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

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## THE PAYMENT FOR SIN

God has said that the wages of sin is death. That is the payment that God requires for sin. He has not changed His requirement even in this modern day. In the days of Adam the wages of sin was death. In the days of Noah the wages of sin was death. On down through the ages the God of the universe has required that the wages of sin be death. Understand, also, that the term "death" as used in regard to payment for sin is not merely the physical death we are accustomed to. The death which is the wages of sin is that eternal suffering in everlasting hell. The Bible refers to this as the second death and describes it as being cast into the lake of fire and brimstone. Almighty God will never lessen His requirement for the payment of our sin debt. He has always and shall always require that the wages of sin be eternal death.

God's purpose and counsel shall stand. He will not change His mind nor His decrees. When will we learn that God is God and He changes not?

Let me at this point remind you that the wages of sin is **not sorrow or praying through or keeping out faithful or baptism or even faith in Christ!** The wages of sin is **death**—eternal death in everlasting hell!

I ask these questions then: Who has sinned? Who has broken God's holy and righteous law? Who has transgressed the commandments of God?

In Romans 3:23 we read that **all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.** Also, in God's Word we are told that there is not a man that does not sin. Then we are all guilty of sinning against Almighty God.

Again I ask this question: What

does God require as payment for sin? Why, He requires eternal death. Does He require more or less than eternal death for payment for sin? I answer: Not according to his Word, God says the wages of sin is death.

Ungodly men say that God requires more or less than eternal death for sin. It is the disputer of this age; the false prophet; the legalist; the Satan-inspired preacher that falsely teaches that God requires more or less than eternal death as payment for sin. That's why the false preachers the world over say YOU have to do this or that in order to pay for your sins.

Who, then, deserves to die the eternal death? Answer me this. How many have sinned? The answer: all have sinned. All have rebelled against God. All have dishonored God. We have all sinned. (Continued on page 8, column 1)

## One Of The Pope's Newspapers Speaks Rome's View Rather Clearly

VATICAN CITY (RNS) — *Osservatore Romano*, Vatican City newspaper, asserted in a front-page article on Roman Catholics and politics that the hierarchy has the "duty and right to guide, direct and correct" the faithful in the political field, just as it has in other aspects of life.

"It is absurd to split the conscience into one part which is that of the believer and one which is that of the citizen, as if the Catholic religion were just one part of the life of the spirit and not a central idea which orients a man's existence," the paper declared.

Although the article was not signed, Vatican sources described it as "authoritative." To distinguish the article from its own editorial opinions, *Osservatore* published it in a special make-up usually reserved for semi-official statements from the hierarchy.

Kennedy

The article made no mention of the Presidential campaign in the United States, where Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), a Catholic, is the leading contender for the Democratic Presidential nomination. It laid down general principles, however, which may be applied to all Catholics everywhere.

The article was aimed at the political situation in Italy and against Italian Catholics who lean toward pro-Communism. Some leftist elements in the dominant Christian Democratic Party in

Italy, which is supported by Catholics, have proposed collaboration with the Left-Wing Socialists. This has been strongly opposed by the Italian hierarchy.

Entitled "Punti Fermi" (Firm Points), the article stated that the hierarchy "alone has the right to judge whether in a certain social and political situation the higher principles of religious and moral order are involved and compromised."

Full Power

"The Church which Jesus Christ founded as a perfect society with its hierarchy," *Osservatore* declared, "has full powers of real jurisdiction over all the faithful and so has the duty and right to guide, direct and correct them on the plane of ideas and the plane of action in accordance with the dictates of the Gospels and to the extent that it be necessary to reach man's supreme end, life eternal."

"A Catholic can never prescind from the teachings and directives of the Church. In every sector of his activity he must inspire his public and private conduct by the laws, orientations and instructions of the hierarchy."

The article emphasized that when politics "touches the altar" bishops have the right to speak and to expect the faithful to show a "dutiful discipline."

Apart from that, however, the (Continued on page 8, column 5)

## Amillennialism Examined

By Elder Eddie Garrett  
New Testament Baptist Church  
Hamilton, Ohio

In his concluding article I want to discuss briefly some false teachings of the Amillennialists. The Amillennial View of the

Seed of Abraham

According to the Amillennial view, the seed of Abraham would be all believers of all ages. Of course the determining factor here is again the method of interpretation that we take. The Amillennialist takes an unjustified "spiritual" interpretation, rather than the literal (yet very spiritual, however—being of the Spirit's inspiration).

The Bible is full of promises to what the Amillennialist denies. The promises of the regathering of national Israel are a thorn in the side to the Amillennialist. The Amillennialist, in not accepting the Pre-millennialist position, is forced into one of two positions!

(1) He must say that these passages have already been fulfilled, or (2) he must in some way "spiritualize" them. I now want to quote several of these passages and see if either of these methods of the Amillennialists will hold up.

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain (kingdom): for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. AND IN THAT DAY there shall be a root of Jesse . . .

"And it shall come to pass IN THAT DAY, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to RECOVER THE REMNANT of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt . . .

"And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and SHALL ASSEMBLE THE OUTCASTS OF ISRAEL, AND GATHER TOGETHER THE DISPERSED OF JUDAH from the four corners of the earth." (Isa. 11:9-12).

Notice that this passage could (Continued on page 3, column 3)

## HALLIMAN WRITES OF NEW GUINEA WORK, THEN TELLS OF HIS RECENT VISIT WITH BAPTIST BRETHERN IN AUSTRALIA

(Photos on page 4)

Greetings to you in the name of our Sovereign Lord, from Wau, New Guinea. At this writing we are all well and enjoying the blessings of God. We have been in New Guinea just over a month now and we are about to get settled in our new surroundings. There are so many things in a new country for one to get accustomed to that it takes quite a while before you really begin to fit in.

Since we last wrote, our things that we had shipped from home have arrived and we are in possession of them, although we are unable to use them as yet due to the lack of room; but it was a joy to get them and open them up and take out a few pieces that we could use. Most of them we have stored for the present time and will probably leave them until such time as we get settled permanently.

Another blessing has been the presence of the Lord felt among

us in our services that we have been having. Since we started having services in our home on the 8th of May we have only missed one Wednesday night having full time services every week, and that time was due to my having to be away and not being able to return until late at night. Last Sunday we moved the services out of our home to an old theatre building. The Lord has provided this place for us free of rent with but light expense, for which we are thankful. While I feel that my work will only be temporary here in this area, I will preach and teach as long as I am here and if the Lord be pleased to raise up a New Testament Church here before He moves me on, then we will praise Him for it, and if not, we will praise Him for the privilege of being a witness for the Truth while we are here.

By the time this appears in TBE, I will probably know where my work will be for some time. The mission field of New Guinea

is unlike most mission fields due to the language barrier, and for that reason the work has to be planned on a long-term basis in any given area. As we have mentioned before there are as few as 100 people in some areas that speak a different language and from that figure it goes up to several thousand in some cases. In over 500 different languages these is **not one** as yet that has been condensed to writing, and none of the natives with the exceptions of only a few around the coast speak English. Therefore, when one goes into an area, considerable time has to be spent learning the ways and habits of the people with whom you are going to work. You have to learn how to talk to them by living and being among them; there is no other way since they are completely heathen and uncivilized. They are, without exception, a superstitious people and their (Continued on page 2, column 1)

## ROME AND "BINGO"

Chicago's Roman Catholic churches have just lost one of their best sources of revenue. Cardinal Meyer, archbishop of Chicago, called upon Roman pastors to discontinue bingo games as a fund-raising tool.

He made it clear, however, that the order didn't come because he thought that bingo was wrong. His statement said: "It is not for the reason that bingo can be considered immoral in itself or that a bad thing has been misused that recommendation is made."

It was just that the game is illegal in the state of Illinois—as has been all these years. We are delighted that the churches throughout the Cardinal's diocese are being told to quit winking at the law. He told the pastors: "We do not wish to be exempt from any law. Our Catholic faith is founded on recognition of God's law, and thus we have learned to respect all law and those whose duty it is to enforce it." This is a good example, Cardinal Meyer. We hope the bishop in Philadelphia where the police have been having a little trouble over this problem, will get wind of it.—Convert.

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

### "HEALED BY HIS STRIPES"

[19th in a series of messages on Isaiah 53 by John R. Gilpin]

"And with his stripes we are healed."—Isa. 53:5.

When you think of healing, you naturally think of sickness, of disease, of medicine and of doctors. Well, I am sure this verse of Scripture has in it the implication that would lead us to think of each of these. I am certain that it would bring us face to face with the Lord Jesus Christ as the healer or the great physician. As the old song has said:

"The great Physician now is near, The sympathizing Jesus, He speaks the drooping heart to cheer, Oh! hear the voice of Jesus. Sweetest note in seraph song, Sweetest name on mortal tongue; Sweetest carol ever sung,

Jesus, blessed Jesus."

Surely this text would call to mind that song when it declares "and with his stripes we are healed."

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WHY DO MEN NEED HEALING?

Why is it that each of us need healing. The answer isn't hard to find. In fact, you don't have to get out of the book of Isaiah. Listen:

"Ah SINFUL NATION, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the

sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment."—Isaiah 14:6.

You would never read verses like these without realizing why it is that men need healing, for they tell us that from the crown of the head to the sole of the foot that we are spiritually depraved in the sight of Almighty God. He describes us as saying that we have wounds and bruises and putrifying sores—sores that haven't been mollified—that is, that have not had any medicine put on them. Can you imagine an individual who has boils from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet, that have never been (Continued on page 2, column 4)

## POLLARD HITS ROME

May 18 Issue of The Courier-Journal States:

Miami Beach, May 18 — The president of the Southern Baptist convention said here Wednesday that, before Roman Catholic groups "cry out against persecution and bigotry in America," the Catholic Church must "repent of her own sin in the field of religious persecution" and declare that religious freedom is for all men.

Pastor Ramsey Pollard, re-elected Wednesday by acclamation, has previously taken a stand against a Catholic for president. "Must Keep Teaching Doctrine of Separation"

In the presidential address before 12,000 "messengers," Pollard said the denomination must keep on preaching and teaching the doctrine of the separation of church and state.

"I'm a little bit tired of hearing certain groups in this country fold their hands and piously cry out against bigotry and persecution in America when I have been to Spain and South America and Portugal and Italy and I have seen (Continued on page 8, col. 5)



## READERS IN SOUTHERN OHIO

Are Welcome To The Services Of The  
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**JAMES CRACE, Pastor**

This church was organized a short time ago and is now meeting in a new building. We want to urge the readers of TBE in the Piketon area to pay this church a visit.

The church wants to make the following statement with regard to TBE:

"We of the Piketon (Ohio) Missionary Baptist Church are thankful to God that He has placed us in a position whereby we are able to be acquainted with **The Baptist Examiner** and its editors. We know the doctrinal stand of the paper to be sound and fearless in the defense of the truths of God's Word. May we be permitted to publicly state that we are friends of **The Baptist Examiner** and intend to support the work as much as possible. Also, we want it to be known that we are friends and supporters of TBE's editors, John R. Gilpin and Bob L. Ross.

The schedule of the church's services is as follows:

### Sunday

Sunday School ..... 10:00 A.M.  
Morning Preaching ..... 10:45 A.M.  
Evening Preaching ..... 7:30 P.M.

### Tuesday

Prayer Service ..... 7:30 P.M.

**Note:** Bro. Bob L. Ross will be preaching at the dedication service of this church's new building on Saturday, June 25, at 7:30 P. M.

### Halliman

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confidence must be gained. Of course one does not have to educate them to preach Christ to them, but in order for them to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ," at least the bare essentials of an elementary education, whether it be in the form of a school or just by daily association with them, is quite essential. So you can see why we will be looking for an

possibility of a mission station, providing I am willing to "rough it." What is meant by "roughing it" is that you have to take your own provisions such as blankets and be prepared to sleep where you can, canned rations to eat, something to boil your water in and not to expect the government to be responsible for you. In those areas you are isolated from civilization and any modern conveniences and the only way in and out is by a small plane which comes into the nearest patrol post.

I do not know that the Lord will lead me to establish a mission station in one of those areas, but I do feel the time has come for me to begin to make some definite plans for my future work here and I am prepared to go into any area that He leads, trusting Him for my protection and to supply me with my every need. We do desire the prayers of our Christian friends in discerning the Lord's will in this and ALL matters.

### In Australia

I would like to tell the readers of TBE, in this article, something of my ministry while in Australia and with the Calvary Baptist Church of Lambton, New South Wales.

To begin with, I will say that Elder Wallace Reid Robinson has done a wonderful job in leading the people of Calvary Baptist Church in so many of the deep truths of God's Word. Also, I say that the Bethel Baptist Church of Honolulu, Hawaii, should praise God for having been privileged to authorize the starting of this church, and I thank God that I had the opportunity to minister unto them for awhile, not that I was able to teach them any new truths, but to strengthen them in the old. If there is a church anywhere that "contains for the faith once for all delivered to the saints," I believe it is the Calvary Baptist Church of N.S.W.

I preached a series of messages on the New Testament Church and the closely related doctrines, and had power and liberty in every message. Australia, like America, has much religion, but as a nation I believe she is far

more apostate. I am sure that Pastor Robinson would not dare to make a public statement saying that the Calvary Baptist Church of Lambton, N.S.W., is the only sound church on the whole continent of Australia, for fear of being misunderstood as being a bigoted, prejudiced and pharisaical Baptist, but I hesitate not for a moment to say that insofar as I could determine while I was there it is the only church anywhere in this part of the world that is worthy to be called a Baptist Church.

I do not say that Pastor Robinson and I agree on every doctrine without exception for we do not, but generally speaking he could fill the pulpit of any sound Baptist anywhere.

The church is missionary in belief and practice. They preach twice a week over the air besides their regular services at the church. Then on Saturday nights there are three teams of preachers that go out and hold open air services on the streets of Newcastle, preaching the equivalent of five hours every Saturday night. I had the privilege of preaching for them not only at the church, but over the air and several times in these open air services.

There are several (about 10 or 12) young men in the church that are excellent preachers, whom I believe, one day, will have a great influence on the whole of Australia. Pastor Robinson would have a tremendous and blessed ministry if he were accomplishing nothing more than teaching these young preachers; however, his ministry is far greater than that and his radio ministry especially is having a tremendous impact upon thousands of people. I ask our friends in America to remember Pastor Robinson and the Calvary Baptist Church in prayer for they are battling daily with the forces of evil.

I believe I can say that every member, without exception, is a reader of TBE. Many of them receive the paper in their homes, and those that don't, usually get it from some one else to read. Any church that has several members reading TBE will be a well-informed church.

Since many of my friends in Australia will be reading this article one day, and since I do not have time to write to you individually, I take this opportunity to say to each of you, thank you for making my stay in your fair land a pleasant one, and I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.

Sincerely,  
Fred T. Halliman  
The Hallimans in New Guinea.

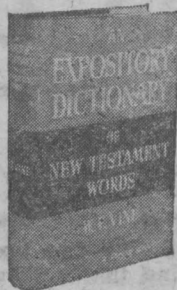
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## Heresy Of The "Universal Fatherhood Of God"

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One of the most popular teachings of this day is the teaching that God is the spiritual Father of all people. This is called the doctrine of the "Universal Fatherhood of God." It is taught in nearly every newspaper and magazine, and from every pulpit that is occupied by a minister of modernistic persuasion. The companion doctrine is that of the "Universal Brotherhood of Man." Both doctrines are colossal lies! The devil takes such Scriptures as Acts 17:28, "For we are his offspring," as "proof" of the universal fatherhood. This Scripture certainly teaches that man is the creation of God, and so is the pole cat; but are pole cats the spiritual children of God?

WHAT DOES THE DOCTRINE OF THE UNIVERSAL FATHERHOOD IMPLY? It implies that there is no necessity for a person to be "born again" since he is by virtue of the first birth a child of God. If one is born a child of God how could he become any more a child of God? Denominations gone modernistic, on this basis teach that all that is needed is that people be made aware of their sonship.

### What Does The Bible Teach?

1—IT TEACHES THAT CERTAIN ONES ARE CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL. John 8:44; "Ye are of your father, the devil." If the devil has children, then it is evident that not all are the children of God. This one Scripture demolishes the doctrine of the universal fatherhood.

2—THE BIBLE TEACHES THE NECESSITY OF ANOTHER BIRTH. Jesus said to Nicodemus (John 3): "Ye must be born again." Why AGAIN? Because the first birth does not make one a child of God, and does not make one eligible to enter the kingdom of God.

3—THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT THOSE WHO RECEIVE CHRIST ARE GIVEN THE PRIVILEGE OF BECOMING THE SONS OF GOD." (John 1:11-12). How can a person become something he already is? A parent does not go and obtain adoption papers for his own child, for the child is already his. If a person wants a child from a children's home, he has to take out adoption papers. Why? Because the child is not his, and must legally become his by adoption.

4—THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT WE BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD THROUGH PERSONAL FAITH IN JESUS. Galat. 3:26: "For ye are all the children of God BY FAITH in Christ Jesus." The person who teaches the universal fatherhood runs afoul of this Scripture, which plainly in-

icates that one is NOT a child of God through the natural birth — through the supernatural birth that comes in connection with faith in Christ.

WHAT IS THE TRUTH, THEN? The truth is that there are many brotherhoods in this life. Men are brothers in the physical sense. One can say, "My brother man." But when it comes to spiritual brotherhood, that comes through belonging to God as His children, and that in turn comes through faith in Christ.

The further truth is that ALL WHO ARE NOT TRUE BELIEVERS IN CHRIST ARE CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL, no matter how moral or how nice they are as human beings. Paul says in Ephesians, "AND WERE BY NATURE CHILDREN OF WRATH EVEN AS OTHERS." Children of "wrath" are children of the devil, abiding under the wrath of God.

Why is the devil interested in spreading the doctrine that God is the universal Father of all men? Simply because by this he blots out the necessity of a second birth, and he destroys all distinction between the real children of God and the children of the devil.

Why is he doctrine of the universal fatherhood so popular? Because it is a "broad" doctrine, and people like to be thought of as "broad." Because it is a doctrine that satisfies sentimentality, and the world is full of sentimentalists, who put sentiment ahead of the truth. Because it is a doctrine that makes things easy for the sinner. He loves to feel that he is all right without having to break with his sins. Because it is a doctrine that undermines the doctrine of hell. The argument is, "God is too good to ever let a child of His go to hell." So if all are His children, then no one is in danger of ever going to hell. It is tremendously true that GOD WILL NOT LET A CHILD OF HIS GO TO HELL, but none are His children save those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Many preachers go around "brothering" everybody. That's an abomination in the sight of God. The man who is a child of the devil is NOT my spiritual brother, and I am not going to call him such. When he receives Jesus as his Savior, then I can call him brother because he has then been adopted into the family of God.

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area where we can plan to work for some time.

The Lord willing, on Monday June 13th, I plan to make a trip into the Eastern and Western Highland Districts to seek out such a location, if the Lord be pleased to direct me to such a place. I expect this trip to take from 10 to 12 days and I plan to travel as far west as I will be permitted to go toward the Dutch border. Much of the Western Highland District is still cannibal area and only patrol officers are officially allowed in those areas. However, I have secured permission to go into some of those areas to investigate the



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## Examiner Editorials

By Bob L. Ross

### BAPTIST MACHINISM

An interesting item recently appeared in the BAPTIST BULLETIN, publication of the GARBC (General Association of Regular Baptist Churches). We quote it as follows:

#### THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE

May I suggest something from my observations that most Christians know but need to be reminded of? That is the fact that we are commissioned to spread the good news of our Savior and not the GARBC. I have heard of a case where unintentionally, more loyalty has been given to the Fellowship than to the Savior. This only leads to disunity and carnality in the church and hinders the spiritual work that could be done. This is not to say that we shouldn't think highly of the GARBC, but rather to keep it in its proper perspective to the Living Head of the Church.

Bernard L. Payne  
Johnson City, N. Y.

(Reader Payne's motive is commendable, but why not say we are commissioned to spread the good news of our Savior through the GARBC? —Ed.)

#### My Comment:

You will note the editor's comment refers to fulfilling the commission "through the GARBC," and the emphasis is his. This is the way all ecclesiastical machine leaders talk, regardless of what machine they oil. It is the language of conventionism, associationism, fellowshipism, boardism, councilism, etc. They talk about doing God's work "through" their man-made set-up that is larger than the church, the organization which the Lord Jesus sent into the world to fulfill His mission. It's strange that Christ didn't see any need of anything larger than His church. No, on second thought, I take that back: it isn't strange at all, for none of these modern man-made machines has ever done anything worth a plug nickel, so far as following and fulfilling the Lord's commission

is concerned. So it's no wonder that He didn't start one.

### NO "BAPTISM BY THE SPIRIT" IN THE BIBLE

You hear a lot of talk today about being baptized "by the Holy Spirit." Actually, there is no place in the Bible where it says that the Holy Spirit ever administered baptism. It is true that on Pentecost the church which had been organized by Christ was baptized (immersed) in the Spirit, but the Holy Spirit Himself never baptized anyone. Wherever the word "by" is used (such as I Cor. 12:13), the Greek word is "en" (in).

I would raise the question: if the Holy Spirit does baptize people, what substance does He baptize them into? As an administrator of water baptism, I dip people into the water. Well, into what does the Holy Spirit dip men, if He baptizes?

### JUMPING BRANCH HERETIC

Many of our readers whose names and addresses have appeared in TBE have received letters from a West Virginia man who is on our mailing list. We doubt very seriously if anything this self-styled "Holy Ghost-baptized" man has ever written or could write would do much harm to anyone, for his writings are perfectly void of any kind of sense whatsoever. But nevertheless, we feel that we ought to inform our readers about this zealous letter-writing know-it-all from Jumping Branch, W. Va. in order that they may not waste time and postage trying to deal with him. He is nothing but an "argufier" of the worst sort. I tried to answer his first letter, or so, but soon learned that he was a "know-it-all" who was only interested in arguing about anything or everything. Several other preacher brethren have told us of similar experiences with this man.

After I wrote to this man a

time or two and he persisted to write to us, I began to refuse his mail at the post office. He then started mailing it elsewhere and did not sign his name to the envelope or letter. Finally, I wrote to this Jumping Branch man and frankly told him that we were not interested in receiving any of his "Holy Ghost-baptized correspondence" and that we would be happy if he would go out to the branch and jump in. We would advise our readers to take the same attitude toward him, if they should happen to receive one of his "inspired" epistles.



### Amillennialism

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not have been already fulfilled because it says that this regathering takes place when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord." This was never true in the history of Israel.

"He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN THEM." (Psalms 147:19-20).

This passage teaches us that no nation in the history of Israel knew God's Word for He did not shew it unto them. I wonder who would be so bold as to say that this is true today? We know from experience that it is not true today.

The Amillennialist cannot "spiritualize" this portion of the Bible to make it include all the seed, both the spiritual and the literal. For when could it be correctly said that all the elect of God have been dispersed among the nations? To advocate that would be foolishness.

In interpreting the vision of the valley of dry bones in the book of Ezekiel, we read these words:

"Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel . . . I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the LAND OF ISRAEL." (Ezekiel 37:11-12).

I have heard and read many sermons on this passage as though it taught the conversion of a sinner. I do not deny that this gives us a good illustration of human depravity and God's irresistible grace, but to say that that is what Ezekiel is here talking about is outright heresy.

This passage, as well as many others, cannot be understood correctly except to take it literally.

There are three different senses in which the SEED of ABRAHAM is used in the Bible. First, there is the natural seed. These are the descendants of Jacob in the twelve tribes. Secondly, there is the SPIRITUAL SEED WITHIN. Thirdly, there is the SPIRITUAL SEED who are NOT in the natural. For Scriptures that distinguish the natural seed from the spiritual seed: (Acts 3:12; 4:8; 21:28; Rom. 10:1).

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Some take Him a creature to be,  
A man, or an angel at most:  
Sure these have not feelings like me,  
Nor know themselves wretched and lost,  
So guilty, so helpless am I,  
I durst not confide in His blood,  
Nor on His protection rely,  
Unless I were sure He is God.

Some call Him Saviour, in word,  
But mix their own works with His plan;  
And hope he His help will afford,  
When they have done all that they can:  
If doings prove rather too light,  
(A little, they own, they may fail),  
They purpose to make up full weight,  
By casting His name in the scale.

Some style Him the pearl of great price,  
And say He's the fountain of joys;  
Yet feed upon folly and vice,  
And cleave to the world and its toys:  
Like Judas, the Saviour they kiss,  
And while they salute Him, betray;  
Ah! what will profession like this  
Avail in His terrible day?

If ask'd, what of Jesus I think,  
Though still my best thoughts are but poor,  
I say, He's my meat and my drink,  
My life, and my strength, and my store;  
My Shepherd, my Husband, my Friend,  
My Saviour from sin and from thrall;  
My hope from beginning to end,  
My portion, my Lord, and my All.

—JOHN NEWTON

"Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel" (Rom. 9:6).

"And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." (Rom. 11:26).

In Romans 9:6 Paul is not speaking of a distinction between Israel and the church or between Gentile Christians and Jewish unbelievers. He is, however, distinguishing between those in the nation Israel who are unbelievers — Abraham's natural seed, and those of Israel who are believers — the spiritual seed of Abraham.

I now quote from T. P. Simmons's book, A SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF BIBLE DOCTRINE, upon Romans 11:26.

"The spiritualizers tell us that 'all Israel' here is the elect of all nations, so-called spiritual Israel. But such an interpretation of this passage is nothing short of a ruthless wrestling of it from its context. It is so absurd that we make bold to say that no careful reader will adopt it except that he is more interested in sustaining a theory than he is in knowing the truth. The contrast all the way through the chapter is between the Gentiles and Israel, and vs. 25 makes it plain that this distinction carries right on into vs. 26. Therefore candid commentators, wholly apart from any interest in the millennial question, recognize that the allusion here is to national Israel, viz., 'The immediate context . . . argues for the Jewish people as a whole' (A. T. Robertson, Word Pictures in the New Testament.) p. 477-478.

There are many things that the Amillennialist denies in the Bible that I am not in this present series of articles going into. I trust

that this series of articles, though brief, has been of some value to the readers of this paper. We must in our study of the Scriptures adopt the correct method of interpretation. Let us not forget that we may prove any teaching if we adopt an unjustified "spiritualizing" method. We may even say that "hell" is to be spiritualized if we so desire. May God's grace be with you all.

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"Healed"

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God doesn't see us good and kind and charitable and benevolent, but God sees us as having gone astray. So many people have in mind that because of their charitableness, their benevolence, and their goodness to others, then when God looks upon them, God must see their good characteristics, yet the Bible doesn't indicate that God ever sees any of these things. Rather, God sees us as having gone astray. He sees us as having departed entirely from Him. Listen:

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."—Romans 3:23.

This Scripture has a very interesting underlying imagery of archery. A man is shooting with a bow and arrow at a target, and as he shoots one of his arrows almost reaches the target; perhaps another falls right at the feet of the man who is shooting, and other arrows fall in between. Not a single one of the arrows goes over the mark and not a single

arrow reaches the mark. They all fall short of the mark.

Now the mark that you and I as God's children are shooting at is the glory of God, and as we aim at it, some might come up fairly close. Most of us fall far short. Others fall in between. Not one of us ever reaches the mark. Not one of us ever overshoots the mark, but we all come short of the glory of God. You ask me why it is that we need healing. We have all come short of the glory of God. We have all sinned and gone astray. We are all, in the sight of God, in a deplorable state from a spiritual standpoint, so much so that when God sees us He describes us as being spiritually filled with putrifying sores that have not been mollified or bound up with ointment.

Listen again:

"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."—Gal. 3:22.

All of us, without an exception, are included in this accusation. We are all under sin. And how is

it that we know that that is true? It isn't that I think you are a sinner. It isn't that I see evidence of sin in you. It isn't that I see evidence of sin in the individuals that I come in contact with from day to day. The fact of the matter is, God's Word hath concluded all under sin. So when you put together these verses from Isa. 1: 3-6, Psalm 14:2, 3, Romans 3:23 and Galatians 3:22, you come face to face with this fact: man needs healing; man needs the Great Physician; man needs something done for him spiritually because man is in a bad state spiritually in the sight of God.

II

THERE ARE MANY QUACK HEALERS.

May I say first of all that in a natural sense there are many quack healers. There are lots of quack doctors in the world who are preying upon human beings from the standpoint of medicine.

Then from a spiritual standpoint there are a lot of spiritual quacks such as Oral Roberts and all the balance of his crowd who are nothing more or less than the quackiest of the spiritual quacks that exist in the world. I'll say frankly to you that I have a very definite conviction that if any individual has any notion of ever sending money to Oral Roberts to help carry on his worldwide ministry, I would suggest, after having personally visited the headquarters of Oral Roberts in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and having seen the building which he has built only here lately, as well as the office building that they are located in, I would suggest that it would be better for you to get a ten cent cigar and light it with the ten dollar bill you are planning to spend. At least you would have the satisfaction of seeing smoke come out from the cigar, and that would be more satisfaction than would come otherwise.

There are lots of spiritual quacks in this world who are dealing with the souls of men. We turn to Jeremiah and we find that he talks about these spiritual quacks, for we read:

"For from the least of them

even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace."—Jer. 6:13, 14.

If you want a picture of false prophets and of spiritual quacks who are dealing with the souls of men, then read this second message of Jeremiah, from which I have read to you these two verses. They tell us that all the spiritual leaders in Jeremiah's day were given to covetousness and that the prophet and the priest were dealing falsely. Furthermore, though they had healed the children of Israel, they had only done it slightly, and they had cried "Peace, peace," whereas there was not peace.

Note, beloved, that is spiritual quackery. That is just about like some things that I have observed in life myself. When I first went to college I was not a preacher, and it was the rule of the college than on Sunday morning we had to go to the Baptist church. There was no restriction on Sunday night. I could go any place that I wanted to. If I wanted to, I could go to a movie, or I could do anything else that I wanted to. Usually I went to the Holy Roller church. I could have a better time there than I could any place else. On one of those Sunday nights I sat up close enough and I saw an individual who came to the mourner's bench and mourned and prayed. I understood that he had been there a number of evenings previously. However, on that particular evening, the preacher came around and said to that individual, "You have prayed long enough. Get up and tell them you are saved."

Well, beloved, that was just about like it was in Jeremiah's day. They were saying in the days of Jeremiah, "Peace, peace," when there was no peace. The prophet and the priest were dealing falsely and were saying to the people, "You are at peace," whereas they were not at peace. Accordingly, they had healed the hurt of Israel only slightly.

There are a lot of spiritual quack doctors in the world today. I might mention a few of them. There is Dr. Reformation, and a lot of people go to him. A person gets tired of his sins, especially along about the first of January—particularly if he has a good headache growing out of a hangover from a number of days of dissipation that began along about Xmas and lasted for a week. He will pay a visit to Dr. Reformation and decide that he is not going to drink another time. Instead, he is going to church, and is going to be a different kind of individual. He is going to reform.

A good while ago I used to collect certain things that came in around that season of the year. I used to collect playing cards and pints of whiskey and other items

of like nature. I don't know how many times in life someone has come to me about the first of January and has given me his cards, or his whiskey, or various other items, and I used to just drop them down in my desk. Once upon a time I had a whole drawer of those things that I had collected.

I never shall forget one poor fellow. He was one of my yearly "reformers." He had the habit of reforming the first of January of every year. When he would come in, I would say, "Now you don't mean it." "Oh, yes, I do," he would say. This time I am going to sign it." I can see him when he got out his pencil and asked me for a sheet of paper and wrote: "From this day on I am not going to touch another drop." and he signed his name, and put a date on it. Then he said, "You can ever prosecute me if I don't live up to it." I said, "If I did so, I might just as well call for the Prosecuting Attorney right now because I will need him before long," and I did. I needed him very shortly.

I am saying to you, there's many a person along about the first of the year who goes to see Dr. Reformation, and he reforms and changes his life; and he is never going to do wrong again. Beloved, what the individual needs is not a change on the outside, but a change on the inside. What men need is not reformation, but regeneration. What men need is not something to change their outward condition. They need something to change them on the inside, which will automatically change them on the outside.

That is why it is that I never have any part in local option elections. I just don't take part in those things for the simple reason I think that the crowd which is carrying on the local option election is working at the whole matter from the wrong end. I have a feeling that what is needed in this world is not to change the outside but the inside. We do not need to change the environment of the individual, but to change the fellow on the inside. If a man is right on the inside, automatically that will make him right on the outside.

Then there is old Dr. Religion. He is ancient. I refer to him as old Dr. Religion. He has been here a long time. Cain went to see him once upon a time, and it did him as much good as it has done everybody from that time down to this. I tell you, beloved, there is not an individual in all this world that has ever been saved because he "got religion."

Here is an individual who goes to some church, joins the church, is baptized, and is enrolled as a member of that organization. Maybe for years he goes under false pretenses thinking he is all right, and not a time has any man looked him squarely in the eyes, and asked him if he has been (Con. on next page, column one)

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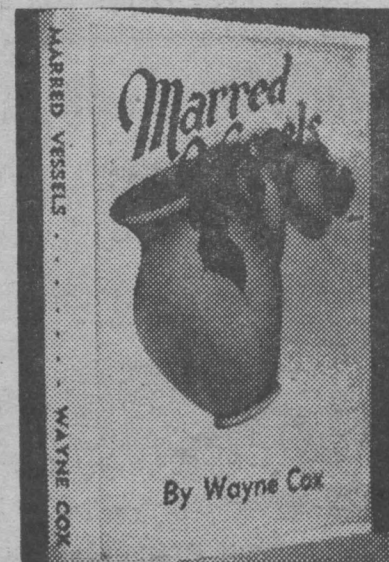
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born again.

I remember years ago a friend of mine was holding a revival meeting, and after he had been there for four or five days, and had been preaching fearlessly the truths of God's Word, a man came to him one night and said, "Brother, I am a lost man." The preacher said, "I thought you were the man who took the initiative and invited me here to hold this revival meeting." He said, "I was." The preacher said, "Haven't I noticed you serving on various committees in this church this past week?" He said, "Every one of them." He said, "Do you mean to tell me that you are an unsaved man?" He said, "When I was a child my parents thought I was saved, and urged me to join the church. Later, my pastor thought I was saved, and urged me to become a deacon." He said, "In all these years I have tried to do the best I can, but there has never been a man to look me in the eye and ask me if I had been born again." Now that fellow had been to see a spiritual quack doctor, old Dr. Religion.

Beloved, listen, there's many an individual who is deceived by spiritual quacks just like these two that I have mentioned, Dr. Reformation and Dr. Religion, but my text would tell me that there is one physician, a healer, who is not a quack, but who does heal, and His name is Jesus, for my text says, "And with his stripes we are healed."

III  
CHARACTERISTICS OF JESUS HEALING.

May I remind you first of all that in healing, as in everything else, the Lord Jesus Christ is sovereign. We read:

"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I will kill, and I MAKE ALIVE; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand." — Deut. 32:39.

May I remind you that God in the realm of spiritual healing is sovereign. If He desires, He can heal, or if He desires, He can heal. He is sovereign.


Listen again:

"Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, shut their eyes, and hear with their heart, and understand with their ears, and convert, and be healed." — Isa. 6:10.

Notice, Isaiah is given a commission, and that commission is to preach the Word of God — not for salvation, but to close the eyes of people. God says, "You preach in such a way as to make their ears heavy, shut their eyes, and make the heart of this people fat lest they understand with the heart, and convert, and be healed. I tell you, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ is sovereign in His healing."

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May I impress it upon you that if it were God's will, God would save every individual within the world. If it were God's sovereign pleasure and will, He would redeem every person within this world. He could save one just as easily as He could save another. He could save them all just as easily as He can save one. We talk about an individual being a hard case. We talk about an individual being an exceedingly bad person. I tell you, in the sight of God every individual stands exactly in the same spiritual estate and same individual stands exactly in category. All of us require the same in God's sight, and God could save us all if it were His will. We need to realize that the God that we deal with is a God of absolute sovereignty even in the realm of spiritual healing.

He is also sovereign in the way He controls this world. He runs it to suit Himself. He is sovereign in the way in which He created this universe. He created it to suit Himself. He is sovereign in the way that He deals with the creatures of His creation. If He desires that one shall be born deaf, while others have good ears, that is His sovereign pleasure. Beloved, listen, the same is true in the realm of spiritual healing. If it is His desire to save one and pass a thousand by, it is God's sovereign pleasure that is being exhibited.

Let's notice another characteristic and that is every time that the Lord Jesus Christ heals any individual spiritually, a miracle has taken place. There isn't a one of us that could ever be healed spiritually by natural means. Listen:

"And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, NEITHER COULD BE HEALED OF ANY." — Luke 8:43.

You remember the story of how this woman came behind Jesus and touched the hem of His garment and was healed. It says that she had spent all of her living on physicians and could not be healed of any. I tell you, that woman certainly illustrates each of us from a natural standpoint. You can go to Dr. Reformation, or Dr. Religion, or to all the spiritual quacks in the world, and you can do anything and everything you want from a natural standpoint and the Word of God will be just as true of you as it was of this woman when it says, "Neither could be healed of any." I tell you, beloved, it takes a miracle of God to heal us spiritually.

The Word of God is filled with miracles of healing. Take for ex-

ample the centurion's son that we read about in Matthew 8. To me that is one of the most interesting of all the records of healing in the Bible. The centurion came to Jesus to beseech Him in behalf of his son, and when the Lord Jesus talked to him, the man said, "Now I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but you just say the word only, and my son will be healed." The Word of God said that Jesus marveled at this, because it was the greatest faith that He had found in all Israel. The Word of God says that when that man went away, he went with the assurance that his son was healed immediately. It was a miracle.

Go to the Old Testament, and read the story of Hezekiah as recorded in II Kings 20. God even told Hezekiah that he was going to die, and then God worked a miracle and his life was spared. God healed him, but it was a miracle.

I say to you, as God healed this centurion's son miraculously and as God healed Hezekiah miraculously, so every individual that is saved is a miracle of healing in the sight of God.

You read in Matthew 19:24 it says that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle

than it is for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. There have been lots of people who have put a very false interpretation upon that quotation of Scripture. In fact, there are a number of false interpretations. Personally, I have a feeling that it means exactly what it says. In the natural way, a camel with a hump on his back couldn't go through the eye of a needle. But, beloved, God can put a camel through the eye of a needle miraculously, and that is exactly what it takes in the realm of salvation. God has to work a miracle for any man to be saved.

When I read my text, "And with his stripes we are healed," I see that He works in a sovereign way, and He works miraculously. Any time and every time that He heals one of us to the extent that we are saved, we can say that another miracle has taken place.

I remember the old boy that drove up in front of our church once upon a time in a great big automobile, rushed in with the smell of tobacco all over him, and said, "I want to preach for you tonight." Well, I am in the habit of choosing the men that I have to preach for me in the first place, and in the second place, I learned a long time ago that these fellows who run around the country preaching and telling their life story ordinarily are more concerned about the money that they get than in anything else. So I said to him, "I don't know that there is any particular reason why we should have you to speak for us." He said, "Brother Gilpin, you don't understand. I am a miracle of grace." I said, "Brother, so am I (and to tell you the truth, everybody that is saved, is a miracle of grace.)" I don't know that that man's experience, or my experience is any more phenomenal than anybody else's. In fact, every one of us is a miracle of grace. If it were not for a miracle, there isn't a one of us that would have ever been saved. It is impossible for a camel to go through the eye of needle, and it is impossible for us to be saved unless God does it.

I want you to notice another characteristic — that Jesus healed men through the Word. I have been amazed in my study of the Word of God to notice there is not one instance where Jesus ever healed a man without speaking to him. There are lots of miracles of healing. There are many times that men were healed in the Bible, but there is not a time that anybody was ever healed apart from the spoken word. You say, "Brother Gilpin, what spiritual significance does that have?" Simply this. It just absolutely annihilates Hardshellism from be-

ginning to end. The Hardshells say that when God gets ready He will just slap one in the face, and knock him down, and when he gets up he will be saved, without ever hearing the Word of God. There is not a word of truth in this.

A man said to me just a few days ago, in support of that same thought, "Brother Gilpin, isn't it true that God just slapped Paul in the face and knocked him down and saved him without preaching to him?" I said, "Yes, but do you remember that the Apostle Paul was one of the best learned men of all the world, and that he had heard one of the best sermons that any man ever heard in this world just a few days before he was saved?" I said, "Do you recall that Stephen preached a sermon to him, and it infuriated Saul to the extent that Saul and his mob took Stephen out and stoned him to death?" I said, "Do you remember that was one sermon that he heard, to say nothing of the fact that he was one of the best informed men in the world in his day, and he knew the Word of God from a legalistic standpoint?"

I tell you, beloved, God doesn't save people apart from the hearing of His word just as God doesn't heal people in the Bible apart from speaking the Word.

We read:


"The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but SPEAK THE WORD ONLY, and my servant shall be healed." — Mt. 8:8.

Notice, he said, "Speak the word only." That was all that was necessary.

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### "Healed"

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healed them, and delivered them from their destruction." — Psa. 107:20.

How were they healed? By the hearing of the Word.

We read again:

"For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the WORD OF GOD which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which EFFECTUALLY WORKETH also in you that believe." — I Thes. 2:13.

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the WORD OF GOD, which liveth and abideth for ever." — I Pet. 1:23.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD." — Rom. 10:17.

I say to you, I challenge every Hardshell Baptist in this world to show me one instance that God ever healed any man naturally, that is, gave him physical healing apart from speaking the Word. I'll challenge him at the same time to show me one instance where God ever saved any man or healed any man spiritually apart from the Word of God. Beloved, if I believed that people could be saved apart from the Word of God spiritually, I would tear up my Bible. If the absence of the Word of God will save people, then let's get rid of the Bible. I tell you, only as they hear the Word of God and only as the Word of God is applied to their hearts by the Holy Spirit are men saved, and I challenge every

Hardshell Baptist in the world to prove otherwise.

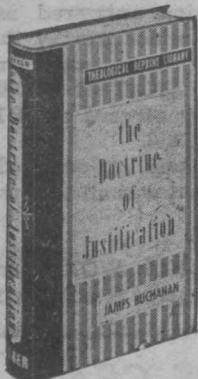
Now may I go one step further and tell you that Jesus has a speciality. Most doctors specialize. Most of them are skin specialists to start with. The first lesson one doctor told me that they taught him in college was how to sharpen his pencil real fine and figure the bill real good. But doctors have a speciality. Some of them specialize on what is wrong with you on the inside, and some on what is wrong with you on the outside. Some of them work on your hair and some of them work on your toe nails. Some of them hit some high spots and some low spots in between. Doctors have a habit of specializing.

This past week we were printing for a doctor here in Ashland, and he announced his speciality and it was a word, I think, of twenty-nine letters. I couldn't even pronounce it. I have no idea what his speciality was, but it sounded big and learned all right. Now, beloved, Jesus had a speciality. He is a doctor who specializes, and like all the doctors of today, in His field His was really a speciality. Listen:

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and HEALING ALL THAT WERE OPPRESSED OF THE DEVIL; for God was with him." — Acts 10:38.

Some people, I say, might specialize on the outside of the body, and some might specialize on the inside, but the Lord Jesus Christ's speciality is that He heals all that are oppressed of the Devil. This includes you and it includes me. This is a malady that affects all your relatives and your friends and your acquaintances. How I thank God and praise Him that the Lord Jesus Christ is able to heal all that are oppressed of the Devil.

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### IV HOW HE HEALS.

My text says, "And with his stripes we are healed." He heals us differently to the way in which doctors heal today. A doctor today looks at your tongue, he feels your pulse, he takes your blood pressure, and he gives you medicine. But not so with Jesus. The Lord Jesus Christ heals us by suffering for us. The Lord Jesus Christ heals us by suffering for us who are oppressed of the Devil.

I am reminded of a few years ago when I was just a boy that some plague was raging in France. That was before the days when Mr. and Mrs. Myacin produced their large family. That was before the days when we had all kinds of serums and shots to treat people for their maladies. That was in the day that when you were stricken, an individual just about died. When World War I was fought and the flu epidemic came in 1917, people just died like flies all over America, and the disease couldn't be controlled; it just wiped homes out one by one. When I was a boy, there was a plague that hit a city in France and people were dying by the

hundreds. The doctors couldn't stay it. They didn't know what to do. I remember even down to this day, as I recall in my boyhood memory, how that one doctor decided that there was only one thing that could be done to stay the remedy. He went into a room where a man was sick and expected to die and he locked the door and sat down with that man for two days time, to watch him, and to observe him and analyze his condition. By that time he had the disease himself, but he watched that man and isolated the germ. He experimented with that man and found what the germ was and the cure. Knowing that he had the disease himself and that there was no hope for him, he opened his artery and drained his blood and took his pen and in his own blood wrote the disease and the remedy and pushed it out the door. Within forty-eight hours that plague was stayed in that city in France.

When I think of it, I am reminded that the Lord Jesus Christ did something like that, for the Son of God knew what our condition was and as the Healer of all healers, with healing in His wings He came to Calvary, and there the veins and the arteries of my Lord were opened and His blood poured out. As my text says, "And with his stripes we are healed." There is not an individual ever healed spiritually apart from the stripes of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### CONCLUSION

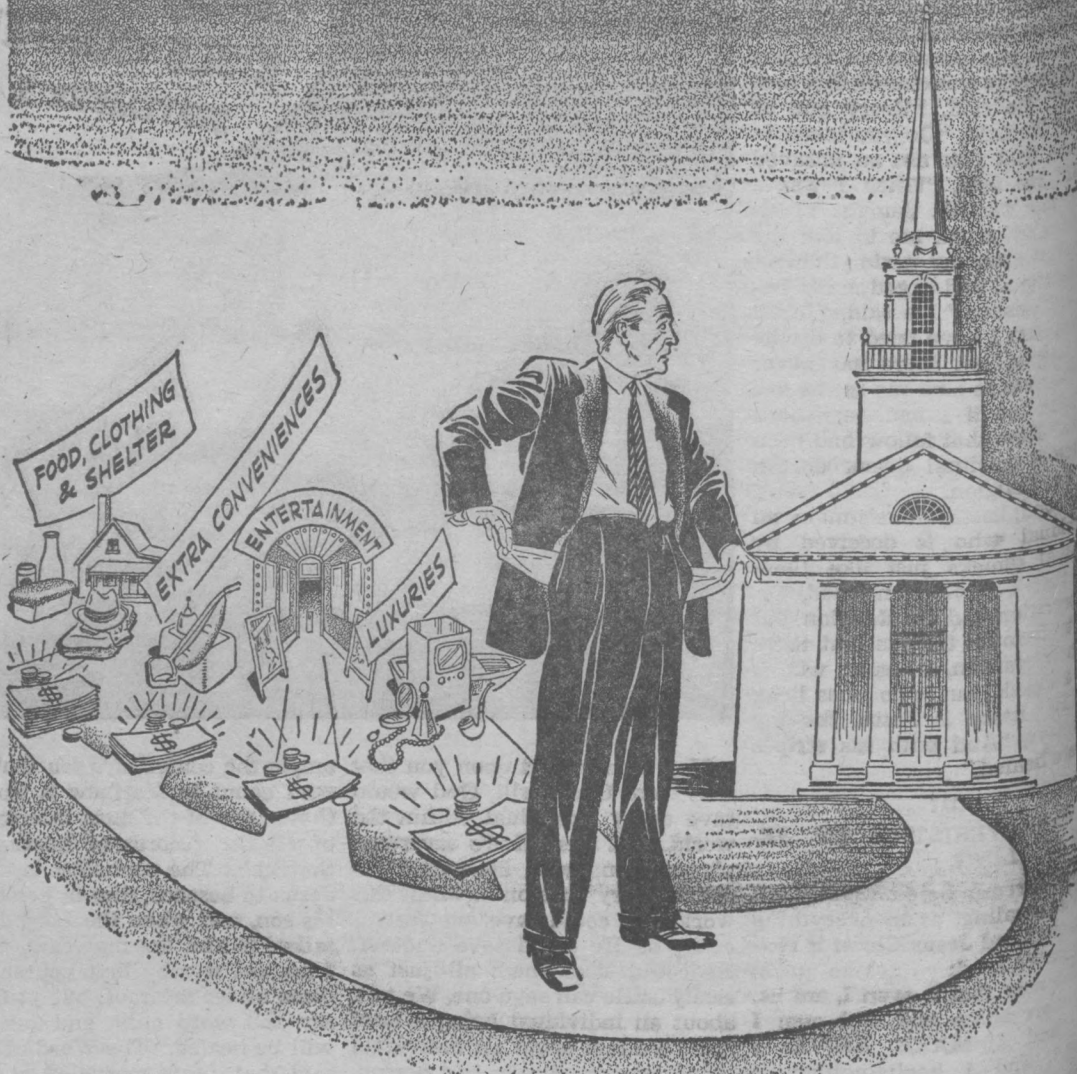
"May I say in closing that God has a time to heal. It is rather interesting to notice in the Bible that God declares a time for various things, such as a time to be born and a time to die, a time to pluck up that which is planted. He also tells us that there is a time to heal. Listen:

"A time to kill, and A TIME TO HEAL, a time to break down, and a time of build up." — Eccl. 3:3.

I have a conviction that God has a time in which to heal us spiritually. I believe that every one of us who are saved were saved in God's appointed time. I have a conviction that everybody in this world that will ever be saved will be saved in God's appointed time.

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# "Set Thine House In Order"

Isaiah 38:1

"In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order, for thou shalt die and not live."

I don't mind telling you that I have been somewhat exercised of late because of the apparent fruitlessness of my preaching. There has been some sincere soul searching, coupled with fervent prayer concerning this matter. During one of these recent times of travail, I began to wonder what kind of a sermon I would preach if I knew that I were going to die before I could preach another. I read somewhere that John Wesley was asked the question, "What would you do tomorrow, if you knew that Jesus Christ were coming tomorrow night? Whereupon Wesley just simply recited the list of things he had scheduled for the next day, and it was an imposing list, too. It is good to live in that manner, conscientiously living every day in such a way that we would need make no changes if we were given advance notice of our death or the coming of Christ. How many in my presence can truthfully say, I would continue in my usual manner? I doubt that there is one, and that includes the preacher. I have been the recipient of some deathbed confessions and almost without exception there are always some things that a dying person devoutly wishes he had done. I suppose it is better to be penitent late than not at all, but the deathbed is a very poor place to hear the words, "Set thine house in order."

## I. SET THINE — PERSONAL.

Let us look at these first two words, "Set Thine." The prophet had a personal message for Hezekiah. The Bible is a personal message, not to someone else, but to you. I think all of you are familiar with the picture of the hand with the forefinger extended. When you walk into the room that the finger is pointing directly at you, and it doesn't make any difference what position you take in that room the finger is still pointing to you. That is the way with the Bible—it was written expressly for you and there is no way to escape its pointing finger. I know Isaiah spoke these words to Hezekiah, but you must admit that they are applicable to you. God says, "Set thine house in order," and that means **you** whether you are saint or sinner. If you received direct word from God that you were to die this day, would you have regrets because you had left some things undone? You know as well as I do, that there are numbers of things that you would want to set in order if you were to give an account to God today. It is foolishness to the highest order to apply these words to someone else. This message is directed to every person in this house: man, woman, child, saint or sinner. "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers; every man shall be put to death for his own sin." —Deuteronomy 24:16. No one else can answer to God for you. It is a shame that we put off

things to the last minute. Just lately we have had some members of this church who were within one heartbeat of going out to meet God. At such times men consider their shortcomings and determine to do better. Many vows have been made on the sickbed and forgotten with the restoration of health. We must search our hearts now. Don't avoid the pointing finger. God says, "Set thine house in order." You are the one who must answer. No one has ever gotten into heaven on his father's coat-tails or his mother's prayers. No other person can represent you before God, except Jesus Christ.

"Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." —Mt. 7:5.

I am giving these Scriptures to show that God's message is personal. Time after time we are directed to investigate ourselves personally. It is easy to find fault with someone else and to tell him how to set his house in order, but it is a different thing to remove the filth and cobwebs from our own. I want you to seek your brother's welfare, but you will give an account for your house, not his. It is much better to set your house in order now, than it is to wait until death's hand is upon you. Just awhile back an old gentleman that I loved very much, took his bed. It had been my custom to talk with him often concerning Jesus Christ. He had been badly taught in some respects and he knew his house wasn't in proper order. During my visits while he was on his deathbed, he told me that when he got well he was going to do a better job of witnessing for Christ. But he died, he didn't get well. He knew he must set his house in order, but it was too late.

## II. THINE HOUSE!

It is possible that you don't know what your house is, but God's Word can tell you. This is a familiar figure in the Bible, and is best explained by our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock. And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it." —Mt. 7:24-27.

Whether we understand it or not, each and every day we are building our house—this applies to both Christian and sinner. This house can be built upon the solid foundation of Jesus Christ and no combination of powers, demons, creatures, or anything else can shake that house. But we must consider—and that seriously, if we are building upon the solid Rock or on the sinking sand. There is also the teaching in God's Word that some Christians will build their house of wood, hay and stubble, which just sim-

ply means that they are saved but their be very careful not only to hear but also to do the things Christ hath commanded. You who are not Christians are also building your house. It's certain that you are not building upon Jesus Christ, and there can be only one end — when the testing time comes your house will fall and great will be the fall of it. I have told you that I have been much concerned over you to the extent that I wondered what I would say to you if this were my last sermon. I could say nothing but this: you must trust in Jesus Christ, believe that He died in your stead, through His substitutionary atonement and on the grounds of His shed blood you can have eternal life. But you must also believe the horrible alternative that the torments of Hell await those who do not trust in Christ. You don't know how many bitter tears I have wept over you. What is to hinder you from trusting in Christ? You ought to set your house in order! You remember not too long ago when a young man was killed in a car wreck, and this preacher stood up in this pulpit and cried because he hadn't witnessed to him? God forbid that that should happen again! You might think this is a hellfire and damnation sermon, and maybe it is, but it makes no difference to me, if you will only come to Christ.

There is not a one of you who is not able to trust in Christ, there is not one who cannot understand that God's Word teaches that there is a hell; and despite the fact that practically all preachers deny this truth, you remember when you are in hell, screaming out your torments, that this preacher warned you!

## III. IN ORDER.

I have no doubt that some think their house is in order, but I suspect that you ought to think again. I don't suppose that Brother Kincaid will object to my using him as an example. You know that he just recently had a mild heart attack and he was, as it were, just one heartbeat from meeting God. He confesses very freely that he checked thoroughly on his past life, and was very aware of his shortcomings—he didn't think his house was in proper order. We are all the same kind of people that he is, if we were suddenly called upon to face the reality of death, we would also find ourselves unready. No doubt everyone here has purposed to do things and then put them off until they were forgotten. When we come to our deathbed it will be too late to remember the things we should have done. We ought to become doers right now instead of just hearers. I am sure that Hezekiah would never have been told to put his house in order if there hadn't been a standard.

"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him; the Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." —John 12:48.

We must put our house in order according to the divine standard, which is the Word of God. Nothing else will stand the test of judgment. We dare not give you anything else. I know that some of you Christians have refused to obey the Word of God as taught in this church, because the other churches don't teach it and their members don't follow it; but you are

not going to be called upon to give an account as to how your life compares to some other person. When death lays his cold hand upon you there will be just one thought in your mind—Where do I stand in the sight of God? How do I measure up according to His standard? I say it is time we put our house in order. We who are Christians had better begin to search and see what needs to be taken care of if we had to render an account now. Certainly you are not going to be judged in condemnation, but you shall give an account of the deeds done in the flesh. But you who are not saved shall be judged in condemnation, and to the extent that you have disobeyed and sinned against God, to that extent you shall be punished.

## IV. FOR THOU SHALT DIE AND NOT LIVE.

This is a truth that not only Hezekiah had to face, but every other person who has ever been born into this world. We can count on the fingers of one hand the persons who have gotten out of this world alive, and the fingers we have left would still be a majority. I suppose that one of the first lessons that we learn in our childhood is that all men must die. No doubt the youngest child in this building knows that he must come down to the grave. We don't have to be stricken with cancer or some other dreadful disease to know that we shall die and not live. Death is our daily companion. There is just not any excuse for failing to recognize the distinct possibility that we might die at any minute. Why must we continue to act as if we were drunken or under the influence of dope? The graveyards are full, countless millions of people have died. Why don't you face God's truth that you must die?

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." —Hebrews 9:27.

We must face the fact that death is certain, and as far as we are concerned judgment comes next on God's calendar. After death there will not be another chance. What we do in this present life is what counts. I say it is of utmost importance that we heed the word, "Set thine house in order." You sinners must first repent of your sins and trust in Jesus Christ before you can do one particle of works pleasing to your God. Your house is built in vain if it is not founded upon the Rock of the ages. It seems to me that we ought to use a little of our brains or reasoning power. You know you must die, are you willing to face judgment without Christ? You have a soul that shall never cease to exist. You must give an account to your Maker. Why don't you trust in Christ, now?

And now, one more word for you Christians. You know that you must also face death. I am sure there are many things that you have purposed to do. There is only one way to set your house in order—do them! There will never come a more opportune time. You have studied God's Word, you know what you ought to do, yield yourself to the Spirit. Let it be said of you, "His house is in order."

By Pastor W. K. Dufour

Notes of Sermon to Beacon Baptist Church, Ansted, W. Va., Sunday Morning, November 29, 1959

## News Reporter Says Kennedy Brought Up "Religious Issue" Back In 1956

By DORIS FLEESON  
The Evening Bulletin  
Philadelphia, Pa.,  
April 26, 1960

Washington—Any real account of the religious issue in the 1960 campaign must begin not in West Virginia or Wisconsin but with the Democratic national convention of 1956. It is interesting that its use there attracted no adverse comment and was accepted as a fact of political life of which sensible politicians would take note. And they

did.

When Democrats began to gather at Chicago for the all but certain renomination of Adlai Stevenson, they found themselves the object of a quiet but well-organized drive upon the vice presidency by Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Among the persuaders skillfully employed was a 3,000-word memorandum prepared under the direction of Ted Sorenson, who was and still is Kennedy's chief of staff.

This document suggested that

there was a "Catholic vote" in the country and described in some detail its apparent size, location and concentration within the Democratic Party.

## 1956 Strategy

The argument was made that this vote was drifting to the Republicans, especially, to President Eisenhower, but could be lured back by a Catholic candidate for Vice President.

Specifically, it cited figures to show that Catholic candidates run strongly in Catholic districts.

No experienced Democratic leader showed any disposition to deny this and many freely admitted that an apparent drift of Catholics toward the Republican Party had them worried.

Among the leaders so persuaded was Stevenson himself. The case made for Kennedy was a factor in his decision to break with tradition and invite the convention to make its own free choice for Vice President.

This seemed to Stevenson fair both as a matter of equity and good politics.

The surprising force of the 1956 Kennedy drive upon second place at Chicago and its near-success provided that convention with its best drama.

What part the Sorenson strategy played was obscured by the unexpectedly massive Southern support for Kennedy.

What the South was proving, of course, was not only that it liked Kennedy, but detested Ester Ke-

fauver, the liberal Tennessee Senator it regarded as a traitor to its way of life.

Kefauver won, largely because the delegates felt he would appeal to the farm and labor vote, areas which still are among the softer spots of the Kennedy campaign.

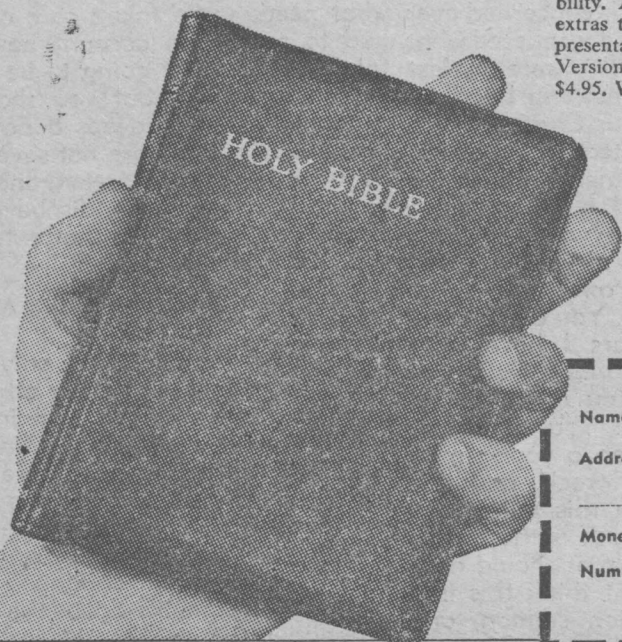
## 'Openly' Used

The relevant point today is that the "Sorenson memorandum" was not a hidden persuader, clandestinely employed. It was not published, but it was openly and cleanly used to strengthen Kennedy's case.

Among those propagating it was John Bailey, Democratic state chairman, who is active in the 1960 campaign to make Kennedy (Continued on page 8, column 5)



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### The Payment For Sin

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ned. The Lord says He requires eternal death as payment for our sins. Who, then, can deny that we all ought to go to everlasting hell? Who among all the descendants of Adam can truthfully say he ought not to spend eternity in hell? Why? For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God and our sovereign God says that He requires that the wages of sin be death.

Now, up to this point, I'm sure most of you agree that I have spoken truth. I'm sure also that you will agree that every person ought to go to hell forever to pay God's required payment for sin. We have all sinned, so we all deserve to go to hell. Will God be unjust if He gives us the punishment we deserve? Of course not. If we all get the required punishment for the sins we have committed we cannot accuse God of being unjust or dealing unfairly with us. Isn't that true? Of course it's true and your unbelief won't make the truth any less true. Your unbelief won't change the results if you receive justice at the hand of God.

Let me proceed now with this question: How is it that some of us are not going to everlasting hell? How can anyone escape hell if we have all sinned against God? Without a doubt, God requires that sin be paid for. Remember what that payment is? The required payment is eternal death. Yet multitudes will live forever in Heaven with God. How can this be, since all have sinned and the wages of sin is death? I suppose I could stop here and ask you to

answer this question and I would get many different answers but I intend to answer this question with truth.

There is only one true answer to this question. The Bible's answer shall be true, whether you believe it or not. It will be true even though you rebel violently against its answer. It will be true even though you may have been taught differently all your life. It will be true even though your pastor may tell you it's a lie. It will be true even though you may twist and pervert the Word of God to disprove it. The answer the Bible gives to the question, "How can anyone escape hell if all have sinned and the wages of sin is death?" it's true and shall always be true regardless of all the opposition in the world.

First of all, **God does not change His requirement as to the payment of the sin debt.** No man can ever escape eternal punishment in hell, unless God's required payment is met. The payment for sin remains the same. The wages of sin is death. Nothing short of this will meet God's requirement. No works of the flesh will pay the sin debt. Even those spiritual works that the Lord causes the saved to do will not pay the sin debt. Whether one is destined for heaven or hell, God still requires the same payment for sin.

How, then, can one go to Heaven? I answer, only because God's justice has been satisfied as to His requirement concerning the payment for sin. What will satisfy God? Only the punishment of eternal death. Then has any of those who will spend forever in heaven suffered that punishment?

Of course not, you will answer. Is being saved an impossibility, then? A thousand times, No! WHY? Because **Christ bore the punishment of his people. He took their place and paid their sin debt to God.** That's what the scriptures mean when they say "by his stripes we are healed" and "he shall save his people from their sins." It means that Christ became the substitute of God's elect people. Jesus died under the wrath of God to pay the sin debt we owed to God.

That is the only reason that the elect are saved. We are totally depraved, just like those that shall go to hell because of their sins. We are unable to do any good works before we are saved, just the same as the reprobate. We were all made from the same lump and are spiritually dead to the affirmative things of God. Yes, we who are to spend forever in Heaven will be there only because Christ paid the sin debt that we ought to have paid.

Just what did the death of Christ accomplish for his people? First of all, it accomplished complete payment for the sins of all the elect of God. That means there is nothing we have to do to help pay for our sins. In plain words it means Jesus paid it all, all to Him we owe.

Also, since Christ has died for the sins of His people it means that all that He died for shall surely be saved. Why? I answer, because since Christ has already paid our sin debt to God we no longer owe God that sin debt. The wages of sin is death and if we no longer owe that debt, there is no reason for us to go to hell. Why don't we still owe that debt?

Because Christ paid the debt for us. To say that we are guilty is very true. To say that our guilt requires eternal death is true. But to say that our sin debt has not been paid is not true, because Jesus paid that debt when He died on the cross.

What I say is Bible truth and all the unbelief in the world will not change the effect of this truth. What is the effect of this truth? Just this, all that Christ paid the sin debt for shall be saved. It isn't a case of man's doing something. It isn't in any wise left in the hands of man. It isn't a question of letting God save or letting God have His way. Salvation is of the Lord from start to finish. He most certainly will save all those that Christ died for. How sure are the words of our Lord in John 6:37! "All that the Father giveth me SHALL come to me." Why? Because Jesus paid the complete requirement of God and died for His people.

In conclusion, let me say that Christ did not die for the sins of every person. If He had then every one would be saved and there would be none in hell. Being saved in no wise rests with the individual. No human can redeem himself or even help redeem himself. Not only did Christ pay for our sins but He gave to us His **perfect righteousness.** Therefore, if He had been acting on behalf of all mankind surely all mankind would receive eternal life on the basis of the finished work of Christ.

What, then, can I say to you? Only this: all of you whom God has or shall cause to believe the things I have said concerning the way God has paid for the multitude of your sins, shall surely live forever with God. That is, all of you whom God, the Holy Spirit, causes to trust the work of Christ for your salvation either have or shall have eternal life when you believe that Christ died for your sins. The faith that "takes hold" of Christ as complete redeemer is a free gift of God. (Phil. 1:29 and Eph. 2:8). When it pleases God, He causes His elect to hear the Word of Truth and causes each of them to believe the truth as to the only way that a person can be justified in the eyes of God. That is, that Christ died for the sins of the elect.

Who is in possession of eternal life? Everyone that is trusting in the Lord for salvation. Everyone in whom God has worked the new birth, whereby they have become spiritually alive to the affirmative things of God. Those who, by the power of God, have become subject to the Lordship of God. Only those who believe that salvation is of the Lord.

May God grant that this message will glorify Him. May the Holy Spirit teach you the truth in regard to the way God has redeemed His people.

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob bless you all.  
The will of our Lord be done.

### Pope's Newspaper

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newspaper said, "any one can see how open and very broad is the field in which the Catholic layman can operate, making his choices, working ardently and effectively, and bringing the contribution of his opinions and discussion, his experience and his realizations, to help his country's progress."

Condemned in the article were attempts to "detach the Catholic from the ecclesiastical hierarchy, restricting relations between the believers's full autonomy in the civil sphere."

Osservatore also deplored the "great confusion of ideas that is spreading, especially in some nations, among Catholics with regard to the relations between the ecclesiastical hierarchy and the lay faithful in the civil field."

### Pollard Hits Rome

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Protestant churches closed by the government because of an agreement and an alliance between Catholicism and the government of that state.

"I want to tell you, Rome. Catholicism must repent of her sins and she must come with clean hands and confession and admitting her own sin in the field of religious persecution and bigotry before they can dare raise their finger at us who claim that religious freedom is not only for Baptists and Protestants, but religious freedom is for all men."

### News Reporter

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President. It was discussed then and is still freely discussed by politicians and the press. It is threaded through the Kennedy strategy for achieving the nomination by the primary route.

At any given moment Kennedy aides and the candidate, too, can tell anyone the figures of supposed "Catholic strength" not only in a state but in a district or even county.

Thus it is clearly disingenuous for Kennedy and his aides to blame the press for raising the religious issue and for the Senator himself in his speech before the editors here to cast doubt on the existence of any Catholic bloc voting.

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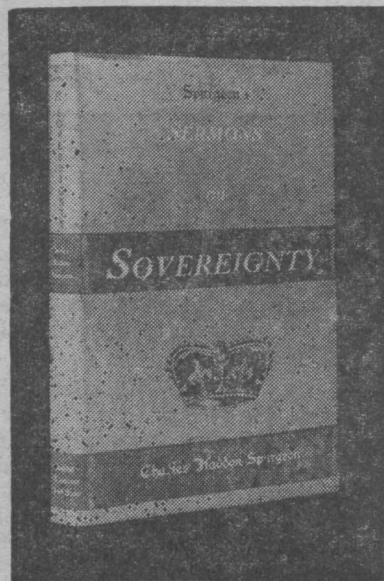
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