years! Baptist churches have had a hard time because the Devil was here in this world. Baptist preachers have had a hard time because of the presence of the Devil. Beloved, every individual in the world today who is unsaved, has had a hard taskmaster—Satan himself.

I saw a poor fellow just recently who was picked up by the police. As they loaded him into the police cruiser, I thought to myself, "The Devil has given me a hard time, he has given Baptist churches a hard time, and he has given every unsaved person a mighty, mighty hard time; but thanks be to God, there is a day coming when the Devil is going to Hell."

# Examiner

## Editorials

BY BOB L. ROSS

### BROTHER GILPIN'S TRACT ON ELECTION READY

Brother Gilpin's sermon, "The Bible Doctrine of Election," has been put into tract form, and is now ready for mailing. This is not the message on "Election and Missions," which recently appeared in the EXAMINER, but is a sermon published some months ago. It is now the only free article that we have on the subject of election.

If you can use copies of this wonderful sermon on this glorious truth, then we shall be happy to supply you with them. Please do not order too many; that is, please do not order a number which you cannot readily use. It is not good that tracts lie around and not be distributed.

### THE TASK BEFORE THE ANTI-DIVISIONERS

Since the anti-division brethren have so violently denounced the practice of dividing into classes or groups for various purposes, it befalls them to show from God's Word what is the correct method of gathering together for services. These brethren are continually calling for Scriptural ground for dividing. Well, we have given it to them. Now, I wish to call on them to give us Scriptural ground for always gathering to-

The Word of God says that the Devil is going to Hell for one thousand years. That is where we get the word "millennium." It is the expression for "a thousand years." Some folk who don't believe in the millennium say that we don't find the word "millennium" in the Bible. That is right, beloved, we don't. Neither do we find the word "trinity" in the Bible, but we certainly find the trinity itself in the Bible.

On the day when Jesus Christ Himself was baptized, the Holy Spirit lighted upon Him in the form of a dove, and the Father spoke from Heaven, saying "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."—Mt. 3:17.

Beloved, you have the Trinity right here: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The word "trinity" is not mentioned, but the Trinity itself is within the Bible.

Likewise, the word "millennium" isn't found in the Bible, but we certainly have the millennium in the Bible. Here it speaks about one thousand years in which there will no Devil within the world.

II

### THE RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL PRECEDE THE MILLENNIUM.

"And I saw thrones; and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands: and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."—Rev. 20:4.

Notice, there is going to be a resurrection. This resurrection, I take it, begins seven years previously when every individual who is dead when Jesus comes, comes out of the ground and goes up to meet Him. Then during the tribulation period of seven years there will be many of God's people who will be killed. The Word of God says that those people who have been killed during the tribulation period will get out of the ground. There will be a resurrection of them, and they will

### THE MODERN TONGUES AND HEALING MOVEMENT

By Carroll Stegal, Jr., and Carl C. Harwood

Price: 50c

Order this book from:

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER



gether in one place. Can they do it? Well, have asserted as much; but where is the Scripture that teaches that the church is to always gather in one place? They have thus far failed to produce it; just as the Campbellites have failed to produce the passage which says to have the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. I would appreciate if the next anti-division brother who writes an article or who writes us a letter would refer to the Scripture which says that the church is always to gather in one place for services.

### CAMPBELL'S ARTICLE IN TRACT FORM

The article on Baptist history by Mr. Alexander Campbell, which we recently published in the EXAMINER, is being put in tract form for further distribution. This article is an excellent presentation of the truth as to the perpetuity of Baptist churches. And it is especially valuable due to the fact that it was written by a man who was an outstanding historian and the leader of another denomination.

The article should cause the Campbellites a lot of headaches, as well as teach many of the folk the clear truth as to Baptist history. For a supply of these tracts; and remember, printing and postage bill for us is rather heavy, so do what you can to defer these expenses, please.

rule and reign with Christ a thousand years. This is the first resurrection.

The Word of God says there is a resurrection at the beginning of the tribulation period and at the end of the tribulation period, and I take it, beloved, that God puts both of these together and calls it the first resurrection. Thank God, there is a resurrection day coming.

I think today of the individual on the battlefield who may have been blown to bits. Maybe his comrades couldn't find enough of his body to even bury him. Is there going to be a resurrection with that body blown to pieces? I don't know, beloved, but I serve a God who is big enough to pick up the fragments of that body and put it together and bring it out for a resurrection.

When I was in the city of Guanajuato, in Mexico, March, I went out to the cemetery and I saw those individuals who had died through the years whose families were too poor to keep on paying burial rent for them. Their bodies had been taken out of the graves and made into oleums in order to make room to bury others. I saw those thousands of bones that were stacked up—skulls, leg bones, arm bones, vertebrae—the flesh gone from them, and I thought, "How can the world could anybody separate those bones? How could anybody ever put them back together?" Beloved, man could do it, but we serve a God who is big enough to take every one of those bones and put them in place.

Every individual who is saved within the tribulation period, in my opinion, will stand up against the Anti-Christ, and as a result of it, will die for his faith. This is spoken of in Revelation 20:4. I am satisfied, is the crowd who has refused to accept his mark upon their foreheads and in their hands. But, beloved, God has never forgotten them.

Let me remind you that God never forgets one of His people. This is one of the most precious thoughts that has ever come into my mind as I have studied the Bible. It has been a blessing to me to look back across my life just to recall that God does not forget us, and it has been a blessing to me as I have considered others by way of observation to notice that God does not forget. Sometimes we forget others by way of friendship. So

(Continued on page three)



He who is too busy to pray will be too busy to live a holy and happy life.

## FROM SPURGEON'S PULPIT

### Modernists And Arminians Are Immoral

By Charles H. Spurgeon



assured that, as an honest man, I shall resign the office; for how could I profess one thing in your declaration of faith, and quite another thing in my own preaching? Would I accept your pay and then stand up every Sabbath day and talk against the doctrines of your standards?

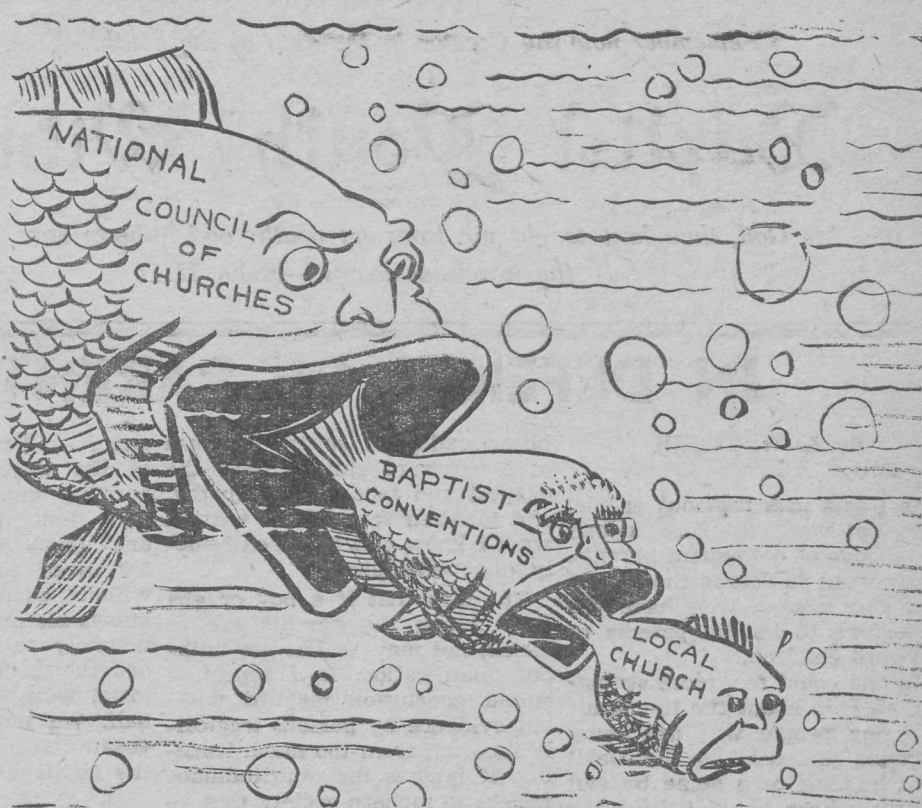
For clergy-men to swear or say that they give their solemn assent and consent to what they do not believe, is one of the grossest pieces of immorality perpetrated in England, and is most pestilential in its influence since it directly teaches men to lie whenever it seems necessary to do so in order to get a living or increase in their supposed usefulness: it is in fact an open testimony from priestly lips that, at least in ecclesiastical matters, falsehood may express truth, and truth itself is a mere unimportant nonentity. I know of nothing more calculated to debauch the public mind than a want of straightforwardness in ministers.

## The Picture

This excellent illustration was recently published in "The Southern Baptist Free Press," High Point, N. C.

This illustrates conditions in our nation. As to the world, the World Council of Churches' whale has its mouth open wide to swallow up the NCC. And then, all shall be swallowed up by the Roman Catholic whore of Rev. 17.

We suggest that you write for a copy of the paper in which this cartoon appeared. It is putting up a strong fight against unbaptistic court rulings in North Carolina, and it is fighting to maintain Baptist church autonomy.



ners will be judged at the same time. Would you believe me, beloved, there are lots and lots of supposed-to-be good preachers who believe in a general resurrection and a general judgment, but a general resurrection and the general judgment are "phonies."

A few years ago a fellow whom I knew put on a general's uniform with all the gold braid and all the medals of a full-fledged general. He was never sworn in so far as the army was concerned, but he put on this general's uniform with all the gold braid and all the medals that he could get from some pawn shops, and he made out like he was a general in the army. Beloved, he was just a phoney.

I often think of that poor fellow walking around, trying to make out as if he were a general. I have often thought likewise concerning the general resurrection and the general judgment — they are phonies, just like he was.

If there is just one resurrection and just one judgment, why would God say that "this is the first resurrection?" Why would He go on to say, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power?" Beloved, that is a foolish expression if we all are going to be raised at one time. It just proves that there are going to be two resurrections — a resurrection for the righteous before the millennium, and a resurrection for the unsaved, as we shall see, at the end of the millennium, separated by a thousand years.

### III

#### THE END OF SATAN.

"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison."—Rev. 20:7.

The book of Revelation doesn't discuss what is going to take place during those thousand years, yet if I had time, I would take you back to the Old Testament and tell you some mighty interesting things that will take place. Can you imagine, beloved, what it is going to be like to be here in the world when a child shall pick up a snake and play with it, just as these Holy Rollers do today? It will be real then. Can you imagine what it will be like when a lion and a lamb lie down together? Can you imagine what it will be like for one to die a baby at one hundred years of age? Can you imagine what it will be like for a woman to bear children without pain? That is coming in the millennium, beloved. The Word of God indicates these truths in many places in the Bible, but the book of Revelation doesn't tell us anything that will take place during the millennium, except that we are going to rule and reign with Christ.

But notice what happens at the end of the millennium. It says

that when the millennium is over, the Devil is loosed and he goes out to deceive the nations. Beloved, he isn't one bit better than when he went to jail; it doesn't improve him one particle.

The Catholics say that when a person dies unsaved, he goes to Purgatory. There he suffers for a little while and ultimately he gets out of Purgatory and into Heaven. In other words, they make Purgatory to be a great and successful reform school where all the incorrigibles of this world who would not be corrected in time, are corrected in eternity after they die. Beloved, if that were true, the Devil would get religion while he was in Hell for a thousand years, but the Word of God says that when he is loosed, he goes out to deceive the nations. He goes to Hell a Devil, and he comes out of Hell a thousand years later still a Devil.

Beloved, that just proves to me that every individual who goes to Hell would come out with the same disposition, if he could get out, that he had when he went in. Hell doesn't change a person. Whenever some Russellite tells you that people get a second chance, or whenever some individual representing the Catholic Church tells you that you can be prayed out of Purgatory, you just remind him of the fact that the Devil wasn't changed after he had been in Hell for a thousand years' time.

Notice what happens to the Devil:

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and

night for ever and ever."—Rev. 20:10.

In our previous study I told you that Satan is the Anti-God, the beast out of the sea is the Anti-Christ, and the beast out of the earth was the Anti-Holy Spirit — in other words, the Devil's trinity. What happens to the Devil's trinity? They go to Hell, to be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

When the Devil goes to Hell, there will be punishment for him just as there will be for every unsaved person who dies and goes to Hell. I have heard many people, even preachers, say that the Devil is going to punish people in Hell. In fact, I grew up with the idea that the "Devil is going to get you if you don't watch out." I have actually heard preachers say that the Devil would make kindling wood out of the man who dies unsaved. Oh, no, beloved; Hell for the Devil will be just the same as Hell for any person who dies outside of Jesus Christ and goes into eternity unsaved.

### IV

#### THE DURATION OF HELL.

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."—Rev. 20:10.

Notice that it says that the Devil is going to be punished "day and night for ever and ever."

Some firms advertise round-the-clock service. Some firms advertise that "we never sleep," meaning that they give service twenty-four hours out of the day. Well, beloved, the Devil will never sleep, for he is going to be punished day and night forever and ever.

To be sure, the Russellites tell you that you will go to Hell, but the Lord will give you an opportunity to be saved and to get out of Hell; but if you aren't saved, then the Lord will shovel you into the furnace and you will be burned up like so much coal. Listen, beloved, that is not the way with the Devil. The Devil goes to Hell, suffers for a thousand years, gets out and is just as big a Devil as when he went there. Then he is cast into Hell forever and ever.

Listen, beloved, the very fires of Hell burn with the word "forever." I tell you, the thought that pains an unsaved man most of all is the fact that Hell is forever.

A man may be \$250 in debt, but he has hopes that he may get out of debt. Here is a man sick of a fever, but he has hopes that he will get well. Here is another man whose business is failing, but he has hopes that his business will get better. Beloved, in Hell, nobody has hope. It is (Continued on page eight)

## "The Book Of Revelation"

(Continued from page two)

times we forget about our friends, but God never forgets. Neither does He forget this crowd who are martyred for the cause of Christ, who rejected the Anti-Christ and refused to worship him. God doesn't forget about them, and He brings them out of the graves. The Word of God says that they live and reign with Christ for a thousand years.

Notice that word "reign." Let me remind you that someday the saints of God are going to have a different experience to what they have now. Now the Devil is in control of the world and he causes most of God's children to have a mighty, mighty hard time. Now, beloved, the majority of God's children, if they stand up for the cause of Christ, are looked upon as worse than the off-scouring of this world,

but thanks be unto God, someday the children of God are going to reign within this world.

I don't know anything that ought to thrill your hearts more than this. I don't know where you are going to be, or whether you are going to be a king, or a mayor, or what office you are going to hold. I don't know what you are going to be, or where you are going to be, but I know one thing — God's children are going to reign with the Lord Jesus Christ. Beloved, it doesn't make any difference where it is, or in what capacity, it will be wonderful to reign with the Lord Jesus Christ.

You will notice what it says in the fifth verse: "This is the first resurrection." There are lots of folk who say that there is just going to be one resurrection—saints and sinners will all come out at one time; that there will be one judgment—saints and sin-

## FEBRUARY BOOK OFFER

A \$3.00 BOOK VALUE FOR  
ONLY \$2.00

### THE CHURCH THAT JESUS BUILT

By Roy Mason

(regular price \$1.00)

PLUS

### EITHER OF THESE TWO BOOKS

#### MABEL CLEMENT

By J. M. Sallee

(regular price \$2.00)

### NO UNCERTAIN SOUND

By Forrest N. Pack

(regular price \$2.00)

Take your choice between the book of warm, spiritual, Biblical sermons by Brother Pack, and the hard-hitting, heresy-exposing book on Campbellism by the late Brother Sallee.

You get your choice of these two books along with Brother Mason's book on Baptist church history for only \$2.00.

This offer ends at the close of the month of February.

WE PAY ALL POSTAGE ON THIS SPECIAL OFFER.

ORDER FROM:

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

ASHLAND, KENTUCKY



DAVIS  
DICTIONARY  
of the  
BIBLE

840 Pages

\$5.95

A dictionary of the Bible is one of the most important books for the Christian home and the Bible student's library. And this dictionary ranks with the very best in the history of Bible dictionaries.

This book has a long and respected history. It is now in its fourth edition. Anyone interested in knowing about the Bible's background features will find real and lasting satisfaction in this dictionary.

Order From:

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

Ashland, Kentucky

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

PAGE THREE

FEBRUARY 23, 1957



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

# Baptist Youth Witness

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

## IN DEFENSE OF PARENTS

By A. W. TOZER  
Editor, Alliance Weekly

As I said in a previous article, I do not want to place myself on the side of delinquent parents. I only want to defend those good men and women who have the misfortune to be the parents of wayward children.

No one could feel more strongly than I do about the thousands of young people who are being betrayed and sold to the Devil right in their own home by evil parents whose only qualification for parenthood is shared by the beasts in the barnyard. Parents can and frequently do by bad example, abuse or neglect, ruin the lives of their children, and there is nothing that I could say or would want to say in their defense.

Over against this there are the humble, God-fearing parents who have tried in every way possible to bring up their children in the nurture and faith of Christ, but who in spite of strong crying and tears have had to stand helplessly by and watch a loved boy or girl take the broad way toward destruction. For every father or mother going through the

bitter valley of sorrow because of a wayward child I have the deepest and tenderest sympathy, and for their sake I have written what I know will be an extremely unpopular piece.

The idea that if a boy or girl goes wrong the parents are to blame, not **may** be but **are** without qualification, is, I repeat, a stupid conclusion reached without evidence by persons tragically ignorant from too much learning. It ignores the multitudinous factors in modern society that go to influence character and determine conduct. It further ignores the fact that there are some persons who take to unsocial or antisocial conduct as natural and as avidly as a duck takes to water. The widespread notion that "there is no such thing as a bad boy" is too unrealistic and starry-eyed to be taken seriously by anyone who will look hard at the facts. Those who hold such a notion do so as a kind of pseudo-learned fad and in the face of every evidence to the contrary.

Now, in the eyes of a holy God we are all delinquents. "There is none righteous, no, not

one . . . They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Rom. 3:10-12). Christ died for us or we should all perish without exception. No man who knows his own heart believes he is ready to die in peace without the benefits of the mediatorial work of Christ in his behalf. We must all have an advocate with God, Jesus Christ the righteous.

So we find ourselves part of a fallen human society not good enough for Heaven but not yet consigned to Hell, and we must get along together somehow. While the members of society are lost as God sees it, there is still enough human goodness among them to enable them to live together and carry on their normal activities in a more or less ordered manner. To achieve this it is necessary that the individual members of society conform to some kind of code. Whether this code be the simple unwritten rules of the Stone-Age Danis or the highly complex statutes of a civilized country, (Continued on next page)

## THE ETERNAL JEW

The year 1956 marks the three hundredth anniversary of a striking event in the history of British Jewry. It was in 1656 that Oliver Cromwell allowed the Jews to settle once more in England. In 1290 they had been expelled. On their return under Cromwell they speedily made for themselves a place in the life of the British nation, that brought many of them to the highest offices, including that of Prime Minister, the ranks of the Aristocracy and to the most prominent positions in every walk of life. How to account for the Jew has been a puzzle to the world for millenniums, and only the Bible holds the clue to their survival. The same day that we read of this anniversary in the press, we were reading a volume of recent biography written by a man who laid no claim to being a Christian. He comments this upon the Jews:

"Now, whatever may be thought of the Jews, they are certainly a very mysterious people. They seem to be eternal. Almost at the dawn of history they are race-conscious and separate from their neighbours; they are with us to-day. Why one particular Semitic tribe should have shown such powers of persistence must for ever baffle the rationalistic historian. The Hittites have vanished almost without a trace; the Amalekites are merely a name in the Hebrew Scriptures; there is no Jebusite problem in the modern world. But there is a Jewish problem—and perhaps there always will be. These people have never been popular, yet all efforts to destroy them have failed. Enslaved in

Egypt, they escaped to found a nation. Carried into captivity in Babylonia, they return bearing the spoils of their conquerors. Subjugated by the Romans, they refuse to accept the blessings of the Pax Romana. When Titus destroyed their temple he merely scattered their seed abroad. Nations exclude them; grudgingly admit them, persecute them, drive them out. But no nation's history can be written without some reference to the Jews. In the warp and woof of mankind's story there runs, like a single coloured thread, a thread that never broken."

We must confess that we were much struck by these words from a purely secular writer. The pity of it is that he did not see the true history, experience and destiny of these strange people written by inspiration by holy men of old and set down for all to read in the Book of God. They have been a "burdensome stone" to many peoples, yet no nation has been able to destroy them, and those that have tried have either passed or are in process of passing away. Egypt is the latest country to utter threats of annihilation against them, but Egypt will learn, as other nations have learned to their cost, that it cannot be done. The Jews were here almost since time began. They will remain at last when time itself becomes a mere heartbeat in the vast bosom of eternity.—Standard Bearer.

## FALLING IN LOVE WITH The Book

There is an old story that when Queen Victoria was asked the secret of England's greatness she replied, "The Bible." And a country's greatness will increase or decrease in proportion to the extent to which this Holy Book is revered, studied and accepted as God's revelation to man and as the final authority for life and conduct. No greater service could be rendered to our own or any other land than that of getting people to fall in love with the Bible. And those of us who have fallen in love with it cannot adequately express what it means to us.

We sing, "The love of Jesus what it is, none but His loved ones know," and of the Bible we would say, "One must love it to experience the bliss, the comfort, the ecstasy, the inspiration which it imparts and which its lovers can not adequately describe." We often think of those miss who have not fallen in love with Jesus. We often think of the great blank which must exist in the lives of those who hold no communion with God. But we do not so often think of the thousands of professing Christians who have left untasted the joy of real Bible reading.

The Bible student has celestial food for his soul, a well of pure water to quench his thirst and the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness. He is wiser than his fellows, and from the day when the first chapter of Genesis was written he has always been ahead of science. He is the true patriot, the true internationalist.

"The impregnable rock of Holy Scripture," was Gladstone's phrase. The Bible is still and ever will be the "impregnable rock." To an Irish crowd a preacher referred frequently to the Bible as a Rock. A politically minded listener interrupted him with the demand, "We've heard enough about the rock; tell us something about the shamrock." "I will," instantly replied the preacher. "There are many human philosophies of life, but"—holding the Bible high above his head—"this is the divine philosophy, the true rock; all these others are sham rocks."

## The Little Baptist

Chapter XII (Continued)

The Doctor said: "I am not bound to admit that He was. It is possible, yet by no means certain. But grant that He was immersed in the river Jordan, as you and your Baptist friends contend, we are not in the least bound by that. Christian baptism was not instituted until the giving of the Commission, and you know that the baptism of John, which Christ received, has never been considered by our church as Christian baptism."

"Does not the term 'Christian' mean 'Christ-like'?" asked Mellie. "And what is Christian baptism if it is not to be baptized in the same manner that Christ Himself was? He said to His disciples, 'follow me,' and I am sure that if we follow Him, we will never do an unchristian act. Then did not Philip baptize the Eunuch after the giving of the Commission? It appears to me that the Commission neither introduced any new rite, nor changed any old one. It enlarged the disciples' field of labor—nothing more. Prior to this they had been restricted to the Jews; now they are told to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature—not to the Jews alone, but to go and teach all nations, and whosoever believeth and is baptized, shall be saved."

Dr. Farnsworth referred again to the case of Philip and the Eunuch, and said: "Because they both went down into the water, it does not necessarily follow that there was an immersion; for on the day of Pentecost there were added to the disciples about three thousand souls, and were all baptized. This, you must know, could not have been done by immersion, because there was not time enough."

"But, Doctor," said Mellie, "pray tell me how much more time it takes to immerse than to sprinkle a person? As all of the apostles were there together, they could have divided them out, and could have immersed them in a short time. The apostles could easily have immersed 3,000 persons in four and a half hours. That is only one a minute. In India three Baptist preachers immersed 2,222 in six hours. Twelve could at that rate have immersed 8,888 in six hours. Some of them, however, may have waited until the next day or the next week, as the Bible does not say when they were baptized, only that they were added to the church that day. Could they not have made a profession of discipleship that day and have received baptism afterward? You will allow me to infer this, will you not?"

"Yes, yes," said the Doctor, "you can infer anything you please."

"So you will agree, Doctor, that inference is an unsafe guide, I presume?"

"Not always—not necessarily so. But, Mellie, how do you interpret the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which was poured out upon the people? The people were immersed, were they?"

"I suppose," said Mellie, "that the influence of the Holy Spirit on this occasion was overwhelming, therefore figuratively called a baptism. The figure so well represents immersion, that it is appropriately called a baptism. Why not call this a baptism on account of its overwhelming power, as well as for Christ to have called His sufferings a baptism? I suppose that when ministers pray for a baptism of the Holy Spirit, they mean an immersion—an overwhelming effect. They certain don't mean just a little, as is sprinkling."

"Oh, but," said the Doctor, "you forget that the Bible speaks of the pouring out of the Spirit. What does this mean?"

"Well, no doubt, it means," said Mellie, "just what you meant yesterday, when in your sermon you became a little poetical, and spoke of the 'sun pouring his rays down on the earth on a July noon.' In both instances, the speakers used figurative language, and the idea has reference to the power and not to the manner. You would never say that the sun pours down his rays early in the morning, but you would say, 'The gentle beams of the rising sun,' as some poet has said. And young as I am, I have learned that there is a limit to the ideas in figures of speech and poetical allusions, as well as in other cases."

"Your imagination is very prolific, I find," said the Doctor, "and I presume you can see that Christ was immersed on the cross because He referred to His sufferings as a baptism?"

"No," replied Mellie. "I can't see that He was immersed on the cross, nor can I see that He was either poured or sprinkled on the cross, but I can see that He was overwhelmed with sufferings. It is not uncommon to hear persons speak of being 'overwhelmed with sorrows,' or of being 'immersed in cares,' or 'immersed in business.' Such expressions may be heard frequently, but no one yet has so warped the figure as to say, 'poured with sorrows,' 'poured in cares,' or 'sprinkled in business.' Figures are strictly representative. Don't you remember that the hymn you used yesterday begins,

'Plunged in a gulf of dark despair,  
We wretched sinners lay,'

thus presenting an idea in figurative language that we readily comprehend. We know that by the word 'plunged,' the poet meant overwhelmed; and another poet has described our condition by nature as being . . .

'Overwhelmed in sin and sore distress.'  
'Then there is Mamma's favorite hymn, beginning,  
'There is a fountain filled with blood,  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains.'

(Continued Next Week, D. V.)



## TO THE SINNER

"Oh! I plead with you!  
Lay hold on Jesus Christ.  
This is the Foundation: build on it.  
This is the Rock of refuge: fly to it.  
I pray you fly to it now!  
Life is short: time speeds with eagle's wing,  
Swift as the dove pursued by the hawk,  
Fly, fly, poor sinner, to God's dear Son.  
Now touch the hem of His garment;  
Now look into that dear face,  
Once marred with sorrow for you;  
Look into those eyes,  
Once shedding tears for you.  
Trust Him, and if you will find Him false,  
Then you must perish;  
But false you never will find Him,  
While His Word standeth True."

—C.H.S.

### In Defense Of Parents

(Continued from preceding page)  
The peace of the community requires that these rules be obeyed. The world of mankind manages to get on because the vast majority of persons do obey.

It is the duty of parents to train their children to obey the rules laid down by the organized community. Most children, God be praised, are fairly amenable to social pressures and soon learn to obey the code that brings the approval of family, friends and, of course, the civil authorities. But here and there will be found a rebel who refuses to submit. He makes his own rules and breaks those of home and society that stand in his way. Such a one we call a delinquent when he is young and an outlaw when he is older.

Now, how does the young rebel get that way? A whole generation of Americans has grown up on the teaching that his parents are to blame and should be held responsible, even if in the home there should be a dozen others, all of whom lead exemplary lives and reflect honor upon their upbringing. The dozen upstanding citizens are ignored. Obviously they just "grewed." The parents did only one thing, viz., train up the one wayward rebel to be a delinquent. Such a philosophy as this passes for learned because it has the backing of the right theorists and no one wants to be thought out of

step.  
For every wayward youth led astray by his or her parents it is my conviction that there are a hundred who have left the path of rectitude because of other influences. The same school of thought that hatched out the blame - the - parents cult also brought forth a few years back the evil notion that "children should not be repressed while their personality is maturing, but granted complete freedom of self-expression lest they develop complexes that will cause psychological trauma later in life." Reduced to plain English this means that any attempt to curb this destructive impulses of any little hooligan in the home or school is old-fashioned nonsense and should never be made. We have only lately emerged from this quagmire of pedagogical lunacy and there is still moral mud all over the place. Sensible old-fashioned parents who knew better all the time just could not in every instance counteract the effect of such teaching on their children. The wonder is not that a few delinquents resulted; the big wonder is that so many good decent parents managed in spite of everything to rear so many fine children of whom they have every just reason to be proud.

Hard in the wake of the "self-expression" fad came World War II which glorified violence, tore apart families and snatched millions of young men and women, many of whom were actually still

little more than children, away from the safety of parental influence and exposed them to the most sordid and uncivilized aspects of life known among so-called civilized man.

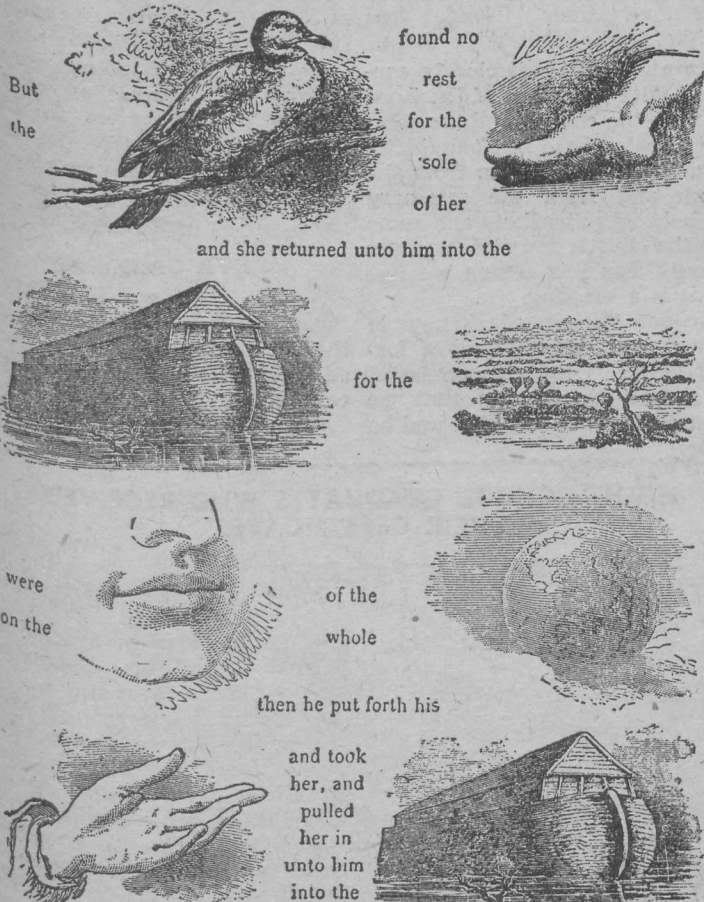
As if this was not victory enough for the Devil, postwar times brought such an eruption of raw sex, liquor, divorce and "glamour" as would not be believed if it were not before our eyes. Through the media of radio and television these things have been introduced into the home where they may be seen every day by children still in rompers. For years true Christians properly spurned the theatre and later the movies because there a false and evil view of life is presented as right and normal, and every sacred precinct of life from conception to death is exploited for filthy lure's sake without shame. Now it is no longer necessary to go to the public theatre to see a show. Almost every home has been converted into a theatre, and the parents who try to keep their children free from the perverted concepts of sex exhibited on TV, and from beer songs and glorified love triangles, are up against a wave of pressure too great to resist. If they refuse to invite Hollywood into their homes the children simply duck across the street to a pal's house and see the whole show for nothing.

Thus the same society which, in certain of its aspects, goes out to destroy our children has schrewdly contrived by a bit of none too subtle jugglery to throw the blame on the parents when the vicious machine finally grinds some weak boy or girl to powder.

But there is a God in Heaven, and He observes all the secret thoughts as well as the overt acts of men. He will not suffer the righteous to stand under the shadow of false accusation longer than is good for them. Those good and humble parents who vexed their righteous souls in tears and long vigils while trying to rear a family of children for God in a world geared to ruin them may take heart. The righteous Lord knows all about Mother and Dad. He will not excuse wrong-doing, but neither will He condemn godly parents for the deeds done by a godless society.

So, Mother and Dad, pray on. It may be that the Good Shepherd will yet find that straying lamb of yours for whom you have shed so many bitter tears. It would be like Him to do it.

### READ THE BIBLE BY SYMBOLS



"And the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark." —Genesis 8:9.

"Never did angels taste above,  
Redeeming grace and dying love."

### Within The Veil

(Continued from page one)  
animal was led away into the wilderness to die. The people in silence faced about and waited till the man should come back the second time, without the sin offering. Jesus, our High Priest, has been led forth to the land not inhabited — to the land of death and darkness. But He has risen within the veil, and we wait for Him to come forth the second time, not as a sin bearer, but as our resurrection and our life. Wherefore it is written:

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time, without sin, unto salvation" (Heb. 9:28).

Let us therefore learn that our place of worship is within the veil. Our walk outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

Mere lip praise is never outlet enough for grateful hearts when God gives ability for other service also.

Every furrow in the book of Psalms is sown with the seed of thanksgiving.



## For Little Children

### JOHN THE BAPTIST TELLS HOW TO BE SAVED

Memory Verse: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him."

John the Baptist was a preacher sent from God. He was sent to preach to the people about the Lord Jesus Christ who was to soon come.

One day Jesus came to John to be baptized. And John baptized the Lord Jesus in the river Jordan. Then Jesus began to go from place to place preaching.

Then some people came to John to ask some questions about the things that Jesus was preaching. John told the people that Jesus was God's Son, and that everyone was to follow Him.

John said, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

John meant that people were to follow Jesus, and not himself. John said that his work was only to make way for Jesus' coming. And he told the people that Jesus spoke the Words of God.

Then John said that all who believe on Jesus as their Saviour have everlasting life. But those who will not trust Jesus for salvation, will go to Hell for their sins. John said for people to believe on Jesus to be saved. To believe on Jesus means to trust His sacrifice as the payment for your sins. Your sins must be punished by God. Either you trust Jesus as your Substitute, or you will have to go to Hell.

Have you trusted Him, boys and girls?

## THIS IS HIS ANSWER

Much that perplexes us in our Christian experience is but the answer to our prayers.

We pray for patience and God sends tribulation; for tribulation worketh patience. Rom. 5:3-5.

We pray for submission and God sends suffering; for we learn obedience by the things which we suffer. Hebrews 5:8.

We pray for unselfishness and God gives us opportunities to sacrifice ourselves by thinking on the things of others, and by laying down our lives for the brethren. Philippians 2:4; Matthew 27:42; I John 3:16.

We pray for victory and the things of the world swoop down upon us in a storm of temptation; for "this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." I John 5:4.

We pray for strength and humility and some messenger of Satan torments us until we lie in the dust crying for its removal. II Corinthians 12:7.

We pray for union with Jesus and God severs natural ties, and lets our best friends misunderstand us and seem indifferent to us; and calls on us to walk "alone." Isaiah 51:2; 63:3.

We pray for love and God sends peculiar suffering and puts us with apparently unlovely people, and lets them say things which rasp the nerves and lacerate the heart, for love suffereth long and is kind, love is not impolite, love is not provoked. Love beareth, believeth, hopeth, and endureth all things. Love never fails. I Corinthians 13:4-8.

We pray for likeness to Jesus and the answer is: "I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. Can thine heart endure or can thine hand be strong? Are ye able?" Isaiah 48:10; Ezekiel 22:14; Matthew 20:22.

And in the furnace He melts us into something of His own tenderness and gentleness and teaches us how to bear one another's burdens and how to live to make intercession for the sick and the sorrowful. Galatians 6:2; Hebrews 7:25; Ephesians 6:18.

But this is only the transitory

### TEACHING CHILDREN

By C. H. Spurgeon

A Real Help To You Who Want To Teach Children Properly

16 Pages — 20c

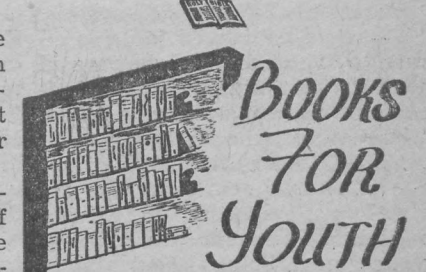
Order From

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

Ashland, Kentucky

side. There is an everlasting reward of praise and honor and glory at the coming of Jesus Christ. I Peter 1:17. "For our present trouble, which is only a short time, is working out for us a much greater weight of glory; while our minds are not on the things which are seen but on the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are for a time; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (II Corinthians 4:17, 18, BE).

—Abbie C. Morrow Brown



Why Be A Baptist? by H. B. Taylor, Sr. Every young Baptist should read this book, learning more about Baptist doctrine thereby. 25c

The Trail of Blood by J. M. Carroll. Baptist history traced through all ages, back to the days of the founder of Baptist churches, Jesus Christ. 25c

Is It Wrong To Dance? by John L. Bray. This question is answered most satisfactorily with Scripture. 20c

Baptist Church Manual by J. M. Pendleton. Not only the young, but every Baptist and every Baptist home should have this manual of Baptist truth. 25c

Studies In Galatians by A. M. Overton. Recently published serially in BYW. An excellent commentary by a Baptist preacher now in glory. 1.00

Christian Martyrs of the World by John Foxe. This book is still a Christian classic, though hundreds of years old. 3.95

The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan. An allegorical narrative of the life of the Christian as he journeys to glory. 2.00

Modern Tongues and Healing Movement by Stegall and Harwood. Get the bare facts on the modern healing racketeers. 50

The Heart of the Rose by Mabel McKee. Every young person who is old enough to be interested in the opposite sex should read this booklet. It will help you a great deal. 35

A Baptist Catechism by Charles H. Spurgeon. Parents and young people can make use of this little pamphlet in many ways. 05

Order From:

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER  
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY



# mexican news flashes

A NEW TESTAMENT MISSION WORK

CHURCH CONTROLLED

FEBRUARY, 1957

P. O. BOX 1146, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

DIRECTED BY M. L. MOSER, JR.

## WORK AND FRUITS OF "CENTRE CULTURAL NOCTURNO"

### Catholic Persecution Is A Real Problem In Mexico Though Priests Say "Drive Him Away"

Persecution in Mexico comes in many different ways and from many different people. There have been times when we have been persecuted by a group called the "Sinarquistas" of the Catholic Church, Presbyterians in Tabasco, and even Convention Baptists at times. Our greatest persecution at the present time is from the Catholics.

The organization called the "Sinarquistas" is a Catholic organization of Catholic laymen who have banded themselves together with the avowed purpose of driving out all Protestants from Mexico. Of course, Baptists are not Protestants, never having been affiliated with Catholicism but having a history separate and apart from the Catholic Church and being older than Catholicism, but we are included by the Catholics in the term "Protestants." Not only have the "Sinarquistas" vowed to drive all out of Mexico, they have said that they would do so even if it meant that people must be killed. Those of you who read the special April 14, 1956 edition of The Baptist Examiner remember the article on Persecution in Mexico in which we told you of two young men being killed simply because the mob thought they were the preachers at the church. Also, a young lady was killed in the town of Irapuato simply because she received Jesus as her Saviour and presented herself at the Baptist Church as a candidate for baptism.

In the town of Ciudad Hidalgo between Morelia, Michioacan and Mexico City, two young men were thrown bodily upon top of a bus and told not to return to the city or they would be killed, and even though the two young men returned, they were not able to get anyone to open their doors to them because they were afraid of the "Sinarquistas."

I was preaching in the city of Morelia, the capitol of the State of Michioacan one Sunday morning and a mob of the Sinarquistas formed in the street and began

to yell loudly and were led in cheers like at a football game as they screamed their denunciations of Baptists. There were over 2000 who gathered in the street and did their best to disrupt the services, but we still had a full house and the Lord blessed in the services as there were more than 10 that received Jesus as their Saviour that day.

It is for that reason that oftentimes our work is difficult in certain places. Brother Oscar Cruz and Brother Boanerge Ramos are both visiting and trying to begin work in the town of Dolores Hidalgo, a town about three hours distance from Guanajuato through a small narrow mountain road. This town is the birthplace of the independence of Mexico but also one of the most fanatical towns in all of Mexico because it was named for a Catholic priest who helped lead in the march for Mexican independence. Efforts have been made before by some to begin a mission in this town but to no avail. Brother Jacinto Munoz about five years ago tried to begin a mission work here, but because of the fanaticism of the people he was not able to establish any work. We are praying now that Brother Oscar Cruz and Brother Boanerge Ramos will be able to begin work there in spite of the opposition that they are encountering.

Not far from the State of Guanajuato is the capitol city of the State of Queretaro, the city Queretaro. There is not any work of any denomination in the state and that is due to the work of the "Sinarquistas." Actually, Queretaro is the birthplace of the Sinarquistas movement and it is the strongest state in Mexico in its opposition to the preaching of the Gospel. So far as I know now, there is not a single Christian in the entire State, although Brother Munoz also tried to begin work in this State several years ago, but without success.

We ask each of you to pray for the preaching of the Gospel (Continued on next page)

### Oscar Cruz Preaches "Drive Him Away"

Very Esteemed Brothers:

Thanks unto God, He has blessed us in the missions and we are praising His name for the work that He has accomplished through the preaching of the Gospel and our house to house visitation.

We have had many experiences, but I will only mention at the present some in the mission of Santa Teresa. In this place, as you already know, there are some sympathizers. But in the last few days many of the inhabitants have noticed our regular visits and they have been asking around to find out why we visit them regularly and have learned that we are Baptists and what our mission is.

#### EDITOR'S COMMENTS

We were delighted to have Bro. M. L. Moser of Mexico in our home a few days ago. Bro. Moser, in my opinion, is doing one of the greatest pieces of missionary work today. There are more than 50 independent Baptist Church in Mexico now. Some of them may still be in the mission stage — I am not sure about that. If so, as soon as it is possible for them to do so, they will become self-supporting. God is calling Mexicans to preach and Bro. Moser, through the Seminary of which he is the human head, is following in the methods of Paul, by "establishing" them in the faith that was once delivered to the Apostles. THAT IS GOD'S PLAN OF MISSIONS. — B. F. Dearmore, The Message, January 24, 1957.

The Catholic priest, as in most places in Mexico, has commanded the people that they are to drive us from the village by whatever means necessary. This was told to us by the sympathizers there. Some of the sympathizers have been threatened and when we return to visit them they are not home and we cannot find them. Others are also threatened but they continue to invite us to preach the Word. And while they will still receive us, we continue visiting Santa Teresa with our confidence placed in the Lord, knowing that whatever will take place will be in accordance with His will. We ask you to pray much for the work that is now being done, that God will help us to sow His Word in the hearts of those who have been deceived, that in the not too far distant future, some there will form a part of the redeemed host of God.

With respect to Dolores Hidalgo, a town we are just now beginning to visit, we have presented the plan of salvation to several people and families, although (Continued on next page)

By Ignacio Cabrera

The labor of the Centre Cultural Nocturno is of great importance to the work of the Lord in our Mexico and especially so in the city of Guanajuato where one can feel the fanaticism and the ignorance of the people.

By means of this teaching, they are brought into contact and made to feel the dignity of the individual and the freedom of the individual and to understand that each man has the responsibility to think for himself rather than a Catholic priest thinking for him. It is at this point that they start to become liberals. (By liberal we mean they are not fanatical Catholics and they think for themselves instead of the Catholic priest thinking for them.)

Along with the schooling, we have personal conferences with the students to break down their fanaticism and to prepare them for the hearing of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Little by little, we present the Gospel to them individually, showing them that we are lovers of the truth and justice, and after gaining their confidence, we talk with them freely of salvation and all of its aspects.

In the year 1956 there were 80 students in the school, of which 38 took a full course and completed the year. The majority of those who quit school in the middle of the year were made to do so by the Catholic priests and their fanatical friends.

In this year, with the help of the Lord, four students received Jesus as their Saviour and now we have four more homes that have Bibles and New Testaments and that permit us to come to them and present the Gospel to them and their friends and neighbors who visit with them.

Our night school is closely connected with the work of the Lord and with the church and the seminary, located here in Guanajuato, as there are young men from the church and from the seminary who help us as teachers and some from the church and seminary are students. For this reason we feel that it is a blessing.

The one thing we lack now in order for our work to move forward better is the completion of our church building so that we might conform to our laws and be

able to work with complete liberty, to openly invite people to come to our services and to reap the fruits of the seed that has been sown.



IGNACIO CABRERA

We have nearly completed the first floor of our church building and the small adobe (mud brick) building next to the church building and we are working on



EVA CABRERA

these buildings now. Our work on these buildings has been suspended for several months because you cannot build during the rainy season. (Continued on next page)

#### NIGHT SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO RECEIVED THEIR DIPLOMAS



#### NIGHT SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES





## Night School

(Continued from preceding page) son when it rains from once to three times a day. When the building is completed, it will be used for our church services, our classes in our night school, the "Centre Cultural Nocturno" and the classes of the Latin American Baptist Theological Seminary.

Our faculty in the "Centre Cultural Nocturno" includes the following: Pedro Vargas, representative of the Federal Government of Mexico; Ignacio Cabrera, director of the school; Eva Cabrera, secretary; Margarita Leon, member of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Guanajuato; Jorge Leon, David Soto, and Juan Gonzales, student in the Latin American Baptist Theological Seminary; Xavier Dominguez, University of Guanajuato; Leandro Perez, State Teachers College, City of Guanajuato; and Manuel Martenez, State Government of the State of Guanajuato.

We ask your prayers for the work of the Lord in Mexico and especially so here in Guanajuato. Your Brother in Christ, Ignacio Cabrera

## Persecution

(Continued from preceding page) in all of Mexico, but especially in the areas where the Sinarquistas are the strongest which is in the central States of Mexico, Guanajuato, Michioacan, Queretaro, etc., and each of these preachers who go out to preach in these areas are risking their life for the cause of Jesus Christ and deserve our prayers.

## Oscar Cruz

(Continued from preceding page) the results for the moment are not what we want them to be. We are praying that in time we will find fruit there. Dolores Hidalgo is completely new territory or virgin territory, having a long history of the most fanatical Catholicism and against the Gospel. But with constant work we hope to secure results.

In one of our visits that we made, we had the opportunity of visiting a home and after being there just a few minutes, we turned the conversation in a way that would give us an opportunity to present the plan of salvation. A nice friendly discussion resulted but in a quiet way, in which they tried to defend their Catholic doctrines, but we answered

their objections with the Scriptures and gave them the plan of salvation. They were very interested and when we left they invited us back for another visit and promised to read the Bible that we left with them.

We beg your prayers that God will help us by opening doors so that we might present the Gospel which will result in the expansion of our Christian work and the Baptist cause.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Oscar Cruz

## Even The Mayor Is Witnessed To By Bro. Boanerge Ramos

Dear Brother In Christ:

I have been visiting in the village of Santa Teresa along with Brother Oscar Cruz during the past month. During this time I have visited in many homes where they have never heard of the Gospel. A few of the people shut the door in my face, but in many others I was able to talk to them about the Gospel. In some of the homes they accepted New Testaments.

After visiting in some of the homes, I visited in the home of the mayor and talked with him about the Gospel. He was very interested and I asked him if he'd like to read a New Testament and he accepted a New Testament and promised to read it. Afterward I told him that I had some Bibles and asked if he would like to buy one. (See note at bottom of letter—MLM.) He asked me to explain some of the contents so I explained that the Bible is the Word of God and that it is the only one way we can find out about the way of salvation because it tells about the death and resurrection of Christ for our sins. So he bought a Bible from me.

Later I visited another home and began to explain the plan of salvation. After a while, I showed the lady of the house a Bible and she said that she had one. Then she showed it to me and said that she had had it a year, that her son worked in the States for awhile and sent it to her, but that she didn't read it because everyone told her it was bad to read the Bible. I then explained to her that the book they had told her was bad was in reality the Word of God and

## DO BIBLE CONFERENCES REALLY "PAY"?

The Central Baptist Church of Little Rock, Arkansas, had a Bible Conference in November, with visitors attending from several states.

It is highly conspicuous that the mission offering, as reported in the Mexican Newsflashes, is larger the month following the Bible Conference than ever before. If you want a blessing for your church, and if you want your church to be more missionary-minded, then arrange a Bible Conference, emphasizing the sovereignty of God and missions.

that in no way was it possible for it to be bad. Then I read a few passages that gave her the plan of salvation and told her that it was the way to know about God and to know how to obtain salvation. Thanks unto the Lord, she listened to all I had to say.

Pray for her and her family as I continue visiting in their home that some may receive Jesus Christ.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus,  
Boanerge Ramos

Note—Tracts, Gospels, and New Testaments are given out to those who show an interest after they have been talked with about the Lord, but since Bibles cost more we usually sell them for about half price. This is done for another reason as well. If a Bible is simply given to them, they do not value it as highly as if they pay something for it, and if they have bought it, they are prone to take better care of it and to make better use of it.

## Julio Morales Is Very Diligent In Preaching Our Baptist Doctrines

January 4, 1957

Dear Brother In Christ Jesus:

After greeting you very affectionately, I want to tell you of our work during the last two weeks of December. During these weeks we had a special week of doctrinal and evangelistic services in the mission of Habanero and a week of services in the mission in Macayo. In Habanero (this is a new work, only two months old) we had an average attendance of 25 to 30 each day and in Macayo up to 60 people. They were very enthusiastic in both places and asked that we return soon. Bro. Juan Gonzales visits these missions regularly along with the mission of El Platano.

We began visiting a new place this last month where there are no Baptists. The town is called Cucuyulapa. There are some Pentecosts there, but I preached to them or taught them Baptist doctrine and stayed with them several days. When I left they made me promise to visit them again very soon. What we need most is doctrinal tracts which explain clearly the fundamental doctrines of Baptists because everyone asks for these, wanting to know who Baptists are and what they believe. (These tracts are nearly ready for printing and distribution.)

Today being the 4th of January, I am leaving to go to Macupana to visit the brethren in that region who have asked that we come to them and tell them of Baptist beliefs. I will give you a report of that visit in my next letter to you. I ask that you pray much for the work in these various places, that the Lord will open the door for His Word.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Julio Morales

## Thrilling Letters From Boys Trained In Our Seminary

### LETTER FROM JORGE LEON

January 7, 1957

Esteemed Brother In Christ:

I pray that the blessings of our Lord will rest upon you during the year 1957 and that they are giving you much joy along with all of the brethren of your church and the other Christians and churches that are supporting us here on the mission fields of Mexico.

During the last week of December and the first week of January I have been working principally in the towns of San Francisco del Rinco and Purisima de Bustos where there are a goodly number of sympathizers of the Gospel in spite of our hard problem that has been caused us by the Catholics and especially the Catholic priests of these places. The priests have been denouncing us in sermons and telling them to return, talking mainly with those who have heard us preach the Gospel and telling them we are liars and slanderers.

I invited some of these sympathizers to go with me to the services at the church in Guanajuato on Christmas night where we had a special evangelistic service and one of them received Christ as his Saviour and those who have not received him are not as fanatical now as before and willingly heard the Word preached to them. This is a great step forward, in my opinion, in winning them to Christ because now they have begun to see with their own eyes and to think for themselves and not to accept all of the lies and falsehoods of the Catholic priests. I will write you more about them in the future after we have had more time to preach to them and to teach them.

I pray that God will bless you and your family, your church, and all the brethren who support us in our work, and that God will cause all of you to see the need that there is in Mexico for the enlargement of this work and especially here in Manuel Doblado.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Jorge Leon

### LETTER FROM JOEL ROSAS

Irapuato, Gto.  
December 14, 1956

Dear Brethren in Christ:

The brothers of this church are very happy and energetic. The services continue as customary and we are visiting also in the town of Huaminaro along with a group of the members of the church here in Irapuato. We have had very good services in Huaminaro with an average attendance of 15. The Lord has blessed these services and we have had 12 professions of faith.

There is a man here in Irapuato that we have been visiting. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, an organization of the Roman Catholic Church. He has seen the great error of their belief, and he is becoming more and more interested in our beliefs as he is reading a copy of the book *Alien Baptism and the Baptists*, the copy that you gave me.

Also there are two preachers who want to join our church. One is at present a Nazarene preacher and the other belongs to a church called an "Apostolic Church." I will let you know how this matter progresses later on as we must first be convinced that they are doctrinally sound and believe

as Baptists.

Your Brother in the Faith  
of the Lord Jesus,  
Joel Rosas E.

### LETTER FROM JULIO MORALES

Huimanguillo, Tabasco

Loved Brother In Christ:

After greeting you very affectionately, I wish to tell you of services that we had and how the Lord blessed us greatly.

I was in La Crimea helping the brethren there and on Wednesday evening I preached and as there were several young unsaved people in the services I gave an invitation for them to receive the Lord Jesus Christ. One young man from a small neighboring town received Christ as His Saviour and obtained security for his soul.

Here in Huimanguillo, the work is very hard and the Russelites are working very hard here. I have visited many people but nearly all of them reject the Gospel. Pray much for the work here in Huimanguillo as it is very discouraging at times.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus,  
Julio Morales

## ATTENTION

We covet your prayers and your offerings as God may lead and enable you.

Send All Offerings to—

LATIN AMERICAN  
BAPTIST MISSIONS

c/o CENTRAL BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

All Offerings Are Acknowledged  
By An Official Receipt.

### SECOND LETTER FROM JOEL ROSAS

Very Esteemed Brother in the Lord:

I trust that the Lord is blessing you very abundantly and we are thanking the Lord for the good health and His blessings that we are enjoying here.

The last Sunday of the year we had special services here at the church in Irapuato and we were blessed with an attendance of more than 75 and there were five who received Jesus as their Saviour.

On the 8th of January we had a service in the mission of Huaminaro and about 80 persons came to the services there and we had 15 professions of faith, showing God's blessings upon our efforts. Our personal work of visitation, is bringing good results and this week we had the privilege of talking to more than 35 people in their homes about the Gospel.

In Huaminaro where the work is just beginning, the Devil is trying to disrupt the work by means of his servants, the Catholics. They have threatened to harm us physically, but the Lord has protected us. Please continue to pray that we will continue to have the opportunities to preach the Gospel to those in the mission of Huaminaro as well as here in the church in Irapuato.

Your Brother in the Faith  
of Our Lord,  
Joel Rosas

## OFFERINGS RECEIVED IN DECEMBER, 1956

Calvary Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky.....	\$ 125.00
Divide Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs, Texas.....	25.00
Woolsey Baptist Church, Point, Texas.....	25.00
Jennings Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky.....	200.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.....	41.89
College Street Baptist Church, Commerce, Texas.....	25.00
Belt Line Baptist Church, Mesquite, Texas.....	12.00
Clearview Baptist Church, Borger, Texas.....	25.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.....	20.00
Ross Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.....	10.00
First Baptist Church, Clute, Texas.....	10.00
Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee.....	75.00
Highlands Baptist Church, Boone, Colorado.....	65.68
Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church (Ladies Auxiliary) Memphis, Tennessee.....	10.00
Ross Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.....	50.00
Mountain View Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado.....	2.50
Providence Baptist Church, Henderson, Texas.....	33.00
Mr. J. L. W., Monticello, Arkansas.....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. A., Memphis, Tennessee.....	20.00
Mr. J. J. G., Dallas, Texas.....	1.00
Mr. J. A. F. and Mr. J. H., Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas.....	20.00
Mrs. E. B., Lincoln Park, Michigan.....	2.00
Mrs. M. B. J., Little Rock, Arkansas.....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Y., Campbell, Texas.....	5.00
Mrs. M. G., Little Rock, Arkansas.....	1.00
Mr. W. E. M., Memphis, Tennessee.....	20.00
The Prayer Group, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.....	250.00
Mrs. R. E. H., Garland, Texas.....	1.00
Mr. R. R. M., Melbourne, Florida.....	15.00
Mr. D. E. A., Shepard AFB, Texas.....	25.00
Miss H. C., Little Rock, Arkansas.....	7.50
Mrs. M. G., Little Rock, Arkansas.....	15.00
Central Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.....	678.39
Central Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas (Ladies' Special).....	289.05
TOTAL.....	\$2,140.01

As the Lord may lead you, please send all your offerings for Mexican mission work to Elder M. L. Moser, Jr., P. O. Box 1146, Little Rock, Arkansas.

How Long Is It Since You Sent  
An Offering For  
MEXICAN MISSIONS?



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1957

## POSSUM RIDGE LETTER

## TWO GREAT MIRACLES

JOHN 6:1-21

Memory Verse: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."—Isaiah 26:3.

## I. Feeding The Five Thousand. John 6:1-14.

1. Why Jesus departed (V. 1). In the preceding chapter, Jesus was disposed and rejected. Accordingly, He departed from Jerusalem. This is a splendid illustration of Matthew 7:6.

2. What the people saw in Jesus (V. 2). The only reason He was followed was because of the miracles which He had done. The people failed in their discernment to appreciate Christ. They saw only a miracle worker and not the Son of God. How true today! Many see Jesus only as a perfect man not as the divine Saviour.

3. Christ's compassion (V. 5). Although the multitude did not know Christ, His heart went out in tender pity to them.

4. Proving Philip (V. 6). Jesus' question to Philip was to test his faith. Many of our seeming difficulties are only God's ways of testing our faith. As he dealt with Philip, so He proves us. Let us learn, instinctively, to turn to Him. Cf. Phil. 4:19.

5. Philip's calculation (V. 7-9). Philip was occupied with the circumstances which surrounded him. He calculated the size of the crowd, but he calculated without Christ. His unbelief was contagious. Andrew, another of Christ's disciples, came to doubt the glory and power of Christ.

6. Obedience (V. 10). Cf. I Sam. 15:22. While the disciples' faith may have failed, yet their obedience did not. Accordingly, they commanded the crowd to sit down.

7. Orderliness (V. 10). God is a God of order. Cf. Mk. 6:50; I Cor. 14:40.

8. Grass (V. 10). It seems strange that the Holy Spirit should record that there was grass where this miracle took place. However, this merely tells us that God, knowing in advance that this miracle was to occur, had ordered nature to provide cushions for the hungry multitude to sit upon.

9. Thanksgiving (V. 11). In all things, our Lord gave us a perfect example. Thus, before they ate, He acknowledged God by looking up to Heaven in thanksgiving. Cf. James 1:17.

10. Personal service (V. 11). Jesus left it to the disciples to distribute the bread among the multitude. He might have done this Himself, but He left the work of distributing to His disciples.

Thus, He might save the world, but He does not. He commands us to give the bread of life to those who are waiting. Cf. Mt. 28:19, 20.

11. All were satisfied (V. 11). As long as there was a demand for food, the supply continued. Thus, He always satisfies or supplies our needs. No one ever comes to Jesus and goes away unsatisfied.

12. Nothing wasted (V. 12, 13). Let us learn a lesson of economy from the example of our Master, since all fragments of food were saved.

## II. Jesus Walks Upon The Sea. John 6:15-21.

1. Jesus dependent upon the Father (V. 15). Jesus was independent of the crowd, but dependent on the Father. In all probability, His going into the mountains was because of this dependence; He needed to commune and talk with the Father.

2. Jesus' absence from the disciples (V. 17). Apparently, Jesus had left the disciples alone. Similarly, God tests us today. He may leave us in the dark with our difficulties for a while, for God is never in a hurry.

3. The disciples continued rowing (V. 19). It was all they could do, yet they did all that was required of them.

4. Afraid of Jesus (V. 19). When Jesus finally appeared, the disciples were so frightened by the press of circumstances, that they were even fearful of Christ. Their lack of faith caused them to be fearful of even their best friend.

5. In a storm with Jesus (V. 20). Many times we too, like the disciples, need to wait and hear the Master's voice, "It is I; be not afraid." Many times the night is fearfully dark, and it looks as if our vessel will be completely swamped. It is then that we need to remember these words of Jesus (V. 20). Cf. Ps. 142:5; Ps. 37.

6. This incident is a picture of the world's opposition to a N. T. church. The disciples could not change this unrest. Neither can we improve the world, as such. After 1900 years of gospel preaching, the world at large is still raving like the tossing sea. However, the disciples kept rowing. It is our duty to keep working and to keep striving, even though we can't still the storm. When Christ came to the disciples, the storm was stilled. Some day at the time when the world is the most restless, Christ will return and still the storm of this troubled world.

dere bro gilpeens—

by grannies i shore hav got a lot tu tel you about this weak. i hav been on a trip sort uf a vakashun like. i ben all the way down to memfis, tenessee tu see my sun and his wif and all the little hardtufules. i aint never had sich a tim in mi life befor. i hav ben in biznes since the skoop-way-rap-tie days and i jist aint had tim to git awa fer nuthin, cept to go to the kounty sete about wunce a yer tu pa mi tax. this time i wuz gone two long sundys and 6 hole das mor.

i always go to church so the first sundy i wuz ther i went to a grate big baptist church. hit wuz about the prettiest bildin i ever seed and about the biggest. why i dont think our tobaccy warehous is eny bigger than hit. they wuz a lot uf peepel ther, but somehow i didnt fele at hom. ther wuz a grate big womeen sitting jist in front uf me what looked lik she had ben pored into her dres without ricolkein to say "when." she went to sleep jist about the tim the preacher got his text pronounced. the sarmond wuznt very interestin lik and when i glansed around i kud see peepel anoddin and yawnin all over the house. i had herd uf lots uf kinds uf Baptists, but i think this wuz a nu varity. they must a ben the sleepin baptists. pretty sune i got sleepy to. then and ther i mad a quik deside and a rapid konklushun that when peepel go to sleep in droves it is the preacher that neds wakin up.

the preacher's sarmond wuz on child sikology. he sed that to raze good yungins u ort tu be able to trace yore ancestry bak at lest 300 yers. i bet a lot uf them that listened kudnt hav told u wher ther yungins wer last nite to sa nuthin about what grandpaw did 300 yers ago.

after the meetin wuz over i wuz slow about gittin out, hopin id git a chance to ask sumwun tu tel me mor about this sikology. but everybody seamed in an awful hurry—like the house wuz on fire after the dismissal. the preacher went back in another room, the peepel all skiddoodled out, and in about two minits that church wuz as quite as the kampus uf a korrespondence skule at midnite.

durin the weak i kep thinkin about this sikology id herd about on sundy. long durin the weak i rikolekted readin about wane cox in TBE and i desided to look him up on sundy and let him xplane hit tu me. when sundy kam i thot id slip in real ezy lik so i wudnt disturb enybody for i figured they wud all be in

ter than ordinary, then God can give the unsaved man a body in which he will not dissolve away, but will live and suffer eternally in a lake of fire."

VI

## WHO IS GOING TO HELL?

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."—Rev. 20:15.

You ask the people with whom you come in contact as to their religious experience and the majority of them will tell you that they are church members. They may have gotten into the church as babies, or they may have gotten into the church at some big revival meeting when crowds were swept in on a wave of emotion. Let me tell you, beloved, there are lots of people who have their names on the church record book, but never have their names in the Lamb's Book of Life. When the day of judging comes at the great white throne, God isn't going to ask the clerk of the church to bring in the church record book to see whether or not a fellow is going to Heaven or Hell, but it will be on the basis of whether your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

a hurry to. but jist as sune i opened the dore a woman shok out her hand and shook me jist like she ment hit, asme all the while and rite then i at hom. she axed me wher i frum and told me to be sure kum bak. she wuz jist about uf the niseset uf the rib-spri sex i ever met. i think she her nam wuz king. if u ever ther be shore tu met her.

well i thot that feler wane bein a sity preacher wud sikology to but he never shuned it. maby he dont no nuthin about hit but he sho nos about other things. he is shun fin preecher who shos he has learning besids noleage and informashun konse in not only rudiments but and attanements. after lister ti that wun sermond id sa he advized on all the branches informashun kontaned in lan and is up on all the rudim uf doktrins and enlitenmint kudnt advance him eny on eny uf the parts uf spe or lins uf thot. he kud pas profesur uf wether and pol and natural history and origen uf derivashuns. he sa anything about sikology shore talked gude about mi and his blood that wuz shed me. id aliked to ahollered and bein away frum hom i seen how i wuz a stranger didnt.

that meetin with bro cox shakin hands after hit wuz and the peepel atalkin to another after hit wuz over me think i wuz back at poss ridge in the gude old das them anty sundy skulers tore church to smithereans. ef hadnt a ben for our dere old tist jernel i wudnt a know to look fer bro cox and i shore missed a blessin.

the next mornin when my wuz takin me to the bus tu home we passed a place what the word SALON printed on window. Not noin how to gude i thot hit had something do with sikology so i axed son to hold up a spell and went in. ther wuz a half du er so women there with bur about the size uf a 5 galon kan turned upside down on heds, jist asmokin and jibbern lik lightnin. they no nothing about sikology et they sed that i wuz in the plase and that that wuz a parlor and that they wuz ther hair kurlid. frum wha herd id sa the gossip alone w enuf tu kurl yore hare with them lard kans on ther heds.

yore frend  
i s hardtufule

I tell you, beloved, every individual should listen to Scripture which says, "Take heed unto yourselves." We ought to listen to that passage of Scripture which says, "Make your calling and election sure." We ought to listen to II Corinthians 13:5, which says, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves."

God help us to realize there is just one way to get out of Hell, and that is by having your name recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life. Might please God to save some of them, too, might realize his name has been written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

May God bless you!

Mid the gloom the vivid light  
With increasing brightness  
Mid the thorn-brake beauties  
Look more beautiful and gay

So, in darkest dispensations  
Doth my faithful Lord appear  
With His richest consolations  
To reanimate and cheer.

## "The Book Of Revelation"

(Continued from page three)

Beloved, what is true of the Devil is true of everyone else who goes to Hell.

V

## THE JUDGMENT OF THE GREAT WHITE THRONE.

"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death."—Rev. 20:11-14.

This tells us about a judgment—the last judgment that will ever take place; how big sinners and little sinners will come before the great white throne, and the books will be opened—books that have the record of your life if you are unsaved. I tell you, beloved, every unsaved person's record is kept by God.

I wonder if you know how many times you have sinned in life. You say, "Brother Gilpin, that is a foolish question." Of course, it is a foolish question. You don't know how many times you have lied, or how many times you have gotten drunk, or how many times you have cursed, or how many times you have gotten mad. You don't know how many times you have sinned in one form or another. But, beloved, God knows. He keeps a day-by-day, hour-by-hour, minute-by-minute record of your life.

Unsaved friend, when you come to the judgment, you'll come there to face the deeds that you have done. Everything that you have done in your life has been written down and is there.

## THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

PAGE EIGHT

FEBRUARY 23, 1957

at the judgment bar of God to face you. Sinner friend, if you don't want to face your record at the judgment, then you had better be sure that your record is changed before you come to the judgment. In other words, you will face the deeds that you have done, at the judgment bar of God, unless those deeds are blotted out by the blood of Jesus Christ while you are here within this world. There is only one way that a man can keep out of Hell and that is by the blood of Jesus Christ, and there is only one way that you can have your record changed and that is by the blood of the Son of God blotting out the sins of your life. Otherwise, beloved friend, when you die and go out into eternity, you will go to the judgment of the great white throne to face the sins of your life; and without an exception, they have all been recorded.

The Word of God tells us also that there is another book brought out, and this is the Book of Life. Why is the Book of Life brought out at the judgment of the great white throne? Beloved, it is presented to show the unsaved that their names were never written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

There will be some people who will stand up at the judgment bar of God and say, "Lord, we have preached big sermons in your name. We have cast out devils in your name. We have done many mighty works in your name." Then it is that the Lord will point to the Lamb's Book of Life to show them that their names were never written therein. This Lamb's Book of Life is brought out to show them that regardless of what they have done, irrespective of how much good they have done, and regardless of how much religion they may have professed, their names never were in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Then there will probably be some people who will stand up at the judgment bar of God, who will say, "Lord, I fell from grace."

Then the Lord will point to the Lamb's Book of Life and say, "If your name had ever been in the Lamb's Book of Life, you would never have fallen from grace. If your name had ever been there, you would not be here at this judgment."

Then, beloved, notice what happens. Everybody, without a single exception, who comes to the judgment of the great white throne, is cast into a lake of fire, that God calls the second death.

Several years ago, I went through the Rolling Mill at the Armco Steel Corporation in Ashland, and I was impressed particularly by the heat that is inside those furnaces. One man loaned me a pair of smoked glasses and I looked inside that furnace. I saw that molten metal at 2200 degrees F., so hot that it looked as if the bubbles were jumping up six and eight inches, and I thought to myself, "Can this be anything like Hell?"

I come back to this Scripture and it says that everyone whose name was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire forever and ever. Beloved, I believe with all my heart that unsaved people are going to experience just exactly what the Word of God speaks of—a Hell of fire.

Several years ago a man fell into one of those furnaces at the Armco Steel Corporation. A man who witnessed the accident said as his body went down, it just looked as if he dissolved. In telling me about it, he said, "Brother Gilpin, you talk about a Hell where men are punished forever, but I saw this fellow as he fell into this heat and he just dissolved. How are you going to answer that?" I said, "Brother, in the Old Testament, three Jews went into a furnace that was heated seven times hotter than it ordinarily was, but God gave them bodies whereby they were not hurt in the flames. If God can give three Jews bodies that can not even be hurt in flames that are heated seven times hot-

MISSION

VOL. 26

By PA Immo

With a self to the num embrace terpretat of the gr doxes. T problems it

1. The and usag

The te visible" al meani the prob unfold by the u ited and

2. The Harnac

ma," de invisible first tim bus, T Alexand Cyprian,

Is One Who

Unto

There want to k

for the nished, o a church from the Hell. Bu think they do

Christ we They wa and for running o

Indeed th many pa courage prevailing lest they than a v written, pastor of neighbori church. (Conti

I M

Pastor begin Woodla Church nessee

Both and B readers to atten to pray vival everyw definite

Mid the gloom the vivid light

With increasing brightness

Mid the thorn-brake beauties