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THE IMMUTABILITY OF GOD

By the Late A. W. PINK

First, God is immutable in His essence. His nature and being are infinite, and so, subject to no mutations. There never was a time when He was not; when He shall cease to be. God has neither evolved, grown, nor improved. All that He is today, He has ever been, and every will be. "I am the Lord, I change not" (Mal. 3:6) is His own unqualified affirmation. He cannot change for the better, for He is already perfect; and being perfect, He cannot change for the worse. Altogether unaffected by anything outside Himself, improvement or deterioration is impossible. He is perpetually the same. He only can say, "I am that I am" (Ex. 3:14). He is altogether uninfluenced



ARTHUR PINK

by the flight of time. There is no wrinkle upon the brow of etern- (Continued on page 3, column 4)

HALLIMAN REPORTS SETTLING IN NEW GUINEA, OBTAINING HOUSE, PLANNING TO HOLD FIRST SERVICE

By Fred T. Halliman
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Wau, New Guinea

northward up the coast. I had been made to realize more than ever how hard it was going to be to find a place for my family to live. There is one thing you can rely on as being true about New Guinea, if you ever hear the statement, "It is almost impossible to rent a place for a family to live there": it is not "altogether impossible, for all things are possible with God." Beloved, our having the place that we do could be only of the Lord.

Nearly six months ago I wrote to two real estate men in Port Moresby, the largest town in New Guinea, asking them to see if they could have a place for me when I arrived on the island. Neither of them was able to secure a place for me during that time. By the time I was able to get away from Goroka, I felt impressed to turn back eastward to Madang and then southward to Lae and from there back into the interior to the town of Wau. I had stopped at Wau (pronounced 'wow') for a short time on the way to Goroka but was not impressed with the place at that time. When I arrived here on my way back, what man had been



Missionary Fred T. Halliman

unable to accomplish for me in six months, the Lord had waiting for me and in a matter of a few hours upon my arrival (3 hours to be exact), I walked to within 100 yards of the place the Lord had waiting before I even made an inquiry. The first person that I talked to about a place to live (Continued on page 8, column 1)

Romanism--An Example Of How Far Wrong One Can Go

As one makes a study of Roman Catholicism, the question comes, "How could Christianity have ever become so perverted as it has in this religion?" Only Satan furnishes an explanation. Only he could have produced this masterpiece of perversion.

The Worship of Romanism -- What Is Wrong With It?

1. It involves the worship of a female goddess—Mary.

Mary is made to be exactly that—a goddess. There is no Scripture warrant for this. Mary needed a Saviour just as all others. (See Luke 1:46). Mary is prayed to by Romanists, but Jesus said to "ask the Father in My name." Mariolatry is just as bad as any heathen idolatry.

2. Their worship involves praying to the "saints."

And they have a perverted notion as to what constitutes a "saint." Saint, in the Bible sense, is simply a believer—a saved person—a child of God. Saint, in Roman terminology is a person who has been "canonized" by the Roman church. Recently Pope Pius was "canonized" amid great pomp and ceremony. Joan of Arc was first burned, then later canonized. There is no slightest warrant in Scripture for praying to "saints." We are to pray to the Father in the name of Jesus—not in the name of saints. Some Baptists are developing

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"saints." They have "saint Lottie Moon" and some others. She isn't prayed to yet, but just let time do its work!

3. They engage in biscuit worship.

They consider the sacred wafer as the actual body of Christ, and that is why they bow before it. If it isn't God—and it isn't—then that is gross idolatry. More than idolatry, it pretends to be the offering of the body of Christ over and over, whereas the Bible says that he was "Once offered." (Heb. 10:10).

4. Their worship involves "vain repetition" of prayers.

Such endless repetitions as "Hail Mary's," said to the counting of beads. But Jesus said, "When ye pray, use NOT vain repetitions as the heathen do, for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking." (Matt. 6:7). Besides this, the beads (Continued on page 3, column 1)

Amillennialism Examined

By Elder Eddie Garrett
New Testament Baptist Church
Hamilton, Ohio

ARTICLE NO. 6

In this article I want to discuss another error of the Amillennialists and that is the "General Judgment." (In the last article I discussed the error of a "General Resurrection.") The Bible makes it very clear that there are to be two distinct judgments. There is to be a separate judgment of the righteous and the wicked. The passage of Scripture that the Amillennialist uses to try to prove a general judgment is Matthew 25:31-46. I want to quote part of this passage:

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats (Matt. 25:31-32).

I now quote from another portion of the Bible in order that I may contrast it with the above.

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth fled away:

and there was found no place for them.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the book, according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:11-15).

Anyone who will read and study these two portions of the Word of God carefully cannot but see that they are not speaking of the same thing. Let us notice the differences of the two passages.

First, nothing is ASKED these in Revelation 20.

Secondly, there is no resurrection prior to the judgment of Matthew 25.

Thirdly, the second coming of Christ is connected with the judgment of Matthew 25, but not so with the judgment of Revelation 20.

Fourthly, in Matthew 25 there are THREE CLASSES spoken of while only ONE in Revelation 20.

Fifthly, only the living are judged in Matthew while only the resurrected DEAD in Revelation (Continued on page 8, column 3)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

"TRANSGRESSIONS"

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

"But he was wounded for our transgressions."—Isaiah 53:5.

Whenever I think about our transgressions I am reminded of the words of David, when he said:

"Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord."—Psalm 25:7.

Somehow, we more or less take for granted that the time of youth is the time of the greatest transgressions, and the time of the greatest number of sins. Now I don't know that is true, but I think the Psalmist implied that, and I believe, generally speak-

ing, that it is true with people today. Whether that be true or not, the fact remains that David cried out in his prayer, "Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions."

I am sure everyone of us would do well as we contemplate the sins and transgressions of our lives, to pause, and pray the prayer of David as he thus prayed. It would indeed be hard for me to tell you how many times that I have sinned in life. In fact, it would be an impossibility for any of us to reconcile the sins that we stand guilty of in God's sight. But I am sure you would agree with me that your transgressions

are multitudinous, and it would be impossible to calculate or estimate the sins that you stand guilty of in the sight of Almighty God.

I. TRANSGRESSIONS ARE AS OLD AS THE HUMAN FAMILY.

The history of transgressions is just as old as the history of the human race for the history of transgressions parallels the history of humanity. Go back to the Garden of Eden, to the very first family that was ever here within this world and you will find the very beginning of transgressions. Suppose we take a little excursion (Continued on page 6, column 3)

CANNIBALS IN NEW GUINEA SENTENCED

(Ashland, Ky. Daily Independent)

PORT MORESBY, New Guinea (AP) — A judge Saturday sentenced 16 cannibals to death for murdering a villager in a wife-snatching and food-gathering raid last year. Witnesses testified the cannibal band, with highly developed teamwork and generalship, raided the village of Suwana in January 1959, killed three men and kidnapped eight women. Parts of the dead were eaten and the judge in pronouncing sentence said: "I would like to see you stay in jail and learn about administration and law. For eating flesh of a very bad thing. Some people eat people because they are pigs. You should be something better than a pig."

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Larry Underhill,
Ontario, Canada.

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I am enclosing \$5.00 to help the paper on Spring Rally Day. I've read your paper and enjoy it very much. My husband and I would certainly miss the paper if it were to be discontinued. So we pray that you will be able to continue publishing the paper.—Mrs. Myron E. Gray, Kentucky.

ENCOURAGED US MUCH THOUGH UNABLE TO BE WITH US RALLY DAY

Please find enclosed \$25.00 for the Rally Day and we pray that you will receive many more donations. Would like to be with you when you open the letters, but can't come. We received the last TBE and have learned quite a bit about the Roman Catholic religion. We really enjoy the great teachings of TBE and pray that God will still bless you and that you will have many more subs. Wish we could have more to send, but just don't at this time.—W. P. Billington, Missouri.

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION AND FOR THEIR PRAYERS

Here is \$10.00. Wish we could send more. Our prayers are that the Lord will be with you all and you will receive a good donation. May God bless us all.—Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Irwin, Texas.

THANKFUL TO BE A "FELLOW-HELPER" TO THE TRUTH

It would be a greater joy, I know, to be permitted to present in person the enclosed gift on Rally Day, May 17. However, I am thankful to our Lord for the privilege of being a "fellow-helper to the truth" (II John 8) sent forth in TBE. I know of no

paper anywhere that bears the testimony of the whole counsel of God as does TBE. And this is all the more commendable in a day when there is such a woeful departure everywhere from the Word of God. To be sure, the world does not applaud the one who is steadfast and faithful in this proclamation of the truth. (And is not this a reason why so few are found?—the many esteeming the acclaim of men and despising the approval of the Lord.) But Christ promised His blessings and presence and manifestation to those who honor Him and keep His Word. Therefore we give praise and thanks to God for the editors, contributors, and every one who shares in proclaiming the truth through TBE.

May it please our Sovereign God to move in the hearts of His people to the supplying of your every need on this Rally Day, to the extent that there will be no hindrance or delay in sending forth TBE.—Elder Leonard R. Hirtzel, Illinois.

THINKS TBE SOUNDEST PAPER IN THE U. S. A.

I do think that you are until Christ calls you away.—Isom U. S. A. on the Bible. My prayers are for the work you are doing, wishing the soundest paper in the Haynes, Virginia.

MANY TIMES THIS DEAR MAN HAS CONTRIBUTED TO TBE'S WELFARE

Find enclosed \$2.00. Would love to send more if I were able. I still pray that God will provide and help keep TBE coming each week. The Roman Catholics won an election in West Virginia this week; it makes me wonder what the future holds in store for us Baptists.—E. H. Craft, W. Va.

HOPES EVERY READER WILL CONTRIBUTE

Hope everything is going good and that Rally Day will be a success. Enclosed please find \$1.00 and I hope every reader of TBE will do that much. I covet an interest in your prayers.—John T. White, Georgia.

ENJOYS TBE AND WANTS IT TO CONTINUE

I am sending a small offering for your paper. It is not much; wish it could be more. I pray that the Lord will bless it to the good of some through your paper. I receive your paper every week and enjoy every item in it. I pray it may still go out for many days to come.—Herbert Nugent, Ind.

TBE IS REAL FOOD FOR HIS SOUL

I surely do want to have a part

in the Rally Day offering and I hope this offering may help you, for I surely would miss TBE very much for it is food for my soul that I do not get here in my church. I surely want this source of spiritual food to continue each week that I may grow strong in the knowledge of the Gospel. So please continue and may God lead you as He sees fit is my prayer for you.—Roy J. Bucher, Missouri.

WANTS US TO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Thanks for the last issue (May 7). It has so much information on Roman Catholicism and this is the time our people need to be informed. Keep it up.—Charlie Warren, Kentucky.

AND HIS CHURCH SAID THIS WITH A CHECK FOR \$145.00

Trusting Rally Day will be a big blessing to you so the paper will be a blessing to the Lord's people.—Howard Powlison, N. Y.

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I pray that you are all well and that the Lord is blessing you and the work. I am enclosing a small money order to help with the debts of the paper. May the Rally Day be a success.—W. W. Jacks, Tennessee.

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Enclosed is a check for your Rally Day offering. The Baptist Examiner means much to me, especially since my husband's (B. O. Harrell) homegoing. May the Lord continue to bless you in your sacrificial efforts in publishing The Examiner. -- Mrs. B. O. Harrell, Texas.

PRAYING FOR THE BIGGEST RALLY DAY WE HAVE EVER HAD

Just a few lines to let you know that I am praying for the biggest Rally Day the paper has ever known. And I'm not uneasy that God will not take care of His own, and believing that TBE and the ones behind it are God's people, doing God's work, who can hinder, for He says He works, and none can stay His hand.—Mrs. W. H. Buchanan, Kentucky.

A GREAT PASTOR, A TRUE N. T. CHURCH, AND A BIG OFFERING

Enclosed is a check for \$125.00 for Rally Day. \$100 is from our church (Calvary Baptist) and \$25.00 is from Brother Robert Etheridge. Our church has prayed for Rally Day and we believe God will supply your needs. We thank God for the privilege of supporting the truth the Bible teaches.—Elder Murrell Combs, Illinois.

THIS REGULAR MONTHLY HELPER WISHES TO DO MORE

I'm happy to send the little that I can to help boost your donations. Wish I had enough to really help. Hope you'll be more than pleased with the response to your needs. I'm sure none of your readers should like to think the paper might be discontinued, so may they all put forth every effort to help put you over this strain.—Mrs. J. T. Silvey, Texas.

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WE LIKE HIS OFFERING AND HIS PRAYERS

Here is a small offering to help carry on TBE. May the Lord richly bless you and Brother Bob in this work and supply all your needs.—L. H. Creech, N. C.

FOR 20 YEARS TBE HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO THIS DEAR MAN

I have been reading TBE for 20 years and it has been a blessing to me all this time. I am 74 and have a small pension is all, but I am sending all I can. I am praying for you for we need the paper in these days.—W. S. Averitt, Florida.

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I am thankful to once again have a part in Rally Day for TBE. Each issue brings a special blessing and I am much concerned that the paper continue to be published.—Henry Sapp, Minnesota.

THANKFUL FOR ALL OF US WHO TRY TO STAND BOLDLY FOR THE TRUTH

Just a few lines to let you know that we are thinking of TBE and pray that God will bless you with the needed funds on Rally Day. I truly thank God for such as yourself and Brother Bob and all the rest of the brethren that write for TBE, boldly standing for the truth of God's Word, in spite of all the criticism you must receive from the Arminians, modernists, etc., of this day. I am enclosing \$5.00 for Rally Day.—Edgar Smith, Ohio.

READS TBE FROM COVER TO COVER

I have not words to tell you what TBE means to me. Since leaving Puerto Rico last year and coming to South Dakota where

my husband is stationed with the Air Force, I find that I look to TBE more and more for spiritual food. Here we have been unable to find a New Testament church to unite with and have no Christian fellowship. I look forward to each paper and read it from cover to cover, thanking my Lord for a paper as this.—Mrs. L. R. Frederick, South Dakota.

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TBE has been a great help to me in many ways. I enjoy reading it very much. I thank God that He has made it possible for me to receive it and I am glad to be able to send an offering to help carry the load.—Mrs. John Snoddy, Kentucky.

BELIEVES ETERNITY ALONE WILL REVEAL GOOD TBE DOES

Enclosed you will find \$5.00 to help keep TBE going out into the world, for it is the only sound religious paper that is sent out today that I know of. Only eternity will reveal the good that it is doing for the people who read it. I have been getting the paper every week since it first started and enjoy it so much I would not know how to get along without it.—Elder D. H. Combee, Florida.

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I am sending you an offering and praying that God will supply your every need. My husband went on to be with the Lord Sept. 4. He liked TBE and never failed to read it. One of his best friends that he witnessed to many times was saved two weeks ago, so you see God sometimes answers our prayers after we are gone.—Mrs. Lennie Oldham, Kentucky.

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I was a Baptist before the paper was ever published, but I have been strengthened on many points and blessed in many ways by the many articles of different writers.

I am thankful for the firm stand taken on the major doctrines of the Scriptures and the exposure of so many heresies these last days.

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Mr. and Mrs. Brasher, Ky.

"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. Why do Baptists vote on receiving members?

This question was asked by a member of another denomination. We asked this man how he got into his church. He replied that he went forward in response to a public invitation and confessed Christ as his Saviour. He said the preacher then asked him some questions and took him into the church. We said: "If the preacher had not been satisfied with your answers to his questions -- if he had not felt that you were truly trusting Christ as your Saviour, would he have taken you into the church?" He answered in the negative. Then we told him that the only difference between his church and Baptists is that his church puts the power of passing upon one's profession of faith in the hands of the preacher while Baptists put it in the hands of the church. We prefer it that way: for Paul said to a church: "Ye are the body of Christ" (I Cor. 12:27). He did not say that of any preacher or apostle.

Baptists believe that the New Testament teaches the democracy of the church, and popular vote is the only way a church can express itself in a purely democratic way. That fellowship in New Testament churches was subject to the suffrage of the people is shown by I Cor. 2:6 where Paul, manifestly speaking of the man that in I Cor. 5 he asked the church to exclude and which the church did evidently exclude, says: "Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many." "Of many" means, according to the Greek, "by the greater part," or, in other words, "by the majority." Paul wrote to the church about this matter of discipline (I Cor. 1:1), not to the preachers, or deacons, and the church acted by some expression of the majority's will. It is true that this was a case of exclusion instead of reception; yet the principle is the same, and proves, as we have said, that fellowship in New Testament churches was subject to the suffrage of the people. This requires a vote of the church to receive a member.

2. Did the ordinance of sprinkling originate with Ezekiel 36:35?

No. This was the sprinkling of the Jewish ceremonial law, and was in no sense baptism. Sprinkling for baptism developed grad-

Immutability

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ity. Therefore His power can never diminish nor His glory ever fade.

Second, God is immutable in His attributes. Whatever the attributes of God were before the universe was called into existence, they are precisely the same now, and will remain so forever. Necessarily so; for they are the very perfections, the essential qualities of His being. Semper idem (always the same) is written across every one of them. His power is unabated. His wisdom undiminished, His holiness unsullied. The attributes of God can no more change than Deity can cease to be. His veracity is immutable, for His Word is "forever settled in heaven" (Psa. 119:89). His love is eternal: "I have loved thee with an everlasting love" (Jer. 31:3) and "having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end" (John 13:1). His mercy ceases not, for it is "everlasting" (Psa. 100:5).

Third, God is immutable in His counsel. His will never varies (Continued on page 4, column 3)

ually in post-apostolic ages, growing out of pouring, which was first used in "baptizing" the sick, being later extended to infants. Sprinkling was not pronounced valid baptism by any Roman Catholic council until 1310 A. D. Sprinkling for baptism is another Roman Catholic invention.

3. Will Jesus reign on the earth with His people a thousand years and when will this take place?

Yes, Jesus will reign on this earth a thousand years with His people. The fact that Jesus will reign on the earth is made clear in Luke 1:32; Zech. 14:9, Psalm 72:11, Isa. 24:23, Jer. 23:5, Hosea 3:4, 5. The fact that His people will reign with Him is plainly taught in Matt. 5:5, I Cor. 6; Rev. 2:26, 27; 3:31; 5:10; Rev. 20:4. This latter message is the one that gives us the length of this reign of Christ with the people on the earth. All the passages supplement and reinforce one another. The time of the beginning of that reign will be immediately following the judgment of the nations depicted in Matt. 31:46, which will come to pass when Christ comes to the earth in fulfillment of the promise of Acts 1:11.

4. Why did John the Baptist baptize for remission of sins and you Baptist won't do it, but take his name?

Baptists baptize "for the remission of sins" in the same sense that some of them punish their children for disobedience, which does not mean that these punish their children in order that they may disobey; but because they disobeyed. Campbellites read into the Scripture that John baptized for the obtaining of the remission of sins. This John never did. John baptized "unto (or for) repentance" (Matt. 3:11). Does that mean that he baptized men in order that they might repent. If not, then he baptized men because they repented. Will Campbellites do that? If not, then they must either repudiate their interpretation of John's preaching or else repudiate John as a preacher of the truth. John made both repentance and faith prerequisites of baptism (Mat. 3:7-10; Acts 19:14). And, on the basis of I John 5:1, when a man has truly believed in Christ he is already a child of God.

5. I do not see how you can condemn lodges as you do. My first husband was a member of the Knights of Pythias, and I received \$100 from them to help bury him.

Your first husband could have purchased that much or more in life insurance for the dues he paid into the lodge. Lodges are worldly, false religious organizations in general. No amount of secondary good that is done by them can cover up or excuse a Christian for belonging to them.

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Rome—An Example

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(rosary) they use is of heathen, Hindu origin, for of course there is no such word as "rosary" in the Bible.

5. Their worship involves the use of a language that is unknown to most of the worshippers.

Paul said that he had rather utter one word in a language understood, than many in a language unknown to people. (See I Cor. 14:19). Where is there any Scripture that says that Latin is a holy language? There isn't any! Latin serves to keep people in ignorance. How people can stand to hear all that sing singing of Latin through the noses of priests is more than we can comprehend.

6. Their worship, instead of according with the simplicity of New Testament worship, is a complex thing.

Elaborate robes, incense, pomp and ceremony, and just plain "hokey" characterizes the worship. A lot of "stuff" takes the place of the preaching of the Word of God. Candles are burned in great numbers. What is there holy about a candle? Nothing. They are just smelly and smoky. Yet plenty of Baptists ape Rome enough to have "candlelight services." If they want to add a holy flavor to something they have the light turned out, while they burn candles. Let one of their priests get his whiskers singed-off, and he would be no good until they grew back. What consummate tomfoolery!

7. In their worship, the bread and the wine is withheld from the people and is guzzled by the priest.

No Scriptural observance of the Lord's Supper. It is exalted into a "sacrament" and the bread and wine becomes (so, they say) the actual body and blood of Christ. Jesus said, "drink ye all of it." (Matt. 26:27). Today the priest drinks "all of it." Wonder how he holds all the wine he drinks?

8. A colossal lie is introduced into their worship.

That lie is technically called "transubstantiation," and is to the effect that the bread and wine becomes the actual flesh and blood of Christ. Chemistry can demonstrate at any time that this is a lie, for chemical analysis will reveal that after the bread and

wine is "blessed" by the priest, it is NOT flesh and blood but STILL BREAD AND WINE. However, cold hard scientific facts don't worry Catholicism.

This falsehood concerning the bread and the wine is perpetrated every day the world over, whenever people gather for the "mass." And please take note that no mention is even made of "mass" in the Bible. In reality it is mass fakery, palmed off on the masses.

Christ & The Pope

Christ was crowned with a crown of thorns; the pope has a crown of gold.

Christ washed the disciples' feet; the pope has his feet kissed. Christ and His followers paid tribute; the pope and his followers exact it.

Christ and His disciples fed sheep; the pope and his priests shear sheep.

Christ was poor; the pope is rich.

Christ died leaving no earthly possessions; the popes die worth millions.

Christ had not where to lay His head; the pope lives in the most costly residence in the world.

Christ carried His cross; the pope is carried in a canopy.

Christ despised riches; the pope loves riches.

Christ drove the merchants out of the temple; the pope welcomes them.

Christ was meek and lowly; the pope is proud and has himself called HOLY.

Christ spoke from the hillside; the pope from a costly throne.

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Please accept this small check as our Rally Day offering toward the on-going of the paper that has meant so much to me and also to the church here. We will be praying that the offering will lift the burden for the present. Love to you all in the dear Saviour's name.—Arthur J. Corcoran, Illinois.

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Please have your church to endorse this small check to TBE. I wish I were able to do more for the Lord's work everywhere, but the Lord knew who to trust with more of this world's goods. I just thank Him for what He does entrust me with.

May God bless you and Brother Bob, and may He lead and guide you in all you do.—E. G. Cook, Alabama.

THIS COUSIN OF C. H. SPURGEON BELIEVES TBE IS GETTING BETTER; PROVES IT BY A GIFT

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are sending a small offering and trusting that many others will be able to send much more. We truly thank God for TBE and its editors.—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hardman, West Virginia.

SAYS HER OFFERING DOESN'T EQUAL HER BLESSINGS RECEIVED THROUGH TBE

I hope I'm not too late in getting my Rally Day offering to you. It by no means equals the blessings I have received from reading TBE—it may help a little. I sincerely hope and pray that this year's will be the largest Rally Day offering you have ever received.—Mrs. B. J. White, Kentucky.

DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO GIVE TO EQUAL HER BLESSINGS

I'm hoping this reaches you for Rally Day and as for sending you an offering equal to the blessings I get from TBE, I just can't do that—I don't have enough money, but I am sending a little offering to help in a very small way and hope that all the readers of TBE will send something and much more. I know that anyone who reads your paper is bound to get a blessing from it.—Mrs. Opal Catron, Va.

WISHES ALL CHRISTIANS WOULD READ TBE

I am writing to say that The Baptist Examiner is a real bless-

try to read your's and Bob's sermons and articles. The paper has meant a lot to me ever since I became acquainted with it, and I do pray that it may continue to go forth each week till Jesus comes.—Mrs. H. L. Ross, Tenn.

LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING TBE

Even if I am late with this, I'm sure you'll be glad to add it to the Rally Day fund. I wish I could send more. I pray for you daily and look forward anxiously for The Baptist Examiner.

The conclusion I've reached is that many people do not want to be examined by the Word of God. I do. That is the reason I think so much of the paper. — Mrs. James G. Lowe, Missouri.

WOULD MISS TBE IF IT WERE TO STOP

I thank the Lord that I am able to send this small contribution. THE BAPTIST EXAMINER will surely be missed if it were compelled to stop. Will be praying that you will get an offering from every reader of the paper.

Mrs. Lillard Baker, Kentucky.

TBE MEANS MUCH TO THIS FAMILY

Enclosed find our offering for Rally Day. May the Lord supply all your needs. May THE BAPTIST EXAMINER continue to go forth each week. It means much in our lives.

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Mr. and Mrs. Archie Staley (West Virginia).

THESE FRIENDS HAVE SUPPORTED US ON MANY RALLY DAYS

We are enclosing our Rally Day offering of \$5.00. May God continue to bless you abundantly. We enjoy every issue of the paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Holt (Ohio).

Immutability

(Continued from page three)
Perhaps some are ready to object that we read "It repented the Lord that He had made man" (Gen. 6:6). Our first reply is, Then do the Scriptures contradict themselves? No, that cannot be. Num. 23:19 is plain enough: "God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent." So also in 1 Sam. 15:19, "The strength of Israel will not lie nor repent; for He is not a man, that He should repent." The explanation is very simple. When speaking of Himself, God frequently accommodates His language to our limited capacities. He describes Himself as clothed with bodily members, as eyes, ears, hands, etc. He speaks of Himself as "walking" (Psa. 78:65), as "rising early" (Jer. 7:13); yet He neither slumbers nor sleeps. When He institutes a change in His dealings with men, He describes His course of conduct as "repenting."

Yes, God is immutable in His counsel. "The gifts and calling of God are without repentance" (Rom. 11:29). It must be so, for "He is in one mind, and who can turn Him? and what His soul desireth, even that He doeth" (Job

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Yours in the sovereign Saviour of our souls, Jesus Christ,
Frank B. Beck
St. John 6:37, 44; Eph. 1:11-12.

23:13). Change and decay in all around we see, may He who changeth not abide with thee. God's purpose never alters. One of two things causes a man to change his mind and reverse his plans: (1) want of foresight to anticipate everything, or (2) lack of power to execute them. But as God is both omniscient and omnipotent there is never any need for Him to revise His decrees. No, "The counsel of the Lord standeth forever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations" (Psa. 33:11). Therefore do we read of "The immutability of His counsel" (Heb. 6:17).

Herein we may perceive the infinite distance which separates the highest creature from the Creator. Creaturehood and mutability are correlative terms. If the creature were not mutable by nature, it would not be a creature; it would be God. By nature we tend to nothing, as we came from nothing. Nothing stays our annihilation but the will and sustaining power of God. None can sustain himself a single moment. We are entirely dependent on the Creator for every breath we draw. We gladly own with the Psalmist Thou "holdest our soul in life" (Psa. 66:9). The realization of this ought to make us lie down under a sense of our own nothingness in the presence of Him "in whom we live and move, and have our being."

As fallen creatures we are not

only mutable, but everything in us is opposed to God. As such we are "wandering stars" (Jude 13), out of our proper orbit. The wicked are "like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest" (Isa. 57:20). Fallen man is inconstant. The words of Jacob concerning Reuben apply with full force to all of Adam's descendants: "Unstable as water" (Gen. 49:4). Thus it is not only a mark of piety, but also the part of wisdom to heed that injunction, "cease ye from man" (Isa. 2:22). No human being is to be depended on. "Put not your

As joy is in heaven when a sinner repents, so joy is in heaven when a saint is taken home.—Toplady.

trust in princes, in the son of man, in whom is no help" (Psa. 146:3). If I disobey God, then I deserve to be deceived and disappointed by my fellows. People who like you today, may hate you tomorrow. The multitude who cried "Hosanna to the Son of David," speedily changed to "Away with Him, Crucify Him."

Herein is solid comfort. Human nature cannot be relied upon; but God can! However unstable I may be, however fickle my friends may prove, God changes not. If He varied as we do, if He willed one thing today and another tomorrow, (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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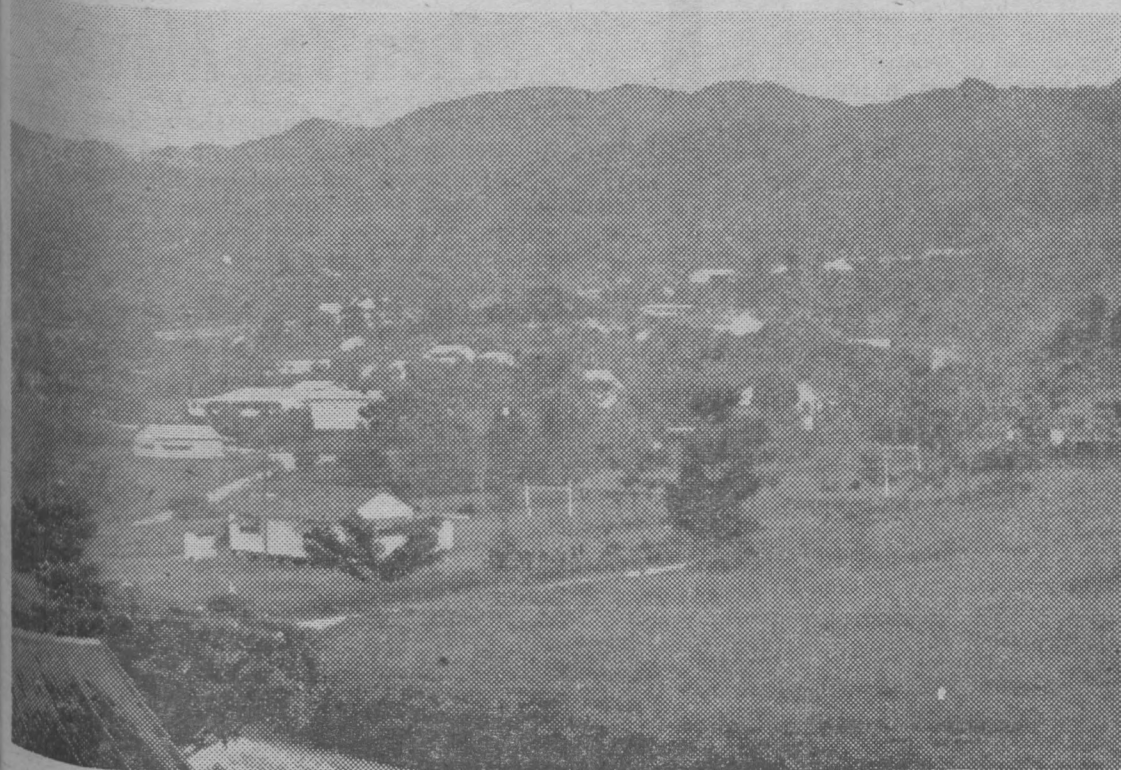
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Immutability

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other tomorrow, if He were controlled by caprice, who could confide in Him? But, all praise to His name. His purpose is fixed. His will is stable. His word is sure. Here is a rock on which we may fix our feet, while the mighty torments are sweeping away everything around us. The permanence of God's character guarantees the fulfillment of His promises: "For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee" (Isa. 54:10).

prayer. "What comfort would it be to pray to a god that, like the chameleon, changed colour every moment? Who would put up a petition to an earthly prince that was so mutable as to grant a petition one day, and deny it another?" (S. Charnock, 1670). Should someone ask, But what is the use of praying to one whose will is already fixed? We answer, Because He so requires it. What blessings has God promised without our seeking them? "If we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us" (I John 5:14), and He has willed everything that is for His child's good. To ask for anything contrary to His will is not prayer, but rank rebellion.

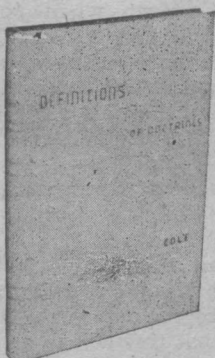
Herein is terror for the wicked. Those who defy Him, break His laws, have no concern for His glory, but live their lives as though He existed not, must not suppose that, when at the last they shall cry to Him for mercy, He will alter His will, revoke His word, and rescind His awful threatenings. No, He has declared, "Therefore will I also deal in fury: Mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in Mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them" (Ezek. 8:18). God will not deny Himself to gratify their lusts. God is holy, unchangingly so. Therefore God hates sin, eternally hates it. Hence the eternality of the punishment of all who die in their sins.

"The Divine immutability, like the cloud which interposed between the Israelites and the Egyptian army, has a dark as well as a light side. It insures the execution of His threatenings, as well as the performance of His

promises; and destroys the hope which the guilty fondly cherish, that He will be all lenity to His frail and erring creatures, and that they will be much more lightly dealt with than the declarations of His own Word would lead us to expect. We oppose to these deceitful and presumptuous speculations the solemn truth, that God is unchanging in veracity and purpose, in faithfulness and just." (J. Dick, 1850).

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[From Pastor Lloyd Wyrick]

Dear Brothers in Christ:

I am sending you this list of all contributions for the New Guinea Mission, Bro. Halliman and the cash that has been contributed. We wish to thank you for the part that the EXAMINER has had in this work. When you have counted all the blessing from your Rally Day letters, you can add this one to the lot. We delayed in sending this because we were planning on sending an offering with it. I brought it to the brethren of the church and as soon as the Lord may provide, we will send it to you. Our church has not been prospering as it did when Bro. Halliman was here but with a man like him, you can see what a great asset the church loses when they have to send him away. We know that the Lord will use him just as greatly there.

We have word from Bro. Halliman and he had his first service in New Guinea last Sunday in his home. May the Lord bless each and everyone that has had part in this far-reaching mission. One day the rewards shall be passed out and we know there are many in store for you all there in Ashland.

We will give the report from March 6, 1960 to May 16, 1960. As soon as we have all the previous records from Bro. Halliman we will send it to you. These got misplaced in his things that he had shipped. They should be arriving very shortly.

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Please note that this does not include the offering which came in prior to March 6, 1960. Those offerings will be reported when we receive the records from Bro. Halliman.

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MAY, 1960

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Total for month of May 1, 1960 to May 16, 1960 \$621.07

If Rome Were To Get Into Power...

Would she lord it over kings and governments?

"The pope, by divine right, has full power over the whole world both in ecclesiastical and political affairs." — Bellarmine's Disputations.

"He is likewise the divine monarch and supreme emperor and king of kings." — Ferraris's Eccles. Dict. 1899.

Would she tolerate religious liberty?

"It follows that it is quite unlawful to demand, to defend, or to grant unconditional freedom of thought, of speech, of writing, or of worship." — The Great Encyclical Letters of Pope Leo XIII., published 1903.

Accursed from Christ. — "Those who assert the liberty of conscience and religious worship. Also all such that assert the church may not use force." — Pope Pius IX., Dec. 8, 1864.

Would she compel assent to her doctrines?

"Religious liberty is merely endured until the opposite can be carried into effect." — Bishop O'Connor, U. S. A.

"The church has decided upon various punishments for heretics: The secular government must at the command and by the direction of the church inflict the punishment of death." — Father Luca, Jesuit, Rome, 1901.

Would she persecute and oppose?

"But will the Catholic Church give bond that she will persecute at all? . . . The Catholic Church gives no bonds for her good behavior." — The Western Watchman (R. C.) December 24, 1908.

"Heretics, schismatics and rebels to our said lord, the pope, I will to my utmost persecute and oppose." — Extract from oath of allegiance required of cardinals, archbishops and bishops.

Would she seek to destroy Dem-

ocratic governments?

"He (the pope) hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and that they may safely be destroyed." — Extract from Priest's Oath.

"Why, if the government of the United States were at war with the church (Catholic) we would say tomorrow, to hell with the government of the United States." — Priest Phelan, editor of The Watchman, June 27, 1912.

The extracts are only a FEW available of the same purpose. And it is the boast of Rome that she never errs, never can err, and never did. She claims infallibility, publicly affirmed only 45 years ago, with greater positiveness than ever before.

AN EXAMPLE OF ROMAN IDOLATRY

When Rocky Marciano retired as the undefeated heavyweight champion boxer of the world, his wife prepared a syndicated article relative to his future plans. Telling of his experiences as a fighter, she said:

"The day of the fight I had a little routine. I would take his new boxing shoes — he had a new pair for each fight made here in Brockton — to a priest to have them blessed. The priests were wonderful and they would kid each other about this ceremony. 'One would say: 'The time I blessed Rocky's shoes he won in three rounds. But when So-and-So blessed them he took six rounds to win.' They were real sweet and kidded me like that so I wouldn't be nervous.

Then I would go to church and light a candle for Rocky. The candle wasn't so much to ensure

that he'd win. It was to help make sure he wouldn't get hurt."

It is hard to understand how anyone could be so ignorant and so devoid of spiritual insight. The heathen pagans in foreign lands are not more ignorant of God's revealed will, than this.

"Transgressions"

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sion back across the pages of history and visit with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden fully six thousand years ago. I see them perfect so far as their physical condition is concerned. Mentally, Adam had a perfect mental acumen. When the animals were created, one by one they walked by in procession before Adam, and he named them, and called them by the names they bear. I am satisfied that there wasn't any squint look in the eye of Adam, and I am sure that he did not speak with a forked tongue. I am positive there were no two individuals who were happier so far as this world was concerned than were Adam and Eve. But one day sin came into the human family. Adam and Eve sinned, and the Word of God tells us as a result of this sin, they hid themselves from the presence of Almighty God.

Can you imagine a man and his wife so confused as a result of sin, they think they might be able to hide themselves from the Almighty, yet that was the experience of Adam and Eve. I see them as they hide themselves amongst the trees of the garden. Apparently God came down and walked in the garden in the cool of the day with Adam and Eve. Now at the time they expect God, instead of running to meet Him as they had heretofore, they hide from Him. Instead of His voice being the sweetest music that ever fell on their ears as it had been hitherto, they now try to get away, that they cannot hear Him. Everything that Adam and Eve do now is because of the fact they have sinned. They have transgressed the commandment of Almighty God, and they hide from God. They do their best to get out of having to face God, by thus hiding amongst the trees of the garden. That, beloved, is the beginning of transgressions.

I tell you, beloved, up until that time there was never a transgression. When God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, they were perfect. Mentally, physically, morally, and spiritually — in every respect they stood perfect in the presence of God. Now they stand as condemned transgressors having sinned. I say that is the beginning of the history of transgressions. It began with the history of the human family, and as the human family progressed, transgressions progressed, and as the human family has continued down the avenues of time so transgressions have continued along, side by side, paralleling the human family.

We come to the experience of Job. We find that it was thus in Job's day. In fact, when Job's three friends came to comfort him, they became accusers, and instead of comforting him, they reminded him that his suffering was just because of his sins. When they did, Job said:

"If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom." — Job 31:33.

If you will notice, Job knew about Adam. He knew there had been a man by the name of Adam. I often say that this was the first book that was ever written in the Bible. I know that is true because there is not any reference to the law in it. I am sure if the law had been given, that Bildad, Elihu, and Zophar would certainly have shot Job through and through with the quotations of the law when they were trying to convince him of the fact that he was a sinner. I am sure because they never quoted the law, that the law as yet had not been given. As I say, Job knew about Adam. He knew what he

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had done. Job realized that Adam had tried to cover over his transgressions. I want to tell you, beloved friends, that as Adam sinned and tried to cover his transgressions, so Job himself realized that transgressions were traveling right along with the stream of humanity, and he knew that there were transgressions in his life, although he does deny the fact that he had attempted to cover them as had Adam.

In the Old Testament we read of a man by the name of Saul who was king. He was the first king over Israel, and he never did that which was pleasing unto the Lord. The fact of the matter is, from the very beginning of his kingship, Saul did wrong. I don't believe that there is a recorded act in his life which was in keeping with the will of God. He refused to slay all the Amalekites and spared Agag, the king. He intruded into the priest's office and thus violated the law of God which did not permit the king to even enter into the office of the priest. There isn't a single thing in the life of Saul so far as I know which was revealed, that was in harmony with the will of God. Ultimately, you find him going to a fortune teller when God won't hear him when he prays. As he goes into the presence of this fortune teller, it is to find out what to do, and how to go about it, and finally you see him die in battle. We read:

"So Saul DIED FOR HIS TRANSGRESSIONS which he committed against the Lord, even against the word of the Lord, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it." — I Chron. 10:13.

Notice, Saul had transgressed against the Lord, just like Adam transgressed and tried to hide his transgressions. Just as Job admitted that he transgressed but did not try to hide his, so Saul transgressed and the Word of God tells us that Saul died for his transgressions. I say to you, it doesn't make any difference where you turn in the Bible you are going to find that transgressions go right along with the stream of humanity. You will find that as humanity flows, so flows transgressions, and as humanity progresses so transgressions progress.

Come to the experience of David. I am sure that you recall how that David committed adultery with Bathsheba, and then to cover his adultery, committed murder. He murdered her husband Uriah. With those two sins unconfessed in the sight of God, Nathan the prophet of God came and pointed the accusing finger into his face and said, "Thou art the man." Then it was that David looked up and said:

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies BLOT OUT MY TRANSGRESSIONS." — Psa. 51:1.

I say to you, beloved, in the entirety of the Old Testament, transgressions parallel the history of the human race.

When we come to the New Testament, there were transgressors and transgressions, for we read:

"For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was RECKONED AMONG THE

TRANSGRESSORS: things concerning me have ended." — Luke 22:37.

Notice, there were transgressors even in Jesus' day. Transgressions had come right along with the stream of life, and when He was counted with the transgressors, so that Jesus died the same time that the transgressors also died upon the cross beside Him. I cite these things to you, that you may know of Adam and Job and Saul and David and the experience of dying with transgressors, in that I might convince you that transgressions are just as much a part of the human family. When we tell of how Christ was willing for our transgressions, I want to remind you that all down the ages, from the beginning of time, from the first family, the first civilization, transgressions have continued right along with the history of the human race.

I was impressed a few days in reading a scientific article relative to some of the experiences that the scientists have been having. It seems that this particular scientist was rather well pleased with the fact that man has been able to put satellites out in space. It appears that he was rather pleased with the fact that he was now shooting toward the moon and within a very short time he would be able to land on the moon. The course of more or less science on the back for so long an achievement, he said that he had now succeeded in exploring outer space, and our next step will be to explore Heaven. (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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Halliman Reports

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told me where to go to find an empty house and within fifteen minutes I had secured the house.

Now a word about our place of abode. We have four small rooms furnished. Our bed is a crude home-made affair, with mattress but no springs. The kids have cots. We have an electric stove, one burner with oven, the whole thing will fit in a space 18"x15"x13". Our refrigerator is a four cubic foot Hotpoint. Our table and chairs are all home-made. The toilet is on the outside and our shower is a bush shower—a 3 gallon bucket swung to a two-by-four with holes in the bottom. Our hot water system consists of a copper pot fitted into a 44 gallon drum, heated by wood, located in a shed quite a distance from the house. This might sound like we are complaining, but let me hasten on to say, we are very happy and pleased with what we have.

Wau, New Guinea

Now about the town of Wau. It is located on the interior some 50 miles west of the nearest coast line and about 100 miles south of Lae. Before World War II, Wau was the flourishing capital of the Morobe goldfields. During the war it has been practically wiped out, and it has never been re-established on its former scale. It has a population of about 450 Europeans and a handful of Chinese. There are few native people that live in the town, but several thousand inhabit the countryside. Wau is nestled deep in a fairly high mountain range. The Wau Valley is almost 4,000 feet above sea level and the mountains that surround it are perhaps another 2,000 feet. From what I have seen of New Guinea thus far, it is the most beautiful. Flowers of many varieties grow here, and some that are very rare and costly in America; for example, orchids are plentiful. Pointsetters grow to be 15 feet tall and are almost everywhere. Bananas are in our yard and all around the house and many other tropical fruits are plentiful in the area. Any place around the coast it is very humid and hot all the time, but here the climate is ideal. The temperature is around 80 degrees in the day time and about 65 degrees at night with very little humidity.

Services

Beginning this Lord's Day, we will have services in our home. This will be our first service as foreign missionaries. I do not know what will come of these services, but as the Lord leads and directs we will continue to have services. I do not feel at present that this is the place where the Lord would have me work among the native people, but it is a place to start.

When I am sure of the location and among which tribes that I am to start a work, then I will start building as the Lord pro-

vides the means to do so; until such time as the buildings are ready I will remain here. Anywhere that I start a work among the native people I will have to build whatever buildings will be needed. The government will lease 5 acres for a mission station and other land will be available if needed.

It has cost a lot to get this far in the work. In fact, the mission funds are exhausted as of now and while we can do no more that will require money until the Lord provides, we are resting assured that we are in His will and will go deeper into this work as He provides. This is a vast country and is very rugged and dense with jungles. But in those rugged mountains and dense jungles live thousands upon thousands of people that are living in fear from witchcraft and sorcery, lost without hope in this world or the world to come. If it were possible for the people of America that profess to know Christ to get the very faintest conception of the need of the gospel being preached in this heathen land, I'm sure there would be no lack of money to carry on the Lord's work here. It is almost unbelievable, even when you have seen with your own eyes the condition of the majority of the native people here. Beloved if you are on praying grounds with the Lord, ask Him not only to supply our needs to launch out in this work, but that He might send laborers into this field.

Languages

This mission that we open in our home this Lord's Day, will most naturally be among English-speaking people. There are a few natives that speak English and all of the Europeans speak English. I will not even attempt to learn a native language until I am sure that I know where I shall work for quite a while. In some cases there are as few as 100 people that speak a different language and from that figure it goes up to several thousand in some cases. There are known to be over 500 different languages here now and more are being discovered, so you can see why that I am not trying to learn "a" native tongue now.

Next week I shall write concerning the native people around Goroka and the deeper interior. Also I have some very interesting pictures taken while in and around that area that shall accompany the article. In a short time I shall write concerning my ministry and fellowship with the folk of Lambton, N.S.W., Australia. This was a great time of fellowship and a great experience for us. Since we have got settled for a while we will be able to write more often and regular.

Financial Report

Our things are due to arrive in Lae in approximately two weeks, and just as soon as we can get to our records, a financial report will be given of the work.

We do ask you to be patient with us, for in most cases it takes a long time to get anything done over here. No one ever gets in a hurry or cares whether it is Sunday or Monday. The days go by and life goes on without a care or worry from anyone.

If there should be any cause for personal correspondence, our address is:

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May the Lord bless each of you is our most earnest prayer.

Fred T. Halliman and Family.

Amillennialism Examined

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Sixthly, the nature of the judgment in Matthew 25 is how Christ's BRETHREN had been treated.

How anyone can study these differences and still say they are referring to the same judgment is beyond me. There can be no doubt that Revelation 20:11-15 is describing that awful judgment of the wicked. Since it is clear that this is an entirely different judgment in Matthew 25, I want to show what it really is.

I cannot do better than to quote from T. P. Simmon's book, entitled A SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF BIBLE DOCTRINE, on this point:

"We believe that the judgment of the nations, as depicted in Matthew 25:31-46, will take place in connection with the Battle of Armageddon. We believe that Matthew 25:31-46 is a figurative description of God's dealings with the nations in the Battle of Armageddon and the destruction that shall attend it. It is in this that all the tares are to be gathered out of His kingdom and burned (Matthew 13:40-43). No one will survive this ordeal except the righteous." p. 458-459.

I now quote from the book of Joel concerning this very same judgment as in Matthew 25.

"For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem.

I will also gather ALL NATIONS, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehosaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel. . . . Assemble yourselves, and come all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord.

Let the heathen be awakened, and come up to the valley of Jehosaphat: for there will I SIT TO JUDGE all the heathen (nations) round about" (Joel 3:1-12).

There can be no doubt that Joel is speaking of the same event as Matthew. Notice that this judgment takes place on EARTH. It mentions the place as the VALLEY OF JEHOSEPHAT. I personally believe that

this valley is described for us in Zechariah 14:4.

"And his feet shall stand in that city upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and half of the ward the west, and there shall be a VERY GREAT VALLEY; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south" (Zech. 14:4).

You will notice that this event is associated with the Lord's second coming just as is the judgment of Matthew 25. Also we must keep in mind that this judgment is closely associated with the Battle of Armageddon. The judgment of the wicked in the last day takes place in HEAVEN as Revelation 20 teaches. This judgment in Matthew, however, takes place on EARTH. Notice that in Revelation 20 that the wicked stand before the great white THRONE. The Greek word for this word throne is "THRONOS," and is never used in connection with the judgment of the righteous.

"For we must all appear before the judgment SEAT of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Cor. 5:10).

"But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment SEAT of Christ" (Rom. 14:10).

Paul is speaking in both of the above passages of the RIGHT-EOUS.

The Greek term for "SEAT" in the above passages is not THRONOS, but BEMA. This word bema was used in ancient Greek to speak of the seat that the president or umpire of the Grecian games had in rewarding the athletes. The Bible makes it clear that Christ has taken our sins away NEVER TO REMEMBER THEM AGAINST US. The Bible also makes it clear that not one of the elect will come into condemnation (judgment). See John 5:24 and Romans 8:1.

The judgment of the righteous is described for us in I Corinthians 3:12-15. You will study in vain to find anyone else at this judgment. In fact, I Corinthians 3 teaches that ONLY the righteous are present in this judgment or rewarding. Beloved friends, just as there are to be two resurrections separated by at least a thousand years, so is there to be two judgments. Let us never lose sight of the fact that it is only because of God's grace and mercy that we will not stand in the awful judgment of Revelation 20:11-15, which is for the unsaved alone.

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"Transgressions"

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"And I will pour upon you the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.—Zech. 12:10.

Then in the New Testament we read:

"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."—Rev. 1:7.

Beloved, when He comes, those that pierced Him are going to see Him.

My text says, "But he was wounded for our transgressions." In other words, there isn't a wound that man can suffer that the Lord Jesus Christ didn't suffer. I see when they smote Him in the face, and I realize that those contused wounds were my transgressions. I see when they make a scourge of whip Him until His back is a mass of gore and blood, and I see those lacerated wounds that were for my transgressions. I see when they put the crown of thorns on His head and push the thorns down into His skull and I see those penetrating wounds I see that my transgressions were paid for. I see the Lord Jesus Christ as they drove the nails between the bones of His hands and His feet, and I see those penetrating wounds' and I know that they were for my transgressions. I stand there beside the Cross and I see that Roman soldier as he rudely drives a spear into the heart of my Lord until blood and water came out therefrom. I see that incised wound I realize that it was for my transgressions. Yes, beloved, this text says that He was wounded for my transgressions. There is no other wounds known to man that Jesus did not suffer. He experienced them that I might not suffer in Hell.

We read: "I, even I, am he that BLOT OUT THY TRANSGRESSIONS for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins."—Isaiah 43:25.

"I have blotted out, as a cloud, THY TRANSGRESSIONS, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee."—Isaiah 44:22.

Beloved, thank God, Jesus Christ was wounded for our transgressions, and because of our wounds, God blotted out our transgressions. I say, beloved, the sight of God everyone of us are guilty as transgressors. There isn't anything that you can do about it and there isn't anything that I can do about it. There isn't anything that a church can do about it. Rather, God gave His Son who was wounded for our transgressions.

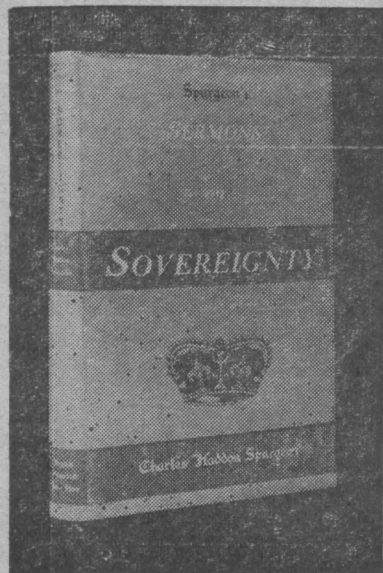
The Psalmist says, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered," and the word "covered" means "taken off," or "taken away." The Bible literally declares that the man who has seen that the wounds of Jesus were for his transgressions—that Jesus Christ was wounded for his transgressions—the Bible says that man has his transgressions forgiven, and that his sins are covered. Happy is the man that has had that experience. Thank God that it all comes about through the wounds of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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