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ALL OF GRACE

By C. H. Spurgeon



C. H. SPURGEON

Of the things which I have spoken unto you these many years this is the sum. Within the circle of these words my theology is contained, so far as it refers to the salvation of men. I rejoice also to remember that those of my family who were ministers of Christ before me preached this doctrine, and none other. My father, who is still able to bear his personal testimony for his Lord, knows no other doctrine, neither did his father before him. I am led to remember this by the fact that a somewhat singular circumstance, recorded in my memory, connects this text with myself and my grandfather. It is now long years ago. I was announced to preach in a certain country town in the Eastern Counties. It does not often happen to me to be behind time, for

I feel that punctuality is one of those little virtues which may prevent great sins. But we have no control over railway delays, and break-downs; and so it happened that I reached the appointed place considerably behind the time. Like sensible people, they had begun their worship, and had proceeded as far as the sermon. As I neared the chapel, I perceived that some one was in the pulpit preaching, and who should the preacher be but my dear and venerable grandfather? He saw me as I came in at the front door and made my way up the aisle, and at once he said, "Here comes my grandson! He may preach the gospel better than I can, but he cannot preach a better gospel; can you, Charles?" As I made my way through the

throne, I answered, "You can preach better than I can. Pray go on." But he would not agree to that. I must take the sermon, and so I did, going on with the (Continued on page 8, column 1)

Brother Halliman Called To The Mission Field

We rejoice to publish the following communication from Brother Fred Halliman, telling of his call of the Lord to go to the mission field in New Guinea. We have known of Brother Halliman's burden for quite a while and are happy that the Lord has now made His will clear to him. We are especially happy about his call because Brother Halliman will be sent out by a church, not a board or society. This is the kind of mission work which we believe in and love to see.



FRED T. HALLIMAN

We ask all of our readers who are interested in the Gospel's being preached to call out the elect to pray earnestly for Brother Halliman and the work he has been called to do. Read the following letter, which he wrote for TBE, and we are sure that you will receive a burden for this work. May the Lord give us the grace to be of help to this one whom He has called.

Brother Halliman's Letter

Dear Saints of the Most High God:

It gives me great pleasure, yet it is with fear and trembling, that I make this announcement of my call to do mission work abroad. It humbles me to "sackcloth and ashes," to know that "Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me," has also "counted me faithful, putting me into this ministry."

Therefore, since we are admonished by the Lord to, "Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it," I am determined, by His enabling grace to serve Him wherever He leads me.

Things Leading Up To My Call.

Ever since I have been preaching I have had a definite conviction about mission work, and have felt and still do feel that Baptists are indebted to the world (Continued on page 3, column 1)

The Supremacy Of God

By A. W. PINK

In one of his letters to Erasmus, Luther said, "Your thoughts of God are too human." Probably that renowned scholar resented such a rebuke, the more so since it proceeded from a miner's son; nevertheless, it was thoroughly deserved. We, too, though having no standing among the religious leaders of this degenerate age, prefer the same charge against the vast majority of the preachers of our day, and against those who, instead of searching the Scriptures for themselves, lazily

accept their teachings. The most dishonouring and degrading conceptions of the rule and reign of the Almighty are now held almost everywhere. To countless thousands, even among those professing to be Christians, the God of Scripture is quite unknown.

Of old, God complained to an apostate Israel, "Thou thoughtest that I was altogether as thyself" (Psalm 50:21). Such must now be His indictment against the apostate Christendom. Men imagine that the Most High is moved by sentiment, rather than actuated by principle. They suppose that His omnipotency is such an idle fiction that Satan is thwarting His designs on every side. They think that if He has formed any plan or purpose at all, then it must be like theirs, constantly subject to change. They openly declare that whatever power He possesses must be restricted, lest He invade the citadel of man's "free will" and reduce him to a "machine." They lower the all-efficacious Atonement, which has actually redeemed everyone for whom it was made, to a mere "remedy," which (Continued on page 8, column 2)



ARTHUR PINK

JESUS LOVES ME SO

My heart is all aglow
For Jesus loves me so.
He saved my sin-sick soul,
And made me fully whole.

I was in deep distress,
Till Jesus came to bless.
But now I am set free,
Have perfect joy and liberty.

His blood was shed for me,
As He hung upon the tree.
And now He dwells within,
To cleanse from every sin.

O glory to His name,
He's every day the same.
Then take Him as your friend,
He'll keep you to the end.

And when your life is past,
He'll take you home at last.
Up there to be with Him,
In Heaven where there is no sin.

—Marshall Efav,
Chesapeake, Ohio

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE LORD'S CHURCH SHOULD HAVE

Condensation of a Sermon by Bob L. Ross

It is regrettably true that every member of the church does not have the righteousness which each member should have. But no one should remain in the church unless he has the following righteousnesses:

1. IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Imputed righteousness is righteousness which is charged to our account or put to our record. This is the righteousness which justifies us in God's sight. This righteousness is the righteousness of Jesus Christ which He wrought out in our behalf in His life under Law and death to satisfy for sin. This is the righteousness which meets every demand of the Law of God.

It is imputed to us, reckoned to our account, charged to us as our own. It is the "robe of righteousness," the "garment of salvation" without which no one can stand in the presence of the Holy God. This is the righteousness

which "exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees" (Matthew 5:20). It makes us perfect, even as our Father in heaven is perfect. Every church member ought to have it. Self-righteousness and religious - righteousness should give place to the righteousness of Christ. (Study Romans 3:25, 26; 4:5, 6; 5:17, 18, 21; 10:4; II Corinthians 5:21; Philipians 3:9).

2. IMPARTED RIGHTEOUSNESS.

"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."—Ephesians 4:24.

"That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."—Romans 8:4.

Imparted righteousness refers to that new love which the Spirit of God has shed abroad in the heart. It refers to the "new nature" which hungers and thirsts after righteousness. It is the "law

of the mind" which wars against the flesh. It is that motive within us which constrains us to live godly lives. It is the "new man" who is in contrast to the old man. It is the Spirit as opposed to the flesh.

Every church member ought to have this imparted righteousness, given to us in the new birth. No one is saved without it.

3. CEREMONIAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Christ said His baptism by John was to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15). Of course, baptism only set forth in-figure what Jesus meant. It is a declarative ordinance and in it is declared the glorious truth of the Gospel. It is the Gospel to the eye.

Thus, baptism was a fulfillment of all righteousness ceremonially. The person who is saved is to submit to the declarative ceremony of baptism and thereby fulfill all righteousness the same as Jesus. Christ told the Pharisees that they rejected God's counsel in not being baptized; so today, those who do not fulfill all righteousness in this ceremonial ordinance are likewise guilty. (Continued on page 2, column 3)

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"GOD'S CURSES"

Sermon Preached by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse."—Deuteronomy 11:26.

Of recent date, I have been studying very closely what God says about individuals upon whom He has pronounced a curse. In fact, beloved, in the past few weeks I have been giving it very serious consideration. I have studied very closely a number of verses, and a number of incidents as to how God has blessed and cursed various individuals.

As an example, we will turn to Israel's experience as they were getting ready to go over into the land of Canaan, when they were encamped in the plains of Moab, and when Moses was giving them the book of Deuteronomy, which

was a series of lectures that Moses delivered to them relative to the law. As they were thus getting ready to go over into the land of Canaan, as the people stood down at the valley with mount Gerizim on one side and mount Ebal on the other, it was then that the law was read. The blessings were read from one mountain and the curses were read from the other mountain, and all the people said "Amen" as the blessings and curses were read. We read:

"These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are come over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin: And these shall stand upon mount

Ebal to curse; Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. And the Levites shall speak, and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice. Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen. Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people (Continued on page 5, column 2)

JESUS RECEIVES SINNERS

"Standing one time in the open market-place, Diogenes cried with a loud voice, 'Approach, ye men; approach, ye men'; as though he had had some earnest matter to say unto the people. And when they had gathered very thick about him, he for all that ceased not, but still cried, 'Approach, ye men.' Certain of them, taking great indignation at the matter, answered, 'Lo, here we be; say thy mind.' Then Diogenes, driving them away with a staff, said, 'I bade men to approach, not dunghills.'"

This is after the manner of philosophy, but it is the reverse of the style of Jesus of Nazareth who saith, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Sinful man, come thou to Jesus, though thou feel thyself to be a dunghill, for he will receive thee with open arms.—Sword and Trowel.

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EDITORIAL—

A Modern Jezebel Shows Her Ignorance Of And Contempt For God's Word

"... Thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants..." — Rev. 2:20.

Jezebel, in the verse above, is used of one who was out of her place. The real Jezebel of old was a rebellious woman who did not obey God and one who hen-pecked her husband Ahab. She was not in subjection to either God or her husband. Both Jezebel and her husband were contemptible.

God uses the name of Jezebel to signify a woman who rebels to His Word and lords it over man, the one whom God has appointed as the head of the race.

Some of our readers have sent us copies of various newspapers in which a modern Jezebel has taken Brother Gilpin's tract on "A Woman's Place in the New Testament Church" as a taking-off-point in spueing out her contempt for the Lord's Word. This woman, Mrs. Walter Ferguson, is evidently some kind of a syndicated columnist; but regardless of her "seeming to be somewhat" (Gal. 2:6) in her own eyes and in the eyes of others, she is in a spiritual sense nothing but a rebellious Jezebel, for she rejects and perverts the Word of the Living God. Let us notice how she does this in her warped article entitled, "Gagging Women in Church."

First, she misrepresents Brother Gilpin by saying of his tract: "It is sprinkled with Bible texts to prove what Gilpin would have to have proved, namely that women are inferior to men in God's sight."

Jezebel is wrong on two counts here: (1) The message is not merely "sprinkled" with Bible texts but is based upon what the Bible says and is an exposition thereof. The tract does not seek to "prove" anything; it merely sets forth what the Bible says. (2) The tract has nothing at all to say about women's being "inferior to men,"

as this modern Jezebel says. The tract is simply showing what the Bible says is the place of a woman in the Lord's church. But it is certainly true that women are in certain respects "inferior" to men by God's own appointment: God created man and made woman for a "help." God placed man as the head of the human race (I Cor. 11:3). And if Jezebel doesn't like that, then she can fuss with God.

She goes on to expose her rank ignorance of the Bible when she says that Timothy wrote what is found in I Timothy 2:2:11, 12. Any junior who has been to Sunday School ought to know that Paul wrote I Timothy and that this is the statement of the apostle. As a matter of fact, any one who can read the Bible should know better than what Jezebel says, for in the first two verses of I Timothy the writer identifies himself. The fact that Jezebel is ignorant of this detail reveals how quick she is to rebel and walk in the paths of Jezebel of old rather than search for the truth. She is loud in her boasting about the "long, uphill fight for feminine religious recognition," but she doesn't even know the simplest details of the Bible.

In the first few paragraphs of her article, Jezebel reveals that she does not accept the inspired Scriptures as being God's Word, which they claim to be. She says, "Today such words are still interpreted by many to mean, so spake God." That shows she does not think so.

She goes on: "Many people tell us that every word in it [the Bible] was authorized by God." Then she says that "they may be right." In other words, she does not believe this herself and will only grant that others "may be right."

Later she expresses her contempt for the inspired writings and writers by saying: "So when we study the comments of Jesus on this question we begin to suspect that the early Christian Fathers who established church rules long after his death must have substituted some of their own ideas for those of their great teacher."

That is blasphemy against Christ, against the Holy Spirit who inspired all the Scriptures, and against the men who wrote the Scriptures. In the first place, Jezebel has perverted a statement or two by Jesus that have nothing to do with the matter discussed in the tract. What Jesus said about Mary choosing the "better part" and what He said about casting the first stone are completely beside the point. Jezebel's use of these verses reveals her ignorance of the Bible just as much as her saying that Timothy wrote I Tim. 2:11, 12.

Jezebel goes on to say: "At any rate the words of Paul and Timothy regarding women's church standing sound strange to 20th century ears." But only to 20th century ears that have not been opened by the Spirit to receive the truth, Jezebel. No doubt the rest of the Bible would sound rather strange to Jezebel, but it sounds very sound to the person who receives it as the Word of God.

She says the churches would be "in a bad fix" were the women to obey the Bible. The churches are in worse fix now, Jezebel; read Revelation 2:20 and see how God is displeased with the Jezebels like you who have charge of the churches! We have never known a church to be sound in the faith which had a woman or a group of women of the Jezebel type in charge.

Jezebel also casts reflection upon the men of the churches, indicating that the churches would just about die if things were left to them. Well, a crowd of hen-pecked husbands and men are of no use to any church. In fact, they are not men except as to sex. A man who has degenerated to the point that a woman has to take the position of leader is not fully a man. Such a fellow is always looking to the women to lead in prayer and public service. YOU DON'T FIND THAT IN THE CHURCHES OF THE BIBLE (I Cor. 14:34, 35). The churches in which such men and women are members are as weak as water with respect to the Bible, Jezebel herself being a classic example of this fact.

Although Jezebel took Brother Gilpin to task, her rebellion is really against the God who inspired the teaching which Brother Gilpin simply put down in tract form. He simply told what the Bible says. And if Jezebel insists on being ignorant of this, let her be ignorant (I Cor. 14:38).—BLR.

Righteousness

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4. MORAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Every church member ought to live a good moral life (See Phil. 1:11; Romans 12:1, 2; I Cor. 15:34; II Cor. 6:14-18; etc.). The Bible is packed with exhortations to holy living. A righteous life is an evidence of salvation within, while an ungodly life is usually a sign of unregeneracy, or perhaps a backslidden state.

In the flesh we will never reach perfection, but our standard is one of absolute righteousness and toward it we are to press on. Christians ought not to live as the worldlings. In my hometown, I went around passing out tracts and went into some worldly places. I found that three of the leading beer joints and two of the three pool-rooms were operated or owned by so-called Baptists! Also, even at the YMCA, the leader there was a member of a Baptist church, yet he had mixed bathing and dancing in his "Y" programs. He told me he saw nothing wrong about them.

The movies, dancing, gambling and other things of the world are not for the Christian. When he joins in such things he is identifying himself with the world and he loses his testimony and influence. The saint is to live a positive life of righteousness, not boastfully or with a "holier than thou" attitude, but with humility before the Lord and out of a love for righteousness.

6. DOCTRINAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

A person's faith ought to be right, too. Doctrinal error is a greater wrong in God's sight than a moral error. Study the Bible and you will see how strongly

I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW:

"Can Baptism Be Administered Without Church Authority?"

No. Baptism—Christian, Scriptural baptism—must always have the authority of God back of it to be valid. No one is to baptize in His name without His approval. To take it upon one's self to administer baptism in His name is to set self up as sovereign over God.

John was sent of God to baptize; the apostles baptized upon the authority of Christ Himself; The church received the authority of Christ to baptize; the apostles and missionaries sent out from the church had the authority of God as given to the church: these men were appointed and were under the disciplinary power of the church which sent them forth. Some often refer to Philip's baptizing the eunuch as being contradictory to the rule; however, it must be assumed that Philip was not sent out by the church as a missionary to hold to this theory. But if that could be proven, we must remember that the Holy Spirit directly led Philip and told him what to do; therefore, he had God's authority. And this action of the Spirit was an exception (which God most

certainly can make since all things are of Him anyway) to the general rule. It does not indicate that the Spirit makes a practice of such special leading. Christ appeared to Paul in a vision and Paul was saved; but the general rule is that men are saved by hearing of Christ in the Gospel. So a special act by the Spirit in His leading of Philip does not set aside the church and the authority which God has placed therein.

● Does baptism literally put one into the church?

We don't know what you mean by "literally," but if you mean what we think, we say no. But since baptism is always administered by an administrator appointed by the church, and since this ordinance is the one declarative act prerequisite to church fellowship, it may be said that baptism is into the church. No one can come into the church without baptism and no one should be baptized unless he intends to come under the church's authority. In apostolic times, it was the practice for one who believed to be baptized and come into fellowship with the church which baptized him. He certainly came under the church's disciplinary powers. There was no baptizing, as is so common today, on whether or not baptism put one into the church.

We know that baptism puts one "into Christ" declaratively and symbolically. Likewise, it puts one "into the church" ceremonially, identifying that individual with the faith of God's church.

● Doesn't the Lord Himself give the authority to baptize?

Certainly, and no one can baptize without it. That is what we contend for: baptism with God's authority back of it. That is why we now contend so strongly for church-authorized baptism, for God gave the commission to baptize to the church. Any other kind of baptism is without God's authority in this time. Of course God could still make exceptions to the rule, but we have no indication that He is or will do so. Anyhow, we are to follow that which is the general rule and not be seeking for Him to make an exception.

● What did John baptize his disciples "into"?

The word "into" in the Greek often means "with reference to." That is what it means in Acts 2:38 and Luke 5:14: with reference to the remission of sins and with reference to the leper's cleansing. John baptized his disciples with reference to the remission of sins, too. And so far as their identification was concerned, he baptized them and thereby they were identified with that group of John's disciples (which is not called "church" or anything else). But they were baptized "into" (with reference to) the faith John preached and the group which stood for it.

God disapproves of idolatry and doctrinal error. Doctrinal error is damning to the soul and also to the life. Actually, a good life results from believing right doctrine. People who are usually rotten in life, even though they are religious, are those who are wrong doctrinally. Holy Rollers especially are a case of this type. They claim to be sinless, yet those who have had contact with the majority of them know that they live the lowest kind of lives. One of them owed a grocery bill in my home-town and when questioned about it said that "Jesus paid it all," so she wasn't going to worry about it!

Roman Catholics are like this too. I went into the home of some of them here in Ashland and beer was sitting on the table where five or six members of the family were playing cards and listening to a ball game. This was on a Sunday. I asked them where they went to church and they said "Holy Family." That is the local Roman Catholic Church. I thought the name of their church and the life they were living were somewhat inconsistent. They may have gone to "Holy Family" church but they were very unholy as a family in their living.

Why is this? They do not believe right so they do not live right. Both doctrine and life are important; they go hand-in-hand.

6. PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

We ought to be practical in the way we do righteousness. We ought not to do it to be seen of men or to impress men. Furthermore, we ought to always seek to keep self out of the way of others. Paul said: "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not" (I Cor. 10:23).

Paul was practical in his life. If eating a certain meat offended his brother and caused stumbling, he wouldn't eat it. He bore long with people to show them the truth. There is such a thing as doing good in an impractical manner. We ought never to disobey God, but at the same time we ought to seek to be practical in our obedience so as not to be stumbling blocks.

In another sense, we ought to be practical in our righteousness. That is, we ought to help others in practical ways. A neighbour needs a hand; a poor man needs some help; a widow needs care; a sick person needs attention; a family needs clothing; — and what else could not be mentioned? We ought to show forth the love of Christ for our fellowman in these practical ways. We ought not to be as that one described by (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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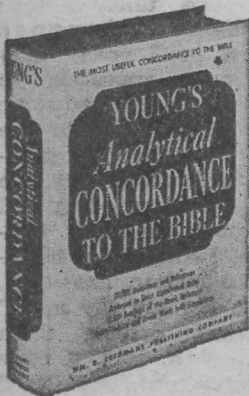
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Brother Halliman Called

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to "preach the gospel to all nations." For over two years I have had a special burden for mission work abroad and have prayed much in the past two years that the Lord would call some one from the church of which I was pastoring. Since we have had as many as six preachers in the church most of the time (and in my humble opinion any one of our preachers would have made a better man for the job than myself), I have prayed with the hopes that the Lord would call one of them. It was not until November of 1958, that I began to realize that my prayers were being answered, but I was as much and perhaps more surprised than you when I began to realize that it was not one of our other preachers in the church, but myself that the Lord was dealing with. I have learned long ago that you can not run from the Lord, also that it never pays to run ahead of Him. Therefore, I began to watch and wait for some definite enlightenment, but I still continued to pray that the Lord would call someone else in my stead.

When I Knew That I Had Been Called.

By January 20th I had begun to feel impressed so much I talked to the Lord not only daily, but on many occasions many times a day. By the last of January this was the subject most talked about in

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my home. My wife was very sympathetic and cooperative in discussing the matter, and was a

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constant prayer companion. By the last of February my appetite was practically gone, my sleep was very irregular and I can truthfully say that the month of March was the most agonizing month that I can ever remember spending; but there is always travail before birth, and on March 29th I was just as sure that I had been called to the mission field as I have ever been of anything in my life. Now there was no more doubt. Rest came to my weary body and peace to my troubled mind. Now I was sure that I had "heard the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees," and that I must "bestir myself; for the Lord would go out before me."

How God Has Revealed To Me The Field.

When I knew that it was the Lord's will for me to go to some foreign field, I immediately began to seek His will in knowing where He would have me to go, and while I feel just as sure about the field as I do about my calling I assure you that the choice was not mine for no one in his right mind, unless the Lord were leading, would want to take his wife and children nearly 10,000 miles away from home, friends, family, and a church that he has been with for nearly seven years as pastor. In fact, I thought surely that my field would be somewhere in the West Indies, and I prayed about that work there and attempted to make some preparations to go there, but every stone I rolled over, and every door I opened, I always, without fail, found the same answer, and that answer was, the jungles of New Guinea. I have made some investigations about going there and thus far every door has been opened, and unless the Lord closes the door I shall make no other preparation toward any other field.

How Do I Expect To Get To New Guinea?

The quickest way to answer that question is, "I'm depending on the Lord to get me there," but

as to just how He is going to do it I do not know. Upon finding out that I was going to the mission field, some have asked me, "What board are you going out under?" Friends, if you are wondering about the same question my answer is: "The only kind of a board that I shall go out under will be those that might be serving as a roof over my head in whatever mode of transportation that I take." The Macedonia Baptist Church of which I am pastor has voted to send me out, and if I cannot get to New Guinea upon that authority and the help of other churches and individuals who might wish to have a part in this ministry by helping Macedonia Baptist Church with the expenses of getting me there and supporting me after I get there, then I shall feel that the field has been closed.

How Much Will It Cost To Get My Family To New Guinea?

I am not prepared to answer that question just now, and it will probably be some time, perhaps two months or more, before I will be able to arrive at any definite figures. I do know that the expense will be no small amount and that the Lord will have to furnish whatever amount is needed. But since this is the Lord's work, and I am sure that He knows what the needs will be much better than I do, I am resting in the assurance that when the time comes the expenses will be met.

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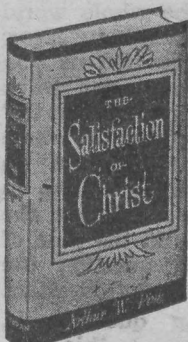
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—FRED T. HALLIMAN

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PROCEDURE OF ORGANIZATION OF GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

[The following should have appeared last week, but we did not have it on time.]

Organized out of the Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky. Elder Bob L. Ross, member and ordained Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church acted in behalf of Calvary Baptist Church in the organization, and was assisted by Brother Jim Everman, pastor of Kings Addition Baptist Church, South Shore, Kentucky; Brother Arthur J. Corcoran, Pastor of Cottage Hills Baptist Church, Cottage Hills, Illinois, and Brother Raymond Willis, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Harrison, Kentucky. These brethren were recommended as counselors by the Calvary Baptist Church, and came as representatives of their various churches, which joined heartily in the authorization of this new church by the Calvary Baptist Church.

Bob L. Ross, an appointed administrator of baptism of the Calvary Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky, baptized the following persons in Pearsons Creek, in Green County, Missouri, on Sunday afternoon, May 3, 1959:

Max E. Hawkins
Mrs. Max Hawkins
Julie Hawkins
Jimmy Hawkins
Lee Hawkins
Mrs. Lee Hawkins
Ronald Hawkins
Mrs. Richard E. Smith

On Sunday Evening, May 3, 1959, the following occurred:

1. Richard E. Smith was received into the Calvary Baptist Church by statement of faith.

2. The Moderator, Bob L. Ross (appointed by Calvary Baptist Church) entertained a motion that the aforementioned persons declare themselves to be a church. Motion was made by Max E. Hawkins, seconded by Richard Smith, and carried. This group thus declared themselves to be a church, having had Scriptural baptism, and having been authorized to thus proceed by the Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky.

3. The Moderator recommended that the church appoint a moderator to direct itself in the business at hand. Max Hawkins moved that Bro. Richard Smith be moderator; seconded by Lee Hawkins, and carried.

4. Bro. Smith, having been elected moderator, took the floor and recommended that the church adopt a name. Max Hawkins moved that we adopt the name "Grace Baptist Church," at least temporarily; seconded by Lee Hawkins and carried.

5. The moderator then brought before the church the matter of adopting articles of faith which should set forth the doctrines which the church believes and for which it intends to stand. These articles, having been previously submitted to the members of the church and perused by them, were not read, but were acted upon immediately. Bro. Max Hawkins therefore moved that the church accept as its articles of faith, and covenant, the articles and covenant herewith attached [these articles are those of Calvary Baptist Church]. Seconded by Lee Hawkins and carried. These two Appendixes were added to the articles:

I. The Christian and Worldliness

We believe that every saint of God should strive to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present evil world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts; that the Christian should not love the things of this world; that he should rather have a holy nature and desire which prompts him to be separate from the customs, practices, and amusements of the world, particularly those things which are not only not conducive to spiritual growth, but are a definite hindrance to it. It

would be impossible and impractical for us to herewith attempt to develop this statement in a full or legalistic manner so as to name every practice to which we refer; but we shall specifically name the following things which we believe to be hurtful to the saint: dancing of all sorts; drinking alcoholic beverages for purposes other than medicinal; mixed bathing or any other sort of intermingling between the sexes in which either sex is attired in immodest apparel; moving picture shows; tobacco habit; lodges, fraternal orders and secret societies, organizations which we consider to be contrary to the teachings of the Scriptures; gambling of all sorts and every description. Furthermore, we consider the observance or participation in religious holidays which bear the name of Christ and which are supposedly in His honor, to be contrary to the Scriptures. Each Christian should pray for one another that grace may be sufficiently given so as to abstain from these worldly things.

II. Boards, Conventions, Associations, Organized Fellowships, Etc.

We believe the church to be the only ecclesiastical organization with the divine right for existence, and that all missionary boards, missionary societies, organized conventions, associations and fellowships are unscriptural usurpers over the heritage of the Lord. We do not believe any church has the right to affiliate with such organizations, but should follow the New Testament pattern of faith, fellowship and missionary endeavor. Furthermore, we declare that should the church which sets forth this statement of faith ever be divided over such unscriptural organizations, it shall be that the portion — whether in the majority or minority — that stands for the New Testament pattern remains the church, the other portion being schismatical. Should property or possessions be involved in such a division, it should be declared by a legal court to be the property and possessions of the group or portion of the original church which is in opposition to organized bodies such as conventions, boards, associations and fellowships.

6. The motion was made by Bro. Max Hawkins that we earnestly beseech the will of the Lord in regard to a Pastor for the church. Seconded by Lee Hawkins and carried.

7. Max Hawkins moved that we

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ARE YOU CALLING JESUS A LIAR?

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Friday, March 27, 1959 is designated by most of the world's so-called Christian religious sects as "Good Friday." This is the day most so-called saints and sinners celebrate as the memorial day of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This day, in the annals of so-called Christendom, is set apart as a holy day. This is the day all Catholics, most Protestants, and many Baptists set apart for the supposed honoring of the Son of God, who, in the flesh of man, laid down His Life that Life Eternal might be the inheritance of all the faithful.

Tragically, however, all who celebrate so-called "Good Friday" as the day of our Lord's Crucifixion are not honoring Him or benefitting themselves in a spiritual fashion. For all who partake of the religious emphasis called "Good Friday" are, one way or another, either wittingly or unwittingly, calling Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, a liar. At the same time, all who celebrate in any form the supposed "Holy Day" of "Good Friday" are living a lie.

This is a strange situation instigated by the Devil who is the arch-deceiver and father of lies. Religious people think themselves

friends of Jesus by their pharisaical lit has to be pharisaical since it is not of God or found in the Word of God. Actually, all such are openly blaspheming the Lord of Glory, even the Crucified and Resurrected Son of God. This is one of the most marked evidences of Satan's deceiving, deluding, and blinding power! And seemingly most all of so-called Christianity has fallen prey to Satan's ungodly and anti-godly devices.

We may be assured of the truth of the above rather shocking and tragic statements by simple reference to the Word of God. There is no clearer truth in all the world than Jesus' own specific prophecy of His Death, Burial, and Resurrection.

In Matthew 12:40 we read, "As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the fish, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the body of the earth."

No more specific statement concerning the time that Jesus was to spend in the grave after His Crucifixion and prior to His Resurrection could be desired. We have the added confirmation of this truth, however, in Jesus' testimony before the Jews as recorded in John 2:19, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

Obviously, anyone who claims

Jesus died on Friday and arose on Sunday Morning is setting himself or herself in direct opposition to the clear teaching of the Word of God. And anyone who claims as truth that which is diametrically opposed to the Word of God is a vicious, satanic blasphemer or ignorant of the teaching of the Word of God. In this particular, however, all who claim Jesus died on Friday afternoon and arose on Sunday Morning are actually looking into the face of the Resurrected Lord of Glory and saying, "Jesus, you did not know what you were talking about." All such are saying, "Jesus, you are a liar."

If we did not have the Word of God and the Holy Spirit of God to teach us from the Word of God we would stand utterly incapable of even understanding such awful blasphemy by people who bear the name Christian. For the whole world seemingly has gone after this "Good Friday Worship;" the whole world of religion — pagan and so-called Christian — has become enamored by this unscriptural "Holy Day." God, however, dealt with the source of this problem long before any who read this came on the scene. Therefore, we may read in I John 5:19, "The whole world lieth in wickedness," and II Timothy 3:13, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

The Holy Word of God proclaims that Satan is back of all the deception and lying of men. We remember that our Lord, Himself, said, "When he (Satan) speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar and the father of it" (John 8:44). In the Garden of Eden, Satan began his quest for disciples by asking the first family, on the face of the earth, to question God's Word and call God, Himself, a liar (Genesis 2:16, 17 and 3:1, 4).

In the conclusion of this old earth and world, as we read in the book of Revelation, Satan is still the liar. In Revelation 20:7, 8, we read, "Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth..." Very simply, in the beginning Satan took it upon himself to deceive all the people upon the earth and in the conclusion he shall do the same. And today, sometime after the beginning and sometime before the closing — if Jesus tarries—Satan is going about to deceive all men.

Today, the whole world of churcharity is crying in the face of God — obviously deceived by Satan, the father of lies — "Jesus, you are a liar; you died on Friday afternoon and arose on Sunday Morning." The whole world of Christendom is crying, "Jesus, you lied when you told us you would be three days and three nights in the body of the earth." Satan has simply gotten the whole world of the religious to do what he got Adam and Eve to do and what he shall get the whole world to do in the time of the end; that is, question the Word of God and call God a liar.

The concluding question is, where do you stand in this motley mess of vicious, vituperative, contemptible, anti-scriptural religiosity? Have you been flying into the face of God and calling His Only Begotten Son's own testimony concerning His Death, Burial, and Resurrection a "dirty lie?" If you have been partaking in the "Good Friday" services at your church, you have! If you have been celebrating "Good Fri-

The Believer Secure In Christ

The child of God is secure in Christ and will never be lost.

1. Because he was chosen in Christ, before the foundation of the world. Eph. 1:4.
2. Because he was born of incorruptible seed. I Peter 1:23.
3. Because Christ said: "My sheep shall never perish." John 10:28.
4. Because he is kept by the power of God. I Peter 1:5.
5. Because he is saved to the uttermost, or to the end. Heb. 7:25.
6. Because he is sealed by the Holy Spirit. Eph. 4:30.
7. Because nothing can separate him from the love of God. Rom. 8:38, 39.
8. Because by one offering, Christ hath perfected the believer forever. Heb. 10:14.
9. Because the gifts and callings of God are without repentance, and eternal life is a gift. Rom. 11:29.

The security of the child of God was predestined, or pre-determined in eternity past. Acts 15:18; Eph. 1:4; II Thess. 2:13; Rom. 8:29.

Salvation is eternal, everlasting. John 3:14, 15; John 3:36; John 6:47; John 5:24.

What does God do with His child who sins?

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Not my word but God's Word says it.

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day" in any way, shape, or fashion you have! You may have been giving of your money, time, and talent in the many activities of your church, but if you have been celebrating "Good Friday" you have been blaspheming the Son of God whom you profess to serve and love!

Have you been caught in this religious device of Satan? Have you been enmeshed by the satanic Catholic, Protestant, and Baptist organizations who blasphemously and pharisaically accomplish the hollow mockery of what the world is wont to call "Good Friday" worship? If you have then you need to awaken from your lethargy! If you have and are actually saved, born-again, you need to heed the admonition of Paul, the Apostle, in Romans 12:1, 2:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Even more, however, in order that you might be of actual service to our blessed Lord, I would

have you look with me to Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians 6:14-18:

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

DO OR DONE!

We hear so much about what we must do, that one would think there was nothing that He had done. "Do," "Do," we hear of every hand and how seldom we hear "DONE." The story has often been told and needs to be often retold, of an old Scotch lady who said to the moralist: "Your theory is 'Do,' 'Do,' my theology is 'Done,' 'Done.' Thank God, I am a world of so many unfinished things there is one thing finished—the work for our salvation is finished. 'It is finished,' said He who did it and no one yet has ever been able to point out an unfinished thing in that redemption work."

The Philippian jailer asked what he should "do to be saved" and learned that there was nothing to do, but that all had been done; for Paul did not tell him to weep, to pray, to agonize, to penance, or to do anything, but simply placed before him the distinguishing requirement of the gospel: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). The "done" takes away the "do." "Do" means human endeavor, "Done" means Divine accomplishment. "Do" is possible to human attainment but Done spells out DIVINE ATONEMENT! "Do" is possible to man, "Done" is alone possible to God. "Do" satisfies the flesh, "Done," is grasped by faith. "Do" is the exercise of human energy, "Done" is the display of the Divine initiative.

Said a good man while praying (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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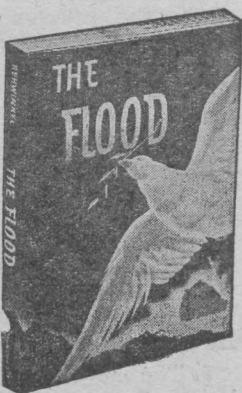
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publicly express our appreciation to the brethren who have been such a great blessing and help to us these past four days, i.e., Bros. Bob Ross, Jim Everman, Arthur Corcoran, and Raymond Willis. Seconded by Lee Hawkins and carried. Bro. Smith, moderator, expressed the thanks of the church.

8. Brother Lee Hawkins moved that we ask Bro. Bob Ross to preach this night. Second by Jim Hawkins and carried. Bro. Ross brought a message on Missions.

9. Bro. Lee Hawkins moved that we adjourn. Bro. Max Hawkins seconded and the motion carried.

Richard E. Smith,
Temporary Clerk,
May 3, 1959.

Grace Baptist Church In Session May 6, 1959

The meeting was opened by Bro. Richard Smith. Minutes of the meetings on May 4, 1959 were read by Richard Smith (Temporary clerk).

The moderator asked for a nomination for Church Clerk, explaining what that position was. Jim Hawkins nominated Richard Smith, second by Max Hawkins and carried. Then the nomination of Church Treasurer was asked for. Max Hawkins made a motion to elect Lee Hawkins, seconded by Jim Hawkins and carried.

Max Hawkins made a motion to write the four pastors and their churches for our appreciation to their helping us to become a scriptural, organized, New Testament church, seconded by Lee Hawkins and carried.

There was a discussion on location and need of a building for the church. We discussed whether the building should be a store or residential home. Jim Hawkins suggested we meet in a school. Richard Smith, the moderator suggested that we definitely seek a place. The motion was made by Max Hawkins, seconded by Jim Hawkins, and carried. Jim Hawkins made a motion that Max Hawkins be the particular seeker, seconded by Lee Hawkins and carried.

Max Hawkins made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Jim Hawkins, and carried.

Richard E. Smith,
Church Clerk,
May 6, 1959.

Righteousness

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James in 2:16: "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?"

We have too many in our churches who pinch their pennies and heap treasures upon themselves rather than exercise mercy and benevolence to others. That is one reason why there are so many other groups like the Com-

munity Chest doing much of the work which ought to be done by the churches. It is a shame for any church to fail to take care of its own.

7. RESURRECTION RIGHTEOUSNESS.

This is yet future, but every church member ought to receive a new body. Of course, every church member will not because it is very doubtful that every church member is saved. But it should be that every person in the church shall receive a body without a single blemish. This is the glorious resurrected body promised in I Corinthians 15. The old body goes down into corruption, but the new body is raised in incorruptible glory.

Church member, do you have all these righteousnesses? May God give them to you if you don't!



"God's Curses"

(Continued from page one)

shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with his mother-in-law. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbour secretly. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen." — Deut. 27:12-26.

You will notice that as the people were thus encamped in the plains of Moab, Moses stationed several of the leaders of the various tribes on mount Gerizim and they pronounced the blessings and he placed several of the leaders of the various tribes on mount Ebal and they pronounced the curses. As the blessings were read from one mountain and as the curses were read from another, all the people responded with an "Amen" down in the valley.

I

GOD IS SOVEREIGN IN BESTOWING BLESSINGS OR CURSES.

We like to think of God as a sovereign God in His rulings in this world. We certainly believe that God is a sovereign God in His dealings with us. We also believe in the realm of salvation that God is sovereign and that He gives salvation sovereignly to whomsoever He will. That is why He chooses those to whom He wills to give salvation. We think of God as being a sovereign God in every particular.

I'd like for you to notice now that even in the blessings that God gives us, and in the curses that God pronounces upon us, He does this likewise as He sovereignly wills. In the book of Numbers we have the story of a man named Balaam. I rather have in mind that Balaam was a man of God. I'll grant you that he did some things that a man of God shouldn't, and I'm ready to grant that he certainly ended up far differently to what you expect of a man of God, yet at the same time it appears to me that Balaam perhaps may have been God's man.

One day there came some servants from Balak, the king of Moab, who asked Balaam to visit their country and do some preaching that they wanted done. They told Balaam exactly what they wanted. They told Balaam that there was a group of people called Israelites recently come out of the land of Egypt, and that they wanted Balaam to pronounce

a curse upon them — that Balak was not strong enough to overcome these Israelites and that the only way they could overcome them was by Balaam pronouncing a curse upon them. Immediately, Balaam took the matter to the Lord. We read:

"And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed." — Num. 22:12.

The Word of God tells us that Balaam immediately gave them his answer that he would not go with them and that he could not in any wise curse Israel because God had blessed them. You remember how they began then by telling Balaam about how much money Balak would give him. Balaam said:

"If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more." — Num. 22:18.

However, the more they jingled the coins before Balaam and the more that they talked to him about money, the more determined Balaam was to go along with them. The Word of God tells us how that eventually Balaam went with them over into the land of Moab and tried to pronounce a curse upon the children of Israel, but every time that he did so God confounded him. God would not allow him to do it. The Word of God tells us that God just definitely would not permit him to pronounce a curse upon them and instead of cursing them, he ended up each time by pronouncing a blessing. Then we read what Moses says concerning the experience of Balaam:

"Nevertheless the Lord thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the Lord thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the Lord thy God loved thee." — Deut. 23:5.

Now we can see from this that Balaam simply wasn't able to curse this people because God wouldn't let him, and even though he tried to pronounce a curse upon them, God turned it into a blessing. You can thus see that God is sovereign in the way in which He bestows a blessing or a curse.

We read again:

"And I will curse your blessings." — Mal. 2:2.

Listen again:

"As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come." — Prov. 26:2.

Notice, Solomon says "the curse causeless shall not come," as if to say that any curse that falls upon an individual does not come without a cause. There is a cause back of every curse, or in other words, God is back of every curse that is poured out on an individual, and in like manner God is back of every blessing that falls upon him.

Now, beloved, that helps me to know that God stands back of the blessings and the curses. It helps me to know that if I am blessed immeasurably with health or if I am blessed immeasurably with the material things of the world, or if I am blessed immeasurably with friends, then, beloved, that is of the Lord, and I rejoice because of it. At the same time, if my health is poor, if my financial condition is poorer, and if I have still less friends than I have health and money, I am reminded that even the curses that come from the Lord do not come without a cause. That helps me, beloved, to recognize the fact that every blessing and every curse comes sovereignly from the hand of God. When I think of that, I am reminded of the Word of God which says:

"And we know that ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." — Rom. 8:28.

"In EVERY THING GIVE THANKS, for THIS is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." — I Thess. 5:18.

It is rather hard for us sometimes to give God thanks for curses and for the things that

THE ROMISH HERESY AS TO MATTHEW 16:18 REFUTED

By ROY MASON
Tampa, Florida

Jesus Christ HIMSELF being the chief corner stone."

"THOU ART PETER, AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH" Matt. 16:18).

The whole structure of the Roman Catholic Church is built upon the assumption that Peter was the first pope, and that Jesus meant in Matt. 16:18 that he would build his church upon the papacy. Destroy the primacy of Peter, and the foundation of the papacy is destroyed. Destroy the papacy, and the Roman hierarchy topples, and the whole Church structure collapses.

It is believed by Catholics that Peter was the first pope of Rome. Two things militate against this idea. First, there is no history to prove that Peter was ever in Rome, and second we know that Peter was never a pope anywhere. How do we know this?

1—JESUS DOES AWAY WITH THE IDEA OF THE PRIMACY OF PETER WHEN HE CALLS HIM SATAN. (Matt. 16:23). This was a moment after he uttered the words of Matt. 16:18. Strange language to use to the "pope" to call him "Satan."

2—IF PETER WERE A POPE HE DIDN'T KNOW IT. In speaking of himself he did NOT call himself a pope, but called himself an "elder." (I Pet. 5:1).

3—THE WORD POPE IS NOT FOUND IN THE BIBLE. The pope is called "the pontif." The title comes, not from the Bible, but from pagan Rome. The head of the heathen religion was called "Pontifex maximus." The title was lifted from paganism and was applied to the Catholic head.

What Did Jesus Mean In Matt. 16:18?

Jesus did NOT mean that he would build his church upon a poor, weak, vacillating human, like Peter. He made a play on words, and said, as is clear in the Greek, "Thou art Peter ('petros,' which means a little pebble) and upon this rock ('petra,' which means great foundation stone) I will build my church." What is the great stone — the great foundation — the great Gibraltar rock on which he would build his church? It was the thing that they had just been discussing — the confession made by Peter. This confession was the divinely apprehended truth that JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD. It sums up that the church is built upon JESUS HIMSELF. This is further made plain by Ephes. 2:20, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

happen that are contrary to us, and yet we need to recognize that the blessings and the curses are sovereignly given, and bestowed upon us, just the same as God sovereignly leads us, and directs us, and blesses us even after He has sovereignly saved us by His grace.

II

NOTICE SOME UPON WHOM GOD HAS PRONOUNCED A CURSE.

Let me give you some illustrations out of the Word of God to show you some individuals whom God has cursed.

In the first place, God pronounced a curse upon the serpent. We read:

"And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." — Gen. 3:14.

I don't know what position the serpent held prior to God's curse upon it. Isaiah speaks about the fiery flying serpent, and it may be that prior to the fall, the serpent was a flying reptile. How-

There is an immense contrast between the pope and Christ, whose vice-gerent he is claimed to be. The pope is crowned with a triple crown of honor while Jesus was crowned with a crown of thorns. The pope is toted around and revered almost as God, while Jesus walked and was weary. The pope lives in a big house with nearly a thousand rooms, while Jesus "had not where to lay his head." Some popes through the centuries have been grossly immoral. At one time there were two rival popes, and a woman pope is mixed into the papal mess somewhere. The pope is a temporal ruler, just like a little king, with his own country, own system of coinage, own postal system, and own ambassadors. This is completely contrary to the teachings of Jesus for this age.

The Catholic Church claims that there has been a succession of popes from Peter on to now, but this claim is unhistorical. There were no popes for several centuries after Christ. The church at Rome — originally a Baptist church, gained more and more prestige and it's pastor became more and more powerful. Religious power became centralized, until finally there grew up a hierarchy with the bishop of Rome at the head. Thus Baptists through the centralization of authority, developed a hierarchy and the Catholic Church. Baptists have not sprung from Catholicism — to the contrary Catholicism sprung from Baptists who apostatized.

Baptists are rapidly developing another ecclesiasticism today. It is doubtful if any religious group, save the Catholics, has a stronger centralized control over pastors and local church groups than has the Southern Baptist Denomination. Pastors and local churches are regimented today to an extent never dreamed of a few years ago. In the early centuries there were always Baptist groups who refused to accept orders from the Catholic hierarchy, and they were the groups persecuted to the death. Today there are churches and pastors who refuse to be dominated by the "Denomination" and all such are persecuted even when they are true to the doctrines of Baptists and are true to Christ and zealous for his Cause in the world. With sorrow we see Baptists forming a "General Church" which holds stronger sway over churches and pastors. When churches have tried to cease affiliation with general Baptist bodies, suit has been instituted and attempt has been made to take their church property. In some cases churches have lost their property. In other cases they have been awarded the decision, and have held their buildings.

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"Go for souls!"

"Go for souls!"

The call to the Church like thunder rolls,
Rousing her conscience, too oft asleep,
While Sins their hold on the people keep,
And few the names which she enrolls;

"Go for souls!"

"Go for souls!"

"Go for the worst!"

"Go for the worst!"

For those with the burden of guilt accused!
Say not that such cannot be saved;
In the past the Blood has the blackest laved!
And these are for salvation athirst;

"Go for the worst!"

"Go for the worst!"

"Go for souls!"

"Go for the worst!"

Lord, help us henceforth to put this first!
Before the cultured mind to reach
By eloquent and seasoned speech;
Ere the bell o'er the dead lost sinner tolls!

"Go for the worst!"

"Go for souls!"

—Author Unknown

"God's Curses"

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ever, part of the curse that fell upon the serpent was that henceforth he was to crawl upon his belly, and he was to eat dust all the days of his life. Everytime you see a snake wiggling along in the grass, or crawling along on the ground, just remember that snake is wiggling and crawling in the dust just because God pronounced a curse upon it.

Notice also that God put a curse upon Cain. We read:

"And now art thou CURSED from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand, When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth." Gen. 4:11, 12.

Here was a man who had been a farmer, a husbandman. Here was a man who had made an offering to the Lord. He brought to the Lord the fruit of the ground—something that he had raised—something that he had produced himself. Now, that ground that has produced so plentifully, and that ground that has cooperated with Cain in the matter of productivity, becomes a barren, blasted desert. Everytime that Cain steps upon the ground, the grass died. Everytime that Cain walks upon the earth, the fertility is blasted from the soil. The ground that has opened its mouth to

drink in the blood of Abel now is cursed so far as Cain is concerned.

I look at him and I see the curse upon him. Everytime he sees people talking, he imagines that they are talking about him, and in all probability they are. He becomes a fugitive and a vagabond. He flees from men. He sees men talking and he leaves their company and flees. Why? Because God put that curse upon him. Even though men may try to kill him, they can't because God has put a mark upon his forehead so that all men shall know him. God does not allow any man to kill him. Listen:

"And the Lord said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a MARK UPON CAIN, lest any finding him should kill him." — Gen. 4:15.

Here was a man who lived a life of death, yet couldn't die. Here was a man who couldn't till the ground. Here was a man who couldn't have friends. Here was a man who was a vagabond and a fugitive from mankind, yet man couldn't kill him because God wouldn't let him die. Why? It was a curse of God because of his sin of murder.

I turn again to the Word of God and I find that God put a curse on the earth the day the flood came. We read:

"And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again CURSE the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done." — Gen. 8:21.

If you will notice, God is referring to the flood, and He says, "I will not again curse the ground any more," as if to say that when the flood came, the flood was a curse of Almighty God.

Go back and study the Bible, and you will see how that sin came into the human family. After that the human family increased and multiplied, so that by the days of Noah there was a tremendous population within the world. All that population was ungodly and sinful as could be. Because of their sin, God wiped the earth clean, with the exception of Noah, his wife, their three sons, and their wives—eight in all. All the balance of that ungodly, atheistic civilization was wiped out of existence because of their sin. God cursed the world with the flood. The flood was definitely a curse from God. Now He says, "I will not again curse the ground any more."

Let's look at another illustration. Jericho was the first city that the children of Israel conquered or captured when they

entered the land of Canaan. All the spoils of the city of Jericho were to go to God. When the walls of that city fell down flat and were destroyed, Joshua, who was the commanding officer of the Lord, said:

"CURSED be the man before the Lord, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his first born, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it." — Joshua 6:26.

Jericho was the very first city that the children of Israel conquered when they entered the land of Canaan, and that city had the curse of God upon it. God said through Joshua that whenever anybody shall rise up and rebuild the city, his firstborn will die when he lays the foundation, and his youngest son will die when the gates of the city are set up. Now, beloved, I am satisfied that when Joshua spoke thus, that mighty few people paid any attention, and gave any heed to what he had to say. However, let me turn to the Word of God, and show you how that this was literally fulfilled. Listen:

"In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun." — I Kings 16:34.

Now, beloved, notice, Joshua 6:26 was spoken a little more than five hundred years previous to the rebuilding of the city. Five centuries later Hiel the Bethelite, decided to rebuild it. When he started to do so, he put in the foundation and his oldest son died. After he got the city built and put up the walls, and put the gates in place, his youngest son died. Why? Because God had said it would be thus in the days of Joshua 525 years before, and it was the fulfillment of the prophecy of Almighty God. You can thus see that God's curses fall just as He declares they will.

Let's notice another instance; that of the Negro race.

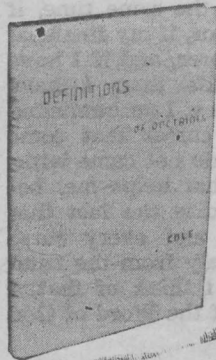
"And he said, CURSED be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. And he said, blessed be the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant." — Gen. 9:25-27.

If you will go back and read this passage of Scripture, you can mighty soon see the story back of the three major divisions of the human family. If you will study carefully, you will find that Shem gave rise to the Jews, Japheth gave rise to the Gentiles, and that the Negro race came from Canaan through his father Ham. Now what's the story back of this?

After the flood, Noah became a farmer, and he had a vineyard. When he made his wine he got drunk, and when he was drunken

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he exposed his body, as he lay naked. The Word of God doesn't indicate that it was just something that accidentally happened because he was drunk, but rather that he was just drunk enough, that he purposely showed off, and he made himself naked in a purposeful manner. The Word of God goes further and says that his son Ham made fun of him. He called his two brothers, Shem and Japheth, off to one side, and he laughed at his old father getting drunk. He laughed at what his father had done, making himself naked.

The Word of God tells us how that Shem and Japheth were so ashamed of what their father had done, they took a blanket and held it up between them and backed up, so they wouldn't have to look at their father in his nakedness, and they covered him over with this blanket in order that he might be covered from his nakedness. When Noah awakened, he pronounced a curse upon Canaan, the grandson, who was the son of Ham, and at the same time pronounced a blessing upon Shem and Japheth. He pronounced a benediction upon Shem and Japheth, and at the same time pronounced a malediction upon Canaan. What was the malediction? "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren." The Negro is not to be abused, but he is today what he is, because God pronounced a curse upon him, through Noah about 2200 or 2300 years before the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I tell you, beloved, the Supreme Court of the land will never change the fact that the Negro is to be a servant of servants unto his brethren. That is the teaching of God's Word. As long as time shall stand, the Word of God will still say, "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren." He has been such all through the years, and he will be such in the eyes of God. Beloved, integration will do nothing in this world but cause difficulty. It will do nothing but cause hardships and heartaches. Why? Because it is definitely rising up in rebellion against the teachings of Almighty God in a vain attempt to remove the curse God put upon the Negro.

God put a curse on a fig tree. Listen:

"And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou CURSEDST is withered away." — Mark 11:21.

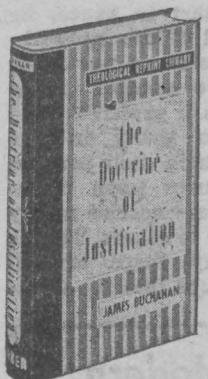
If you will read the context, you will find that the Lord Jesus in coming from Bethany, was hungry, and seeing a fig tree afar off with plenty of leaves upon it, he came to it, to find nothing but

leaves. It was beautiful outwardly, but that was all. There was nothing but leaves there. The Lord Jesus said, "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever," thereby pronouncing a curse upon it. The next day when Peter came by he said, "Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away." Already that fig tree had withered.

Now I might enter into a discussion as to what the fig tree means. Most commentators say that the fig tree has to do with the Jewish nation, and it is merely a figure of speech that has to do with the Jews as a nation. Others differ in their interpretation. Regardless of what the passage of Scripture may mean, the fact is that when the Lord Jesus pronounced a curse on that fig tree, it withered away.

When God pronounced a curse on the serpent, that serpent crawled upon his belly. When God pronounced a curse on Cain, he became a vagabond in the earth. When God pronounced a curse upon the land, a flood came and destroyed the world. When God pronounced a curse on the Jew and the Gentile, when God

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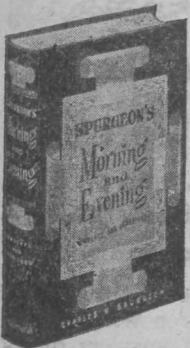
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WHAT ABOUT MAHAN?

We often are asked by people about Brother Henry Mahan of Ashland who is pastor of the Thirteenth Street Baptist Church. Since he is an advocate of Calvinism, many wonder why there is seemingly no fellowship between Mahan and the editors. The reason for this is Brother Mahan's anti-Baptist position. Although his group calls itself "Baptist," they are not very Baptist.

The first time I ever met Brother Mahan was when he was pastoring a Convention church here. I talked to Brother Mahan and Brother Lassere Bradley and in the course of the conversation Brother Bradley told about refusing to hold a meeting for a group in Pennsylvania because the people were not Baptist. Brother Mahan spoke up and said he was invited to hold a meeting for the same group and went and did so. He said he was in disagreement with Brother Bradley about the matter. Later, of course, Brother Bradley went along with Mahan in such matters as this.

I also personally heard Brother Mahan on his radio broadcast say that it doesn't matter very much which church one joins, just so long as it believes the great truths taught by the reformers who started them. He stated that Calvin, Luther, etc., all taught nearly the same faith and that it doesn't matter too much which church you join if it stands for what these men taught as to grace.

In an issue of his church paper several months ago, Brother Mahan printed a denial of the truth of church perpetuity. He has also printed articles setting forth the universal church heresy. This is what he holds as being the truth as to the church.

He has no regard for church authority as is manifest in the way his group became a "church." Because of their Calvinism, they broke off from the Convention church but never became members of another church and never had any church endorsement for their actions in declaring them-

selves a church.

Of course, it is only natural that he would accept alien immersion and practice open communion. One who is not sound on the church and church authority has no place for anything pertaining thereto.

So to answer a question sometimes asked: "What do you think of Mahan?" we say that to our knowledge he preaches the Gospel of grace but is not fully sound in the faith. He is not much of a Baptist. He said over the air that he would leave the ordinances for others to defend and that he would defend the Gospel. He does not realize that the ordinances are the God-appointed Gospel to the eye in ceremony and symbol. Paul would not talk that way.

It might also be said that one of the steps Brother Bradley made in his departure from the faith was his joining in fellowship with Brother Mahan and the group which has the Sovereign Grace conferences. Brother Bradley yoked with Mahan and Barnard and went along with their anti-Baptist stand and later went even further astray into Hardshellism.

The Sovereign Grace movement is holding to only half the truth. One brother told me that he was asked to preach for them one time and brought a message calling attention to the error of a lopsided position. He said that he was "called down" by Mahan and Bradley immediately thereafter. He asked them what was wrong with the truth he had proclaimed and they told him it was "out of place." He then told them that it seemed to him to be perfectly in place in view of their attitude toward it. He has never been asked to preach for them again.

If anyone thinks we are not properly representing this group's stand, then let them investigate for themselves. Don't take our word for it, if you haven't had any contact with them; observe for yourself. If they emphasize church truth and the ordinances, you can see it; if they don't, you will see it, if you are looking closely. Once before when something was said in this paper about Brother Mahan's errors, Brother Griswold wrote objecting. But to my letter upholding the truth of what was printed, he has never replied but is now going along with Brother Mahan in the Sovereign Grace conferences.

We have no fuss with these men except with respect to their anti-Baptist position. They do not want certain truths and do not appreciate anyone who stands for these truths. All we are interested in is the truth, and if these men won't have it, then we can do nothing but warn others to beware of their stand.

We ought to stand for all the counsel of God, not merely a portion of it.—BLR.

"God's Curses"

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pronounced a curse upon the city of Jericho, the man who rebuilt that city did so with the death of his firstborn and his baby. When God pronounced a curse on the fig tree, the fig tree withered away. All that is just to show you that God is still in the business of pronouncing curses, and the God who pronounced these curses in the past is the God whom we are working under and serving in this very hour.

III

GOD'S CURSES TODAY

God has pronounced a curse upon the individual who does not bring his tithes unto the Lord. Listen:

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are CURSED WITH A CURSE: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." — Mal. 3:8, 9.

Now, beloved, that is mighty

plain language. It is so plain that I can't understand why it is that anybody would ever in the least object to bringing his tithes to the Lord. God says to these people, "Ye are cursed with a curse."

Beloved, I see that old snake crawling on the ground. Why? God's curse. I see Hiel the Bethelite building the city of Jericho, and the news comes to him that his oldest son is dying, and a little later he has another funeral when the news is brought to him that his baby boy is dying. Why? God has pronounced a curse. I look upon the Negro, and I see him as a servant, and I wonder why. Because God has pronounced a curse, and it will be that way for as long as time shall last. Beloved, I see that individual who does not bring his tithes unto the Lord and that man will be cursed of God. I read God's Word and I know that no man will prosper materially if he does not bring his tithes unto the Lord. I tell you, the man who does not tithe will get poorer and poorer every day of his life because he has God's curse resting upon him.

God has also put a curse on that individual who is unsaved — the wicked one. We read:

"The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked; but he blesseth the habitation of the just." — Prov. 3:33.

That word "wicked" refers to the unsaved, and God has already pronounced a curse upon that individual who is outside of Jesus Christ — that individual who is unsaved.

God has already pronounced a curse on that individual that does not continue in all the law of God. Listen:

"For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, CURSED is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." — Gal. 4:10.

Have you kept all the law? Have you kept all things that are written in the book of the law to do them? I ask you, do you do all that the law demands? "Well, no, Brother Gilpin, not exactly." Well then, the curse of God is on you. "Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them."

I think about those who do not come to God's house. I think of the people whom you and I meet from day to day. If we were to ask those whom we come in contact with as to their spiritual relationship, everyone of them would say, "Well, I hope I go to Heaven when I die." No it isn't that the individual wants particularly to go to Heaven. He just doesn't want to go to Hell. But you ask him on what basis he expects to go to Heaven and he will say, "I'm not a very bad fellow. I know I do some things that are wrong, but I'm not very bad." It simply means this: he expects to go to Heaven on his own goodness, but God's Word says:

"And all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." — Isa. 64:6.

Have you ever violated the law of God one single time? Have you ever done anything that is contrary to God's law? If you have, then the Word of God says that there's a curse resting on you. God has a curse on every man outside the Lord Jesus Christ.

IV

THE CURSE ON THE UNSAVED CAN BE REMOVED.

I have good news for the man who is wicked — that man who hasn't kept the law perfectly — that man who isn't living up to all the law of God, and that good news is that the curse that is now upon your soul, may be removed. Listen:

"CHRIST HATH REDEEMED US FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree." — Gal. 3:13.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse. He went to the cross and became a curse. The Word of God says, "Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree." They

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hung Christ on a tree. He became a curse. He suffered a curse in order that He might take the curse from you and me. Thank God for this fact. The curse that is resting on your soul can be removed, not by water baptism, not by church membership, not by taking the Lord's Supper, not by observance of the law, not by keeping the Ten Commandments, not by living up to the Golden Rule, and not by keeping the Great Commission. I tell you beloved, the curse will never be removed by these methods of religion. Rather, Jesus Christ became a curse for us, and the man who trusts in Jesus Christ as his Saviour will find the curse of God removed.

CONCLUSION

I am glad that we are going to a place where there will be no more curse. We read:

"And there shall be NO MORE CURSE: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him." — Rev. 22:3.

Some of these days we are going to a new Paradise. There is going to be the river of the water of life flowing in it. There's going to be the tree of life growing on either side of the stream. The angels of God are going to be

there. The redeemed of the Lord are going to be there. The martyrs will be there. The saints of all ages will be there. The Old Testament prophets, writers, and patriarchs will be there. The New Testament priests and those who wrote the New Testament will be there. Won't it be wonderful to know that then there shall be no more curse? How was it gotten rid of? Christ became our curse. He removed our curse from us. How I thank God for the blessed hope we have in the Lord Jesus Christ.

God grant that you won't trust in your self. God grant that you won't depend upon yourself, for the Word of God says:

"CURSED BE THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN MAN, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." Jer. 17:5.

If you are depending upon yourself you have the curse of God resting upon you because you are trusting in man. If you are depending upon a church or depending upon a preacher, you have the curse of God resting upon you. Thank God, the curse can be removed, but it will only be removed by and through the Lord Jesus Christ.

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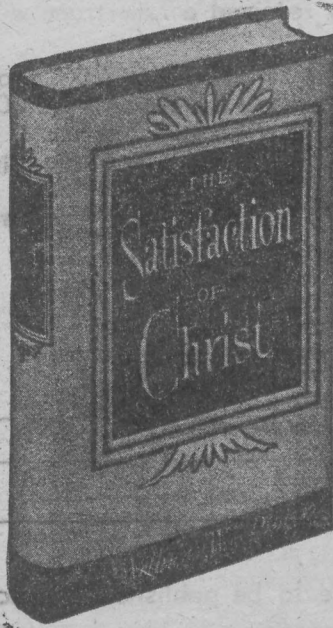
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All of Grace

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subject there and then, just where he left off.

"There," said he, "I was preaching on 'For by grace are ye saved.' I have been setting forth the source and fountain-head of salvation; and I am now showing them the channel of it, 'through faith.' Now you take it up, and go on."

I am so much at home with these glorious truths that I could not feel any difficulty in taking from my grandfather the thread of his discourse, and joining my thread to it, so as to continue without a break. Our agreement in the things of God made it easy for us to be joint-preachers of the same discourse. I went on with "through faith," and then I proceeded to the next point, "and that not of yourselves." Upon this I was explaining the weakness and inability of human nature, and the certainty that salvation could not be of ourselves, when I had my coat-tail pulled, and my well-beloved grandsire took his turn again. When I spoke of our depraved human nature, the good old man said, "I know most about that, dear friends"; and so he took up the parable, and for the next five minutes set forth a solemn and humbling description of our lost estate; the depravity of our nature, and the spiritual death under which we were found.

When He had said his say in a very gracious manner, his grandson was allowed to go on again, to the dear old man's great delight; for now and then he would say, in a gentle tone, "Good! Good!" Once he said, "Tell them that again, Charles," and of course I did tell them that again. It was a happy exercise to me to take my share in bearing witness to truths of such vital importance, which are so deeply impressed upon my heart.

While announcing this text I seem to hear that dear voice, which has been so long lost to earth, saying to me, "TELL THEM THAT AGAIN." I am not contradicting the testimony of forefathers who are now with God. If my grandfather could return to earth, he would find me where he left me, steadfast in the faith, and true to the form of doctrine which was once delivered to the saints.

I preach the doctrines of grace because I believe them to be true;

because I see them in the Scriptures; because my experience endears them to me; and because I see the holy result of them in believers. I confess they are none the less dear to me because the advanced school despises them: I should never think it a recommendation of a doctrine that it was new. Those truths which have enlightened so many ages appear to me to be ordained to remain throughout eternity. The doctrine which I preach to you is that of the Puritans: it is the doctrine of Calvin, the doctrine of Augustine, the doctrine of Paul, the doctrine of the Holy Ghost. The Author and Finisher of our faith himself taught most blessed truth which well agreed with our text. The doctrine of grace is the substance of the testimony of Jesus.

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Supremacy of God

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sin-sick souls may use if they feel disposed to; and then enervate the invincible work of the Holy Spirit to an "offer" of the Gospel which sinners may accept or reject as they please.

The supremacy of the true and living God might well be argued from the infinite distance which separates the mightiest creatures from the Almighty Creator. He is the Potter, they are but the clay in His hands, to be moulded into vessels of honour, or to be dashed into pieces (Psalm 2:9) as He pleases. Were all the denizens of Heaven and all the inhabitants of earth to combine in open revolt against Him, it would occasion Him no uneasiness, and would have less effect upon His eternal and unassailable throne than has the spray of the Mediterranean's waves upon the towering rocks of Gibraltar. So puny and powerless is the creature to affect the Most High that Scripture itself tells us that when the Gentile heads unite with apostate Israel to defy Jehovah and His Christ "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh" (Psalm 2:4).

The absolute and universal supremacy of God is plainly and positively affirmed in many Scriptures. "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O

Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all . . . and thou reignest over all" (I Chron. 29:11, 12) — note "reignest" now, not "will do so in the millennium." "O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none (not even the Devil himself) is able to withstand thee?" (II Chron. 20:6). Before Him presidents and popes, kings and emperors, are less than grasshoppers.

"But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth" (Job 23:13). Ah, my reader, the God of Scripture is no make-believe monarch, no mere imaginary sovereign, but King of kings, and Lord of lords. "I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought of thine can be hindered" (Job 42:2, margin), or, as another translator, "no purpose of thine can be frustrated." All that He has designed He does. All that He has decreed He perfects. All that He has promised He performs. "But our God is in the heavens: He hath done whatsoever he hath pleased" (Psalm cxv, 3). And why has He? Because "there is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord" (Prov. 21:30).

God's supremacy over the works of His hands is vividly depicted in Scripture. Inanimate matter, irrational creatures, all perform their Maker's bidding. At His pleasure, the Red Sea divided and its waters stood up as walls (Exodus 14); the earth opened her mouth, and guilty rebels went down alive into the pit (Num. 14). When he so ordered, the sun stood still (Joshua 10); and on another occasion went backward ten degrees on the dial of Ahaz (Isaiah 38:8). To exemplify His supremacy, He made ravens carry food to Elijah (I Kings 17), iron to

swim on top of the waters (II Kings 6:5), lions to be tame when Daniel was cast into their den, fire to burn not when the three Hebrews were flung into its flames. Thus "Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did He in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places" (Psalm 85:6).

The absolute and universal supremacy of God is affirmed with equal plainness and positiveness in the New Testament. There we are told that God "worketh all things after the counsel of his own will" (Eph. 2:11) — the Greek for "worketh" means "to work effectually." For this reason we read, "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen" (Romans 11:36). Men may boast that they are free agents, with wills of their own, and are at liberty to do as they please, but Scripture says to those who boast, "We will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell . . . Ye ought to say, if the Lord will" (James 4:13, 15).

Here then is a sure resting-place for the heart. Our lives are neither the product of blind fate nor the result of capricious chance, but every detail of them was ordained from all eternity, and is now ordered by the living and reigning God. Not a hair of our heads can be touched without His permission. "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps" (Prov. 14:9). What assurance, what strength, what comfort this should give the real Christian! "My times are in thy hand" (Psalm 21:15). Then let me "rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him" (Psalm 27:7).

Popularity today is just as incompatible with faithfulness to the truth as it was back in Jeremiah's day.—Cole.

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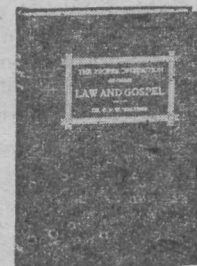
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recently — "O God, we must crucify ourselves." His heart was right but the conception was contrary to the Cross. In the believer's sanctification, as in the sinner's salvation, the work has been done. It is not to be done again. We are not to be crucified with Christ, we were crucified with Christ.—Tucker

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