

"GOD FORBID THAT I SHOULD GLORY,
SAVE IN THE CROSS OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST."

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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 Uses Of Good Works

By Charles Haddon Spurgeon
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We do love good works. Do you
of what use are they? I re-

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Good works are useful as evi-
dences of grace. The Antinomian
says, "But I do not require evi-
dences; I can live without them."
This is unreasonable. Do you see
the clock? That is the evi-
dence of the time of day. The hour
would be precisely the same if we
did not have that evidence. Still, we
need the clock of great use. So we
need good works as the best evi-
dence of spiritual life in the soul.
It is not written, "We know that
we have passed from death unto

life, because we love the brethren?" Loving the brethren is a
good work.

Again, "If any man abide in me,
he shall bring forth fruit." Fruits
of righteousness are good works,
and they are evidences that we
abide in Christ. If I am living in
sin day by day, what right have
I to conclude I am a child of God?

A man comes to this chapel,
and while he hears the gospel, he
exclaims, "What delicious truth!
what heavenly doctrine!" Yet
when he leaves the place, you
may see him enter one public-
house after another, and get in-
toxicated. Has this man any
right to think himself an heir of
heaven? The man who comes to
God's house and drinks "wine on
the lees, well refined," and then

goes away and drinks the cup and
enjoys the company of the un-
godly, gives no evidence that he
is a partaker of divine grace.

He says, "I do not like good
works." Of course he does not.
"I know I shall not be saved by
good works." Of this we are cer-
tain, for he has none to be saved
by.

Many are ready enough to say,
"Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;"

who believe they are children of
God, because, though they have no
good works as evidence, they
think they have faith. Ah, sir!
you have faith, and there is an-
other gentleman quite as respect-
able as you are, who has faith; I
shall not tell you his name this
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"For the preaching of the Cross
is to them that perish foolishness;
but unto us which are saved it is
the power of God." — I Cor. 1:8

What is meant by "the cross"
here?

It does not mean the material
cross upon which Christ died, for
it would be but a poor Gospel to
preach the instrument by which
Christ was put to death. As well
might one take Judas Iscariot,
who betrayed Christ, as a subject
for preaching; or it would be as
reasonable to extol and praise the
crown of thorns as a subject for
preaching; but that would be a
despising of Him who endured in
order that we might be saved.

It is clear that the Apostle does
not here mean the material cross
upon which Christ laid down His
life. In the Church of Rome a
great deal is made of the material
cross. It has a great place in their
public worship, and on their
death-beds a cross is set up before
the eyes of their people that they
may look to it in their last mo-
ments. They are directed to look
upon that cross as their saviour
instead of to Him who suffered
and died on that instrument of
death.

The Apostles never used ma-

terial crosses in preaching the
Gospel. You may examine the
whole of the Acts of the Apostles,
and you will find no mention of a
material cross connected with
their work as ambassadors of
Christ. In searching for the origin
of the material cross in Christ's
Church, we find that it was
brought in after the Apostles left
the earth, by the enemies of
Christ and not by His friends;
and not only so, but it is kept in
by His enemies to this day! It is
a most serious matter for people
to maintain in a true church
anything brought in by the ene-
mies of Christ.

The cross was introduced first
by placing it on top of the church,
then at the door, and at last it was
taken inside. The devil is very
cunning. First he stands on the
top of a church or sits at the door,
and says, "I am an ornament,"
but when he gets inside he shows
that he is more than an ornament.
The cross should never have ex-
isted in this world except as it was
permitted in the providence of
God to be the instrument of
Christ's death, for it was not at
all by chance that the cross was
so used. It had been foreordained
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THE MERCY OF GOD

By A. W. Pink

O give thanks unto the Lord:
for He is good, for His mercy en-
dureth forever" (Psa. 136:1). For
the perfection of the Divine
character God is greatly to be
praised. Three times over in as
many verses does the Psalmist
call upon the saints to give
thanks unto the Lord for this
valuable attribute. And surely this
is the least that can be asked for
from those who have been such
merciful gainers by it. When we
contemplate the characteristics of
His Divine excellency, we cannot
merely say "mercy," but we must
say "great" (I Kings 3:6),
"merciful" (Psa. 86:5), "tender"
(Psa. 117:1), "abundant" (I Peter
2:10), it is "from everlasting to
everlasting upon them that fear
the Lord" (Psa. 103:17). Well may we
say with the Psalmist, "I will sing
of Thy mercy." (59:16)

"I will make all My goodness
known before thee, and I will pro-
claim the name of the Lord be-
fore thee; and will be gracious to
them whom I will be gracious, and will
show mercy on whom I will show
mercy." (Ex. 33:19).

Wherein differs the "mercy" of
God from His "grace"? The mercy
of God has its spring in the Di-
vine goodness. The first issue of
His goodness is His benignity
toward His creatures, by which He gives lib-

erally to His creatures as crea-
tures; thus has He given being
and life to all things. The second
issue of God's goodness is His
mercy, which denotes the ready
inclination of God to relieve the
misery of fallen creatures. Thus,
"mercy" presupposes sin.

Though it may not be easy at
the first consideration to perceive
a real difference between the
grace and the mercy of God, it
helps us thereto if we carefully
ponder His dealings with the un-
fallen angels. He has never exer-
cised mercy toward them, for they
have never stood in any need
thereof, not having sinned or
come beneath the effects of the
curse.

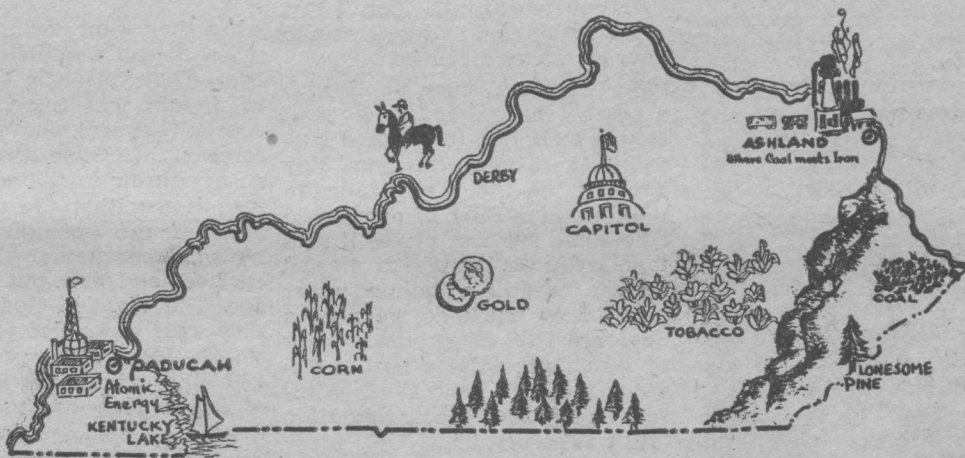
Yet, they certainly are the ob-
jects of God's free and sovereign
grace.

First, because of His election of
them from out of the whole an-
gelic race (I Tim. 5:21).

Second, and in consequence of
their election, because of His
preservation of them from apos-
tasy, when Satan rebelled and
dragged down with him one-third
of the celestial hosts (Rev. 12:4).

Third, in making Christ their
Head (Col. 2:10; I Peter 3:22),
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Important Information For Those Who Plan To Attend Our Bible Conference



We trust that every person who
plans to attend our coming Bible
Conference will keep the infor-
mation which we are passing
along in this article and bring it
with you when you come to Ash-
land.

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(as far as Lexington, then take
60); 23 from the south; 60 from
Charleston, W. Va., in the east. It
is strictly slow traveling on most
of the other highways of eastern
Kentucky.
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"AFFLICTIONS—HIS AND OURS"

Twenty-fourth in a Series of Messages on Isaiah 53 — By John R. Gilpin

"He was afflicted." — Isa. 53:7.

May I remind you that man al-
ways has been a complete failure
in the sight of Almighty God.
From the time he was put in the
Garden of Eden, you will find
that man was a failure in every
particular. If you will go back to
the Garden of Eden, you will find
that man was a failure in every
Eden's garden, for we read:

"And they heard the voice of
the Lord God walking in the gar-
den in the cool of the day: and
Adam and his wife hid THEM-
SELVES FROM THE PRESENCE
OF THE LORD GOD amongst the
trees of the garden." — Gen. 3:8.

They had just sinned. Sin had
just entered into the human fam-
ily for the first time, and now
they hide from the presence of
God. Hitherto the voice of God

had been the sweetest music that
ever fell upon the ears of Adam
and Eve, but now when the Lord
God comes down to walk in the
Garden of Eden in the cool of the
day we find Adam and Eve hid-
ding themselves from His presence.
I say, beloved, man was a failure
in the Garden of Eden.

"I'll go further and remind you
that God tried man before the
law was ever given and man
failed. Man was a failure before
God ever gave the law. We read:

"For until the law SIN WAS
IN THE WORLD: but sin is not
imputed when there is no law." —
Rom. 5:13.

Man was a failure even before
the law was given, for it says un-
til the law sin was in the world.
Sin was already here before God
ever gave the law. Just as God

tried man in the Garden of Eden
and man failed, so God tried man
before the law was given and
man was still a failure.

I'll remind you also that man
failed when God gave the law, or
in other words, God tried man
under law, and man failed. We
read:

"Now we know that what
things soever the law saith, it
saith to them who are under the
law: that every mouth may be
stopped, and all the world may
become guilty before God. There-
fore by the deeds of the law there
shall no flesh be justified in his
sight for by the law is the knowl-
edge of sin." — Rom. 3:19, 20.

Notice, God tried man under
law, and what was the result? We
find the law says to the man who
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Pastor Wayne Cox
Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church
Memphis, Tenn.

He, again, will be a speaker at our
conference and his subject is, "The
Christian After Conversion."



Bro. Roy Mason
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church
Tampa, Florida

Bro. Mason has been asked to
speak on "The Threat Of Roman
Catholicism." He says he may not be
able to attend, due to health set-
backs, but we are trusting the Lord to
give him strength to be with us.

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"Afflictions"

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would boast of his goodness, "Shut your mouth." Every time a man speaks, and tells how good and moral and righteous and upright he is, the law becomes God's mouthstopper, and it says, "Shut your mouth."

I say then, beloved, God tried man in the Garden of Eden and man failed. God tried man before He gave the law, and man failed. God tried man after He had given the law and man was still a failure.

I'll go further and remind you that God has tried man under grace, and man continues a failure. Listen:

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds

were evil." — John 3:19.

This is a reference to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. It says that though Christ has come into the world, men still love darkness rather than light. You can set holiness and sin before the average unsaved man, and unless the Spirit of God works on the heart of that individual, he will choose sin every time to the rejection of holiness. I tell you, beloved, man is, and always has been, a colossal failure in the sight of God. In the Garden of Eden man failed. Before the law was given God tried man and he failed. When the law was given, man was a failure under law. When Jesus Christ came into this world men still loved darkness and the things of this life rather than spiritual things. Man, I say, was tried of God under grace and man continues a failure.

Now, beloved, since man is such a colossal failure as the Word of God reveals him to be, then how much do we need a Saviour! May I remind you that if man failed in the Garden of Eden, if man failed before the law was given, if man failed after the law was given, and if man is still a failure under grace, how much do we need a Saviour! This fifty-third chapter of Isaiah presents to us our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and it says concerning Him, "He was afflicted."

MANY ARE THE AFFLICTIONS OF THE RIGHTEOUS HERE WITHIN THIS LIFE.

We read:

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." — Psa. 34:19.

If you will turn through the Word of God you will find how true this is, that the righteous pass through many afflictions. As I look back across my experience, and my observation of humanity, it seems to me that God's people oftentimes are afflicted more than even the people of this world. We

read:

"And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows." — Ex. 3:7.

"And I have said, I will bring you out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey." — Ex. 3:17.

This would tell us that Israel passed through great afflictions in the land of Egypt.

Go back and study the time



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"Cowboy Bill" will again be with us and his subject is "Conditional or Unconditional Election—Which?"

when they went down into Egypt when Joseph was the prime minister. They got along fine as long as Joseph was there, but after Joseph had died, and a new king came on the throne, and there was an overthrow in the government, then it was that the children of Israel found themselves under trying circumstances. They were enslaved and were put into bondage. The Word of God tells how they were compelled to build the store cities of Pithom and Raameses and other store cities in the land of Egypt. They had many afflictions. God said, "I have surely seen the afflictions of my people which are in Egypt."

Not only was that true of Israel in the land of Egypt, but there are individuals in the Bible that will indicate as much. Take for example, Leah, the unwanted wife of Jacob. I am sure you recall how it was that Leah, the cross-eyed girl, was put off on Jacob in the night's time. The Word of God tells us how it was that Leah though was blessed of God, and at the same time her sister Rachel, whom Jacob really loved, was actually cursed of God, in that she bare no children. We read:

"And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name

"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. Please give the Scriptural basis for your statement, "Interdenominationalism is spiritual adultery."

Study carefully Revelation 2:20, and you will see that God's people committed "fornication" because of the "teaching" of Jezebel. In other words, because the doctrines of Jezebel were taught and believed, these people were guilty of committing spiritual fornication. The union of these people with the false prophetess was an adulterous union. The same is true when the harlot daughters (Protestants) of Rome (Revelation 17) and the churches of the Lord unite in interdenominational work. God's people are guilty of fornication when they do so.

For a further study of spiritual adultery, I suggest that you get a concordance and search the Old Testament Scriptures relative to Israel's adultery with the gods and people of the heathen nations.

2. Is the King James Version of the Bible infallible? In other words, is the translation without fault?

No, it is not. I have heard some people say that they believed the King James Version is just as infallible as the original writings of the prophets and apostles. This is simply blind and wilful ignorance on the part of those who should know better, and unfortunate ignorance on the part of those who have not been taught properly.

If the KJV were infallibly translated, then we would have no such thing as "modes" of baptism, for the word "baptize" should have been translated immerse, as all scholars of any repute testify. And there are other words in the KJV that are translated wrongly and not without bias.

The idea that "Easter" is Biblical is on account of a false translation in Acts 12:4.

A phrase in Acts 2:47 is rendered "such as should be saved" in order to give the sprinklers and pourers a Scripture to use in order to justify the admittance of infants into church membership. But the phrase should read,

Reuben; for she said, Surely the Lord hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me." — Gen. 29:32.

In view of the fact that she had borne a son Leah thought that God had thus looked upon her affliction. She felt that she was afflicted in that her husband did not love her. She said, "Now that I have presented him with a son he will love me, and the Lord hath therefore looked upon my affliction in the giving of this son to me."

Turn to the experience of the Apostle Paul. I am sure you recall the many experiences that Paul went through and the hardships and heartaches and difficulties that he experienced. After he had been whipped five times and had suffered all kinds of privations and hardships he started up to the city of Jerusalem. He said:

"Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me." — Acts 20:35.

After all the afflictions that he had passed through, and after all the experiences of suffering that Paul had gone through in the past, as he journeys toward Jerusalem for the last time, he said, "I don't know what is out before me except that the Holy Spirit has made a revelation to me that bonds and afflictions abide me."

As he comes down to write the last book in the Bible that was written by him, he said:

"Persecutions, afflictions, which (Continued on page 3, column 1)

"those being saved."

These are just a few of some of the erroneous translations of the KJV. There are no perfect translations of the Bible, but the new RSV is far behind the KJV.

3. Why is there so much religious confusion today?

Because God has permitted the devil to spread it. Read Tim. 4:1; II Tim. 3:1-8, 13; II Peter 2:1-22; Jude.

4. The Bible says that the Lord has many mansions. Does that mean buildings or does it mean that there are many worlds?

It doesn't mean worlds. It means just what it says — mansions. Just what they are made of, or how they are made, we don't know. Paul evidently saw this, but said that it was not lawful for him to speak of them (II Cor. 12:4).

5. Does the Bible say that a person cannot enter Heaven without being baptized?

No. The thief went to Heaven without baptism (Luke 23:42-43). All saved people should be baptized in obedience to the Lord thus professing to the world that they are saved by Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. But baptism cannot pay sin's debt. And that is what most people think. Only Christ's death paid sin's debt. Water can't wash away sins; only Christ's blood can (I John 1:7).

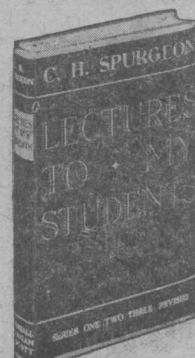
7. What plan has God for the millions of heathen who have never heard His Word? Will they be damned in Hell, or will they be taught hereafter? To me it would be an unjust God to send those people to Hell without chance to be saved.

In regard to your last statement, God does not owe anyone "chance" to be saved. The world is at enmity against God (Read Romans, chapter 1 through 3.) The plan God has for "heathen" is no different than for the heathen of America, England, and elsewhere, who hear the Gospel preached. There is no promise in God's Word that anyone that he will have a chance after death.

8. Where do Baptists get their authority to baptize?

Christ built a Baptist church and authorized it to baptize, as recorded in Matthew 28:19, 20. Man-made churches have no authority for existing.

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the Book and gave it back to the minister and sat down to preach to the congregation, and He said, "This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears." They took the Lord Jesus Christ out of the temple at once to the brow of the hill whereupon their city was located to cast Him headlong, thinking that He was a maniac when He declared that the Scripture was fulfilled in Him. I tell you, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ's life was a life of affliction.

See Him as He comes to Gethsemane and hear Him as He prays. So intense was His agony as He prayed that bloody perspiration stood out upon His brow. I tell you, beloved, the son of God was afflicted.

See Him as He came to the cross, when they drove the nails in His hands and feet and ran a spear through His side. See Him as they placed a crown of thorns upon His brow, and pulled the preached for the first time when He took the book of Isaiah, and read therefrom and then closed

hair from His cheeks until the Son of God's visage was marred more than any human being. Look at Him, beloved, and come back to this passage of Scripture that I am using for my text, and I'll remind you that you can see in Him the fulfillment of this text when it says, "He was afflicted." I say to you, many were the afflictions of the righteous, and surely many were the afflictions of the Lord Jesus Christ.

II

GOD HEARS THE CRY OF THE AFFLICTED.

All through the ages God has always made a speciality of hearing the cry of the afflicted. We read:

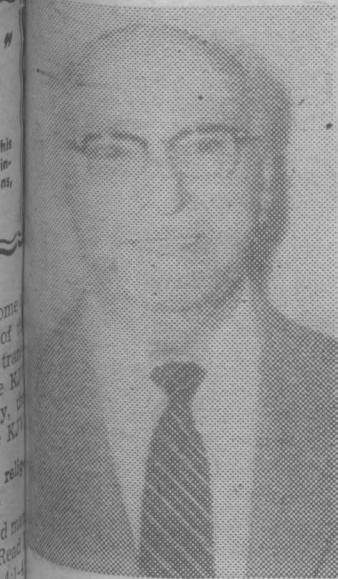
"So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and HE HEARETH THE CRY OF THE AFFLICTED." — Job 34:28.

You can look through the Word of God and you will find that individual after individual in the hour of affliction has cried unto God, and God has heard his cry.

Over and over again the Word of God reveals to us that as man has been afflicted and has cried unto God, that God has heard his affliction. Is it possible for us to imagine that the great God of the universe would stop everything, so to speak, to listen to the cry of affliction of a child of God, yet that is the revelation of God's Book.

Even God listens to the cry of affliction on the part of those who have not lived as they should. Do you know whom I think was the worst man in the Old Testament, the man who was the vilest, most vicious, most sinful of all the Old Testament? He was the son of a good man. Hezekiah was a good man, a good king, but he had a son named Manasseh that was undoubtedly the most wicked man that is spoken of in the Old Testament. What does the Word of God say that he did? He did evil up again the high places that Hezekiah had broken down. He raised up the altars of Baal for people to worship. He established

groves of trees where the worst type of religious worship was conducted — where idolatry and adultery ran rampant in the name of religion. He worshipped the host of heaven and the stars and the moon. He built altars in the house of the Lord and established altars unto foreign gods and caused his children to pass through the fire — meaning that he offered his children as sacrifices unto a god of fire. He used enchantments, witchcraft, and dealt with familiar spirits. He set up a carved image in the very house of Almighty God Himself. The Word of God goes further and tells us concerning Manasseh that he caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do wrong and to do worse than the heathen that God had cast out from the land of Canaan. Now can you imagine a man much worse than this man Manasseh, and yet when he was captured and taken into captivity in Assyria the Word of God tells us that Manasseh cried unto God and God heard him in his affliction. Continued on page 4, col. 1)



Pastor Arthur J. Corcoran
Cottage Hills Baptist Church
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Unfortunately, Bro. Corcoran was with us last year due to an error on our part. But he is to speak this year on "The Work Of The Trinity Salvation."

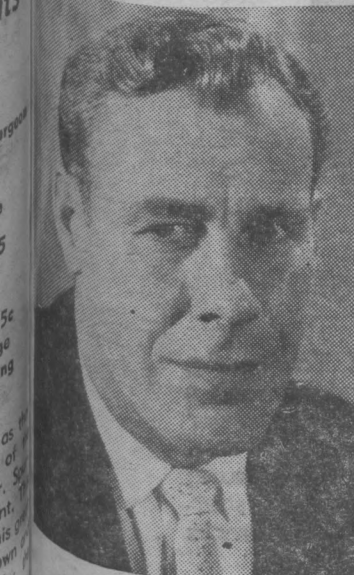
"Afflictions"

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 unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them the Lord delivered me." — 2 Tim. 3:11.

Paul, referring back over his life, speaks of it as a life of persecutions and afflictions. I say, beloved, in the light of the experience of the children of Israel in the land of Egypt, in the light of the experience of Leah who was virtually hated by her husband, and in the light of the experience of the Apostle Paul who went through all kinds of difficulties and referred to it as a life of persecutions and afflictions I say to you, many are the afflictions of the righteous.

If that be the experience of the child, how much more was the experience of the Lord Jesus Christ. When my text says "He was afflicted," it is talking about the Lord Jesus Himself. Go back to the time when He was born. In just a little while after His birth a Roman emperor sent forth an edict declaring that the babes in the city of Bethlehem were to be slain. He didn't want to kill all the babes, but he would rather kill all of them than allow the baby Jesus to escape. Therefore he sent forth an edict mandating that all the babes in the city of Bethlehem be killed. I would remind you that afflictions began in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ when a babe but a few hours of age.

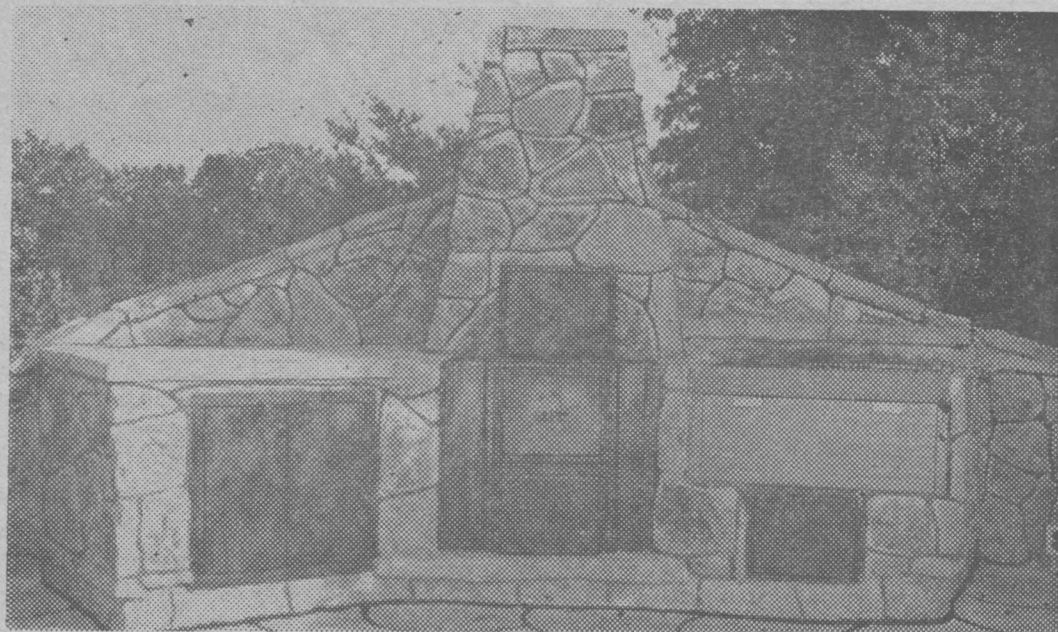
Those afflictions continued. I would follow Him if you will even to the day when He began His public ministry. See Him as He was taught for the first time when He took the book of Isaiah, and read therefrom and then closed



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"Afflictions"

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tion.

Look at Manasseh when the Assyrian army came against the Jews and look how Manasseh took to hiding. I can see him out there among the thorns and the briars hiding. He hides among the thorns thinking surely they won't look for a king there, but they did. They searched him out and bound him with fetters and carried him away into Assyria and there in Assyria he suffered. As he suffered, he cried to God. Listen:

"And when he was in affliction, he besought the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers." — II Chron. 33:12.

Notice, even though Manasseh sinned ungodly, when he turned to the Lord, God saw his affliction, and heard his prayer, and restored him from the land of captivity. I tell you, beloved, God

hears the cry of the afflicted.

May I remind you that while God hears the cry of the afflicted, He didn't hear His Son Jesus Christ when He was afflicted. Listen:

"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me." — Mt. 27:46.

What a contrast! Manasseh who had lived godless and ungodly, yet when he is afflicted he cried and the great God of Heaven stopped everything to hear his cry in his affliction, yet when the Lord Jesus Christ was brought to the cross of Calvary and they drove the nails into His hands and feet, the Father turned His face and allowed Jesus Christ to suffer for our sins. May I remind you of this fact, that while God heard through all ages His children's cry when in the hour of affliction, God refused to hear His Son

when He was afflicted.

III

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST'S AFFLICTIONS BEGAN WITH HIS YOUTH.

We read:

"I am afflicted and ready to die from MY YOUTH UP: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted." — Psa. 88:15.

The Lord Jesus Christ's afflictions began early. They began a few days after He was born when the king tried to have all the babes of Bethlehem killed just to be sure that Jesus Himself might be killed. That wasn't the last affliction that He had. From the very beginning, all the way through life from His youth up, the Lord Jesus Christ was afflicted and ready to die. In fact, that is why He came into this world. We read:

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

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners: of whom I am chief." — I Tim. 1:15.

"The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." — Rev. 13:8.

The Lord Jesus Christ came to be afflicted. When you find Him at the Cross of Calvary, afflicted to the extent that the blood pours out from the wounds in His body — when you see the Son of God suffering as a result of the afflictions through which He passed, you can say, that which He came for was being realized and fulfilled in His death at Calvary.

IV

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST PRAYED FOR THOSE WHO AFFLICTED HIM.

We read:

"Then said Jesus, Father, FORGIVE THEM; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots." — Luke 23:34.

Can you imagine the Lord Jesus Christ praying for the man who drove the nails in His hand, yet He did. Can you imagine Him praying for that man who drove that spear into His side? Can you imagine Him praying for that man who took the reed out of His hand and smote Him over the head and drove that crown of thorns deep into His brow? He did. He prayed for those who afflicted Him.

Come with me to Calvary and see the Lord Jesus Christ as He is put upon the cross. See Him as He suffers silently and never says a word. In a mute manner the Lord Jesus Christ suffers for some period of time, and for quite a good while as He hangs there the Son of God doesn't even speak. Then I see His blessed lips begin to move and I wonder what He is going to say. I know what He could say, rightly, and with justice. He could have hurled the last one of that bloodthirsty mob that was crucifying Him into Hell. With justice could He have picked up every last one of His accusers and hurled them into the very flames of Hell itself. I know He could have pronounced a curse upon the last one of them with



Pastor Gerald Price
Temple Baptist Church
Bristol, Tenn.

Bro. Price is a very forceful preacher of deep conviction and will be bringing a message on "What is the Baptist Church And Its Work?"

justice, but He didn't do it. When His lips parted and when His tongue was loosed, and when the Son of God spoke, He said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." I tell you, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ prayed for those that afflicted Him.

You don't find many instances like this in the Word of God. Stephen is a good example. The Word of God says that when Stephen was stoned to death, he kneeled down in prayer and said, "Lord, lay not this sin upon their charge. However, in many instances you don't find people praying for their enemies. When Jesus came to die He prayed for those who afflicted Him.

V

COMPARED TO JESUS' AFFLICTIONS, OUR AFFLICTIONS ARE VERY LIGHT.

We think we have lots of troubles in this world. I am sure that (Continued on page 17, Col. 1)

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The Mourner's Bench

By The Late A. M. Overton

I

In his early youth, the writer remembers going to revival meetings and hearing preachers preach what they called "the gospel," consisting largely of "graveyard tales" and "death-bed stories." At the end of the preaching period, the congregation joined in a spirited "invitation" song, the preacher would start "calling mourners," and sometimes others besides the preacher would go

throughout the audience, urging the people, young people especially, to go to the "mourner's bench." Usually they would get the "altar" (the seat or space in front of the pulpit) pretty well filled every night.

The "altar call" would be interspersed with warnings of the danger of not availing oneself of the opportunity presented of being saved at that particular time and place. Stories would be told of how some other young man, or

young woman, came to a sudden and tragic end who had been in a similar place and state as that service, who had ignored the appeals of the preacher and others, and had refused to come to the "mourner's bench." Such stories usually produced a number of "mourners."

After all had been led to the "altar" that would come, the preacher would ask all Christians interested in the salvation of the lost to assemble at the "altar" and

join in the prayer. After a lengthy season of prayer led by the preacher, or someone called upon, the preacher would go around to the "penitents," as those at the "altar" were called, and urge them to believe in Christ, and stand up and "confess" Him as their Saviour. Little, if any, instruction was ever given as to how a sinner is saved by the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Following the prayer season, the song leader and choir would resume the "invitation" song while the preacher, and often other "personal workers," would go, to the "penitents," urging them to "accept" Christ. When one went up to the preacher and took him by the hand, he was spoken of as having "come through."

This practice of the "mourner's bench" was so common that it became indelibly identified in my thinking with the church and all it stood for. Accepting the churches I knew as being "of the Lord," I naturally came to accept the "mourner's bench" as being "of the Lord" also. I do not recall that we ever heard a Baptist preacher in all my early life who did not make use, in some degree, of the "mourner's bench." I came to have a definite impression that salvation was in and at the "mourner's bench."

And yet, in my young mind, with little or no scriptural instruction in such matters, there was a definite feeling that the practice was inconsistent with what the preachers said about Jesus Christ being the Saviour of all who put their trust in Him. Because of that feeling, this writer never one time went to the

"mourner's bench."

When, after I had come to know Jesus Christ as Saviour, I realized God had called me to preach His gospel, I began my ministry along the pattern of those who went before us. I did not know that it could be done any other way, and consequently I used the "mourner's bench" in a modified form. But, it always did seem out of place to tell lost sinners that Jesus Christ had died for sins, that God's broken law had been satisfied, that God loved them and would save everyone who believed in Jesus Christ, and then turn right around and have them go through the "labor" of the "mourner's bench," as a help toward getting the Lord to save them, or get them ready to be saved.

Nevertheless, I continued this practice for several years. No one had ever suggested that it might not be in harmony with the New Testament. No one ever questioned whether or not it was pleasing to our Lord. It was assumed that it was of the Lord, and since it got "results," there was little inclination to question its scripturalness. On the contrary, the "mourner's bench" was held up as a badge of being "old fashioned" and therefore wholly scriptural.

By and by, a preacher brother, asked for a scripture to support the use of the "mourner's bench." Rather indignantly, I declared that there were plenty of such scriptures. He quietly asked for just one. I began, for the first time, to (Continued on Page 6, column 1)

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think of the practice of the "mourner's bench" in the light of the Word of God. I suggested several scriptures, but this brother, who knew far more about the actual Word of God than I did, quickly showed me that the scriptures I gave did not concern the practice of the "mourner's bench."

Then in real earnestness, I began to search the New Testament, believing I could "prove" to that brother that he was wrong. In

vain did I search. Not easily could I turn loose from such a widely used and deeply cherished practice. But, I truly did want to know and follow the truth of the Word of God, and the more I studied the New Testament with this subject in mind, the more thoroughly I was convinced that there were no scriptural grounds for the "mourner's bench." And being honest in my convictions, I could do nothing but lay it down once and for all.

It was not easy. The fight came from many sides. First of all "results" dropped considerably. That

was a grievous test of faith. Many of the brethren no longer wanted me for "revivals." I was no good as a "revivalist," if I did not use the "mourner's bench." Others branded me with different names of various "ites" and "isms." But, oh, the increased joy that came to this preacher in preaching and depending upon the Word of God in the hands of the Holy Spirit to bring men to repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

And because of my own experience with this unscriptural practice, I have yearned to do for our

younger brethren what no one did for this preacher a long time — call their attention to, and challenge them to consider the unscripturalness of the practice, as well as point out the extreme modernity of it all. This I propose to do in this article.

II

THE ALTAR SERVICE

We believe it may be profitable to give here a short discussion of what is commonly called the "altar service," another name for

the "mourner's bench." We would like to challenge the reader to honestly ask himself this question: Does an "altar" have any place in a New Testament church-house or service? What is a scriptural altar? The word "altar" in the Bible means "place of slaughter." Is there any place for a "place of slaughter" in New Testament worship?

To follow the scriptures concerning the altar, — and surely no one who claims to be a child of God would advocate violating the scriptures—we must place the altar before the door of the building instead of before the pulpit (Ex. 40:6.) The only use the scriptures give for the altar was to offer burnt offerings. These offerings were typical of what Christ fulfilled (Heb. 10:4-12). Consequently, to use the altar scripturally would be to declare by our actions that Christ has not come, and that He has not fulfilled the scriptures concerning His sacrificial death.

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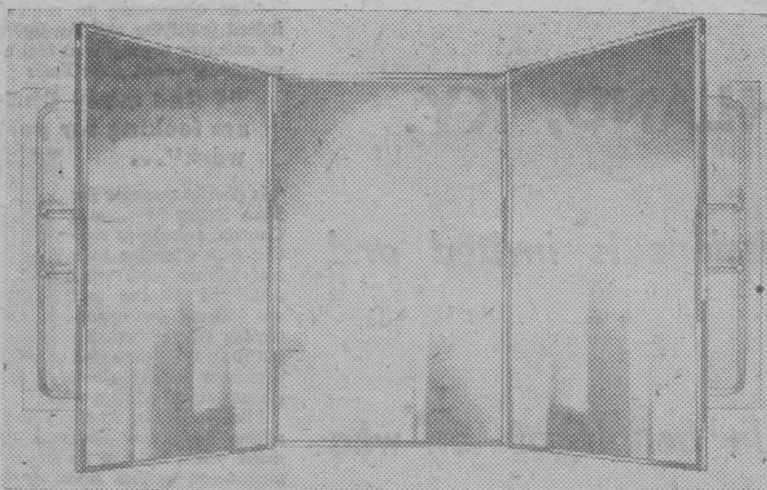
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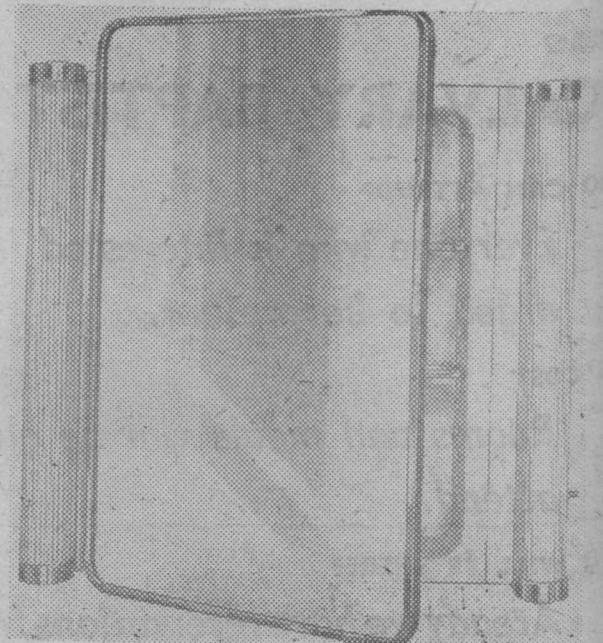
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"delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification," can easily see that there is no place in scriptural worship for anything akin to an altar.

But, there is still another fact for us to consider. Who officiates at the altar? The priest. What priest—the common, Levitical, or the High Priest? The High Priest, of course, who was a type of Christ.

Every service of the altar was performed by the priest. Everyone who performs at an altar service is assuming the priestly office, which was fulfilled and done away in Christ Jesus, our great High Priest (Heb. 8:1). The priest was doing at the altar (in type) what the Lord Jesus Christ did (in fact) with His own blood from Calvary's cross. Since His work is finished, there is no warrant whatsoever for anyone's assuming in any fashion the priestly office or work. To do so denies the sufficiency and efficacy of His shed blood and atoning sacrifice.

It is enough to make anyone, who knows and loves the Lord Jesus Christ and His eternal Word, to shudder to even think of re-establishing anything that would throw any suspicion on the full sufficiency of His finished work. But, that is exactly what the practice of the "altar service," or "mourner's bench" does.

The "Mercy-Seat"

Closely allied to the "altar service" is what is sometimes called the "mercy-seat." In fact the "mourner's bench" is frequently referred to as the "mercy-seat." Lost sinners are sometimes invited to "come to the mercy-seat" by preachers who practice the "mourner's bench." The unscripturalness of this is even greater than the other.

The "mercy-seat," literally "a place of covering (sin)," was a lid over the ark. Read Ex. 25:17-22. It was upon this mercy-seat that the High Priest sprinkled the blood of the sin-offering (Lev. 16:14-16). Instead of the Lord "inviting" lost sinners to the "mercy-seat," He warned all except spe-

cified individuals not to touch it (Num. 4:15). Read II Sam. 6:6, 7, and see what happened to Uzzah when he touched the ark, upon which the mercy-seat rested.

Regardless of what those who practice it may say or think, the use of the "altar" suggests sacrifice and "sin-offering," and denies the full efficacy of the work of Jesus Christ. The use of the "mercy-seat" suggests "sin-covering," and gives the very definite impression that something is being done that helps to take care of the sin question, all of which dishonors the Lord Jesus Christ and questions His redemptive work.

We do not see how any real Baptist can countenance and endorse any practice that smacks so strongly of the priesthood of Roman Catholicism. Those who know and are willing to follow the Word of God, don't.

The preachers who practice the "altar service," use the "mercy-seat," or "mourner's bench," ought to be consistent and wear their collars and vests "hind-part-before" as all modern priests do,

for that is exactly the office work they seek to perform.

III

THE TESTIMONY OF THE SCRIPTURES

Now we want to take up the Word of God and show therefrom that there is absolutely no need for anything even remotely akin to the "mourner's bench" as an aid, in any way, to the lost sinner's salvation. There are many honest people who sincerely think that in some way, they do not know how, the "mourner's bench" helps the lost sinner to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. If such would open-mindedly study the Lord's Word they would soon see the foolishness of such an idea.

1. The "mourner's bench" is not needed to secure God's love.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in

Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8.

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." I John 4:10.

"But God, Who is rich in mercy for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ." Eph. 4:4, 5.

2. The "mourner's bench" is not needed to prepare the lost sinner for salvation.

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

"I came, not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:32.

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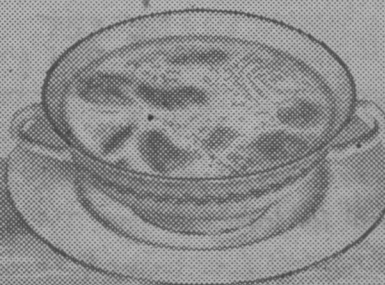
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"While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8.

"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." Rom. 5:10.

3. The "mourner's bench" does not lead to repentance.

"Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life." Acts 11:18.

"Or despiseth thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance." Rom. 2:4.

4. The "mourner's bench" does not lead to faith in Christ.

"By grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Eph. 2:8.

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation."

Eph. 1:13.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life." John 5:24.

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Rom. 10:17.

5. The "mourner's bench" does not help one to see Christ, but on the contrary hinders by turning the attention of the lost sinner from the Saviour to himself and to the place where he is.

"And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son and believeth on Him may have everlasting life." John 6:40.

"O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you." Gal. 3:1.

These Galatians had Jesus Christ plainly set forth among them in the gospel which Paul and others had previously preached unto them.

"The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to

everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed." Rom. 1:16, 17.

The gospel message reveals Christ Jesus, God's righteousness, to those who believe it. This gospel of Christ provides everything necessary to the lost sinner from the opening of his blind eyes to his inheritance in glory.

In Acts 26:17, 18, we read what the Lord Jesus called and sent the apostle Paul to do. He was sent to the Gentiles "to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith which is in Me."

Turning to I Cor. 1:17, we find that this same Paul was sent, "not to baptize," not to have an "altar service, not to pray, "but to preach the gospel."

The gospel of Christ is God's dynamite, and it does not need any of man's puny, sinful, flesh-suggested "crow-bars" to help it do its work. Anything we do to

try to help the gospel do its work discredits the gospel and hinders the lost sinner with whom we are dealing.

We do not question that some people may have trusted Christ while at the "mourner's bench," but we do say with all the emphasis we can muster, not one of them was helped to salvation by it, but rather, was saved in spite of it. It is wonderful what the power of God's grace can do, and how it can work even in the midst of the greatest obstacles.

The plain testimony of the Word of God leaves no support for the unbiased mind to hold on to any such practice as the "altar service," "mercy-seat," or "mourner's bench." The way to God has been opened wide by the Lamb of God, our great High Priest, and it is an insult and reproach to Him for man to resurrect the old fulfilled priesthood which was never more than a type, and place it between the lost sinner and the Saviour, Who died to pay his sin debt forever.

IV

THE NEW TESTAMENT PRACTICE

We now want to call to the reader's attention enough of the instances of New Testament salvation to show that there was nothing like the "mourner's bench" used by any of the apostles, or New Testament preachers. We would like to challenge the reader to a close reading of the New Testament with this one thing in mind: To see if he can find one single instance where anyone, the Lord or any of His disciples, ever used anything remotely resembling the "altar service," "mercy-seat," or the "mourner's bench." Surely if it cannot be found in the New Testament, those who claim to accept the New Testament as their rule of faith and practice ought to lay it down.

The Lord Jesus used nothing like it with Andrew, Peter, Philip and Nathanael in John 1:35-51.

Neither did He use anything of the kind with Nicodemus (John 3), or the woman at the well (John 4), or with Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-9), or with the thief on the cross (Luke 23:39-45). When each one saw Him as the Messiah, the Christ, their Saviour, they received Him immediately without any help from anyone.

The gospel of Christ is God's appointed means, in the hands of the Holy Spirit, of revealing Christ, God's righteousness, to lost men. Our task is to preach it. God will make it truth to our hearers, if it ever becomes truth to them. The Lord was emphatically clear about this in His words to Simon Peter, (Matt. 16:16, 17) just after Peter had declared, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," which is saving truth (See John 20:30, 31, I John 5:1). He said to Peter, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it, (that truth) unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." Saving truth cannot be revealed by flesh and blood, and "flesh and blood" works around the "mourner's bench."

Nothing resembling the "mourner's bench" was used on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2).

Phillip did not use anything like it with the eunuch (Acts 8). (Continued on page 13, column 1)

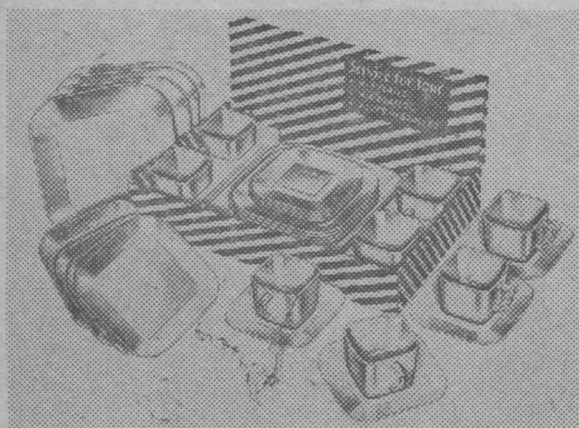
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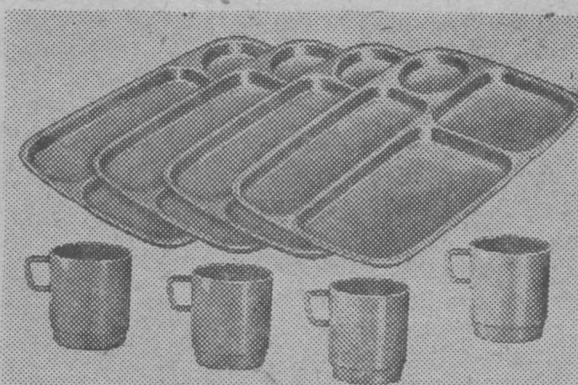
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Open communion has no scriptural basis whatever. Open communion contradicts and departs from the historic practices of the churches. Open communion transfers authority from the church administering communion to the "conscience" of the communicant, a dubious authority in view of the flexible nature of the human conscience. Open communion obscures and even destroys the distinction between true churches and false churches, making their members equal at the table of the Lord. Open communion obscures and even destroys the distinction between orthodoxy and heresy and even embraces apostasy. Open communion rests upon a false religious notion, that membership in the family of God is equivalent to membership in the true New Testament church. Open communion destroys the

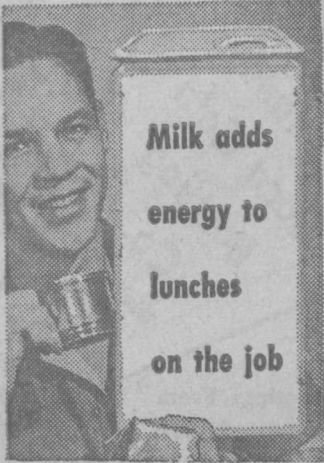
New Testament principle of discipline, leaving the discipline of the unworthy to the guilty party, instead of the authoritative church. This violates the Scriptures and the historic practices of the churches. The idea of leaving the unworthy to bar themselves from communion is a false idea as a casual observation will prove. This is not a valid principle for the church but an escape from moral responsibility. Open communion destroys the doctrinal basis of communion, opening the door wide to all sorts of unscriptural, heretical and even apostate views of the atonement. Open communion impairs the scriptural principle of separation from unbelievers, for it is ridiculous to assert that one cannot be-

long to the same denomination with unbelievers, when they are permitted to enter the sacred precincts of the communion on an equal basis and unrebuked. The New Testament knows nothing of open communion. The post-apostolic church did not practice present day open communion. The Church of the Reformation did not practice open communion. The historic churches believe that the communion was under the authority and jurisdiction of the local church and subject to its restrictions. The idea that the unbaptized are entitled to communion has no basis in Scripture or church history.

The principle that heretics must be barred from communion is well established in the New Testament and in church practice. The principle of New Testament discipline over the Lord's table is firmly based on the New Testament and deeply imbedded in historic church practice. The New Testament Baptist position that only baptized Christians, and members of the local church, under the discipline of the church, can take communion is a valid one. New Testament Baptists hold that only the immersion of a believer, under the authority of a New Testament church is a valid baptism. Only such believers who have been properly baptized, who walk orderly, and approved by the church are entitled to the Lord's Supper.

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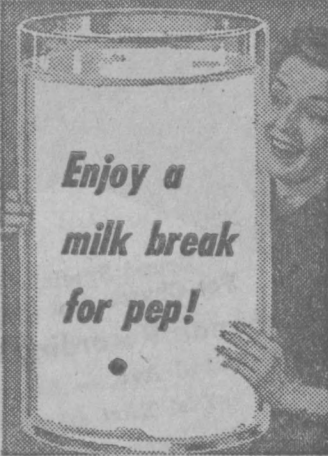
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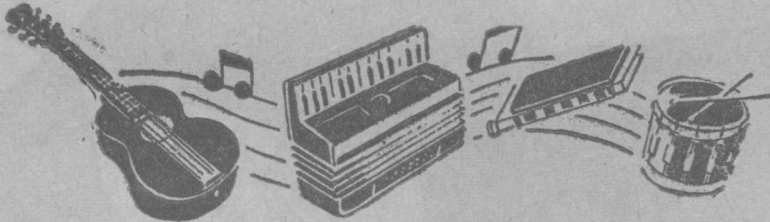
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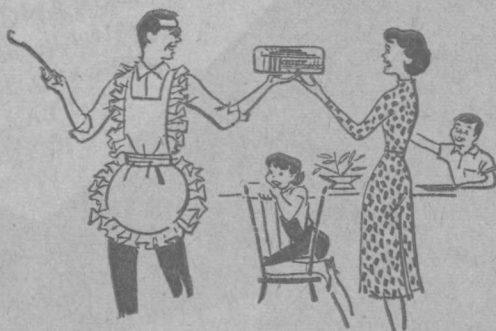
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The Mourner's Bench

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do not see anything suggestive of it in Paul's salvation (Acts 9). Peter does not use it with the household of Cornelius (Acts 10). Paul and Silas did nothing but "unto him the word of the Lord" to the Philippian jailor (Acts 16).

In writing to the Corinthians, during his first visit to that city, the apostle Paul says, "And I, brethren, when I came unto you, came with excellency of speech or wisdom, declaring unto you the mystery of God, For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech was not with wisdom of man's wisdom, but demonstration of the Spirit and of Power." 1 Cor. 2:1-4.

In this passage we find three important facts:

1. Paul came to these lost Corinthians "declaring the testimony of God." That was what he was sent to do.

2. He determined not to know anything among them (lost people) save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. He was determined not to know anything like the "mour-

ner's bench," or anything except the crucified Christ.

3. He did not use enticing persuasive words in dealing with these lost people. That is, he did not use what man's wisdom would dictate as being persuasive. He used God's Word, which is both persuasive and empowering.

Therefore, we may go where we will in the New Testament, and we will find nothing that resembles the modern practice of the "mourner's bench." How so many conscientious people, preachers, and others, could have been so blind to this fact is hard to understand! And yet, having been so misled himself, this writer fully sympathizes with them, and prays earnestly that this little message may be used of the Lord to open their eyes to their error.

V

THE TESTIMONY OF HISTORY

The natural reaction of any inquiring mind, after seeing that the "mourner's bench" is utterly without scriptural foundation in fact or principle, is to ask, When did this practice actually get started? It is in answer to this question that this is written.

As stated above, this writer was led to see that this practice was wholly unsupported by the New

Testament, and laid it down years ago. I knew that it was of "this side of the New Testament" origin, but I could not find any reliable data as to just when and where it actually did originate.

Some months ago, I spent some time in the world's largest library, the Congressional Library in Washington, D. C., with the aid of a trained assistant, searching out what history had to say about this matter. There I was able to search out the various church histories, and check through many thousands of volumes that might have something to say on the question. To my utter surprise, I discovered that very little has ever been written about the "mourner's bench." I found out for the first time that it is a provincial southern religious custom, and is almost wholly unknown outside the south. When I inquired of the librarian there, supposedly one of the best informed men in the land, about the "mour-

ner's bench," he exclaimed, "The 'mourner's bench.' Why, I never heard of it."

But, there and elsewhere, I have found enough historical evidence to show conclusively that the "mourner's bench" is of comparatively recent origin. In no instance have I found, even from those who believe in it and practice it, any claim that it was known or practiced in any form before 1780 A. D.

Those who are acquainted with the scriptures know that the Lord speaks of a general "falling away" toward the end of this age. See II Thess. 2:3, II Tim. 3:1-7, Rev. 3:14-18, etc. Therefore, anything that is of modern origin may be a part of, or a result of that "falling away." Most of the "Christianity" of today is "apostate Christianity." The only way we can be sure and safe in our judgment is to stick to the scriptures. (Continued on page 14, column 1)

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"mourner's bench" in this message. Our treatment has been brief, but we challenge the reader to carry on an exhaustive investigation of the whole New Testament, until he becomes thoroughly convinced about this matter.

The "mourner's bench" seems to have been first called "the anxious seat," and grew out of the "inquiry," or "anxious meetings" used by zealous evangelists of the early part of the 19th century. At the first the preacher would invite those interested to come to the front and remain for further instruction after the close of the services. This type of practice does not violate any principle of the scriptures, but may be used with great profit and in complete faithfulness to the Lord and His Word.

But Satan's business is to corrupt everything that honors the Lord, and that is used to lead lost sinners to a saving knowledge of Christ. This he did with the "inquiry meeting."

We were rather surprised to find that even these "inquiry meetings" were of modern origin. Charles L. Thompson, in his book **TIMES OF REFRESHING**, published in 1877, says,

"Inquiry meetings, properly so-called, may be counted among the new methods of the past fifty years."

Humphrey, in **REVIVAL SKETCHES AND MANUAL**, says,

"My acquaintance with them (inquiry, or anxious meetings) was about 1817."

In the book, **THE ANXIOUS**

BENCH, by John W. Nevin, president of Franklin and Marshall College, published in 1843-44, we found this testimony,

"The system of new measures (the 'wailing bench') has no affinity whatever with the life of the Reformation, as embodied in the Augsburg Confession and the Heidelberg Catechism. It could not have found any favor in the eyes of Zwingli or Calvin. Luther would have denounced it in most unmerciful terms. . . . The system in question, in its principle and soul, is neither Calvinism, nor Lutheranism, but Wesleyan Methodism."

Those who know the life and work of Martin Luther, who dared to break with Catholicism and fight its formalism, ritualism and priestcraft, can easily imagine his reaction to anything so inherently Catholic as the "mourner's bench."

An interesting testimony was left by a remarkable woman, Mrs. Calvin (nee Eglantine Garrett) Henderson, mother of our late departed brother, J. L. Henderson, who was born in Edgefield District (County) South Carolina in 1813. Mrs. Henderson said that somewhere around 1830, a converted negro slave, one Henry Adams, preached to the negroes and also to the whites. He adopted the practice of asking those who were interested to come to the front and let him pray for them. They would then go back to their seats. Mrs. Henderson, born and raised in South Carolina, and spent most of her long life in Ala-

bama and Mississippi, said that in New York City. They replied, "The origin of the mourner's bench is obscure. It seems to have been first heard of any such practice."

The question, "What is the origin of the mourner's bench?" was submitted to the National Conference of Jews and Christians, (Continued on page 15, column 1)

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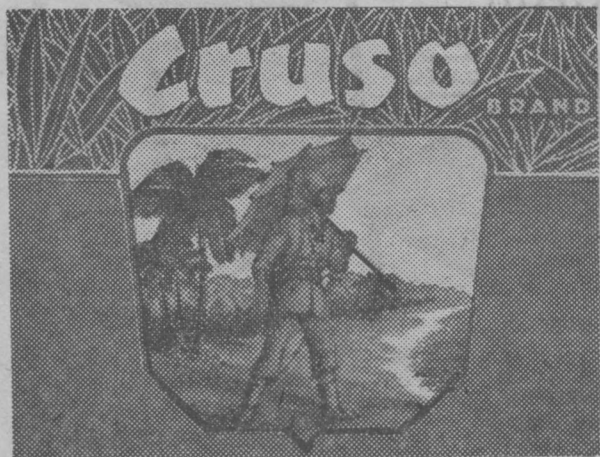
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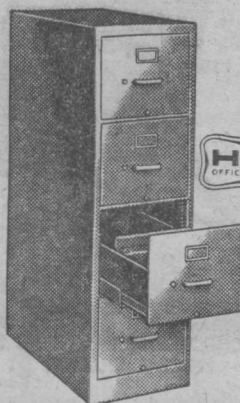
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ancel as early as 1799. In the
at camp meeting that began in
Nineteenth Century exhorters
led through the congregation
urged people to fall on their
knees where they were. The
mourner's bench was a distinc-
feature of the meetings con-
ducted by Charles G. Finney in
the 4th and 5th decades of the
Nineteenth Century. In the old
Methodist Church, at the head of
the river in New Jersey, down
New Republic, I remember
have seen an old mourner's
bench, as it was used there in the
early days. This building goes
back to 1780. Whether the mour-
ner's bench is that old cannot be

David Burris, in his tract, "The
Altar and the Mercy-Seat," says,
"The mourner's bench had its
beginning in 1794, and is at least
1700 years too young to be the
New Testament way of leading
lost sinners to Christ."

I wrote to James R. Joy, secre-
tary of the Methodist Historical
Society, New York City, and ask-
ed him for information concern-
ing the origin and development of
the "mourner's bench." He re-
plied:

"The 'Mourner's bench' and
'Anxious-seat' were terms that
came into use in America in the
early part of the 19th century, at
camp meetings and other revival
services.

In all of my search through
scores of religious histories, en-
cyclopedias, and reference works
that covered thousands of vol-
umes of religious history, I found
no reference, or claim that this
practice of the "mourner's bench,"
or "anxious seat," in any form
whatever, dated back of 1780 A.
D. in this country or anywhere
else.

In view of the fact that the
"mourner's bench" has absolute-
ly no scriptural warrant, but on
the other hand, does distinctly
teach and suggest that which dis-
parages and dishonors Jesus
Christ and His work of redemp-
tion, and since it is easily seen
from the scriptures that it serves
in no way to help a lost sinner to
know the Lord Jesus Christ as
Saviour, and since it is definitely
and unquestionably of modern
origin, I submit that no one who
loves the Lord and His Word and
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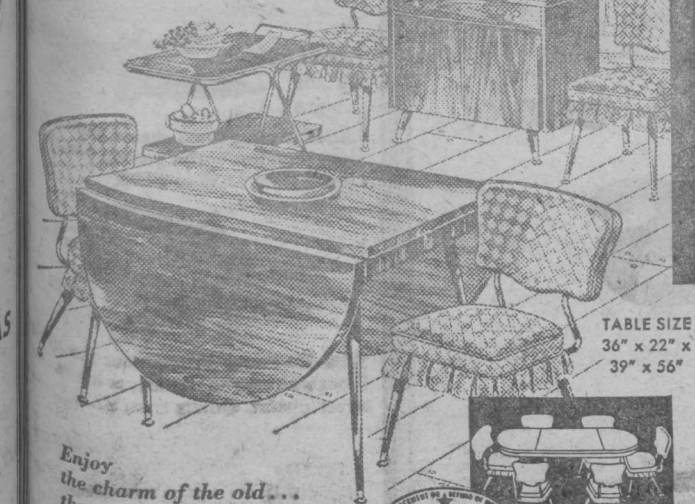


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tice or have anything to do with
it. It is foreign to the letter,
spirit, principle and practice of
the New Testament, and has no
place in any church that seeks to
follow the New Testament pat-
tern.

CONCLUSION

We believe the dangers of the
"mourner's bench" are far greater
than many are willing to believe.
It is the candid opinion of the
writer that no other one thing is
so much responsible for so many

lost people in our church mem-
berships today.

Zeal is a fine thing, if always
kept in submission to the will of
the Lord. But, so often it is as the
Lord Jesus said to His disciples,
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(John 2:17) "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." Our zeal may completely consume the spirit of obedience, and lead us into religious sins.

A study of the apostle Paul re-

veals much along this line. Surely none of us can rightfully claim to have a greater zeal for the Lord, or to be more concerned about lost sinners than he. As we read what he said to the Romans in Rom. 9:1-3, 10:1, we must admit that he had a compassionate heart

for the lost. But, we never find him using anything similar to the "mourner's bench," or any of the many other high pressure methods employed so widely by modern evangelists, preachers and pastors. If there was no legitimate reason for Paul to use these things, then where can we find warrant for them? But he simply preached "the word," "the gospel," "Christ," and left it with the hearers and the Lord.

It is a greater test of our faith than most of us can stand to simply preach the gospel of Christ and wait on the Lord for results. Too many preachers are afraid the Lord may fail to keep His promise and honor His Word, so they introduce methods and prac-

tices that will produce "results" satisfactory to themselves without checking by the Word whether or not those methods are pleasing to the Lord they profess to follow.

God promised Abraham and Sarah a son (Gen. 15:4, 5). But, like so many of the Lord's people today, they could not stand to wait for the Lord to keep His promise in His own way. So at Sarah's suggestion (Gen. 16:1-11) they proceeded to work out for themselves what the Lord had promised. They got "results" all right, but no Isaac. Instead of Isaac, the son of promise, they got Ishmael, a son of the flesh, doomed to be cast out.

When we go beyond what we are commissioned to do, preach Jesus Christ, His Gospel, the Word of God, and use human wisdom and fleshly methods, we can get "results" that highly please the flesh, but we get Ishmaels instead of Isaacs. Our churches today are filled with Ishmaels, those who have been brought through an "experience," but one of the flesh. And most of them will never know the difference until it is too late. And as Paul states (Gal. 4:29), "But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so is it now."

This writer's greatest desire is to do the will of his Lord. My

greatest joy comes when I have just reason to believe that I have been faithful to Him, even in our limited way. I delight to see lost sinners come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ the Savior. I am genuinely concerned about the vast multitudes of lost about us, and because of this concern, I am trying to use every means I know to get the "good news" of God's wonderful grace to as many as I can while it is yet day.

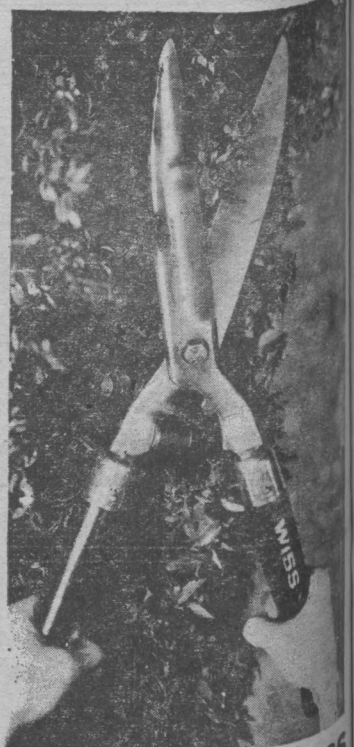
And it is because of the concern for these lost multitudes, and because of our desire to be faithful and true to Him Who gave Himself for us, that this message is published. We hope and pray that it will serve in some small way to remove that unscriptural barrier that man has erected between lost sinners and the Christ Who died to set them free from every yoke.

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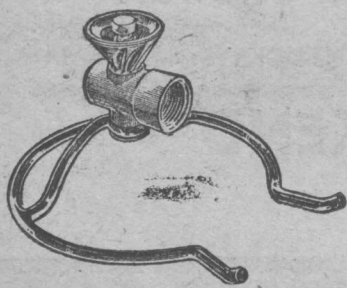
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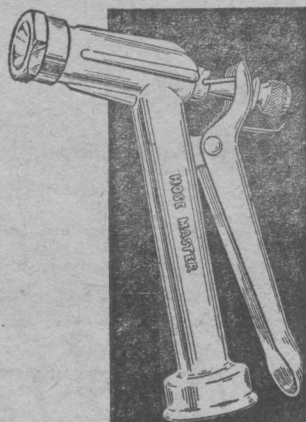
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nailed Him fast to a cross. See Him as they ran a spear through His side. See Him as the pain leaps along the very arteries of His body. See Him as His bosom heaves and falls beneath the weight of pain and affliction that He was experiencing. When you do, then compare your affliction with the afflictions of Jesus, and like Paul we are compelled to speak of them as "our light affliction."

I grant you that they are heavy enough, and I grant you we think they are exceedingly heavy sometimes, but our afflictions compared to His are but light. Especially are they made light in view of the fact that He helps us to carry ours. In fact, you and I couldn't carry our afflictions and our burdens if it were not that the Lord Jesus Christ has gone before us. We read:

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." — Heb. 4:15, 16.

Yes, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ knew what it was to be hated. He knew what it was to be spit upon. He knew what it was to be abused. He knew what it was to be afflicted, and because of that He says to us, "Come boldly unto the throne of grace that you may obtain mercy and grace to help in time of trouble."

I am glad that there is never a stone that I stumble over but what Jesus likewise tripped upon it. I am glad that the rocks that bruised my feet bruised His feet. I am glad that the sorrows that I have, He had, and experienced them before me. Therefore, my affliction is but a light affliction because He gives grace to lighten the load. He causes my affliction to be described as a light affliction.

CONCLUSION

I ask you, do you know this one who was afflicted? Do you know Him as a Saviour? You say, "I believe there is a God." That is not what I am asking. You say, "Well, I believe there was a man named Jesus." That is not what I am asking. I am not asking if you believe there is a God, or if you believe the Bible. I am not asking if you believe that Jesus

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"God Forbid"

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from all eternity that Christ should die the cursed death of the tree, and this He Himself foretold shortly before His death: that He would fall into the hands of wicked men who would deliver Him up to be crucified.

Now, a word or two ere I leave this question of the material cross having no place in the worship of God. Some say that it is a symbol. A symbol of what? Oh, a symbol of Christ's death. No. To say such a thing is to confess ignorance. Even little children going to school can tell you that the symbol of Christ's death is the Lord's Supper, which He Himself instituted.

As often as ye do this, ye show forth the Lord's death until He comes."

What a pity it is that people who have had the Bible in their hands and in their homes so long should be under the delusion that the instrument upon which the Saviour laid down His life should be the symbol of His death. I tell such people that they are ignorant of the Word of God, and I tell them that, not from any ill-feeling, but from sincere pity and from a desire that they should learn.

What, then, is meant by "the cross" here? It means the doctrines of the Gospel of Christ. The Apostle speaks of the preaching of the cross. "Christ sent me not to baptize but to preach the Gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect," that is, lest the sufferings of Christ revealed in the Gospel should be made of none effect.

The Gospel is Christ Himself, for the Gospel is not preached unless Christ is preached. The Apostle says in another place, "Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man."

Christ is the sum and substance of the Gospel, and, from what is left to us of the teaching of the Apostles during their time on earth, we know that Christ was the central point of their preaching, that He was the all and in all of their preaching.

—Donald MacFarlane.

The Mercy Of God

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whereby they are eternally secured in the holy condition in which they were created.

Fourth, because of the exalted position which has been assigned them: to live in God's immediate presence (Dan. 7:10), to serve Him constantly in His heavenly temple, to receive honourable commissions from Him (Heb. 1:14). This is abundant grace toward them; but "mercy" it is not.

In endeavoring to study the



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mercy of God as it is set forth in Scripture, a threefold distinction needs to be made, if the Word of Truth is to be "rightly divided" thereon.

First, there is a general mercy of God, which is extended not only to all men, believers and unbelievers alike, but also to the entire creation:

"His tender mercies are over all His works" (Psa. 145:9).

"He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things" (Acts 17:25).

God has pity upon the brute creation in their needs, and supplies them with suitable provision.

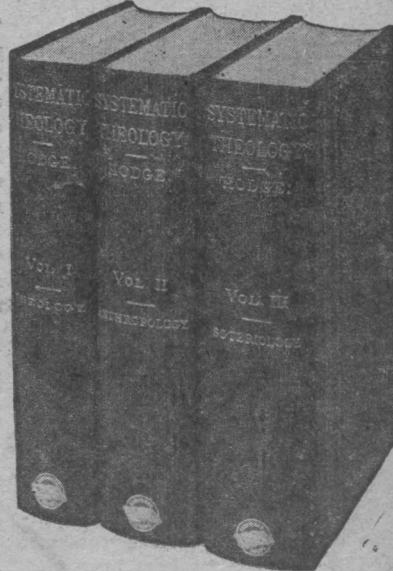
Second, there is a special mercy of God, which is exercised toward the children of men, helping and succouring them, notwithstanding their sins. To them also He communicates all the necessities of life: "for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matt. 5:45).

Third, there is a sovereign mercy which is reserved for the heirs of salvation, which is communicated to them in a covenant way, through the Mediator.

Following out a little further the difference between the second and third distinctions pointed out above, it is important to note that the mercies which God bestows on the wicked are solely of (Continued on page 18, col. 1)

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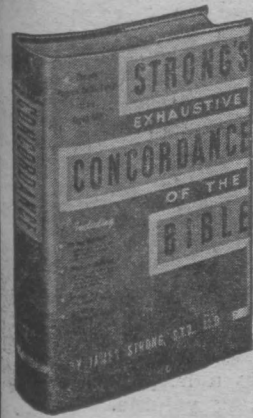
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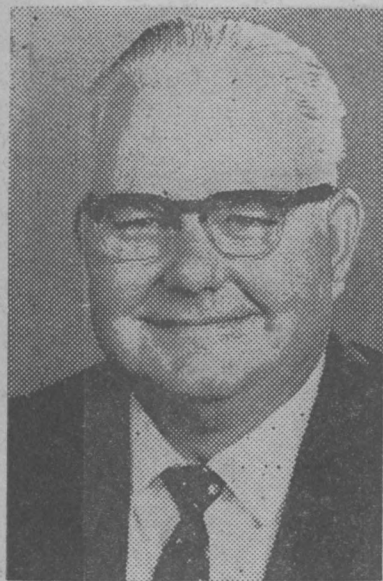
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a temporal nature; that is to say, they are confined strictly to this present life. There will be no mercy extended to them beyond the grave:

"It is a people of no understanding: therefore He that made them will not have mercy on them, and He that formed them will show them no favour" (Isa. 27:11).

But at this point a difficulty may suggest itself to some of our readers, namely, Does not Scripture affirm that "His mercy endureth forever" (Psa 136:1). Two things need to be pointed out in that connection. God can never cease to be merciful, for this is a quality of the Divine essence (Psa. 116:5); but the exercise of His mercy is regulated by His sovereign will. This must be so, for there is nothing outside Himself which obliges Him to act; if there were, that "something" would be supreme, and God would cease to be God.

It is pure sovereign grace which alone determines the exercise of Divine mercy. God expressly affirms this fact in Rom. 9:15, "For He saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy."

It is not the wretchedness of the creature which causes Him to show mercy, for God is not influenced by things outside of Himself as we are. If God were influ-

enced by the abject misery of leprous sinners, He would cleanse and save all of them. But He does not. Why? Simply because it is not His pleasure and purpose so to do. Still less is it the merits of the creature which causes Him to bestow mercies upon them, for it is a contradiction in terms to speak of meriting "mercy."

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us" (Titus 3:5) the one standing in direct antithesis from the other. Nor is it the merits of Christ which moves God to bestow mercies on His elect; that would be putting the effect for the cause. It is "through" or because of the tender mercy of our God that Christ was sent here to His people (Luke 1:78). The merits of Christ make it possible for God to righteously bestow spiritual mercies on His elect, justice having been fully satisfied by the Surety! No, mercy arises solely from God's imperial pleasure.

Again; though it be true, blessedly and gloriously true, that God's mercy "endureth forever," yet we must observe carefully the objects to whom His "mercy" is shown. Even the casting of the reprobate into the Lake of Fire is an act of mercy. The punishment of the wicked is to be contemplated from a threefold viewpoint. From God's side, it is an act of justice, vindicating His honour. The mercy of God is never shown to the prejudice of His holiness and righteousness. From their side, it is an act of equity, when they are made to suffer the due reward of their iniquities.

But from the standpoint of the redeemed, the punishment of the wicked is an act of unspeakable mercy. How dreadful would it be if the present order of things should continue forever, when the children of God are obliged to live in the midst of the children of the Devil! Heaven would at once cease to be heaven if the ears of the saints still heard the blasphemous and filthy language of the reprobate. What a mercy that in the New Jerusalem "there shall in nowise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither worketh abomination" (Rev. 21:27)!

Let the reader might think that in the last paragraph we have been drawing upon our imagination, let us appeal to the Holy Scripture in support of what has been said. In Psa. 143:12 we find David praying, "And of Thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am Thy servant."

Again; in Psa. 136:15 we read that God "Overthrew Pharaoh and his hosts in the Red Sea: for His mercy endureth forever."

It was an act of vengeance upon Pharaoh and his hosts, but it was an act of "mercy" unto the Israelites.

Again, in Rev. 19:1-3 we read, "I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: for true and righteous are His judgments: for He hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of His servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up forever and ever."

From what has just been before us, let us note how vain is the presumptuous hope of the wicked, who, notwithstanding their continued defiance of God, nevertheless count upon His being merciful to them. How many there are who say, I do not believe that God will ever cast me into Hell; He is too merciful. Such a hope is a viper, which, if cherished in their bosoms will sting them to death. God is a God of justice as well as mercy, and He has expressly declared that He will "by no means clear the guilty" (Ex. 34:7).

Yea, He has said, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, all the nations that forget God" (Psa. 9:17). As well might men reason: I do not believe that if filth be allowed to accumulate and sewerage become stagnant and people deprive themselves of fresh air, that a merciful God will let them

fall a prey to a deadly fever. The fact is that those who neglect the laws of health are carried away by disease, notwithstanding God's mercy. Equally true is it that those who neglect the laws of spiritual health shall forever suffer the Second Death.

Unspeakingly solemn is it to see so many abusing this Divine perfection. They continue to despise God's authority, trample upon His laws, continue in sin, and yet presume upon His mercy. But God will not be unjust to Himself. God shows mercy to the truly penitent, but not to the impenitent (Luke 13:3). To continue in sin and yet



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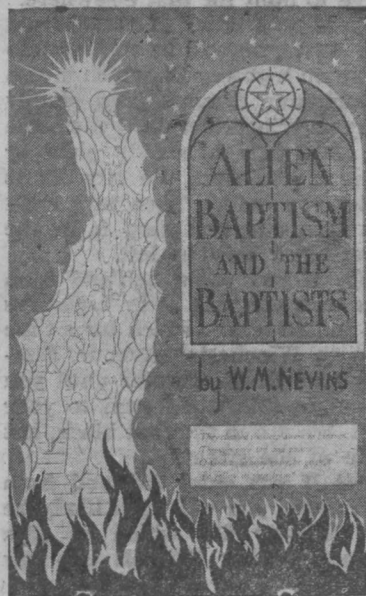
reckon upon Divine mercy remitting punishment is diabolical. It is saying, "Let us do evil that good may come," and of all such it is written, "whose damnation is just" (Rom. 3:8). Presumption shall most certainly be disappointed; read carefully Deut. 29:18-20. Christ is the spiritual mercy-seat, and all who despise and reject His Lordship shall "perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little" (Psa. 2:12).

But let our final thought be of God's spiritual mercies unto His own people. "Thy mercy is great unto the heavens" (Psa. 57:10). The riches thereof transcend our loftiest thought.

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THE HISTORY OF BAPTISTS ANSWERS THE QUESTION—

Are Baptists Protestants?

By W. R. Hill

Some months ago, there appeared in one of our daily papers a statement that Baptists originated in the Reformation period, specifically in A. D. 1644. I was greatly surprised at such a statement. The error was more hurtful than ordinary since the writer was a teacher of history in a state university. He quoted a well-known encyclopedia to back up his opinion. His school has no department of Church History.

The name is not essential to the fact of anything. There were many Christians in the time of Jesus Christ long before their enemies ever thought of calling them "Christians" at Antioch, in Syria. For several centuries churches were not given denominational names; nevertheless churches holding to New Testament teachings and practices continued to exist in every generation under different names.

The professor did not continue his quotation to the end of the encyclopedia article, for in the next paragraph it says, "The first General Baptist church was formed in 1611." Why such a change of date in the paper article? Why not the earlier date? Of course he was giving his opinion about English Baptists. The reader will realize that England is not all the world. Nor was the earliest location of Christianity, or Baptists, in England. No one claims that Baptists started in England — no one who is acquainted with church history. More than a thousand Baptist preachers had been killed in England before A. D. 1529.

There are several reputable encyclopedias. Let us, without prejudice, notice what several of them say. Collier's New Encyclopedia says, "The Baptists first appeared in Switzerland in A. D. 1523." This is 121 years before the above date of A. D. 1644. And Baptists did not have their beginning in Switzerland either, but "appeared" there, according to the writer, at about that time.

The Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol. 3, page 304 says: "The early history of Baptists is very obscure. Almost all that is known of Baptists, or, as the opponents called them, Anabaptists, comes to us from their opponents. The earliest Confession of Faith in any Baptist community was published in 1527. Of the introduction of Baptist views into England we have no certain knowledge . . . ten Anabaptists were put to death in sundry places before 1535."

It is quite evident from the foregoing quotation that their enemies were not giving much

publicity to Baptists in England, except to kill their preachers. "No certain knowledge" (i.e., historical knowledge) is the language of the Ency. Britannica. Then who can confidently say how early Baptists even entered England? They are already there in considerable numbers to "publish a Confession of Faith in 1527." Under severe persecutions, and mostly rural. (Continued on page 19, col. 1)



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The Mercy Of God

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"For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him" (Psa. 103:11). None can measure it. The elect are designated "vessels of mercy" (Rom. 9:23).
It is mercy that quickened them when they were dead in sins (Eph. 2:4, 5). It is mercy that saves them (Titus 3:5). It is His abundant mercy which begat them unto an eternal inheritance (I Peter 1:3). Time would fail us to tell of His preserving, sustaining, pardoning, supplying mercy. Unto His own, God is "the Father of mercies" (II Cor. 1:3).
"When all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view I'm lost,
In wonder, love, and praise."

Are Baptists Protestants?

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people, it likely took many years for them to attain to such numbers as to publish a Confession of Faith. Printing was both rare and very expensive in such a period. I now ask you readers to let me present you some authorities, in the realm of Church History on this question.
"The first Baptist Church was organized by Jesus Christ during His personal ministry." — Denominationalism Put To The Test (Tall), page 16.
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Cardinal Hoisus wrote in 1554 A. D. He dates Baptists back, in his statement, to A. D. 354. Swin-gli, Swiss reformer and co-worker with Luther and Calvin, says, "The Anabaptist institution is no novelty, but for thirteen hundred years has caused great trouble to the church."

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Although Bro. Fred Holliman will not be at our Conference, his missionary work in New Guinea will be an important subject in this Conference and will be reported on by Pastor Lloyd Wyrick, Macedonia Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

that monumental work, Ridpath's History of the World (quoted in Baptist Church Perpetuity, page 59), "There were without doubt Baptists as far back as A. D. 100, as all Christians were then Baptists."

Sir Isaac Newton, English philosopher and student of history quoted in Baptist Law and Continuity page 39), "The modern Baptists, formerly called Anabaptists, are the only people who have never symbolized with the Papacy."

Alexander Campbell wrote, "From the apostolic age to the present time the sentiments of Baptists have had a chain of advocates; and public monuments of their existence in every century can be produced."

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History of Dutch Reformed Church (Ypeig and Dermout) Vol. 1, page 148, says: "The Baptists may be considered as the only Christian community which has stood since the days of the apostles."

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THE USES OF THE LAW TO BOTH SINNER AND SAINT

By John Gill
1. To Sinners.

(1) To convince of sin. Sin is a transgression of the law, by which it is known that it is sin, being forbidden by the law; By the law is the knowledge of sin; not only of gross actual sins; but of the inward lusts of the mind; I had not known lust, says the apostle, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet, Romans 3: 20, 7:7. Yet only as it is used by the Spirit of God, who holds it up to a mind enlightened by Him, whereby it sees the sinfulness of it; for it is the Spirit's work savingly to convince of sin; which He does by means of the law.

(2) To restrain from sin; of this use are the laws of men; hence civil magistrates are terrors to evil doers: so the law, by its menaces, deters men from sin, when they are not truly convinced of the evil of it, nor humbled for it, though by such restraints, it does but rise and swell, and rage the more within, like a flood of water stopped in its course.

(3) To condemn and punish for sin; for sinners it is made, and against them it lies, to their condemnation, unless justified in Christ, I Tim. 1:9, 10. It accuses of sin, charges with it; brings evidence of it; stops the sinner's mouth from pleading in his own cause; pronounces guilty before God; and the curses and condemns: it is the ministration of condemnation and death; and its sentence takes place where the righteousness of Christ is not imputed.

2. It is of use to saints and true believers in Christ—

(1) To point out the will of God unto them; what is to be done by

when appointed by their king to make an investigation for purpose of Church Establishment. On their report Establishment was offered Baptists, but courteously and promptly declined by the Baptists.

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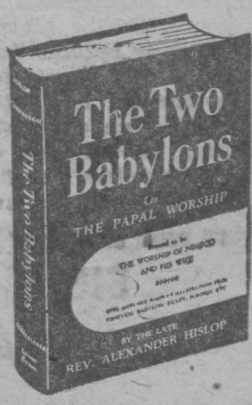
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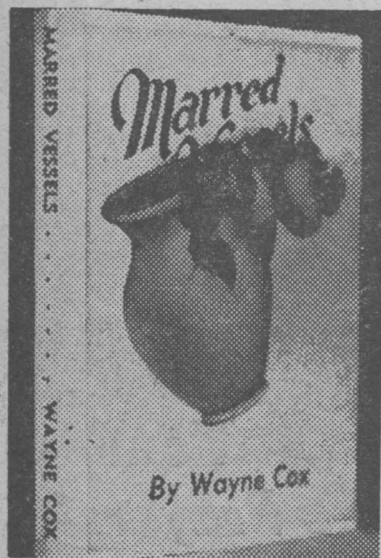
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Good Works

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morning, but he is better than you are, for it is said, "He believes and trembles," while you sit unmoved by the most powerful appeals. Yes, you who think you are children of God while you live in sin, you are in the most dreadful error.

There is no delusion, if you expect the delusion of the Pharisee, which is more dreadful than the delusion of a man, who thinks that sin and grace can reign together. The Christian has sins of heart, over which he groans and laments, but as regards his outward life, he is kept, so that the evil one touches him not; the Lord keeps him under the shadow of His wing; He doth not, except in some falls, allow him to turn out of the way. Works are the

evidences of our faith; by faith our souls are justified by God; by works our faith is justified before ourselves and fellow-men.

II

Secondly, we think good works are the witnesses or testimony to other people of the truth of what we believe.

Every Christian was sent into the world to be a preacher; and just like every other creature that God has made, he will always be preaching about his Lord. Doth not the whole world preach God? Do not the stars, while they shine, look down from Heaven and say there is a God? Do not the winds chaunt God's name in their mighty howling? Do not the waves murmur it upon the shore, or thunder it in the storms? Do not the floods and the fields, the skies, and the plains, the mountains and the valleys, the streamlets and the rivers, all speak for God?

Assuredly they do; and a newborn creature — the man created in Christ — must preach Jesus Christ wherever he goes. This is the use of good works. He will preach, not with his mouth always, but with his life.

The use of good works is, that they are a Christian's sermon. A sermon is not what a man says, but what he does. You who practice are preaching: it is not preaching and practicing, but practicing is preaching. The sermon that is preached by the mouth is soon forgotten, but what we preach by our lives is never forgotten. There is nothing like faithful practice and holy living, if we would preach to the world. The reason why Christianity does not advance with a mightier stride, is simply this: — that professors are in a large measure a disgrace to religion, and many of those who are joined to the church have no more godliness than those who are out of it.

If I preached such a contradictory sermon on a Sunday as some of you have preached the most part of your lives, you would go out and say, "We will not go again till he can be a little more consistent with himself." There is a difference in the very tone of the voice of some people when they are in the chapel engaged in prayer, and when they are in the workshop; you would hardly think them the same persons. Out upon your inconsistency! Professors, take heed lest your inconsistencies should blot your evidence, and some of you should be found manifesting, not inconsistency, but a most fearful consistency, because living in sin and iniquity, and therefore being consistent with yourselves in hypocrisy.

III

In the third place, good works are of use to a Christian as an adornment. You will all remember that passage in the Scriptures, which tells us how a woman should adorn herself. "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it



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Bro. Pyle is one of our local preachers and we will be counting on him to help us in the Conference program.

be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit."

The adornment of good works, the adornment in which we hope to enter Heaven, is the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ; but the adornment of a Christian here below, is his holiness, his piety, his consistency. If some people had a little more piety, they would not require such a showy dress; if they had a little more godliness, to set them off, they would have no need what ever to be always decorating themselves. The best ear-rings that a woman can wear, are the

unction of rank and dress, yet everything in the Bible cries out against our arraying ourselves, and making ourselves proud, by reason of the goodness of our apparel.

Some will say, "I wish you would leave that alone!" Of course you do, because it applies to yourself. But we let nothing alone which we believe to be in the Scriptures; and while I would not spare any man's soul, honesty to every man's conscience and honesty to myself demands, that I should always speak of that which I see to be an evil breaking out in the church. We should always take care that in everything we keep as near as possible to the written Word. If you want ornaments, here they are. Here are jewels, rings, dresses, and all kinds of ornaments; men and women, ye may dress yourselves up till ye shine like angels. How can you do it? By dressing yourselves out in benevolence, in love to the saints, in honesty and integrity, in uprightness, in godliness, in brotherly kindness, in charity. These are the ornaments which angels themselves admire, and which even the world will admire; for men must give admiration to the man or woman who is arrayed in the jewels of a holy life and godly conversation. I beseech you, brethren, "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."

"Afflictions"

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once lived. I am asking, do you know Jesus Christ as your Saviour? Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ who was afflicted for us at Calvary? Do you know Him who suffered that we might not suffer in Hell—who suffered our Hell on the cross to keep us from suffering eternally in Hell? Do you know Him as your Saviour? I thank God that I can say that I know Him who was afflicted at Calvary. I now Him as my Saviour, my Lord, and my Redeemer.

I am thinking of those of you who are here who maybe never took a stand at any time in life for the Lord Jesus Christ. Maybe there never has been a time in your life that you have ever come out on God's side and publicly professed faith in the Son of God. As I think of you I think of another man in the Bible, a man named Moses. We read:

"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." — Heb. 11:24, 25.

Moses came to the forks of the road. He looked down the first road, and what did he see? Why he was the crown prince of Egypt. His foster mother was the princess. He was next in line to be the king over Egypt. He looked down the road and it looked exceedingly bright. There was sin. There was everything worldly he could

ask for before him. He looked down this other road. It wasn't very bright to start with. All he could see if he cast himself with God's people was that he would experience the afflictions of the people of God. As Moses stood there and looked down these two roads, the first began bright and ended dark, whereas the second began dark and ended bright. Moses saw at the end of the way, that there was something greater than this life. He saw Christ who would enable him to traverse this life, and at the end he realized that the Lord Jesus Christ would have a reward for him. As Moses stood there at the forks of the road he made his choice, and he chose to suffer affliction with God's people, rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Beloved, may God help you to



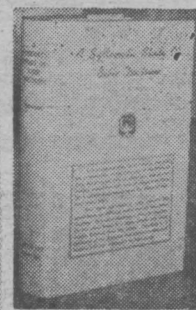
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realize that you are standing at the forks of the road. When you walk out of this place you are going to make a choice. You may not say anything publicly. You may not say, "I am going to turn to the Lord Jesus" or "I'm going to turn away from Him." However, you leaving here is a definite decision for or against the Lord Jesus Christ. May God help you in this hour to come to the forks of the road, and leave this place walking with the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Yes, He was afflicted for us. Thank God for His afflictions. It is His afflictions that keep us out of Hell. May God bless you!

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ear-rings of hearing the Word with attention. The very best ring that we can have upon our finger is the ring which the father puts upon the finger of the prodigal son, when he is brought back; and the very best dress we can ever wear, is a garment of a consistent conduct.

But it is marvelous, while many are taking all the trouble they can to array this poor body, they have very few ornaments for their soul; they forgot to dress the soul. Oh no; they are too late at chapel, all because of that other pin, which they might have left out. They come here just when the service is beginning, because, forsooth, they have so much to put on, they could not be expected to be here in time. And there are Christian men and Christian women, who forget what God has written to His Word, which is as true now as ever it was, that Christian women should array themselves with modesty. It would be a good thing, perhaps, if we went back to Wesley's rule, to come out from the world in our apparel, and dress as plainly and neatly as the Quakers, though alas! they have sadly gone from their primitive simplicity.

I am obliged to depart a little sometimes, from what we call the high things of the gospel; for really the children of God cannot now be told by outward appearance from the children of the devil, and they really ought to be; there should be some distinction between the one and the other; and although religion allows dis-

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