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## Jehovah's Bible vs. So-Called Witnesses

By BOB L. ROSS

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One of the outstanding prophecies of the Bible is of the rise and spread of false doctrine in the "last days" or "latter times." Whether or not we are living at the very close of the age, it is not for human beings to speculate upon. But one thing is certain: we are nearer to the close of the age than any generation that has gone before. And another thing is certain, and that is: there are more false prophets and false doctrine in our midst than at any time in the past.

Notice just a few Scriptures

which prophesy of the latter times:

"Many FALSE PROPHETS shall arise, and deceive many." (Matthew 24:11).

"There shall arise FALSE CHRISTS, and FALSE PROPHETS, and shall show great signs and wonders; inasmuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Matthew 24:24).

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times SOME SHALL DEPART FROM THE FAITH, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." (I Timothy 4:1, 2).

"The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine;

but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves TEACHERS, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and SHALL BE TURNED UNTO FABLES." (II Timothy 4:3, 4).

Unquestionably the terrible times prophesied by the Son of God and the writers of the New Testament are in part upon us. And without a doubt one of the most diabolical and not only un-Scriptural and un-Christian but anti-Scriptural and anti-Christian cults to arise in these days as foretold by the prophets of old is the modern religious movement of so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses."

The Founder And Founding (Continued on page 2, column 2)

## A Few Excerpts From Haldane On Romans

[From An Exposition of The Epistle to The Romans by Robert Haldane. Price \$5.95. Order from our Book Shop].

### The Holy Scriptures

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. Every page of the sacred volume is stamped with the impress of Deity, and contains an inexhaustible treasure of wisdom, and knowledge, and consolation. Some portions of the Word of God, like some parts of the material creation, may be more important than others. But all have their proper place, all proclaim the character of their glorious Author, and all ought to be earnestly and reverentially studied. Whatever be their subject, whether it relates to the history of individuals or of nations, whether it contains the words of precept or exhortation, or whether it teaches by example, all is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

But while every part of the word of God demands the most serious attention, it is not to be doubted that certain portions of the sacred volume call for more frequent and deeper meditation. In the Old Testament, the Book of Psalms contains a summary of all Scripture, and an abridgement

of its most important instructions and sweetest consolations. In the New Testament, the Epistle to the Romans is entitled to peculiar regard. It is the only part of Scripture which contains a detailed and systematic exhibition of the doctrines of Christianity. The great truths which are embodied and inculcated in every other part of the Bible, are here brought together in a condensed and comprehensive form. More especially, the glorious doctrine of justification by faith is clearly unfolded and exhibited in the strongest light.

### "Critics"

There is hardly any doctrine which has not been of late years exposed to the corruptions and perversions of men who profess to be believers of Divine revelation. Many, altogether destitute of the Spirit of God and the semblance of true religion, have nevertheless chosen the word of God and its solemn and awfully momentous truths as the arena upon which to exercise their learning and display their ingenuity.

In consequence of the Scriptures being written in the dead languages, there is doubtless (Continued on page 6, column 3)

## PURGATORY--ONE OF SATAN'S FRAUDS

I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.—John 14:6.

The Roman Catholic Church makes slaves of her people upon earth—and after death makes merchandise of their souls.

The strong public sentiment that is everywhere found against obtaining money under false pretenses should apply to the Roman Catholic priests who extort money from deceived relatives for masses which they pretend will better the conditions of the dead. This is an imposition that should be earnestly condemned. The priest who tells a suffering husband or mother that his dead wife or her daughter is in a place called purgatory, and that his prayers, to be paid for with cash in hand, are necessary for the release of the soul of such a dead person from this man-made purgatory, is surely an imposter, and ought to be counted with those who obtain money under false pretenses. The church that maintains this species of dishonesty should be held in disrepute by all honest people regardless of their religious differences.

There is no system of gambling, no species of fraud, more brazen or barefaced than this priestly game of playing upon the love and tender memories of bereaved relatives to cheat them out of their wages. Yet these nefarious operations are sanctioned by the Roman Catholic Church and are practiced daily in every part of the world where this church exists; and the

wounds of sorrowing and heart-broken relatives are made to bleed afresh by the constant demands of the church for masses to insure rest for their beloved dead.

A Roman Catholic has the fear of hell brought before him all his life by the priests, the terrors of which he is taught can only be escaped by good works and the payment of money; and after he dies his relatives are levied upon for years for funds to employ a priest who pretends to pray him out of purgatory. A dead Roman Catholic is never forgotten by the priest while his relatives have a penny that can be extorted from them. If they have no money, or will not pay for masses, the soul of the dead may, so far as the priests are concerned, suffer in purgatory, or be cast into hell forthwith.

How well the Saviour's words (Continued on page 4, column 4)

## IS SOUL-WINNING ENOUGH?

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We often hear the statement made concerning the ministry of certain individuals: "They are getting souls, therefore, they must be in the direct will of God." This has become a favorite phrase with many Christians, to condone the ministry of many preachers regardless of their affiliations or spiritual condition. It is a modern "shibboleth" and if one dares to question or challenge, he is looked upon as some sort of a monstrosity and is immediately dubbed a crack-pot, an isolationist, lacking in love, narrow, negative, etc. Nevertheless, I make bold to question and challenge it, and that upon the basis of Scripture, (Continued on page 5, column 2)

## Amillennialism Examined

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### ARTICLE NO. TWO

In this article, I want to further present to the reader the position of the Amillennialists. Amillennialism does not present a well systematized work. Almost everything written from the Amillennialist side is either very incomplete or is simply a writing against certain things in (or supposedly in) the premillennial position. To present the Amillennialist position as it is found today, I quote from J. Dwight Pentecost's book entitled *Things To Come*, pages 387-388:

"Amillennialism today is divided into two camps. (1) The first, of which Allis and Berkhof are adherents, holds essentially to the Augustinian amillennialism, although admitting the need for certain refinements. This of course is also the view of the Roman Church. It finds the fulfillment of all the Old Testament

promises concerning a kingdom and kingdom blessings in Christ's reign from the Father's throne over the church, which is on earth. (2) The second is the view advocated by Duesterdieck and Kliefoth and promoted in this country by Warfield, which attacked the Augustinian position that the kingdom is earthly and viewed the kingdom of God's reign over the saints which are in heaven, thus making it a heavenly kingdom."

Walvoord summarizes this view by saying:

"A new type of amillennialism has arisen, however, of which Warfield can be taken as an example, which is actually a totally new type of amillennialism. Allis traces this view to Duesterdieck (1859) and Kliefoth (1874) and analyzes it as a reversal of the fundamental Augustinian theory that Revelation 20 was a recapitulation of the church age. The new view instead follows the line of teaching that the millennium is distinct from the church age though it precedes the second advent. To solve the problem of correlation of this interpretation with the hard facts of a world of unbelief and sin, they interpreted the millennium as a picture not of a time period but of a state of blessedness of the saints in heaven. Warfield with the acknowledged help of Kliefoth, defines the millennium in these words: 'The vision, in one word, is a vision of the peace of those' (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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### "REJECTED"

Eleventh in a Series of Messages from Isaiah 53 — By John R. Gilpin

"He is despised and rejected of men."—Isa. 53:3.

I need not tell you of whom Isaiah was speaking. I am sure you realize that the prophet Isaiah was talking about the vicarious sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is a logical sequence existing between the first part of the text which says "He is despised" and the part which says that He is "rejected of men." Now the word "despise" means "to look down upon," or "to consider inferior or unimportant." It does not mean "hate." The majority of people think that the word "despise" is a synonym for "hate,"

but that isn't true. You can love a person and still despise him. A man may love his son and at the same time despise his son's trifling ways. He will look down upon, and hold in contempt the trifling things that his son may do.

Now, beloved, when we read that the Lord Jesus Christ is despised, we see the logical consequence. If men despise the Son of God and look down upon Him, and if they hold Him in contempt, then it is only logical that they are going to reject Him. You would never expect men to do anything else but reject the Lord Jesus Christ if they first of all despised Him.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS OF A REJECTED GOD.

If you will read the life of Samuel, you will find that when Samuel came to the end of his days that the people rejected God. We read:

"And THE LORD SAID unto Samuel, Harken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but THEY HAVE REJECTED ME, that I should not reign over them."—I Sam. 8:7.

Let's get the background for this passage of Scripture. I am sure that you recall something (Continued on page 6, column 5)

### NO TRUTH IN ROME

An Austrian peasant returned from a pilgrimage to Rome, his hatband stuck full of holy souvenirs, splinters of holy bones, twigs of burning bush, etc., was exhibiting them to the admiring and awe-struck villagers, when a tourist standing near asked him if he brought home any relics of Truth. With mouth agape the astonished peasant said, "Why, no; I did not know there was such a saint—I never heard any one ask for him in Rome!"

### A BLIND ONE'S FAITH

Fanny Crosby, when she was only eight years old, wrote:  
Oh, what a happy soul am I  
Although I cannot see,  
I am resolved that in this world  
Contented I will be;  
How many blessings I enjoy,  
That other people don't.  
To weep because I'm blind,  
I CANNOT and I WON'T.



## What Is The Truth Regarding "Conscience"?

Is conscience a safe guide? Many assume that it is. After doing things that seem wrong to others, they say, "My conscience doesn't hurt me a bit." Because they are not inwardly condemned, they feel that they are all right.

Beyond question conscience was given to us to be a rudimentary guide. Paul, speaking of the heathen, teaches us that they are responsible and are worthy of condemnation because they have not done as well as their own consciences were enlightened (see Rom. 2:15). Also we read in John 8:9 of some men who were "convicted of their own consciences." This shows that they had failed to do as well as their consciences impressed them to do.

However, we need to take into consideration the fact that conscience is a thing that is susceptible to environment, and that environment may be good or bad. People of certain races are taught certain "taboos" from infancy. Perhaps there is no harm in doing the thing that is "taboo," but the person so raised has a conscience against it, and he can't do the thing without a sense that it is wrong. In this instance, conscience is not a good guide, because it has had the wrong education. On the other hand a well educated conscience is a good guide, but not a perfect guide. Why? Because human beings have a natural depravity, and this depravity, which has come down from Adam, influences the conscience.

Also, we need to realize that conscience may be abused. People can stultify their conscience until it becomes possible to do wrong things without a qualm. The Bible speaks of this in I Tim. 4:2 where people are said to have the "conscience seared with a hot iron." A young man with a conscience against killing, for instance, gets accustomed to murder and becomes a member of a criminal gang.

Conscience is not enough when it comes to living a right life. That is why races of people who have only conscience and know not the Word of God always live depraved lives. The person who goes on "I think" is usually guided only by conscience — his own sense of right, and often he puts this up against what God has said in His Word. Not conscience, but the revealed Word of God is to be our guide. "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee," David said. Conscience would never lead a sinner to Christ. Jesus said, "Search the scriptures." Our lives are to be guided and regulated by the Word of God. Jesus did not commission men to go forth to tell men to be more obedient to their consciences. He sent them to evangelize and to "teach to observe all things" that He had commanded.

The ignoring of God's Word and dependence on mere conscience, causes unsaved people to say, "I feel that I am all right—I have never done anything very wrong?" The Bible says that they are lost, and that they ARE very bad, but they don't "feel" that way about it, and often such persons go on to Hell.

Like-wise, the SAVED often do not become cognizant of their obligations as taught in the Bible. They do nothing for the Lord and they have little part in the things of God, yet they don't feel badly about it. There are people whose Christian conscience is not sensitive. In reality, your conscience is as good as the training that it has received. Mere conscience is never to be arrayed

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against the Bible. Where conscience says one thing and the Bible the other thing — take what the Bible says.

### Our Obligation To Others

In Paul's day, there were those but shortly won from heathenism who felt that meat offered to idols was something that should not be eaten. Paul says that those who had no such scruples might well go ahead and eat if there were no one to object, but in case someone felt that it was wrong, he counseled that they should not eat the meat for fear of wounding the weaker brother's conscience. (Read I Cor. 8:6-9.) This has application to many things. We are not to do things that hinder others, even though they are not harmful to us — we are to consider others who have a conscience against the thing. The application of Paul's illustration will keep a Christian from doing many things that is in the doubtful realm.

To sum up: Conscience is a valuable monitor that God has given us, but it is not an infallible guide. It needs proper education and training in the Word of God.

### "Jehovah's Witnesses"

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Of This Cult

Charles Taze Russell (1852-1916) was the founder of what is now known as "Jehovah's Witnesses." Before the cult was known as "Jehovah's Witnesses," it went under various names through the years. At its first inception in the late 1800's, it was called Millennial Dawn. Later it was known by titles such as The People's Pulpit Association, The Brooklyn Tabernacle, and the International Bible Students Association. Today its literature bears the name of Watchtower, or Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.

Charles T. Russell's parents were strict Congregationalists. Early in life Russell was haunted by a great fear of Hell and was influenced by the teachings of an infidel to reject the doctrine of eternal punishment. He spent the remainder of his life kicking against the pricks of God's infallible Word on the doctrine of Hell.

At the age of 18, in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Russell organized a Bible class, and he became the self-appointed "Pastor." Later, in 1879, "Pastor" Russell founded a monthly paper, "Zion's Watchtower," which is known today as "The Watchtower Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom." From an issue of 6,000 in 1879, to the staggering figure of 2,800,000 per issue (September 15, 1956, issue), this magazine has become one of Satan's chief tools for promoting the heresies propagated by Russell.

Russell became a prolific writer, and the Russellite movement has ever been characterized by its emphasis upon literature. Actually it is one of the biggest propaganda machines in existence today, using books, pamphlets, tracts, and its paper as the foremost means of spreading its teachings. Before Russell died on

October 31, 1916, his books had received a circulation beyond his fondest dreams. His most influential writings were a series of six books which were called, "The Millennial Dawn" and later "Studies In The Scriptures."

### The Cult After Russell's Death

"Judge" J. F. Rutherford succeeded Russell as the leader of the movement after the "Pastor's" death. Rutherford added a seventh volume to Russell's six-volume series, and it caused a split in the organization, the larger group following Rutherford. The smaller group, however, is very much alive today, and its sponsors the coast-to-coast radio program, "Frank and Ernest," and publishes "The Dawn Magazine." This smaller group's headquarters and publishing plant are in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Under the energetic leadership of "Judge" Rutherford, the larger organization grew tremendously. Although the movement remained Russellite in theology, Rutherford labored strenuously to cover up the organization's identification with its founder. In 1931 at Columbus, Ohio, Rutherford managed to appropriate the name "Jehovah's Witnesses" to the movement, somewhat escaping the damaging title, "Russellites." Rutherford died in 1941, and as of that date over 100 of his books and pamphlets had been translated into 80 languages.

Nahan H. Knorr was elected president of the movement after Rutherford's death, and Knorr still holds that position. The present "Witness" headquarters are in Brooklyn, New York, and the movement's property is valued at millions. It owns a large, up-to-date printing establishment which has produced approximately a billion pieces of literature since its inauguration in 1928. (It is not at all difficult to understand how headquarters can publish so much literature when we consider the fact that the employees are allowed \$14.00 a month, receive room and board free, but are paid no salaries.) The organization also owns a modern apartment building, spacious office quarters, a so-called "Kingdom" farm, a 5000-watt radio station, and a "Gilead" Bible school. The school has sent out approximately 2000 missionaries since its opening in 1943.

### The Cult's Doctrine

Now let us read from some of the literature published by "Witness" headquarters, and compare "Witness" doctrine with the teachings of God's Word, the Bible:

#### I. HELL

##### "Jehovah's Witnesses:"

On page 68 of the "Witness" publication, "Let God Be True" (one of the most popular of the "Witnesses'" so-called Bible

## Counted Worthy

"Rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer."—Acts 5:41.

"If so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."—Romans 8:17.

This weighty burden thou dost bear,  
This heavy cross,  
It is a gift the Lord bestows,  
And not a loss;  
It is a trust that He commits  
Unto thy care,  
A precious lesson He has designed  
With thee to share.  
Rejoice that He so honors thee  
And so esteems,  
That He should give into thy hands  
The things He deems  
Of highest worth; the crown of thorns  
With Him to wear,  
And all the suffering of that crown  
With Him to bear,  
That by and by His glory, too,  
With Him thou'lt share.

ANNIE FLINT JOHNSON

study books), the doctrine of Hell-fire is said to be a:

"God-dishonoring religious doctrine."

On page 80 of the same book, we read:

"The doctrine of a burning Hell where the wicked are tortured after death can not be true."

"Christendom got her after-death torture ideas from the hells of the heathen and the purgatories of the pagans!" (page 3 of "Hell-fire" tract)

#### The Bible:

"And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh." (Isaiah 66:24).

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28).

"So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just. And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." (Matthew 13:49, 50).

"Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire." (Matthew 18:8).

"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." (Matthew 25:41, 46).

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"And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched. Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." (Mark 9:45, 46).

"And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue: for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment." (Luke 16:23-28)

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Revelation 20:10, 15).

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8).

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

(Also read Psalm 9:17; Prov. 1:24, 25; Isaiah 30:33; Jer. 17:1; Matthew 5:29, 30; 8:12; II Thessalonians 1:9; Hebrews 10:27; I Peter 2:4; Jude 6, 23; Revelation 9:1, 2; 19:20).

These passages reveal conclusively the fact of Hell. So-called "Jehovah's Witnesses" have rejected and perverted the Bible on this subject, but despite the fact that their infidel teaching

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We are happy to announce the safe arrival of Nathan Paul Ross, weight seven pounds, the son of Elder and Mrs. Bob L. Ross. He was born on Saturday, April 9, at 12:00 noon, just one day short of his big sister Deborah's first birthday.  
Both Nathan and his mother are in the very best of health, for which we thank the Lord.

not be disputed by Jews and Christians that these ancient nations worshipped demon gods, and that God's typical nation of Israel was warned not to mingle with them because of this fact. It follows, then, that God was not the author of this doctrine" (page 82 of "Let God Be True").

### The Bible:

Genesis 1:1—"In the beginning God (Hebrew: Elohim, uni-plural; thus two or more!) created the heaven and the earth."

Genesis 1:26—"And God said, Let US (plural) make man in OUR (plural) image after OUR (plural) likeness."

IF THERE IS NO "TRINITY," WHY IS THE PLURAL USED IN THESE VERSES?

Genesis 11:7—"Go to, let US (plural) go down, and there confound their language."

Isaiah 6:8—"Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us (plural)?" Here we have two or more ("US") in one ("I") — the Trinity!

"And Jesus (1) when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God (2) descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I (3) am well pleased" (Matthew 3:16, 17).

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father (1), and of the Son (2), and of the Holy Ghost (3)" (Matthew 28:19).

"And I (1) will pray the Father (2), and he shall give you another Comforter (3), that he may abide with you forever" (John 14:16).

"The grace of the Lord Jesus

Christ (1), and the love of God (2), and the communion of the Holy Ghost (3), be with you all. Amen" (II Corinthians 13:14).

"How much more shall the blood of Christ (1), who through the eternal Spirit (2) offered himself without spot to God (3), purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God" (Hebrews 9:14).

"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father (1), through sanctification of the Spirit (2), unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ (3): Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied" (I Peter 1:2).

(Also see Matthew 12:28; Luke 1:35; John 3:34; 15:26; I Corinthians 8:6; II Corinthians 1:21, 22; Galatians 4:4, 6; II Thessalonians 2:13, 14; 2:4; 3:5, 6; and I Peter 3:18.)

Scripture is replete with references to the Trinity. And yet these poor people ignore the Biblical teaching of the tri-une God.

"Judge" Rutherford said of the Trinity: "The clergy teach the people the doctrine of the Trinity, to-wit, that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, are three persons, yet one, three in one, and all three equal in power, substance and eternity, such speech or prophesying which no one can understand is not only confusing, but dishonors Jehovah God and turns reasonable people away from Jehovah God, beside whom there is none other" (page 21 of "Prophecy").  
Now, he says that no one can understand the doctrine of the Trinity. Very well.

This universe is a trinity: matter, space, and time.

Matter is a trinity: electrons, molecules, and atoms.

Space is a trinity: length, depth and breadth.

Time is a trinity: past, present, and future.

Life is a trinity: physical, mental, and spiritual.

There are three kingdoms: mineral, vegetable, and animal.

Man is a trinity: body, soul, and spirit.

And we could go on with the commonplace trinities. We do not understand them. But we all accept them and believe them, and we are not called unreasonable for doing so.

### III. JESUS CHRIST

"Jehovah's Witnesses":

"He was a mighty one, although not almighty as Jehovah God is; also he was before all others of God's creatures, because he was the first son that Jehovah God brought forth. For this reason he is called 'the only begotten Son' of God, for God had no partner in bringing forth his first begotten Son. He was the first of Jehovah God's creations" (page 34 of "Let God Be True").

"This only begotten Son of God did not think himself to be co-equal with Jehovah God; he did not view himself as 'equal in power and glory' with Almighty God" (page 37 of "Let God Be True").

"Even the man Christ Jesus was mortal. He did not have an immortal soul" (page 63 of "Let God Be True").

"The justice of God would not permit that Jesus as a ransom, be more than a perfect man; and certainly not be the supreme God Almighty in the flesh" (page 87 of "Let God Be True").

"The truth of the matter is that the Word is Christ Jesus, who did have a beginning" (page 88 of "Let God Be True").

### The Bible:

In John 1:1, we read:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Here we have three tremendous assertions:

(1) "In the beginning was the Word" (Logos).

This affirms the eternal existence of Jesus.

(2) "And the Word was with God."

The Word being WITH GOD affirms the distinct personality of Jesus.

(3) "And the Word was God."

This, of course, affirms the deity of Jesus.

Jesus said:

"I and my father are one."

## "I Should Like to Know"

(THE BAPTIST EXAMINER welcomes questions, to be answered in this column. Please state questions on separate sheet of paper, rather than including them in correspondence which relates to book orders, subscriptions, or some other matter.)

### 1. Do you believe we are living in the last days?

There is some debate as to what the Bible means by the expression, "the last days." No one is able to actually discern what period of time the "last days" include. However, it is safe to say that the "last days" are nearer to us today than at any age in the past, if these times are future. But it would seem that the expression applies to the age from New Testament times, we being nearer the end than any preceding generation.

### 2. Where is the verse about every tub standing on its own bottom?

It is not to be found in the Bible. This is one of those ex-

John 10:30.

"He that hath seen me hath seen the Father..."—John 14:9.

"Before Abraham was, I am."—John 8:58.

You will notice He did not say, "Before Abraham was, I WAS." He said, "Before Abraham was, I AM," indicating that He has always been, from everlasting to everlasting.

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever."—Hebrews 13:8.

"But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God."—John 5:17, 18.

"I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them. Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God... Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him."—John 10:30-33, 36-38.

"Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be (Continued on page 4, column 1)

pressions which often pass off as "quotations" from the Bible, when actually they are only the proverbs of men. They are referred to by some as "chimney-corner" Scriptures.

### 3. Why do you emphasize doctrine so much?

Because that is what the Bible emphasizes. Get a good concordance and look under the term "doctrine" and see for yourself just how the Bible emphasizes it. But remember, every teaching of the Bible is doctrine, for that is the meaning of doctrine.

### 4. Why not emphasize Christian living, and leave off so much doctrine?

Even "Christian living" is a doctrine when teaching is set forth concerning it. Whatever you teach about Christian living is doctrine.

Doctrine is what we believe, and what we believe is to be practised in thought, word and deed. You can't separate doctrine and practice, for they go hand-in-hand. Both are equally important.

5. What do you think of a preacher who was run off from a meeting at a church for using the mourner's bench, then went to another meeting where the mourner's bench is not used, and there he preached against it?

Looks as if this preacher keeps his eye on the odds.

### 6. Should a church have an evangelist like this, even though he preaches the truth when in the right place?

Such a man can not be trusted. Beware of such. We have much more respect for the man who differs from us, yet acts ethically and honestly. We would have more respect for an infidel who sincerely believes he is right than for such person as you describe.

### 7. I heard a lady say the other day that the Baptists believe that if you feel a thing is right, then it is, regardless of what it is. Is this what you Baptists believe?

Certainly not. Most likely this lady was not even a Baptist, but was just slandering our faith. No true Baptist believes such a notion as she stated, but we take the Bible to be our standard of right and wrong. For this very reason we are compelled to be what we are. Real Baptists are Baptists of and by conviction, not because of family ties, tradition, etc.

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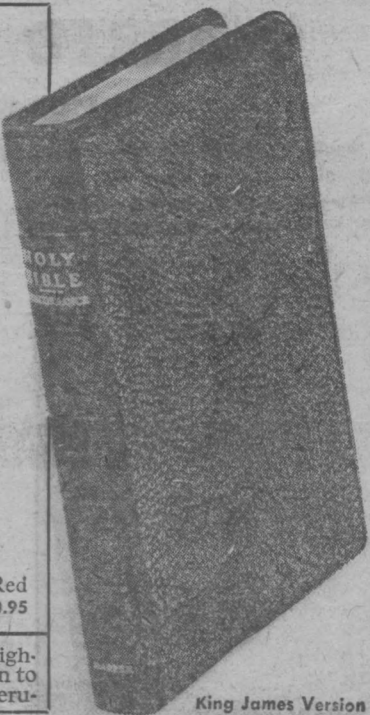
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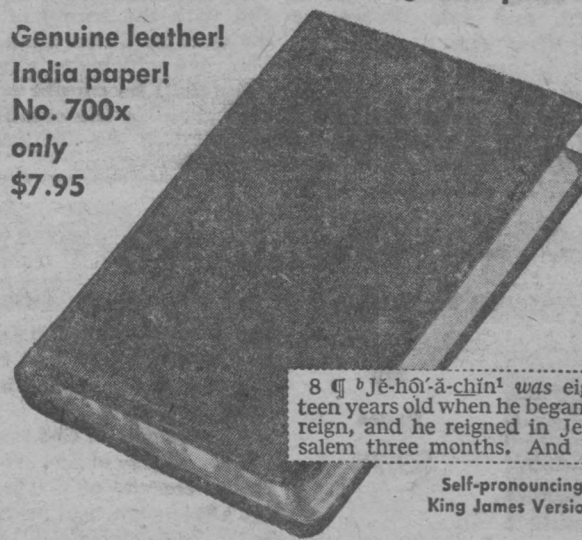
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"Jehovah's Witnesses"

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EQUAL with God."—Philippians 2:6.

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."—Titus 2:13.

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."—Matthew 1:23.

(Also see John 5:17, 18; Micah 5:2; Colossians 1:17; and Revelation 1:8.)

IV. THE BODILY RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

"On the third day of his being dead in the grave his immortal Father Jehovah God raised him from the dead, not as a human Son, but as a mighty immortal spirit Son, with all power in heaven and earth under the Most High God" (page 43 of "Let God Be True").

"After he had sacrificed his perfect manhood, Almighty God raised him to deathless heavenly life as a glorious spirit creature" (page 44 of "Let God Be True").

"So the King Christ Jesus was put to death in the flesh and was resurrected an invisible spirit creature; therefore, the world will see him no more" (page 122 of "Let God Be True").

"This firstborn one from the dead was not raised out of the grave a human creature, but he was raised a spirit" (page 272 of "Let God Be True").

The Bible:

"And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you" (Matthew 28:7).

"And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then said he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."—John 20:26-29.

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"Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet."—Luke 24:39, 40.

(Also read Acts 1:3; 10:40, 41; 13:30, 31.)

Whereas so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses" say that Jesus was raised as a mere "invisible spirit creature," the foregoing passages teach, if anything, that Jesus was raised from the dead with a literal body. But in opposition to this plain truth, the founder of the "Witness" cult, Charles T. Russell, said that "the man Jesus is dead, forever dead" (page 454 of "Studies In The Scriptures," volume V).

V. THE VISIBLE BODILY RETURN OF CHRIST

"Jehovah's Witnesses":

"Christ Jesus comes, not as a human, but as a glorious spirit creature" (page 185 of "Let God Be True").

"Some wrongfully expect a literal fulfillment of the symbolic statements of the Bible. Such hope to see the glorified Jesus coming seated on a white cloud where every human eye will see him" (page 186 of "Let God Be True").

"Since no earthly men have ever seen the Father, whom no man hath seen, nor can see, neither will they see the glorified Son" (page 186 of "Let God Be True").

On the basis of their concoction that Christ's second coming is invisible, they teach that Christ returned in 1914. According to this doctrine, Christ has been here since 1914, wrestling with the forces of evil. They say that World Wars I and II attest this struggle.

On page 125 of "Let God Be True," we read:

"The world-shattering events that have followed one another in quick succession since 1914 marked that year as the time when Christ Jesus began to rule in the midst of his enemies."

"The undefeatable purpose of Jehovah God to establish a righteous kingdom in these last days was fulfilled A. D. 1914" (page 128 of "Let God Be True").

The Bible:

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

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall

DAVID'S WARRIORS, OR, THE KIND OF MEN NEEDED TODAY

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Serviceable Men—Helpers of the war	I Chron. 12:1
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Stalwart Men—Men of might	I Chron. 12:8
Soldierlike Men—Men of war	I Chron. 12:8
Sagacious Men—Could handle shield and buckler	I Chron. 12:8
Staunch Men—Faces like lions' faces	I Chron. 12:8
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Spiritual Men—The spirit came upon Amasai	I Chron. 12:18
Submissive Men—Thine, David, and on thy side	I Chron. 12:18
Superior Men—All mighty men of valour	I Chron. 12:21, 25, 28, 30
Suitable Men—Well armed	I Chron. 12:24, 33, 34
Subtle Men—Expert in war	I Chron. 12:33, 35, 36
Steady Men—Could keep rank	I Chron. 12:33
Sincere Men—Not of double heart	I Chron. 12:33
Singular Men—Had understanding of the times and knew what to do	I Chron. 12:33

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we ever be with the Lord." — I Thessalonians 4:16, 17.

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him: for we shall see him as he is"—I John 3:2.

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

These Scriptures clearly refute the teaching that Christ's return will be invisible and that He has already come.

CONCLUSION

The Founder of "Jehovah's Witnesses" Exalted His Writings Above the Bible, God's Word!

"If the six volumes of 'Scripture Studies' are practically the Bible, topically arranged with Bible proof texts given, we might not improperly name the volumes 'The Bible in an arranged form.' This is to say, they are not mere comments on the Bible, but they are practically the Bible itself.

"Furthermore, not only do we find that people cannot see the Divine plan in studying the Bible by itself, but we see, also, that if anyone lays the 'Scripture Studies' aside, even after he has used them, after he has become familiar with them, after he has read them for ten years — if he then lays them aside and ignores them and goes to the Bible alone, though he has understood his Bible for ten years, our experience shows that within two years he goes into darkness. On the other hand, if he had merely read the 'Scripture Studies' with their references and had not read a page of the Bible as such he would be in the light at the end of two years, because he would have the light of the Scriptures" (page 298 of "The Watch Tower" of September 15, 1910).

This is nothing short of blasphemy of the Word of God. Can you imagine anything more ridiculous and audacious than such a claim as is made by this man that his writings are more valuable than the Word of God!

The National Flag

The United States of America is the first country in the world that provided a constitution that gives "Jehovah's Witnesses" and all other religious groups the right to hold to and to propagate any kind of religious notions, vagaries, and doctrines; yet the "Witnesses" won't even fight for our country nor salute "Old Glory."

"Jehovah's Witnesses do not salute the flag of any nation" (page 234 of "Let God Be True").

But listen to the Word of God in regard to the "powers" or governments that exist:

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves condemnation."—Romans 13:1, 2.

And Jesus taught:

"Render unto Caesar (the governmental power) the things that are Caesar's."—Matthew 22:21.

So-called "Jehovah's Witnesses" disobey the command of God when they refuse to respect the powers that are ordained of God.

In view of the heretical doctrines and un-Americanism of the so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses," are we not justified when we say that those who propagate such teachings are not at all witnesses of Jehovah, but Satan's ambassadors?

Purgatory

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in Matthew 23:14 describe the Roman Catholic priests, bishops and popes, "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widow's houses, and for a pretense make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation."

A woman in Mexico who had lost her only son, was robbed of \$5,000, practically all she had, by a priest who was engaged to deliver his soul from purgatory. After the priest had obtained the money, he was asked whether the son was now in heaven, but he only said that he was some better off, and left the heart of the poor mother to her grief.

No species of swindling ever invented by villainous man can compare in cold-blooded atrocity and cruelty with this priestly scheme. The Roman Catholic believer is followed by the priests through all his life, and after his death, relatives are pursued for money to pay imposters for benefits they pretend to dispense, or withhold.

The priest, in order to get more money out of his deceived people, has two masses — high mass and low mass. The high mass costs from ten to one thousand dollars or more, according to the display of flowers, candles and the number of priests taking part, and it is sung in a loud tone of voice. The low mass costs about five dollars. Only six candles are used, and it is reported in a low voice.

The essence of the low fraud is of course equal to the essence of the high. One is as good as the other, but the laity are made to believe that the high mass is far superior to the low, and in nine cases out of ten the poor as well as the rich will in some way gather together money for a high mass, believing it will help suffering soul through purgatory more quickly than a low mass. It is high money, high mass; low money, low mass; no money, no mass.

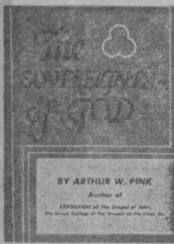
Death does not end "debt" in the Roman Catholic Church. A member cannot avoid his church dues by dying. His estate or friends have to pay on and pay forever. Even the tax collector gives up a dead man, but the Romish Church never. It retains its grip on its followers long after their bodies are reduced to ashes. The priest's threat of sending the soul from purgatory into hell will bring the last dollar from the pocket of the sorrowing mother, whose only daughter sleeps in her dark and narrow cell. She scrapes together her scanty means, denies herself every comfort in order to purchase prayers for the supposed repose or promotion of the soul of her dead darling. And these sums stolen from the pockets of thousands of superstitious, religious slaves every day, and almost every hour, throughout these United States are hoarded to enrich the Romish Church, and tell us with no uncertain sound that all true religious liberty shall cease as soon as this church obtains a numerical majority of the voting population.

Purgatory is a downright, naked, barefaced falsehood; an invention of man inspired by Satan for the destruction of souls.

The Word of God states with all authority: We are "Not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold; but with the precious blood of Christ as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot." "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another" (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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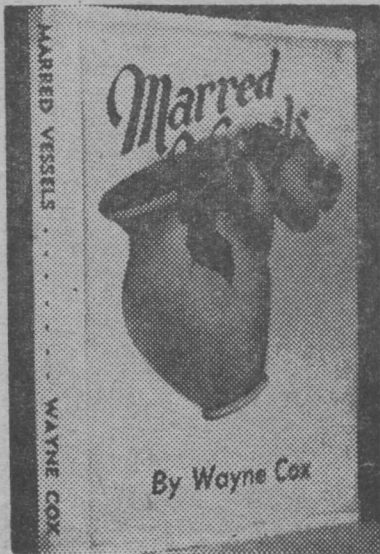
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Every pastor owes it to his Lord, the church he pastors, himself and the community he serves, to avail himself of every opportunity afforded to improve his ministry. THIS ISN'T OPTIONAL — IT'S MANDATORY (II Tim. 4:5; 2:15). There is a very fine line separating the pastor who is an hireling from the one who is too satisfied with a mediocre ministry. It was my happy experience to have found my 'Master's crib' last Labor Day weekend in the Bible Conference conducted by the Calvary Baptist Church. With our Lord's permission, I plan to return this year and bring several with me.

### Purgatory

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and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

The Almighty God, who cannot lie, has said that the precious Blood of His crucified Son cleanseth from all sin, there can be no possible need of the fires of purgatory for those who sleep in Jesus; and as this same eternal God has also said, "The wicked shall be turned into Hell," that "Outer darkness" where "There shall be gnashing of teeth," and "He that believeth not so Son of God abideth in him," there can be no intermediate place of suffering from which the souls of the wicked and unbelieving dead may be liberated and lifted up to peace and heaven by the payment of money to a pope, a cardinal, a bishop, a priest, or any other creature for the saying of masses or so-called prayers to this God

who cannot lie.

Purgatory is one of the most gigantic and stupendous frauds ever invented by Satan. —Tract

### Soul-Winning

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because I've never been able to see it from the Word of God. For the life of me I don't know where I'd go in the Word to show anyone that the salvation of souls alone was conclusive proof that one is in the direct will of God.

One of the most common and yet most misunderstood words in our language today is the word "church." To say nothing of the merely religious, who associate the name "church" with certain "buildings," there is much confusion among real believers concerning the word. Like the rest of the fundamental doctrines of the faith, there is the Godward and the manward aspect. The New Testament seems to teach very clearly that, from God's viewpoint, every sinner who receives the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, by faith, is saved eternally, and that apart from ordinances or works of any kind. (John 1:12; Eph. 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5). God Himself declaring such a one absolutely justified, and reckons unto such His Own Righteousness, even the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. (Romans 3:21-28; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Corinthians 1:30). This is how God sees every sinner, saved by grace, and the number is known to HIM alone. (Acts 15:18; 2 Timothy 2:19).

On the other hand there is the manward aspect of this same thing. What do men see regarding this? How is this thing to be manifested before the world in testimony and witness? Here we have an entirely different aspect or view of the same thing. God sees it from our viewpoint and He has ordained that man should see it also, but in a more manifested way. (1 Samuel 16:7; John 1:18). The New Testament also makes it very clear how these sinners, saved by grace, are to be manifested before the world. Acts 2:41, 42 says, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

This is the key N. T. passage of God's pattern for the N. T. church. The blueprint has been enlarged upon and developed, in the Epistles, but has never been

changed in its clearness and simplicity. This makes it very clear that, when sinners are "born again" by faith in Christ Jesus, they are to be baptized and continue steadfastly in Bible study and teaching, in fellowship locally with others of like faith, meeting regularly around the Lord's table to remember Him through the memorials of unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine, and for prayer. Nothing could be more simple and clear than this. To the obedience of faith there should be no confusion. "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." (1 Corinthians 4:2).

In order to have things done "decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40) God has graciously provided for the spiritual and temporal welfare of His church or churches. For the spiritual need He chooses and calls by His Holy Spirit and His Word, His pastors, teachers and evangelists. (Ephesians 4:11-15; Acts 13:2). These special gifts were also recognized by the church (Acts 13:3, 14:23; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-5; Acts 20:17, 28, 29. For the temporary need of His church He has also given specific instructions. (1 Timothy 3:8-13; Acts 6:1-7). The simplest God-given picture of the local church or assembly of saints is given in Philippians 1:1.

Notice please, these God-given instructions were given to a local church or a group of such churches. We search in vain for any account of pastors, teachers or evangelists without this local church affiliation. There just isn't any such thing, recognized by God, as self-styled pastors, etc., who haven't any or don't recognize any local church affiliation. There just isn't any such thing as a "free-lancer," without any local church connection, going about the land, preaching the Gospel, getting converts and leaving them upon the different religious doorsteps to fend for themselves. We wouldn't dream of practicing the like in the natural realm. The law of conscience and the law of the land forbids it. But in the spiritual realm this seems to be entirely lost sight of. A spiritual babe like a physical babe needs and deserves protection, care and advice. The Lord has graciously provided for the physical babe in well-ordered homes. When this is disregarded or ignored and self-will adulterates liberty to license, the government is forced to take over and provide orphanages for these foundlings. This is a mercy indeed, but at the best but an expediency, and no one would agree that it measures up to the ideal home.

Likewise, the Lord has graciously provided the N. T. church for the care and development of His spiritual children. If I'm instrumental in bringing a physical babe into the world, I'm responsible for seeing that it is provided for. In like manner, if I'm responsible, under God, for bringing a spiritual babe into the world, I have corresponding responsibility to see that it is spiritually cared for. Yet this is far from the reasoning of those who disregard the spiritual place of the N. T. church. The consequences do not matter so long as the Gospel is gotten out and some souls are saved. Such logic is certainly foreign to the New Testament. A radio program, a Bible school, etc., which is carried on independently of a N. T. church or group of churches, may be an expediency to meet a seeming need, yet are certainly not Scriptural. The plea that "souls are being saved" is not sufficient in itself to ignore the N. T. pattern. The Word was preached, sinners were saved and indigent churches were established. These souls were invariably born-again in an atmosphere of duress, strain, persecution and violence. The greatest antagonists they had were the religionists of their day; the ritualists and rationalists who denied the Lord Jesus Christ His rightful place. Yet these Christians grew and thrived and God was glorified through them. When I see something like this pattern being produced I'll say the instrument of God uses is in His directive will. That which is taking place around us today bears very little semblance of it.

Furthermore, there is no record, in the New Testament, of Christians living by themselves and for themselves independently of the New Testament church or local assembly of believers. We look in vain through the Acts for such a thing. Yet this is becoming more and more prevalent: people claiming to be Christians, ignoring the assembly of believers in their locality and getting their food and fellowship from a radio program or Christian literature, etc. Good as the radio program, or literature may be, the practice is wrong and has no Scriptural warrant. Granted there are some localities where there are no sound churches, even then, if there are a few Christians, they should get together on New Testament ground and present the witness to that community. (Hebrews 10:25). The Judgment Seat of Christ will reveal the folly and loss of neglecting such. Many Christians are tied up to apostate churches and save their consciences by supporting Christian works farther afield but lack the courage to do so in their own communities.

Finally, as difficult as it is to understand, to win souls a person doesn't necessarily have to be spiritual. Even in these Maritime Provinces, a small part of Christendom indeed, over the past twenty-three years we have seen men who seemingly had outstanding success in soul-winning campaigns who certainly couldn't be classed as spiritual. Immorality, debt and dishonesty finally claimed them and suddenly they were gone and many confused and disillusioned souls were left behind. As much as we deplore this, the facts still remain. We should speak the Truth in love, but we should be sure it is the Truth. We also should be sure it is love and not mere sentiment. There is no real love apart from the Word of God. The two cannot be divorced. (1 John 2:3-7).

Why all this confusion which seems to be growing yearly and captivating the minds of so many

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Christians? Surely "an enemy hath done this." The plain, simple pattern of the Word of God is much too simple for the fertile minds of men. "God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions." (Ecclesiastes 7:29). Competition in religion is keen and much activity is substituted for spirituality. The unblemished meat of the altar finds little acceptance among the religious gypsies of our day. At no time in the history of the church has it been more evident, and at no time has there been more shallow and frothy profession. Can it be that God has given us a dogmatic revelation concerning salvation from sin's guilt and penalty, but has neglected to give us dogmatic revelation concerning the gathering and behaviour of those who are saved? God forbid! "Sanctify them through Thy Truth, Thy Word is Truth." (John 17:17).

A strange thing confronts us today. Many Christians who claim to be absolutely Scriptural are found in sympathy with apostasy and critical of other Christians who have separated from it. A strange position indeed! Where there should be a united front against the common enemy, there is division and compromise. Why? The hardest job God ever gave a man is to stand on His Word and maintain the testimony to His glory, without fear or favor. This, not many are willing to undertake. But praise His name! it's His way, and He honors it, and the Judgment Seat of Christ will finally vindicate it. Those who are really jealous for HIS glory can afford to wait. (Hebrews 12:1, 2).

Brethren, let us take stock. "The Lord is at hand." (Philippians 4:5). "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good." (1 Thessalonians 5:21). "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith, prove your own selves." (2 Corinthians 13:5). "Try the spirits . . ." (1 John 4:1). Every real Christian desires to see more and more souls saved and see them grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. The plan and purpose of God, so graciously revealed in His Word, cannot be improved upon. That is what really glorifies Him. "To the law and to the testimony . . ." —Tract.

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## The Blessing of Affliction

"Our fathers disciplined us, for a few years, according as they saw fit; but He does it for our certain good, in order that we become sharers in his own holy character." Hebrews 12:10. (Weymouth).

"Spare the rod and spoil the child." Wise parents administer discipline "according to what appears good to them." The heavenly Father's discipline is perfect. He knows what each child needs. "He chastises for what (really) profits."

A college student, who walked on crutches during his whole college career, constantly amazed the students by his optimism and say that I am glad that I had friendliness. When asked what tuberculosis. Yet, through the had caused his physical deformity, he answered: "Infantile par-

alysis." "How could you remain so optimistic and friendly?" Tapping his chest, he said: "You see, it never touched my heart."

The question should not be: "Why does God send me this?" but rather, "What for?"

A great singer asked her instructor: "How can I sing better and from my heart?"

"Well, you might marry a man who would break your heart, and then you will really sing from our heart."

"Tribulation worketh patience."

"It may seem strange for me to say that I am glad that I had tuberculosis. Yet, through the grace of God, this disease has brought me some of the richest

spiritual blessings possible for a man to receive," wrote Paul Hutchens. His novels have blessed scores of thousands. It would be a great loss, if all you get out of your trial is hospital and doctor bills.

—From "God Giveth Strength"



### Excerpts From Haldane

(Continued from page one) scope for the diligent employment of critical research. But if it were inquired how much additional light has been thrown upon the sacred volume by the refinements of modern critics, it would be found to bear a very small proportion to the evil influence of unsanctified learning applied to the holy doctrines of revelation.

It has become common, even among Christians, to speak of the critical interpretation of Scripture as requiring little or nothing more than mere scholarship; and many seem to suppose that the office of a critical and that of a doctrinal interpreter are so widely different, that a man may be a safe and useful critic who has no relish for the grand truths of the Bible. There cannot be a more lamentable delusion, or one more calculated to desecrate the character and obscure the majesty of the word of God.

To suppose that a man may rightly interpret the Scriptures, while he is ignorant of the truths of the Gospel, or disaffected to some of its grand fundamental doctrines, — to imagine that this can be to him a useful or even an innocent occupation, — is to regard these Scriptures as the production of ordinary men, treating of subjects of ordinary importance, instead of containing, as they do, the Message of the Most High God, revealing life or death to every soul to whom they come.

### A True Knowledge Of God Produces Good Morals

According to our views of the character of God, so will be our conduct. The corruption of morals, which degraded and destroyed the heathen world, was the natural result of what infidels have designated "their elegant mythology." The abominable character of the heathen gods and goddesses were at once the transcript and the provocatives of the abominations of their worshippers.

But whenever the true God has been known, wherever the character of Jehovah has been proclaimed, there a new standard of morals has been erected; and

even those by whom His salvation is rejected are induced to counterfeit the virtues to which they do not attain. True Christianity and sound morals are indissolubly linked together; and just in proportion as men are estranged from the knowledge and service of God, so shall we find their actions stained with the corruptions of sin.

### The Motive For Service

Believers are the workmanship of God, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. Jesus Christ is the end and object of their obedience, in order that the name of the Father may be glorified in the Son, and that the name of the Son may be glorified in them. Accordingly, the Scriptures speak of the commencement and the continuation of the life of believers as being derived from Christ; of their being planted together with Him; buried and risen with Him; walking in Him; living and dying with Him.

The principal motives to holiness, in general, or to any particular duty, are drawn from some special view of the work of redemption, fitted to excite to the fulfilment of such obligations. The love of God in Christ is set before us, in a multitude of passages, as the most powerful motive we can have to love Him with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind.

When we are exhorted to look not to our own things only, but also to those of others, it is because we ought to have the same mind in us that was in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, humbled Himself to do such wonderful things for us.

The duty of almsgiving is enforced by the consideration that He who was rich for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich. Forbearance to weak brethren has for its motive the death of Christ for them.

If we are exhorted to forgive the offences of others, it is because God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven us.

The reciprocal duties of husband and wife are enforced by the consideration of the love of Christ, and the relation in which He stands to His Church. The motive to chastity is, that we are members of Christ's body, and temples of the Holy Ghost.

In one word, the various exhortations to the particular duties of a holy life, and the motives which correspond to each of them, are all taken from different views of one grand and important object, the mystery of redemption.

He "His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness."

"Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."



### "Rejected"

(Continued from page 1) of the story of the judges recorded in the book of Judges and in the book of I Samuel. The last of those judges was Eli. Eli preceded him, and although Eli was a good man, he was a failure so far as a father was concerned, for his sons were worthless religious rascals. The Word of God tells us that God definitely set aside the name and family of Eli and chose young Samuel as a boy to be judge over Israel, and he was the last of Israel's judges.

It is interesting to notice that Samuel, chosen as a boy to be God's man and was called God in a mighty way. But Eli, like all the balance of the judges, became old, and the Word tells us that when he was old and was no longer able to be a proper judge over the people, he set his sons up to be judges over the country of Israel. His sons were no better than the sons of Eli, for the Word of God tells us that they walked in God's ways, but that they turned aside after filthy and took bribes and perverted judgment.

It does seem unusually strange that Eli, the judge that preceded Samuel, should be succeeded by such sons that were outstanding rascals, and that Samuel should have the same experience that his sons would be rascals too. Finally the people came incensed over the rascals and the dishonesty of the sons of Samuel, and they went to Samuel and said, "We want you to make a king to judge us like all the nations." Now they had never had a king up close at hand. They never had known of a king. They thought that a king would be mighty nice. They didn't know that a king could become a type character that Saul, the first king, became. They didn't know that they would be pieces beneath the edict of a despot like a latter king. They built up the greatest era of prosperity that all Israel ever had, namely, Solomon. They didn't know that Solomon was to grind them to pieces with the weight of taxes, the like of which they had never known before. I say, all they knew about was what they had seen at the time when they looked at kings in dress parade. So they asked Samuel to set aside his office and give to them a king. (Continued on page 7, column 1)

## Disappointment

"Disappointment — His appointment,"  
Change one letter then I see  
That the thwarting of my purpose  
Is God's better choice for me.

His appointment must be blessing,  
Though it may come in disguise  
For the end, from the beginning,  
Open to His vision lies.

"Disappointment — His appointment,"  
Whose? The Lord's who loves me best,  
Understands and knows me fully,  
Who my faith and love would test;

For, like loving, earthly parents,  
He rejoices when He knows  
That His child accepts unquestioned  
All that from His wisdom flows.

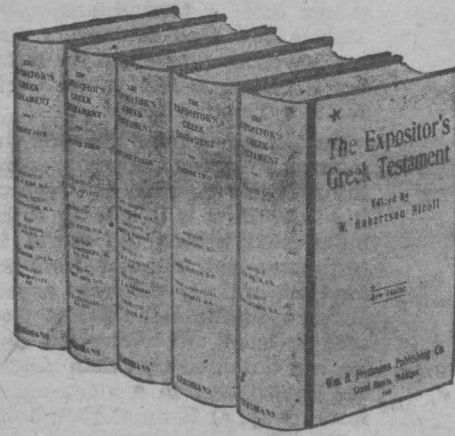
"Disappointment — His appointment,"  
"No good things will He withhold."  
From denials oft we gather  
Treasures of His love untold.

Well He knows each broken purpose  
Leads to fuller, deeper trust;  
And the end of all His dealings  
Proves our God is wise and just.

"Disappointment — His appointment,"  
Lord, I take it then as such,  
Like the clay in hands of potter  
Yielding wholly to this touch;

All my life's plan is His molding,  
Not one single choice be mine.  
Let me answer, unrepining,  
"Father, not my will, but Thine."

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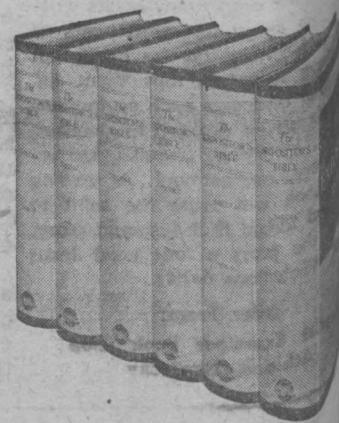
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## "Rejected"

(Continued from page six)

Up to this time Israel had been ruled by what we would call a theocracy — that is, God ruled from the skies through an earthly judge. But now the people are asked that the theocracy be set aside, and a monarchy be established. Therefore when Samuel went unto the Lord in prayer about the matter, God said:

"Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but THEY HAVE REJECTED ME, that I should not reign over them."—I Sam. 8:7.

I wish you would think for a moment as to what Israel was doing in this respect. They weren't just rejecting Samuel and his sons and his house, but they were actually rejecting God. They were turning from a theocracy to a monarchy, and as such we were God as a rejected God. I was impressed of a recent date when I listened to a television program that presented the modernist Fosdick to America. No

individual that ever listened to that program could deny the fact that Fosdick is a man of extreme intellectual caliber. Nobody could say that Fosdick is not an intelligent man, and thereby he would be the means of deceiving many, for many would think that he was such an intelligent being that surely he couldn't be mistaken. As I listened to the very carefully worded phrases that Fosdick used, I was impressed by this fact, that what Israel did when they asked for a king in rejecting God, thereby turning from a theocracy to a monarchy, is exactly what Fosdick has done in his ministry.

I suppose you recognize the fact that once upon a time Mr. Fosdick was a Presbyterian preacher, but later turned to being a Baptist preacher and became pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church of New York City. He has been recognized as an outstanding modernist for many, many years. I have a few of his books in my library. The first one that he ever wrote, entitled, "The Manhood of the Master," is truly

a splendid spiritual treatise of the character of the Lord Jesus Christ. But outside of that first book, all of the balance of his writings are tinctured with modernism, and the farther he has gone, the farther he has gotten from the truth. He denies the virgin birth of the Son of God. He denies the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. He definitely sets aside the resurrection of the Son of God. He declares that the miracles of the Lord Jesus Christ were nothing more than hypnotic spells that were cast upon the people. He says that the Bible is not to be accepted as final. He declares that the Bible is not the Word of God, but that it is filled with folk lore, and that many of the stories within the Bible are to be rejected, because they can not be substantiated by reason and by science.

Now, beloved, so far as I am concerned, a man like Fosdick has done exactly with God as the people of Israel did so far as God was concerned. They rejected God, and I consider that Fosdick has rejected God.

I think at the same time of Shailer Matthews who used to be recognized as an outstanding modernist in Chicago, and I am satisfied that today both Fosdick and Matthews are eclipsed by Nels Ferre, the Methodist preacher in Nashville, Tennessee. Nels Ferre says that the Lord Jesus Christ was not virgin born, but that His mother was a Jewish maiden who lived in the land of Palestine and that His father was a German soldier that was quartered there at that time — that Jesus was what we would call a war baby. When I think of Nels Ferre and Shailer Matthews and Fosdick and hundreds of others who are of the same stripe and caliber religiously and doctrinally, I say they have done with God exactly what the children of Israel did when they rejected the theocracy and asked for a monarchy — they have rejected God.

## II

### THE BIBLE SPEAKS OF A REJECTED WORD.

If you will turn to the Word of God, you will find that the Word of God was rejected in the days of Jeremiah. Listen:

"The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have REJECTED THE WORD OF THE LORD; and what wisdom is in them?"—Jer. 8:9.

This is a part of Jeremiah's sermon that he preached standing in the gate of the Lord's house. It is four chapters in length. As he stood there in the gate of the Lord's house — at the very entrance of the Lord's house, he preached to the congregation that gathered about him, and he accused Israel of their backslidden condition. He told them of the wickedness that they were guilty of, and he described to them their perverseness so far as the Word of God was concerned. As Jeremiah preached to the people relative to their sins, their perverseness, their backslidings and their perpetual condition of going away from God, it was then that Jeremiah said, "You have rejected the Word of the Lord."

This wasn't the only time that Jeremiah preached this, for we read:

"Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, BUT REJECTED IT."—Jer. 6:19.

This message definitely has to do with Israel's backslidings. It begins in the third chapter and runs all the way through the sixth chapter, and in it he tells of the backslidings of the children of Israel. Finally, he says that the reason that they have backslidden is because they have rejected the law of God.

Now, beloved, as I speak first of a rejected God, I am reminded that it is a terrible thing to think of God as being rejected. It is a terrible thing to think that in

Israel's day they rejected God. It is a terrible thing to think that men today like Nels Ferre and Shailer Matthews and Harry Fosdick would reject God. Beloved, I tell you, it is a terrible thing to think that a nation would reject the Word of God as the whole nation of Israel did.

What was true in the days of Jeremiah is true in this day in which we live. There are many, many individuals today who reject the Word of the Lord just exactly like the nation of Israel rejected it in the long ago. I insist that the man who denies any portion of it today is just as guilty of rejecting the Word of God as the children of Israel were in their day when Jeremiah was preaching six hundred years before the birth of the Son of God. Twenty-five hundred years or more has elapsed since Jeremiah walked in the city of Jerusalem and wept over the sins of the people. The sin that the people were guilty of then is the sin that many people are guilty of today. They rejected the Word of God.

I think of that deacon in a Baptist church who got up and stormed out with his wife and children and slammed the door behind him, and said, "I don't care if the doctrine of election is taught in the Bible, I don't believe it." What has he done? Just exactly what Israel did. He has rejected the Word of the Lord.

I think of that woman that I talked to a few years ago who said that she was called of God to be a preacher just as much as I was. In fact, I think she thought that she had just a little bit of superiority by way of call over mine, and that she had definitely been called of God to be a minister. I tried to show her what God said. He said, "I don't care what the Bible says. I won't accept

it. I refuse to believe it, for I know God called me." Beloved, the individual who does that just deliberately rejects the Word of the Lord.

I think of that Methodist preacher a few years ago who did not believe in immersion for baptism. One day when I preached on immersion it made him furiously mad and he retaliated with a sermon the following Sunday and said that the only argument in this world that could be found for immersion was in the Bible. Beloved, that was all that I had contended anyway. He went so far in his sermon to say that immersion was not to be accepted and that sprinkling was definitely the mode for baptism. I tell you, beloved, the man that does so denies and rejects the Word of God.

I could go on and mention many, many instances, but I will say this concerning any doctrine, if a man repudiates and spurns and rejects what the Word of God says concerning that doctrine, he is just as guilty of rejecting the Word of God as these Jews were in the days of Jeremiah, of whom we read: "You have rejected the Word of God."

## III

### THE BIBLE SPEAKS OF A REJECTED SAVIOUR.

We read:

"He is despised and rejected of men."—Isa. 53:3.

Notice again:

"The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner."—Psa. 118:22.

It is true that the Psalmist does not use the word "rejected," but the word "refused," and yet when the Lord Jesus Christ commented upon this in the days of His flesh, He interpreted the word "refuse" by the word "rejected." Listen:

"Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the BUILDERS REJECTED, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?"—Mt. 21:42.

When we find the Apostle Peter preaching in the book of Acts, we find that Peter tells the Jews the same thing, for he said:

"This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."—Acts 4:11, 12.

Notice, the Psalmist said that the stone was refused. The Lord Jesus Christ said that it was rejected. Simon Peter said that it was set at nought of you builders.

Let's get the picture back of this, for all three of these verses are inter-related. Here is a stone mason at work, and as he labors all through the day he picks up various stones and puts those stones into the building. With his training and his skillful eye he becomes proficient, and exceedingly efficient, in that he can pick up a stone and glance at it, and cast it aside when it is not suitable for his purpose. This text of Scripture says that the people treated the Lord Jesus Christ that way. They looked at Him and set Him at nought. They cast Him aside. They had no use for Him. In other words, these verses present to us a rejected Saviour.

Can you imagine anything more pathetic than a rejected Saviour? We read:

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19:10.

Notice why the Lord Jesus Christ came. He lived here for a space of a little better than thirty years. He announced Himself to be a minister, a fulfiller of the Word of God. Immediately when His sermon came to an end, the crowd took Him outside of the city, to hurl Him headlong over the precipice to His death, thinking that He was a madman. All the way through His ministry (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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## REMEMBER, RALLY DAY IS A SPECIAL DAY

### We Are Expecting Hundreds Of Letters From Our Readers

We trust that every reader has carefully and prayerfully read the appeals that have been made in recent issues of TBE. These appeals and letters show you God's blessings upon the paper, how we want to go forward, our present needs, and of the special Rally Day that is being set aside for a day of special payer and support in behalf of this paper.

How we do wish that all of our friends in the reading audience could be with us! What a happy meeting that would be! We have been hearing from some of you so long that we feel as if we know you as well as our own family. The warm letters that you readers have sent to us have drawn us close to you, and we feel very much as if we know you personally.

Of course, all of TBE's reading family cannot come and be with us. But several of our friends in and near Ashland are planning to do so. We will be gathering together for a time of prayer and thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessings upon us. We will be opening the letters sent from our readers and tabulating the offerings sent in for the support of the paper. We are expecting a wonderful blessing as we open these letters from our friends.

No doubt hundreds of you have already written and others intend to do so. Well, please don't put off doing so — be sure your letter reaches us before May 17. God is wonderfully blessing us in these days, and we are looking forward to even greater blessings in the future. Financial burdens are very heavy, but we are trusting in God to take care of them. He can work in the hearts of His people and cause them to do what He wills. So we are relying upon Him to impress each of you to do what He would have you to do. We know that this work is the work of God and He will take care of it as long as He wants to use it.

**REMEMBER: What none of us can do alone, all of us together can do.**

### Amillennialism

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who have died in the Lord; and its message to us is embodied in the words of 19:13: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth" — of which passage the present is indeed only an expansion. The picture that is brought before us here is, in fine, the picture of the "intermediate state" — of the saints of God gathered in heaven away from the confused noise and garments bathed in blood that characterize the war upon earth, in order that they may securely wait their end."

Among amillennialists who are classified as conservative, there are, then, two principle viewpoints: (1) which finds fulfillment in the present age on earth in the church; (2) which finds fulfillment in heaven in the saints. The second more than the first requires spiritualization not only of Revelation 20 but of all the many Old Testament passages

dealing with a golden age of a righteous kingdoms on earth."

I now want to list in a simple order most of the features of Amillennialism:

- (1) The kingdom is heavenly rather than earthly.
- (2) It is spiritual rather than political.
- (3) It is present rather than future.
- (4) Its point of inauguration is the first rather than the second advent.
- (5) Its king is in heaven rather than Jerusalem.
- (6) Its subjects are found in the church rather than the nation Israel.
- (7) That there is to be a general resurrection rather than two distinct ones.
- (8) The perpetuity of the law.
- (9) That Israel and the church are the same.
- (10) That the kingdom of God, kingdom of heaven and the church are the same.
- (11) That there is to be a general judgment rather than two distinct ones.

In the articles to follow I am going to show the unscripturalness of these points. Amillennialism has not come about by sound Bible exegesis but by unsound spiritualization of the prophetic Scriptures. Liberal amillennialism denies such truths as the bodily resurrection, judgment, the second advent, hell, and other doctrines. Conservative amillennialism still holds to the literalism of the above.

In bringing this second article to a climax, I now quote Charles L. Feinberg from his book entitled *Premillennialism or Amillennialism?*, page 9:

"It is impossible to straddle an issue that has so much dissimilarity in their views taken with regard to it. In the final analysis the crux of the matter is this; the Bible either definitely teaches or unequivocally does not teach a millennium, by which term is meant, according to Webster, the thousand year era mentioned in the twentieth chapter of the Book of Revelation, during which time righteousness will be triumphant with Christ personally reigning on earth with his saints. If the Bible does teach a millennium, then we are compelled to admit that the premillennial view of Biblical eschatology is the correct one. If, on the other hand, it can be demonstrated that the Word does not teach a millennium, then we are logically constrained to acknowledge that the truth is with the amillennialists."

Let us remember that if we were to use this spiritualizing method of the Bible with other doctrines other than the doctrine of last things — IT WOULD BE DISASTROUS. This is exactly what the more liberal amillennialists have done. Beloved, let us study and study correctly, especially in the realm of **when** and **where** we are to take Scripture "spiritually" or "symbolically."



### "Rejected"

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from that hour on to the time that He came to die, He continuously had one run-in after another with the congregation that came to hear Him preach. Finally, we read:

"And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be REJECTED of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again." — Mark 8:31.

As Jesus taught them that they were going to reject Him, ultimately they did reject the Lord Jesus Christ. They nailed Him to the cross. They crucified Him. They plucked the hair from His

face. They left His visage marred and scarred and bleeding. They left His back bloody when He was beaten in Pilate's judgment hall. They left Him hanging upon the cross with His blood pouring from the wounds in His body, after He had previously been crowned with a crown of thorns. Can you imagine anybody rejecting the Son of God when He laid aside the glory of Heaven and came down to this world to become a man and live under the law, to be born of woman, and live as a man, and die as God in the flesh, for man? Can you imagine people treating the Lord Jesus Christ in this manner? He was rejected and despised of men.

Thus you see that this Bible presents to us a rejected God, a rejected Word, and a rejected Saviour.

### IV

#### GOD DID NOT REJECT HIS SON.

We read:

"He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities." — Isa. 53:11.

Some of these days the Lord Jesus Christ is going to see all of the saved and the redeemed gathered before Him. All of the folk that were saved in Old Testament times, and all of the folk that were saved in Jesus' day, and all of the folk that were saved since New Testament days, and all the folk that are saved today, or shall ever be saved in the future will satisfy Him. He is going to look out over them, and "He shall be satisfied."

The Arminians may talk about a disappointed God. They may speak about a God that is frustrated. They may speak about a God who is completely defeated. I tell you, beloved, a disappointed God is no God at all. Let me tell you something, the Lord Jesus Christ isn't going to be defeated.

Listen:

"All that the Father giveth me, shall come to me." — John 6:37.

The plan of God is not to be defeated, but rather, all that were given of God the Father, to God the Son in the eternal council halls before time began to be saved, will be saved, and when Jesus stands before them He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied. Though the world may reject the Son of God, God's plan is going to be fulfilled.

Not only is God's plan going to be fulfilled, but God is going to be well pleased with His Son. The first chapter of Leviticus tells the story of the burnt offering which was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. The offerer could

bring for an offering according to his financial ability. If he were a ruler or if he were a king or if he were a person of financial importance, he could bring of the cattle as an offering. The ninth verse says that it was offered of the cattle that it was to be a burnt offering, an offering made of a fire, or a sweet savour unto the Lord. Then the tenth verse says that maybe he would have to bring a sheep — something of the flock, because he didn't have the money to buy a bullock. The thirteenth verse says of the sheep, the same verse nine says of the offering that it is a burnt sacrifice, offering made by fire of a sweet savour unto the Lord. Then the fourteenth verse drops down the scale financially to that of a fowl, a turtledove, or a young pigeon. Maybe the man could bring a bullock. Maybe he was even able to bring a sheep or a goat. Maybe all he was able to bring was a pigeon or a turtledove, and the Word of God says in the seventeenth verse that a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord. Regardless of what the individual brought as an offering, whether he brought cattle, whether he brought sheep, whether he brought goats, whether he brought turtledoves or the pigeons — regardless of what he brought when he brought it as a burnt offering and offered it up to God it was a sweet savour unto Him.

I think it is impossible to describe Him, for God is beyond our description, but can we imagine God looking down at Heaven and seeing the sacrifice offered, and as the smell of sacrifice comes up, it comes as a sweet savour unto the Lord? I think I do not do God an injustice when I say that God looked down on that scene when the individual was offering his sacrifice and God said, "It is a sweet savour to me."

Beloved, I come to that when Jesus Christ died on the Cross of Calvary, and as the world rejected Him and despised Him, I look up yonder in Heaven and I see my God reacting toward the sacrifice of Jesus just as He reacted toward the burnt sacrifice of Israel, for the burnt sacrifice of Israel found its fulfillment in the perfect sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. When I saw Jesus rejected of men, I looked down to Jesus as the sweetest savor that had come into the porals of Heaven itself. Man rejected Jesus, but God the sacrifice of Jesus was a sweet savor unto the Lord.

### V

#### THE TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF REJECTING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

We read:

"He that REJECTED me, receiveth not my words, but that judgeth him: the word which I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." — John 12:48.

Beloved, the next event in the rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ is the judgment of God for the unsaved man. If you are unsaved, if you are now rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ, the next step in your life is the judgment bar of God.

Jesus said:

"He that rejected me hath that judgeth him."

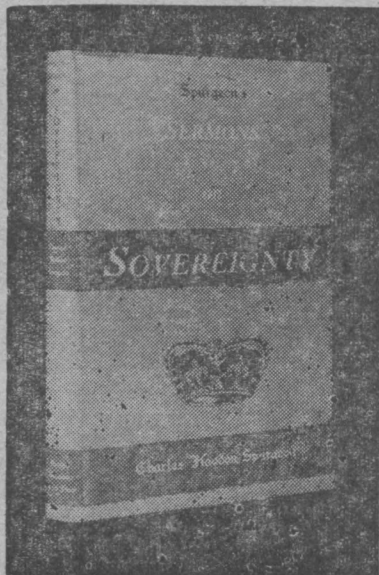
I tell you, beloved, there are some terrible consequences that store for the individual that rejects the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God in His mercy give to you the spiritual ability to you shall receive Jesus, and you shall receive grace that you might reject Him. May God give to Jesus as a Saviour, and go with the realization that you have accepted of God in Christ and go rejecting Him no more. May God bless you!

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