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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 Unprofitableness Of The Flesh

Sermon preached at Calvary Bob L. Ross

The whole head is sick, and whole heart faint. From the flesh." -Philippians 3:3. ole of the foot even unto the ead there is no soundness in it, 'All flesh is grass, and all the my chief text is John 6:63. oodness thereof is as the flower the field: the grass withereth, flesh profiteth nothing."

le flower fadeth." — Isaiah 40:6, Now, how many bel and maketh flesh his arm . . ." Veremiah 17:5.

esh . . ." — John 1:13.

esh is flesh. . ." — John 3:6. ing." - Romans 7:18.

aptist Church, Ashland, Ky., by gun in the Spirit, are ye now that the flesh is somewhat weak,

I have quoted these passages of t wounds, and bruises, and Scripture in order to emphasize

John 6:63 clearly says,

That which is born of the sinner, believe this statement?

It can definitely be safely said now all up to you." For I know that in me (that is, that the majority of so-called Such theology doesn't harmon-flesh) dwelleth no good Christendom does not believe ize with the words of our Lord that "the flesh profiteth nothing." (Continued on page 2, column 1)

"Are ye so foolish? having be- Some, most assuredly, will grant made perfect by the flesh? - that it is diseased by sin, and that Galatians 3:3.

it need help; but, beloved, they
"Have no confidence in the do not accept the stripping words of our Lord - "The flesh profiteth NOTHING!"

The Arminians, and all others Patrifying sores." - Isaiah 1:5, 6. the weakness of the flesh. But who preach that salvation depends somewhat upon the flesh, want to give the flesh a little power. They want God to have a "Thus saith the Lord: Cursed statement of the Lord Jesus a little power, so that the two the man that trusteth in man. Christ? Do the Arminians? Do may cooperate in the work of salthe free-willers? Do the salva- vation. They say, "God had done tion-by-human effort advocates? His part, Mr. Flesh; now, it is Which were born, not of Does the mourner's bench crowd? your turn to do your part. God ood, nor of the will of the In a word, do those who in some has done all He can do; now, you manner hinge salvation upon the must do all you can do. If you will do so, you will be saved. It's

Such theology doesn't harmon-

THE FATHER'S BOSOM

"The only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father."—John 1:18.

He never left the bosom, The Son was always there; The Word, the First-begotten, From everlasting dear; The Father's Well-beloved, The bosom was His home, Though He, for man's redemption, Was seen on earth to roam.

He left, indeed, the glory, But quitted not the love; Behold, o'er Jordan's waters, The pure, the spotless Dove And hear, upon the mountain, Where Heavenly radiance shone, The voice from glory saying, "My well-beloved Son."

When sin to Him was reckoned, And He on Calvary died, Jehovah's face was hidden,-"My God! My God!" He cried; Sin there to Him imputed, Jehovah's holy eye In justice was averted, And hence the bitter cry.

Yet, unto death obedient, The Father's love was His, And from the grave He raised Him To everlasting bliss; The bond of love, so holy, Not earth or hell could sever, Nor render void the bosom, His dwelling-place for ever.

-ALBERT MIDLANE.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS **ABOUT THOSE WHO GOSSIP**

According to the dictionary a lewdness." (Ezek. 22:9).

"God: Who hath saved us, and seeing is, "a familiar acquaint- From these quotations we see called us with an holy calling... nd hearing news," etc.

he that is of a faithful spirit or talebearer. oncealeth the matter." (Prov. 11:

h with his lips" (Prov. 20.19).



CHURCH NOTHING WITHOUT THE SPIRIT

ords of millions of men, dragged (Continued on page 3, column 4) sang, as did the Psalmist, "As for Jesus said, "He is not the God of our discoverers out of their ecret chambers in the pyramids and exposed to every vulgar eye. the great sarcophagus has had ts lid uplifted, and the monarch the once ruled the world has een taken out, and his corpse hrolled for the sake of a little old linen, and an ounce or two of the embalming gum.

Poor mummy! once a Pharaoh hose voice could shake a naon and devastate continents, low used to heat an Arab's ketmuseum.

So with a church: alive by the eeds, traditions, histories and Christ. hemories? it is in fact a mummy

hee, one who runs about telling the danger of the gossiper or of according to his own purpose and the talebearer. As we notice from grace, which were given us in The Word of God say, "Thou the words of Ezekiel the tale- Christ Jesus before the world bearer or gossiper may, by his began; . . . our Saviour Jesus alebearer among thy people: neilood of thy neighbor, I am the It is very often harmful to the tality to light through the gos- bringing life to light.

Cause of Christ; and the Lord's pel." — 2 Timothy 1.8 9 10 er shalt thou stand against the cause bloodshed. How dreadful! and hath brought life and immorpeople suffer in their reputation "A talebearer revealeth secrets: from the tongue of the gossiper were, to his first disciples, the ligion and morality, in self-real-

"He that goeth about as a tale- "N" which he heard about them fore the dawn. His resurrection they might have life and have it bringing immortality to light. earer revealeth secrets: therefore from "L." It is not only what he was a glorious sunrise. We have, more abundantly," he captivated the gossiper adds to his tale with- scription of the experiences of seeking the real and inner mean-In thee are men that carry out once considering whether it those first followers, and a state- ing of existence. The charm of les to shed blood: and in thee is fact or fiction. That is not his ment of the true Christian view the Master's life and the truth of ey eat upon the mountains: in concern, as he heard it from an- of death. midst of thee they commit other past master in the art of Belief in a life beyond the lime meanings. His followers hypocrisy, he "piously" adds, "I scenes, "Thou hast departed that of life was the extension and peram very sorry for him or her" thou mightest live, thou didst not fection of the idea of the psalm-It awakens melancholy reflec- as the case may be. The good depart that thou mightest die." ists and prophets. ons when we hear of the bodies name of his neighbour may be The Jews had their periods of

THE ABOLITION OF DEATH

JOHN T. STALLINGS

"God: Who hath saved us, and

me, I shall behold thy face in the dead, but the God of the livbecome surer and clearer.

Death has been abolished by

The Jews had their doctrine of The life and words of Jesus life. Life was to be found in resure promises of coming day. His ization through communion with The gossiper delights to tell of death was deepest darkness, but God and fellowship with man. "the latest news" about "M" and it was the darkest hour just be- When Jesus said, "I came that His teachings filled life with subgossiping! He takes special de- grave is a persistent character- came into those relations with light to spread the most pernici- istic of the race. In old Egyptian God and man that make life, life ous falsehoods about his neigh- records it is written of one who indeed. In Him was life and His bour and, to add to his guilt and has passed beyond these earthly life was their light. His doctrine

Speaking of the God of Abra-

righteousness; I shall be satisfied, ing." Though these worthies had when I awake, with thy like-been dead for centuries, they ness." Such sayings reflect the were living because of what God Such sayings reflect the were living because of what God faith of the ancients. With the is and what his children are to passing centuries immortality has Him. Here and henceforth and forever, the people of God have eternal life.

In coming to know Jesus His disciples came to sense the meaning of eternal life. They felt the love of God through life with Him; but they must also behold the power of God.

Death has been abolished by

There can be no reasonable quesheddle not with him that flatter- was supposed to have heard but in the words of our text, a de- the hearts of those who were tion that Christ's first followers held implicitly to the fact of the resurrection. It was this they proclaimed. It was for witness to this that they suffered and died. As a (Continued on page 3, column 3)



CHRIST CRUCIFIED

Do not tell me that we ought mainly to preach Christ exalted. I will preach my Lord upon the old Egyptian kings, proud cruelly damaged without his sus-doubt, yet in better moments they ham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, throne and delight therein, but the great remedy for ruined manhood is not Christ in glory, but Christ in shame and death.

We know some who select but Christ's Second Advent as their one great theme, and we would not silence them; yet do they err. The second coming is a glorious hope for saints, but there is no cure in it for sinners; to them the coming of the Lord is darkness and not light; but Christ smitten for our sins, there is the star which breaks the sinner's

I know if I preached Christ on the throne many proud hearts would have Him; but, oh, sirs, ye must have Christ on the cross throne. Ye must bow before the Crucified, ye must trust a dying Saviour, or else if ye pretend to and ye know Him not.

To the Cross, to the Cross, to ions of angels. A legion is ap- of refuge! Fly there, ye guilty be treated as an existent not help Himself. If He were to do not agree therewith. Let me Father, and that God the Father this.—C. H. Spurgeon in "Flashes

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"He shall see of the travail of He had to die for them. or to furnish an object for a his soul, and shall be satisfied." -Isa. 53:11.

Of course, you recognize the them. a church rather than a church fact that the most common the- Let me say to you, beloved, be- proximately five thousand. This ones, as to the only sanctuary God, and it is better fitted to ory as to Jesus' death is that He fore the echo of that statement meant that Jesus said if He cared for the sinful, for "with his stripes looked at by antiquarians than was a martyr, that is, He could dies out in your ears, I certainly to do so, He could call upon His we are healed." There is joy in

As you well know, there are chief value of the death of Jesus helpless to help Himself. I do not vine indwelling, God gives it many theories offered concerning Christ is that it gives us an ex-believe that the Lord Jesus Christ Wine indwelling, God gives it many theories office contents ample that we ought to be true had to die because He was in the before ye can know Him on the riest unto himself among the Christ. I have been amazed ever to our convictions even if we hands of men. Ons of men; its influence is felt since I have been in the ministry have to die for them. I say, beor ther than it dreams; the world how many folk have offered loved, that is the most common There than it dreams; the world how many the world how pray to my Father, and he philosophical reasons as to why theory concerning the death of now pray to my Father, and he honour Him by the glories which on, clear as the moon, and ter- Christ died. I can say truly that the Son of God, namely, that He shall presently give me more the as an army with banners; I have been amazed at the num- was a martyr — that He could than twelve legions of angels?" are to come, ye do but belie Him, but when the Spirit of God is de- ber of reasons offered, and the not help Himself, that there was —Matthew 26:53. arted, what remains but its old number of theories suggested nothing else that He could do, deed, what remains but its old the Cross, to the Cross, the Cross,

be true to His convictions, then insist that I do not believe that (Continued on page 13, column 2) of Thought," page 57.

. Jesus Christ was a martyr. I do midnight. I remember sometime ago not in any wise at all subscribe to hearing a preacher say that the the fact that the Son of God was

> Instead, beloved, we read: "Thinkest thou that I cannot

His convictions, He had to die for give Him better than twelve leg- sign posts of the road to the city

He thus said that He could call

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will of God. He doesn't consult

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methods to attract the flesh. Not

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ible. Then, after supper, we will

The only way that most of our

the young people" is by giving

performs the will of God.

The Flesh

(Continued from page one) "The flesh profiteth nothing."

Tell me, how much is nothing? Can you define that word spirituality. "nothing"? I confess that I can The Fl not offer a satisfactory definition. Of course, we know about what between the Spirit and the flesh. it means; but it is somewhat like The Spirit of God cannot be inthat word "eternity" — we know what it signifies, but we can't

"The flesh profiteth nothing." When will men see this fact? When will men quit exalting the He sovereignly and irresistably flesh in the realm of salvation? When will men cease to boast of the efforts of the flesh? When be easily swayed; it is unstable. the only source of Salvation?

Mark this fact: You may know a reprobate from a saint by his estimation of the power flesh. When you hear a person extolling dition, nor of the work of the Spirit in salvation.

The Flesh Has Always Been Profitless

If you will carefully study the Word of God, beginning with the Book of Genesis, you will see the horrible history of the unprofitable flesh. Why, even when the ship of the Spirit, but they have pointed at those righteous perflesh was innocent of any evil, even when it had no knowledge the flesh. They fail to see the of sin, the flesh was of no profit. Satan took our innocent father, flesh, and they resort to fleshly Adam, and wrapped him around his little finger, so to speak. The long ago, one of the Southern the garden of Eden. How much carried a story about a man who fulfill righteousness?" more unprofitable is it now!

The flesh has always been un- This individual has a radio prounprofitable, all down through gram devoted chiefly to religious why Paul so hated Christ. Paul's the case of Cain; it was unprofit- only plays hymns on his program, able in the case of Lot; it was a Solomon, David, Peter, and all attract the flesh. others who in the least wise leaned upon the arm of the flesh. The

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from the time of Christ, their founder, and now have picture shows. righteousness. (Rom. 7:7, 8). The to the eighteenth century, token from Such is to attract the flesh. The flesh loves iniquity and hates the New Testament, the first fathers, Word of God attracts the spirit- righteousness. Read God's Law early writers, and historians of all ual man; but since the Word is to a man, and his old flesh hates

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myself, even learned to squaredance at'a Methodist youth camp, a few years ago. And I am satisfied that more young people are harmed by such modernistic churches than by many dens of outright iniquity. These worldly churches sow the first seeds of worldliness in the lives of the are concerned. I have seen it hap- can, and not meet the world- not enough to save his reputation,

__ Editor the flesh can be swayed and at-

Well, I could go on indefinitely by churches. I could speak of the mourner's bench, the high-pressured invitation, the "decision card," and other such things. All are geared around the flesh and its unstableness. But let us get on into this message regarding the unprofitableness of the flesh.

1. The Flesh Is Unprofitable With Regard To Righteousness

flesh has a dark past, testifying to its unprofitableness. It has Of course, the flesh has a few never profited anyone so far as rags of self-righteousness to stick spiritual things are concerned; it in God's face, but God regards has always been the hindrance to all of man's righteousness as filthy rags. Listen to the first portion of Isaiah 64:6:

Note the contrast that exists are as filthy rags.'

the religion of human effort, self- There are so many persons bet- out gaining the whole world, you wrought righteousness. He is ter prepared for this important lose your own soul. True godliness with man; He is not defeated, ignorant of God's righteousness, duty, that he must beg to be ex- demands self-denial and crosshindered, or influenced by man, and goes about to establish his cused. He is very friendly to bearing, and if you have none of He sovereignly and irresistably own righteousness (Rom. 10:3). home and foreign missions, and these you are making a false pro-The sinner only has some self- colportage, and gives his mite, fession. righteous rag as a hope of salva-

But the works and righteous- verse simply teaches us that the good old brother so-and-so was. An orator can move a great audience to tears or cheers. A nesses of the flesh "profiteth flesh is already guilty, condemn- The man may have been a devil, comedian can have the same nothing." Do you believe it, crowd rolling in the aisles with Pharisee? Do you believe the laughter. A rock 'n roller can words of the Lord? He says that for past transgressions. The Arminian free-willer extolling have that same crowd screaming your flesh cannot profit you with and acting as the very heather regard to righteen your to fulfilling the Lord? the powers of the flesh, you may and acting as the very heathen regard to righteousness. Hear the gard to fulfilling the Law. know of a surety that he knows of Africa. And then those folk Son of God, and strip off your nothing about man's ruined concan go to church on Sunday, and filthy rags! He said that saving strip nor of the work of the be moved to act religious. The righteousness must "exceed the flesh can be swayed; it can be righteousness of the scribes and the shedding of blood, sin is not mourner's bench, "decisionism," easily influenced. It is most un- Pharisees." (Matthew 5:20). He remitted. Can the flesh pay this "accept Christ-ism," free-willism, Many churches of today are were, as far as outward conform- gard. not centered around the leader- ity to law was concerned. Jesus everything geared with regard to sons and said, "You must have a spiritual unprofitableness of the these!"

eousness of those who have that quickeneth (regenerates), the been convicted by the Spirit. In innocent flesh profited nothing in Baptist Convention's state papers driven the flesh to its utmost to flesh profiteth nothing," Jesus fact, when Jesus preached this

"Yes, it must be greater."

the ages. It was unprofitable in things. However, this man not righteousness was not enough, and he did not like to think that but seeks to attract the unsaved curse in the birth of Ishmael; it by playing "pop" numbers. In realize that the flesh profits noth- preach that the sinner "casts the was a curse in the case of Saul, of other words, he gears things to ing with regard to righteousness, There are churches which have him, not having mine own right- to you; you must do the deciding. special "nights" during revival eousness, which is of the law, but It's your move. You must decide meetings. One church which I that which is through the faith for Christ by an act of the will." have in mind, had a "night" for of Christ, the righteousness which Do you think that such folk ever

II. The Flesh Is Unprofitable With Regard To God's Law

hustle them into the revival ser- to the flesh: (1) it reveals and devices, and they may make a deci- mands an absolute righteousness sion for the Lord." Well, beloved, which the flesh does not have, folk who read the Bible know that the "loaves and fishes" didn't nor can attain to; (2) it condemns the flesh with the curse of eternal win any souls in Jesus' day, and death for the flesh's transgresour Lord didn't try to win souls sions of Law.

The absolute righteousness de-Another fleshly attraction is manded by God's Law is a rightthe picture show in church. Some eousness to which no flesh can churches have gone out of the attain. The flesh is actually op-This is a concise history of Boptists Sunday night preaching business, posed in nature to that Law of not preached, the churches at- that Law. It cuts into the quick, It was first published in London in tempt to keep up the crowds by into the heart, which loves iniquity, and drinks it as water (Job 15:16). Let us read a verse in modern-day churches can "hold this regard:

"By deeds of law there shall them a supper at church, and a no flesh be justified in His sight." for children ever printed. It is not a square-dance or round-dance af- (Rom. 3:20).

terwards. Many other such flesh-Why so? Will God send a man TESTAMENT itself. ly attractions are resorted to, but to Hell if that man keeps the most of the young people never Law perfectly? Is that what the hear the Word of God. Why, I, verse means? Not at all. The simplified, clarified King James ver-

ALL TOO MANY CHURCH MEMBERS ARE ONLY "MINIMUM CHRISTIANS"

going to heaven at the cheapest concerns are too excessively im-Now, why do churches gear aims to have as little religion as aims at it, and never overshoots Editor-in-Chief things around the flesh? Because he may without lacking it alto- the mark. gether.

The minimum Christian goes to The minimum Christian is not self, oftener to his neighbours.

wishes them well, but it is not in his power to do much for them. The Sunday School he looks upon as an admirable institution, especially for the neglected and ignorant. It is not convenient, however, for him to take a class: "But we are all as an unclean pressing during the week that he ing this attempt? Beware, lest you thing, and all our righteousnesses needs the Sunday as a day of find at last that in trying to get The natural man's religion is qualified to act as a teacher, you miss it altogether lest with-

The minimum Christian! And but he is quite unable to aid in who is he? The Christian who is the management, for his own ling's doom. The Christian who pretty near it at all events he

worship in the morning; and in clear on a number of points. The the evening also, unless it rains, opera and dancing, the theatre or is too warm, or too cold, or he and card-playing, and large fashis sleepy, or has the headache ionable parties give him much from eating too much dinner. He trouble. He cannot see the harm listens most respectfully to the in this, or that, or the other poppreacher, and joins in prayer and ular amusement. There is nothing praise. He applies the truth very in the Bible against it. He does judiciously, sometimes to him- not see but what a man may be a Christian and dance or go to The minimum Christian is very the opera. He knows several exfriendly to all good works. He cellent persons who do so at least, so he says. Why should not he? He stands so close to the dividing-line between the people of God and the people of the world, that it is hard to say on which side of it he is actually to be

rest; nor does he think himself to heaven with a little religion,

ed by Law. All the deeds the but not to hear the preacher tell

Neither does it profit with re- Listen to Jesus. He said the

III. The Flesh Is Unprofitable With Regard To Regeneration

No doubt, this was one reason teaches the same truth: John 1:13 ciples went back, and walked no hy Paul so hated Christ. Paul's says, "Which were born, not of more with him." He only had the will of the flesh."

Now, in the light of these deciding vote"? What are we to and he wrote: "And be found in think of these who say, "It is up the unsaved. They said, "Now, is of God by faith." (Phil. 3:9).

read John 1:13 and 6:63? Well, free-willers say, "Exercise faith, beloved, if they did, they prob- oh, exercise faith." Now, where ably went to sleep just about half did they get the idea that the sinway through, so they never saw ner has any faith to exercise

that same sickening is there.

gard to satisfying the Law. The flesh profiteth nothing in regard wages of sin is death. Without to regeneration. So down goes the took for an example those who awful debt to Law? Can the flesh and all the rest of the Arminianwere regarded as being the most satisfy the claims of justice. No, hatched notions regarding the righteous people of His day; and in no wise. The flesh is helpless, new birth. The new birth is the I doubt not that many of them totally unprofitable in this re- work of the Spirit, not of the flesh. The flesh is unprofitable.

But I hear someone say, "If you preach that doctrine, people will greater righteousness than I think that my text (John 6:03) be driven away, for they these!"

these!"

than has particular reference to the they did the deciding for the matter of regeneration or spirit- Lord." Yes, they probably will be matter of regeneration or spirit- Lord." I think that my text (John 6:63) be driven away, for they think "What! greater than the right- ual quickening. "It is the Spirit be driven away, if they haven"t truth, the Scripture says that Here is another verse which "from that time many of his distwelve left, and the only reason they remained was because He had chosen them (John 6:70), and His grace and will caused them to remain. If any go out from us, then they weren't of us. (I John

IV. The Flesh Is Unprofitable With Regard To Faith

The Law is a two-edged sword the truth regarding regeneration. Why, if the sinner has faith, there It is sickening to go to a fun- would be no need of preaching eral and hear a preacher tell how (Continued on page 3, column 2)

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Some make a refuge of their old experience. Now, an old experience which is all old is a manifest deception. A true experience continues and grows day by day. Not with one even pace each day; but still, as a whole, the divine life goes forward to perfection; and where it does not do so, but comes to an end, it is not the divine life at

Have you never heard of the man who wrote out his experience of religion when a young man, that he might fall back upon it in after years? He lived in neglect of all godliness; but having already experienced religion, as he said, and having made a record of it, and put it away with the title-deeds of his farm, he dreamed that when he came to die he might fetch it out and comfort himself with his lieved do not draw back unto Evidences of salvation. His daughter went to the drawer and found that the mice had eaten it.

grounded on a musty experience, Which is not supported by a present love of God, and present and present striving against sin, I know I did experience suchand-such a thing a dozen years ago when I joined the church."

What of that? If a man is alive now he does not need to prove it by going back to the records of his youth. Present life is its own evidence. If you are not done twenty years ago. If you ans 10:17). had a true faith then, you have

fer that he has not believed; and the Word of God for sure. if he does not persevere to the Faith is a gift of God. (Eph. 2:8, boast about any "sinless perfecend, we are sure that he is not 9). God's Spirit produces faith in tion." He didn't brag about hav-In him." This is the test of true every man." (I Cor. 3:5).



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perdition, for they have believed unto the salvation of their souls.

Oh, then, I pray you, if your Ah, dear me, it was not much imaginary experience in former less, for that hope which is times has dissolved into present carelessness and sin, do not attempt to hide behind it.

prayer, and present fellowship, the plummet, therefore put it that He may begin a sould work is a lie. It is all in vain to say, away, and seek unto God this day of grace upon your souls

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The Flesh

(Continued from page two) living to God today, I care not to him. But we preach to him possession of the saint's life. Gaa button what you profess to have that he might have faith (Rom-

Some others say, "Turn your it now; and if you have no faith faith loose," as if the sinner were how, you are in the gall of bitholding faith back. The sinner has no faith to turn loose. To hear It is true that he that believeth some of these flaming free-willin Christ is saved, but we must ers talk about faith, one would have proof of it in the conse- think that the sinner is almost an quent life. If the man is not atomic bomb of faith, Where do saved from living in sin, we in- they get such notions? Not from

one of the Lord's own; "for if any the heart as the Word of God is ing the old nature "burnt out." man draw back," saith the Lord, preached. Paul said, "Ye believ- No, Paul said that there is war my soul shall have no pleasure ed, even as the Lord gave to in my members. The flesh and

hast thou that thou didst not re-ceive?" Where did you get your faith? Why, from God, of course. It was not manufactured by the flesh, but was produced in you by the Spirit of God, as you heard, read, or meditated upon the truth of the Gospel of Christ.

V. The Flesh Is Unprofitable With Regard To Prayer

Let us read Romans 8:26 -"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be utter-

One reason why I don't tell sinners to pray is this verse. Beloved, if we as Christians don't know how and for what to pray, then pray tell me, how does a lost sinner, who doesn't have the Spirit, know what to pray for? Why, he doesn't know how to pray, and won't know until God's Spirit comes into his heart crying, "Abba Father."

The flesh is unprofitable with regard to prayer, so God's Spirit is given as our prayer-teacher. He teaches us to pray. He burdens us to pray. He causes us to pray according to God's will (I John 5:14, 15). Were it left to the flesh, we should never pray. Only as God's Spirit prompts us do we readily and sincerely pray.

Away with all this poppy-cocked, stereotyped praying. May God

VI. Lastly, the Flesh Is Unprofitable With Regard To Life After The New Birth

Paul said, "Have no confidence in the flesh." (Phil. 3:3). Why? Because it is unprofitable. It will not avail against temptation, against Satan, against the enemies of a saint, but it wars against the new nature, seeking to take latians 5:17 says, "The flesh lusteth (warreth) against the Spirit." There is continual warfare in the life of the Christian. The spiritual man and the old flesh are desperately at war. Certainly, we can put no confidence in our flesh. Our biggest enemy is our own selves. If we could cease being bothered by our depraved flesh, then we would have a little heaven on earth. I know that Paul was no Holy Roller. He didn't faith; those who have really be- Paul asks in I Cor. 4:7, "What Read Romans 7, and you will see Paul's experience.

The Holy Roller who says that he has had the old nature "burnt In Lycidas, Milton is concerned

There is nothing that the Bible warns against any more than the mentary on a book greatly abused. flesh. Paul said that the Gala-This work by the Puritan, Manton, is tians were "foolish" to think that possibly the best available on James. they could finish their salvation ment and vindication of His doc-SPECIAL NOTICE: We have been in- read in Galatians 3:3-"Are ye formed by the publisher that this so foolish? having begun in the I live, ye shall live also." book is now out of print. We will Spirit, are ye now made perfect

Lean not upon the arm of the flesh. It will never fail to fail you. It is depraved, void of any spirituality. It is the old body of 5.95 corruption that shall be put off One of the most precious portions at the day of the saints' resur-

tus Toplady,

"A believer cannot trust in himself too little and blessed be conscious glow, the all-sufficiency of divine be so." 3.95 grace."

Abolition of Death

(Continued from page one) matter of evidence, the fact is tial City, declaring to the pil-securely established. "The resurrection of Jesus Christ," says one as heaven. But they are, neverupon a basis of testimony greater Christian certainty, "Did we not and more indisputable than any

other fact in ancient history." The resurrection came when

C.H. SPURGEON'S Tabernacle

I WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE SUBJECT OF THE MINISTRY IN THIS HOUSE, AS LONG AS THIS PLATFORM SHALL STAND, & AS LONG AS THIS HOUSE SHALL BE FREQUENTED BY WORSHIPPERS. SHALL BE THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST. I AM NEVER ASHAMED TO AVOW MYSELF A CALVINIST: 100 NOT HESITATE TO TAKE THE NAME OF BAPTIST: BUT IF I AM ASKED WHAT IS MY CREED, I REPLY, "IT IS JESUS CHRIST." MY VENERATED PREDECESSOR, DR. GILL, HAS LEFT A BODY OF DIVINITY, ADMIRABLE & EXCELLENT IN ITS WAY; BUT THE BODY OF DIVINITY TO WHICH I WOULD PIN & BIND MYSELF FOR EVER, GOD HELPING ME, IS NOT HIS SYSTEM, OR ANY OTHER HUMAN TREATISE; BUT CHRIST JESUS, WHO IS THE SUM & SUBSTANCE OF THE GOSPEL, WHO IS IN HIMSELF ALL THEOLOGY, THE INCARNATION OF EVERY PRECIOUS TRUTH, THE ALL-GLORIOUS PERSONAL EMBODIMENT OF THE WAY, THE TRUTH, & THE LIFE

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vindication of Divine wisdom.

III.

pel, and according to God's pur- the last time." pose and grace.

God has a purpose in His crea-It will not endure the line and give us more Spirit-begotten tion, a permanent result to be achieved. Yet all of the outward and visible forms of life decay and perish. The flowers fade, the in the heavens must grow cold and black, but the purpose of God in human history is the creation and redemption of the sculs of men to share his own holy and "Then they suborned men, unending life. "He would not which said, we have heard him dwell alone."

grace of God as seen in Jesus 6:11). Christ. A great thinker of the Oh! generation just gone by was once the gossiper is! What a stream asked what he thought of the of evil oozes from the mind and theory of conditional immortality. He replied, "I do not think Jesus Christ would have died for less than immortal beings." Christ died to save immortal souls, and the Gospel is one of eternal life.

The full meaning and power of 5) immortality is summed up in the person of Jesus Christ.

It is the personal element that gives immortality reality. Men may debate the immortality of the soul in the abstract yet they inthe Spirit are fighting each other. stinctively embrace it in the concrete. Plato's arguments for immortality are rather arguments for the immortality of Socrates. out," is just void of the Spirit of with the immortality of Edward God, void of that spiritual Light King. In Prospice, Browning feels which reveals to us our fleshly his own immortality. So we think of Christ's experience with death: "It was not possible that HE should be holden of it." He was Himself the Resurrection and the Life. He was at once the embodiby the power of the flesh. We trine. He is, nevertheless, only the first fruits. He said, "Because

When we enter into life with God through His grace we begin to live after the power of an endless life.

"Faith, Hope, and Love were questioned what they thought Of future glory, which religion

Now Faith believed it firmly to

taught,

And Hope expected so to find it, too; Love answered, smiling, with a

God, he cannot trust too much in Believe? expect?-I know it to

Let us leave off even our loftiest speculations and plant our feet on the firm ground of reality and certainty. Atheist is hastening madly away from the Celesof the most renowned of the theless, journeying toward it, Chief Justices of England, "rests and answer in the words of see it from the Delectable Mountains?"

"Blessed be the God and Fath-

civilization was crumbling, and er of our Lord Jesus Christ, men were in despair. It came as which according to his abundant the power of God unto salvation mercy hath begotten us again unto society as well as to every one to a lively hope by the resurthat believeth. It is the founda- rection of Jesus Christ from the tion of civilization. It was the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the Life and immortality have been power of God through faith unto brought to light through the Gos- salvation ready to be revealed in



(Continued from page one) body goes to the grave, the sun pecting that it should come from such a quarter. The mind, tongue and eyes of the talebearer are possessed by the Evil One! spirit of the murderer is in him.

well alone." speak blasphemous words against This is clearly disclosed in the Moses, and against God" (Acts

Oh! what a wicked character tongue of the talebearer! The more we study this wicked character the more dreadful his case

"A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape." (Prov. 19:

Someone prayed, "Oh for the death of the gossiper." No wonder! The talebearer must have a high place in the Senate House, in the School, in the College and, if possible, the most prominent place in the congregation. In his (Continued on page 4, column 2)

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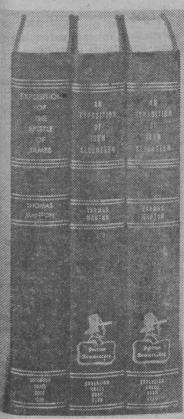
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The promise of a Redeemer was in sin and doomed without dying! help, and this help is promised list some of the things involved

The promise of the new cov-(See Psa. 89:3-4; Heb. 6:17; 8-6) forever and eternally those who should believe on his Son. The into sin. Covenant of grace was fulfilled by the coming of Jesus, for It was ratified in blood as he of the Bible. Hope we will have gave himself for us. "This is the a "ringside seat" when this takes blood of the New Covenant place, so we can shout, "Hooray" poured out for many unto the when Satan is cast into hell. remission of sins." Believers live under New Covenant promises.

nothing. (Jno. 3:16) Pitifully deaths or separations! true it is that millions of profess- The promise of ing Christians do not understand reigning with Christ forever this promise—else do not take it and ever. (Rev. 22:5) No telling Dare you cast a stone at the thief, at face value. They try to add how many glorious adventures their works and human hearts. are ahead. How many distant the greatest criminal walking on Campbellite people try with planets and worlds shall we the soil of this world? If you have might and main to destroy the visit? What wonderful enter- a grain of common sense left your meaning of Jno: 3:16 by adding prises shall we engage in during attitude will be a silent tongue! water baptism as essential to sal- all the ages ahead? (Stop read-

The promise to make everything turn out for good to those who are the people of God. (Rom. 8:28). This promise is worth more than a billion dol-EVERYTHING to eventually turn out for our good! That includes sickness — it includes even the chastening of God. Yes, it includes even the works of Satan brought against us.

should want to throw out such an. a promise of God as the promise



in Christ shall rise . . ." (I Thess. 4:17). How that wonderful promwould seem to excel all other Christians! How it does change promises, for the human race one's feelings about death and

The promise of a perfect ruler in Christ. The promise of the and a perfect rule over this old Redeemer was given about 4,000 earth. "For He must reign until years before its fulfillment. The he hath put all enemies under rest of the Bible is but the un- his feet." (I Cor. 15:25). Satan has folding and expansion of the gotten his clutches on this world promise of Gen. 3:15. If you and its inhabitants, and he has want to enjoy this promise just been running his insurrection against God for a long while, but this period is to end. Even the "earth shall be delivered enant — the covenant of grace. from the bondage of corruption." (Rom. 8:21). The effects of Christ's This is God's promise to save redemption shall extend as far as the results of the fall of man

The promise of Satan's eventual overthrow. (Rev. 20:1-3) grace . . . came by Jesus Christ." This is one of the great scenes

The promise of the New Jerusalem. (Rev. 21). What a city. The promises of everlasting No rent - no water bills - no life through faith in Jesus, plus poverty — no hospitals — no How was it that you were not

The promise of living and ing and shout if you want to!)



Gossip (Continued from page 3)

"Such is the way of an adulterwipeth her mouth, and saith, I name to shreds? have done no wickedness" (Prov. 30:20).

would it be for us to be saved, certain. Many an honourable, up-

The promise to bring us out gossipers and expert liars. His and strife in the city."

writing, as a rule, is one concoction of falsehood and gossip.

"He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart has turned him aside" (Isaiah 44:20).

Oh, for the day when there shall not be one fiction writer found under the Heavens of the

"Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books has authority and who has the ual alike as to its subjects, laws. together, and burned them, and necessary qualifications to con- modes of administration and infound it fifty thousand pieces of vey God's messages to men. He strumentalities. silver. So mightily grew the Word may also be an interpreter. of God and prevailed" (Acts 19:

The "pious" and religioustongued gossiper is the most dangerous to the cause of Christ in the community. They "plaster" souls and consciences for one secand redemption. (Gen. 3:15) This ise does transform the funeral of of those who thus use the Word eternity. Rev. 7:17; 21:23. of God deceitfully. They "get the Word of God" whenever it suits

There are far more spiritual thieves in Britain than there are Bank robbers! We heard one our elders saying, "I thought the Lord spoke three times to me," The dear child of God knows better than all hypocrites what it is to have the Word of God passing through one's mind daily but he dare not say "I got this passage, and that other passage came to me" when it was only the memory that was moving about.

It is quite easy to avoid repeating wicked gossip and to leave poor "M" and "N" severely alone. Should they be guilty of heinous sins and scandalous crimes it is certainly not because the gossiper is sorry for them that he spreads the "fama." The gossiper loves to wallow in such mire! Whatever sin your fellow-creature may be guilty of should you not ask. Who maketh thee to differ?" guilty of the same sins? If you are consciously kept by the power the murderer, the adulterer or

When the Lord of Glory challenged the Pharisees to cast a stone at the woman found in the very act of sin, you know that they could not do so. Can you do it? Let conscience speak. Let memory awaken. How do you lars to every Christian. Think estimation he is the most in- stand before the spiritual demands tute for us. A substitute is one of it — He promises to make nocent person in the congrega- of the Moral Law of God? Are you a master of your thoughts or to suffer in the stead of another, eyes? How, then, dare you speak and his actions or sufferings are ous woman; she eateth, and about others and tear their good vicarious.

He will use every art in his power What untold evil the wicked to ruin the character of the most struction is used to set forth the The promise to keep us safe gossiper can do in a congregation. faithful of the people of God. after we are saved. "They shall "A froward man soweth strife: If the minister is faithful to the never perish neither shall any and a whisperer separateth chief Word of God, to his ordination man pluck them out of my friends." The tares of the devil! vows and to the souls of sinners, ." Jno. 10:28-29. It is but A whisperer is a secret informer. this pirate — the gossiper — must one of the many promises to He speaks in a low voice as if attack him, and, if possible, stitution. Matt. 2:22; 5:38; 20:28. the same effect. What good what he or she says is sure and malign him in his good name and if we later lost our salvation? right and chaste young woman things that are calculated to do the Scriptures teach as to our Election What kind of a Saviour would was secretly maligned by the ly- great damage to the cause of sins being laid upon Christ. Lev. He be who was able to SAVE ing whisperer—in a low voice! Christ and the gospel ministry but unable to KEEP ONE SAV- Many a young man has been of the faithful servant of Christ. ED? Strange . . . strange . . . that damaged in his moral character David was well acquainted with so many professing Christians by the tongue of a wicked wom- the wicked gossipers in his own day, as we find in Psalm 55, "De- as priest are shown. We may say that the novel- stroy, O Lord, and divide their to keep those whom he saves. Writer is the head-man of all the tongues: for I have seen violence declared to be propitiatory. Rom.

The gossiper will attack the 10. most godly minister and saintly member in the congregation with great delight. Can you protect your character from the gossiper? No! Pray, then, to the Lord for protection and leave the issue with Him, who is the Judge of all. He will deal with gossipers, judgment-seat of Christ. wicked gossiper will be there, all the lies which he told as the 22. agent of Satan. "The wages of sin

Dear child of God, seek protec- 17-23. Phi. 2:9-11. It is distingtion at the Throne of Grace, and uished asthat He would provide a covering

The Work Of Christ As Prophet, Priest And King

I. As Prophet.—Deut. 18:15.

A prophet of God is one who

prophet, by His word and by His administration, will continue for

works. Matt. 5:24.

2. Also through other agents: 2. The object of Christ's auth-through His Spirit, by inspira- ority is to accomplish the salvation, by spiritual illumination, tion of His people. Eph. 1:22, 23. their daily gossip by quotations through the officers of the church from the Scriptures - Scriptures inspired as apostles, prophets, together for the good of His peothat had no place in their own and teachers. Eph. 4:11, 12. I Jno. ple. Rom. 8:28. 2:20; 5:20. He continues to exeond of time! God will require this cute the office of prophet through them. Luke 22:29. Jno. 14:2.

II. As Priest.—Heb. 6:20.

A priest is one who is qualified Him. Heb. 1:6. Rev. 5:9—13. them and apply it to their own and authorized to "draw near to the Lord for men." Exo. 19:22. the titles to this kingdom, with

1. Must be taken from among men to represent them. Exo. 28:9, 4:43, because of divine origin and 12, 21, 29. Heb. 5:12.

2. Must be chosen by God. Exo. its administration. 28:1. Num. 16:5. Heb. 5:4.

3. Must be holy—morally pure

30, 31. Lev. 21:6, 8. Psa. 106:16. 4. Must have a right to draw near to Jehovah and to offer sac- Matt. 11:12, because its origin rifices and make intercession. (Continued on page 13, column 1) Exo. 19:22. Lev. 16:3, 7, 12, 15. Num. 16:5.

5. The Old Testament declares Christ to be a priest. Psa. 110:4 (Cf. Heb. 5:6; 6:20). Zec. 6:13.

6. Priestly functions ascribed to Him. Isa. 53:10. Dan. 9:24, 25. The temple and its services and all Old Testament sacrifices typical of Christ and His work. He superseded these. Col. 2:17. Heb. 9:10-12; 10:11, 12.

7. New Testament proof. Was taken from among men to stand for them before God. Heb. 2:16; 4:15. Was chosen by God. Heb. 5: 6. Was perfectly holy. Luke 1: 35. Heb. 7:26. Has the right of the nearest access and the greatest influence with the Father. John 11:42; 16:28. Heb. 1:3; 9:11-24.

a. He "mediated" in the general sense of the term. John 14:6. Tim. 2:5. Heb. 8:6.

b. He offered propitiation. Eph. 5:25. Heb. 9:26; 10:12. I Jno. 2:2. c. He makes intercession. Rom.

8:4. Heb. 7:25. I Jno. 2:1. 8. Christ as priest made atoneappointed or accepted to act or

a The Greek, preposition hu-The gossiper is like a pirate. per, with the genitive, sometimes signifes instead of, and the conrelation of Christ's work to us. 2 Cor. 5:14, 15, 20. Gal. 3:13. Phile. 13. I Pet. 3:18.

b. The preposition anti definitely and always expresses sub-Mar. 10:45. I Tim. 2:6.

The same is true as to what The Infallibility of God's Purpose 7:18. Num. 18:27. Psa. 106:31. Isa. 53:12. Luke 22:37. Rom. 2:26; 4; 3—9. 2 Cor. 5:19—21. Gal. 3:13.

d. The effects of Christ's action

(1) As towards God, they are 3:25, 26. Heb. 2:17. I Jno. 2:2; 4:

(2) As respects the sinner, they are declared to be redemption, Providence — As Seen In the Book deliverance by ransom. Isa. 51:11; 62:12. I Cor. 7:23, Gal. 3:13, 14. I Tim. 2:6. I Pet. 1:18, 19. Rev. 5:9.

III. As King.

The kingdom of Christ a very for all must stand before the prominent subject in Scripture. judgment-seat of Christ. The Dan. 2:44. Matt. 13; 22:1—14. Luke 13:22-30; 17:20, 21. Rom. and he will be confronted with 14:17. Eph. 1:10, 20-22, I Pet. 3:

> 1. Christ's authority embraces the universe. Matt. 28:18. Eph. 1:

a. His kingdom of power, emfor your public profession of bracing the entire universe in His Christ Jesus, your Lord.

providential and judicial adminprovidential and judicial admin--The Watchman, istration. Jno. 5:22-27; 9:39. I

Cor. 15:25. Heb. 10:12, 13.

b. His kingdom of grace, spirit-

nay also be an interpreter.

c. His kingdom of glory, the
1. Christ executed the office of consummation of His gracious

a. To cause all things to work

b. To establish a kingdom for c. To subjugate all His enemies.

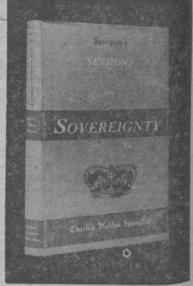
I Cor. 15:25. d. That all should worship

3. The following are some of the sense in which they are used. a. The kingdom of God. Luke the authority of God exercised in

b. The kingdom of Christ, Matt. 16:28; Col. 1:13, because He and consecrated to God. Exo. 39: is in person the immediate sover-

c. The kingdom of heaven

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The Name

But the Name is not a fetich. dea of his authority and the ef- There is no charm in the letters leacy of his power. Uttered by of the Word. We must therefore the lips of faith, it was a word of understand what the Name of resistless might. It healed disease, Jesus actually means: and the shed light on the darkness of the Holy Spirit has been given for

He leads us to employ it ered devils, controlled the pow- as a weapon against sin, and to ers of hell, and commanded the experience its authority over the wildest elements of nature into devil. The Name stands for Instant obedience. Like Pharoah's everything which the Word of signet on Joseph's hand, he who God declares it is possible for the lsed that Name in faith, was en- Lord Jesus to be to us, and to lowed for the time with sover- do for us. It therefore breathes authority. Behind authority is In the great fight with the character. And what is the char-Powers of darkness and forces of acter of Christ? On earth he was despised and rejected. All that the world could give the Son of God, its Creator and Redeemer, of the Lord Jesus Christ still con- was a Cross! But what is his stitutes an irresistible weapon. character in heaven? How is it S. D. Gordon records that a portrayed in the Book of Revelaoung man came to him at the tion, which speaks of the future? lose of a service in London, and As a Lamb. Four times only is old him how sorely he had been the Lamb, in reference to Christ, empted. He seemed to make no mentioned in the New Testament. eadway in the struggle, until the save in its closing book, where it

"In the days of miracles," reverently, prayerfully, eagerly, therefore for the carrying out of Holy Spirit has come to call us in our own experience.

Wrote the late Guthrie, "the himself of the Word of God is the victory, which he has won in into co-operation with himself of the Word of God is the victory, which he has won in into co-operation with himself of the Word of God is the victory, which he has won in into co-operation with himself of the Word of God is the carrying out of Holy Spirit has come to call us in our own experience. Holy Spirit? To make that vicvictory over Satan and sin in our ness.

daily fight. has now to do is to receive by faith all that Christ has accomplished on the Cross, whereby he will occupy a position of strength and victory. The Holy Spirit, in the divine purpose of his mission, has come to lead each one of God's children into this triumphant confession: "Christ is victor; and I claim by faith the fullest possible realization of his victory in my life and work, and I claim it now because of his Name."

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his character as the Lamb of God. and to teach us how to wield it Word. Dig deep into the Word. What then is the purpose of the in the face of the attacks of sin. Store it in your heart. Seal it on

They came to him, following What the individual Christian the order in Matthew's Gospel, in the temptation to satisfy bodily need in a miraculous manfrustrate the enemy's plans.

weakness: through the temptato assert our own rights.

on which the devil works. And therefore the Holy Spirit has come for the express purpose of teaching us how to use the sword of the Word of God. It has a double edge: and our success in vanquishing the evil powers outside of us will depend on the

The Name of Jesus stands Sword of the Spirit: and the of the Word of God is effective

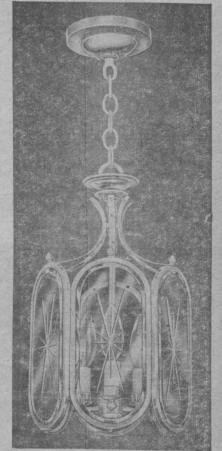
Study that Word. Search the These may be expected from your memory, and you will have tory, in its fulness, and power, different sources, as in the tests many opportunities of proving its all that it is meant to be in the applied to the Lord in the wilder- power in the daily fight. Combined with the Name and the Word, as weapons for victory, there is as well

The Blood.

The late Andrew Murray says. ner: to presume on the keeping "I know of no word in the Bible power of God: to reach the end or in human speech that contains of His mission by wrong princi- such mysteries! In it are concenples: and Christ proves how an trated the mysteries of the Incarintelligent use of the Bible can nation, in which our God took flesh and blood: of the obedience Evil will attack us through out- unto death in which the blood ward circumstances and inward was shed: of the love that passeth knowledge that purchased us tion to take our own way, and with his own blood: of the victory over every enemy, and the All these things belong to the everlasting redemption: of the self-life, which is the material resurrection and the entrance into heaven: of the atonement and (Continued on page 7, column 4)

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The Goodness Of God

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continually" (Psa. 52:1). The "goodness" of God respects the perfection of His nature: "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all" (I John 1:5). There is such an absolute perfection in God's nature and being that nothing is wanting to it or defective in it, and nothing can be added to it 1:31). Thus, the "goodness" of to make it better. "He is origin-. God is seen, first, in creation. ally good, good of Himself, which The more closely the creature is nothing else is; for all creatures are good only by participation and communication from God. He is essentially good; not only good, but goodness itself: the creature's good is a superadded quality, in God it is His essence. He is infinitely good; the creature's good is but a drop, but in God there is an infinite ocean or gathering together of good. He is eternally and immutably good, for He cannot be less good than He is; as there can be no addition made to Him, so no subtraction from Him" (Thos. Manton). God is summum bonum, the chiefest

The original Saxon meaning of our English word "God" is definitely. Greatest of all beings, but the

enough to fill all things.

All that emanates from Godlaws, His providences—cannot be otherwise than good: as it is written, "And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good" (Gen. 1:31). Thus, the "goodness" of studied, the more the beneficence of its Creator becomes apparent. Take the highest of God's earthly creatures, man. Abundant reason has he to say with the Psalmist, "I will praise Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are Thy works, and that my soul knoweth right (139:14). Everything well" about the structure of our bodies attests the goodness of their Maker. How suited the hands to perform their allotted work! How good of the Lord to appoint sleep to refresh the wearied body! How benevolent His provision to give unto the eyes lids and brows for their protection! And so we might continue in-

is full of the goodness of the Lord" (Psa. 33:5).

The goodness of God is seen in the variety of natural pleasures (Psa. 119:68). God has in Him- which He has provided for His self an infinite and inexhaust- creatures. God might have been "The goodness of God endureth ible treasure of all blessedness pleased to satisfy our hunger without the food being pleasing to our palates-how His benev-He decrees, His creation, His providences—cannot be flavours which He has given to meats, vegetables and fruits! God has not only given us senses, but and this too reveals His goodness. also that which gratifies them; The earth might have been as fertile as it is without its surface being so delightfully variegated. Our physical lives could have been sustained without beautiful flowers to regale our eyes, and exhale sweet perfumes. We might have walked the fields without our ears being saluted by the music of the birds. Whence, then, this loveliness, this charm, so freely diffused over the face of nature? Verily, "The tender mercies of the Lord are over all His works" (Psa.

The goodness of God is seen in that when man transgressed the law of His Creator a dispensation of unmixed wrath did not God have deprived His fallen every comfort, every pleasure. best. All the goodness there is in Creator confined to man, it is of a mixed nature, of mercy and any creature has been imparted exercised toward all His crea- judgment. This is very wonderfrom the Creator, but God's tures. "The eyes of all wait upon ful if it be duly considered, and goodness is underived, for it is Thee; and Thou givest them their the more thoroughly that regime the essence of His eternal nature. meat in due season. Thou openest be examined the more will it ap-As God is infinite in power from Thine hand, and satisfiest the pear that "mercy rejoiceth all eternity, before there was any desire of every living thing" against judgment" (James 2:13). "Thou art good, and doest good" (Psa. 136:25). Truly, "The earth happiness than creature-misery thority, mocked His messengers,

IS THERE NO GOD?

"There is no God? Then tell me pray Who started the sun on his golden way, Who paints the flowers and tints the sky From a pallette of color of secret dye?

"Who is it that tells in early Spring The flowers to waken, the birds to sing, The ice to melt, the river to flow, And tells sleeping things to rise and grow?

"Who is it that set the stars in their course? Just natural law commingled with force? Is it that which brings comfort in hours of pain And soothes a tired body to sleep again?

"The sea and the valley, the plains and the hills, The mighty rivers, the sparkling rills; The primrose, the holly, the goldenrod—All of them symbols. Is there no God?

in the world. Even our sorrows scorned His Son, and persecuted admit of considerable alleviation, those for whom He died. and God has given to the human mind a pliability which adapts most illustriously when He sent itself to circumstances and makes forth His Son "made of a wothe most of them.

Nor can the benevolence of at once commence. Well might God be justly called into question because there is suffering creatures of every blessing, and sorrow in the world. If man sins against the goodness of God, Nor is the goodness of the Instead, He ushered in a regime if he despises "the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering," and after the and after the hardness and impenitency of his heart treasurest up unto himself wrath against the day of wrath (Rom. 2:5, 5), who is to blame but himself? Would God be "good" display thereof, or any act of (Psa. 145:15, 16). Whole volumes Notwithstanding all the evils if He punished not those who illomnipotency put forth; so He might be written, yea have been, which attend our fallen state, the use His blessings, abuse His bewas eternally good before there to amplify this fact. Whether it balance of good greatly pre- nevolence, and trample His merwas any communication of His be the birds of the air, the beasts ponderates. With comparatively cies beneath their feet? It will bounty, or any creature to whom of the forest, or the fish in the rare exceptions, men and wo- be no reflection upon God's goodit might be imparted or exer- sea, abundant provision has been men experience a far greater ness, but rather the brightest excised. Thus, the first manifesta- made to supply their every need. number of days of health, than emplification of it, when He shall tion of this Divine perfection was God "giveth food to all flesh, for they do of sickness and pain. rid the earth of those who have in giving being to all things. His mercy endureth forever" There is much more creature- broken His laws, defied His au-

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The goodness of God appeared man, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons" (Gal. 4:4, 5) Then it was that a multitude of the heavenly host praised their (Continued on page 7, column 1)



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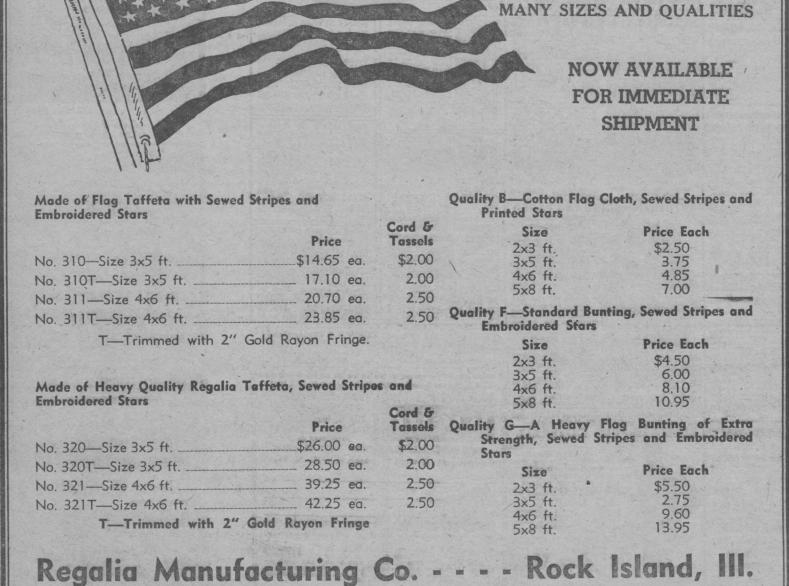
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The Goodness Of God

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Maker and said, "Glory to God vation hath appeared to all men" may be questioned, this is abso- (1:5 R. V.).

nity be called into question because He has not made every sinful creature to be a subject of His redemptive grace. He did not the fallen angels. Had God left all to perish it had been no reflection of His goodness. To any who would challenge this statement we will remind him of our Lord's sovereign prerogative: "Is it not lawful for Me to do what I will with Mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?' (Matt. 20:15).

"O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men" (Psa. 107:8), Gratitude is the return just required from the objects of His beneficence yet is it often withheld from our great Benefactor simply because His goodness is so constant and so abundant. It is lightly esteemed because it is exercised toward us in the common course of events. It is not felt because we daily experience it.

"Despisest thou the riches of His goodness?—(Rom. 2:4). His goodness is "despised" when it is not improved as a means to lead men to repentance, but, on the contrary, serves to harden them from the supposition that God entirely overlooks their sin.

The goodness of God is the life of the believer's trust. It is this excellency in God which most appeals to our hearts. Because His goodness endureth forever, we ought never to be discouraged: "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knoweth them that trust in Him" (Nahum 1:7). "When others behave badly to us, it should only stir us up the more heartily to give thanks unto the Lord, because He is good and when we ourselves are conscious that we are far from being good, we should only the more revgood-will toward men" (Luke erently bless Him that He is 2:14). Yes, in the Gospel the good. We must never tolerate an "grace (Gk. benevolence or good- instant's unbelief as to the goodness) of God that bringeth sal- ness of the Lord whatever else In the highest and on earth peace, (Titus 2:11). Nor can God's benig- lutely certain, that Jehovah is

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good, His dispensations may vary, aspects of the power of the blood. same" (C. H. Spurgeon).

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(Continued from page 5) the reconciliation and the justification that came through it: of the cleansing and perfecting of of the people."

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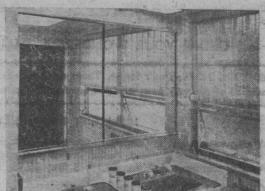
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cessfully; and yet the eyes of many are closed to the fact.

If the people of God will only The great enemy of the church enter into possession of what the has so paralyzed her will, dead- Lord Jesus has won through his ened her sense of responsibility, sacrifice on the Cross, we will be that ripening harvest fields are able to claim that all the powers still waiting for laborers, and the of the enemy, directed against means required for the ingather- us, shall be utterly broken; and ence of its powers, so that in ing of precious souls are refused also that by virtue of the preby the members of the church. cious blood there shall be loosed weapon with which we meet the Such is the work which the devil out, for the glory of God and the enemy, and find victory and peris accomplishing, only too suc- need of the world, men and fect peace.

Lessons From Mary And Martha

By JOHN HORNE

"Mary . "Mary . . . sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His Word. But Martha ing."-Luke 10:39-42.

"Mary and Martha have just gone along to ring those charming bells."

It kept an open door for Him disposition and aims. when it was beginning to be dangerous to befriend Him. Possi- there that the incident occured But her love was as real as

money and all else required for acted towards Jesus as their not pray in the meeting, or exthe prosecution of victorious missionary enterprise. Calvary is the and so they declared themselves. call to the church to be loosed It is ever so; act, and we shail their hand is ready to find their from her grave-clothes and to know you. enter into the most aggresive warfare possible against the strongholds of evil: as it is a call to receive the fullest supply of the Holy Spirit and to put on our beautiful garments in anticipation of the coming of our Head, and the dawning of the day of victory.

2. Purchased for God by blood

This will be the song of the translated saints, as they look back on their earthly journey. It is the song now of every believer, who knows his debt of sin is paid.

3. Cleansed by blood (7:14).

What the blood purchases, it The blood . . . cleanseth" Thank God the cleansing is a ments.'

4. Conquering through the Blood (Rev. 12:11).

The Greek word for "overcome" means to conquer. In a court of law, it is to win the case: in conflict, to knock the weapon out of the adversary's hand.

It is by that blood the accuser (of v. 10) is silenced, and put out of court.

Victory over him, at every point, is grounded on and is a consequence of the blood which has been shed.

The Holy Spirit has come to teach us all that it means, and to lead us into personal experievery conflict with evil it is the



was cumbered about much serv-

with Himself there than else- Martha. where; for all men are on a fa-

MARTHA—It is the habit cheaply to deride Martha because she appears less pious than Mary, but there were many good qualities in her. She was an active, practical dame; and, though a trifle fussy, she was a handy person about a house. Evidence of her industry is found in the fact that the house belonged to her, though Lazarus was alive. She was the forerunner of those women of shrewd, business habits who now and again appear in domestic annals as the pillars of family responsibilities and con-

We have some sympathy with possesses in order to keep it safe. her, in her complaint against Mary for leaving all the work to her. Her active nature was continuous act, and that is what ruffled by Mary's easy-minded-we need. "Blessed is he that ness. Many worship who will watcheth, and keepeth his gar- not work; some pray who will not pay. A prayer-meeting has a greater charm for some women than a clean house and kitchen. The very presence of such people maddens a practical person like

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Martha's love took that way of Christ had a special fondness miliar footing with certain fam-showing itself—in activity and for the humble home at Bethany. ilies because of an agreement in work. External movement and activities were more agreeable It was while on a passing visit than quiet and contemplation. bly, too, He found more affinity which the above passage reveals, Mary's; it only differed in the an incident very natural and full expression. She has many folcharacter. The two sisters lowers, men and women who do tastes and dispositions dictated, hibit their piety; but they are always in their seat in the church, pocket when practical help is needed for any good work, and they are to be relied on every day in the year. If others supply the motive and atmosphere for Christian work, these accept the worry and responsibility of the undertaking; and both are equally valuable.

Besides, it has to be remembered that, as Martha was mistress of the house, the duty of looking after its affairs would naturally fall to her, and it was to be expected that she would busy herself in hospitality when Christ called.

But,—there's a but in every body's record, - Martha was Christ did not reprove fussy. her for serving, but for being (Continued on page 9, column 3)





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Why It Is Good To Not

By PASTOR JAMES CRACE Piketon, Ohio

In view of the fact that there so many evils produced in e existence and support of mison boards, it occured to me that ere is surely much good to be roduced in rejecting and refusg to support mission board uses. Without a doubt much ood is accomplished when we ject and withdraw from unpractices. Mission lards are unscriptural. Preach-8 working under authority of a lission board are doing unscripral work. Therefore, it is right nd good for us to fight against ese evils. It is right and good to

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However, if we cease all such unscriptural support then we begin to uphold the truth concerning God's ordained way of doing mission work. All mission work have been wonderfully blessed that is of God will be found unbeing able to return to active der the direct authority of a fe after suffering from head to scriptural Baptist church. To supot with muscular soreness and port any other mission work is an. Most all joints seemed af- unscriptural. Surely, then, it is cted. According to medical diag- good to refuse to support mission cumbered about much serving; sis, I had Rheumatoid Arthritis, boards and mission board preachuphold the truth of God's Word.

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In the second place, when we refuse to support mission boards and mission board preachers we

manifest our desire to truly glor- tions. ify God.

God has ordained that He be arise out of the incident:glorified in His churches (Eph. 3:21). Truly, beloved, it is good to walk in the will of the Lord. No church or individual is walking in the will of the Lord as long as they support mission boards and mission board preachers. No mission board is or scripturally can ognize this simple truth has rent be under authority of a church; In the first place, the truth of therefore, they cannot do scriptural mission work. God is not glorified by mission boards or mission board preachers who are extra-scriptural. Certainly, it is good to glorify God. Where is God glorified? In His churches. Then it is good to support work that is scriptural and under authority of a scriptural Baptist

Also, it is not good to support mission boards and their preachers. As long as a church or individual supports mission boards they are not following the teaching of the Word of God. Beloved, it is not good to walk contrary to the rightly divided Word of God. (Continued on page 10, column 3)

Mary And Martha

(Continued from page 8) there lies the rub. You know the heumatism and Bursitis. For ers because by such refusal we fussy housewife, don't you? It's a pain to take a cup of tea with her. Before the grace is ended, she urges you to take butter, try jam, taste the scones; then she wonders if you're sitting comfortably, if your tea is sweet, if everything is to your taste, etc. The torture, of course, is kindly meant; but you secretly wish that the good lady would let you enjoy your tea in peace. Such fussiness is tantalizing to a reposeful nature.

Martha was also proud of her activity. People of her tempera-ment fall into this temptation. The ploughman thinks the poet an idler; the labourer scorns the mental toil of the scholar. Thus was it with Martha; she thought nobody but herself was doing anything because they were not fussing around as she was.

MARY-Mary was of a fine, thoughtful make. She was considerate to the Stranger, and entertained Him in conversation. She felt that more was needed than bread and butter. Some folks invite you to tea, and when that is over, their programme is at an end; they have nothing for your mind. It is an insult to suppose that your visitor is more in need of "cookies" than of helpful intercourse. Mary saw that Martha's serving was, after all, only an external thing; and she thoughtfully gave herself to matters lying nearer the heart of their Visitor.

It is possible that material things presented a danger to Mary's mind. The finest intellects often exhibit a leaning to materialism, and they require to keep well off the precipice in order to feel safe. Finely-strung natures are greatly disturbed by contact with suffering,-visiting a hospital, for instance,—while stronger natures face the ordeal unquiveringly. So is it spiritually; certain casts of mind are only safe and sane in withdrawment from worldly bustle. It would seem that Mary was after this

Moreover, her love found its most practical outlet in contemplation. She supplied the spiritual atmosphere of the house. The church has had to bless God for Mary's children: the Frances Ridley Havergals, the William Cowpers, the Samuel Rutherfords, who have created the atmosphere of devotion within her walls. We revere the memory of all such in the past, and thank God for those of the present. How incomplete the house and the church would be without them!

But,-for Mary was not perfect any more than Martha,-she did not show a reasonable concern for external yet necessary things. And she lacked sympathy with Martha in her needful prepara-

Two practical considerations

First, there are more ways than one of loyalty and service. Martha and Mary are both required, and one must not think that her part is more important than the other. Failure to recmany churches.

Second, we are not to b complainers, but mutual helper Let Martha be content to do her Let work, without complaining abc. the part which Mary plays. An thus, though they have had slight temporary difference, may still be true that-

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(Continued from page 10) After you have heard the word of truth concerning the fact that mission boards are unscriptural and God-dishonoring, there is only one way to manifest your love for the truth. How is that? I answer, by rejecting all mission boards and mission board preachers and refusing to support them in any way. Brethren, it is good to withdraw all connection with mission boards with a view to properly and scripturally glorifying God in and through His churches.

Thirdly, beloved, it is good to withdraw from evil.

A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. A little evil opens the door to more and more evil. Oh, how holy should Christ's churches be! How they ought to abhor all sin! Supporting mission boards is an evil practice. All of Christ's churches ought to purge out the sin of supporting mission boards. What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? What concord hath Christ with Belial? What agreement hath the temple of God with idols? Therefore, brethren, I say it is good to withdraw from supporting mission boards and mission board preachers because you will have withdrawn from an evil practice. How good it is to purge out sin from the body of Christ, which is His church.

In the fourth place, you will have manifested trust in our God rather than in an arm of flesh.

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flesh is utterly powerless as far flesh. My brethren, it is good as glorifying God is concerned. Yet mission boards are nothing more than arms of flesh. I beseech you to stop trusting in that which seeks to over-rule the Word of God. I pray that you will be found trusting God rather than mission boards.

Beloved, it is good to trust and respecteth not the proud. God. It is good to reject mission such as turn aside to lies." (P know the true God. You know boards because they are all Sa- 40:4). His power. You know the arm of tan-inspired, man-made, arms of Continued on page 12, column

manifest trust in God. No prol ise of blessing is made to tho who trust in arms of flesh. read, "Blessed are those that P their trust in Him."

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Fifthly, we can only manifest true love for our erring brethren by trying to lead them out of

You say you do not believe it is wrong to support a mission board or mission board missionaries. Of course we hear a lot of "I think," "I don't think," or "A church is sovereign and can use any means it chooses," or "Look what mission boards have done."

All of these answers have no Scriptural proof. It is not possible to be right if our doctrinal stand is not Scriptural. Just because we does not mean that we are. Neither do numbers or finances justify our practice.

Supporting mission boards and mission board preachers is not a As members of true churches it stand against them. is our responsibility and duty to What is your real desire? There is plenty of church fight such evils which dominate Would you stand for the truth or authorized mission work to be churches.

Furthermore, it is part of our love the brethren or do you acby continuing to support them. cieties, fellowships, etc. You cannot help those who are members of the board by continuing to support them. Surely, you can see that the only way to really help is to tear down mission boards because they are inprove that mission boards have think we are doing a good thing I also say you cannot justify the matter how much you twist the Scriptures.

the work belonging to Christ's will you still support unscriptural supported. No church has to sup-

job to correct the brethren when tually want to satisfy your own necessary. You cannot help them will, even if it means closing by approving the support they your eyes to the truth about misare doing or by supporting the sion boards and mission board mission boards yourselves. You preachers? Brethren, it is always cannot help those serving on mis- good to manfest true love for the sion boards by continuing to sup- brethren. The only way we can port them. You cannot help do so is to reject mission boards. preachers who are preaching un- Surely, then, it is good to reject der authority of a mission board mission boards, conventions, so-

Last of all it is good to stop supporting mission boards and mission board preachers so that you can give support, or more support, to Scriptural missionstruments of Satan. I say we can aries. It is always good to support Scriptural work but it is never good to support unscriptural work such as mission existence of mission boards no boards, etc. Every time you give support to mission boards you are aiding the Devil and misusing the I call upon true Baptist Lord's money, A church has no good work. It can only be prop- churches and individual mem- authority to spend the Lord's erly called a sin to support them. bers of churches to do that which money in an unscriptural way. If you would manifest real love is right. It is always good to do It would be better to burn the for Scriptural missions, God-hon- a right thing. And it right to stop money you send to mission oring missions, I urge you to do all support of mission boards and boards. Why? Because you at all you can to drive mission mission board preachers. Yes, be- least would not be serving the boards out of existence. Why? loved, it is good to manifest love Devil with God's money and you Because they are dishonoring to for the brethren but you can only wouldn't be helping to keep God's Word. They steal the commanifest true love by standing church-displacing mission boards mission from the churches. Those for the whole truth. If you would in existence. The only Scriptural who make up mission boards are stand for the truth concerning mission work in existence is that sinning and ought to be rebuked. mission boards you will have to which is under authority of a true Baptist church.

> mission boards? Do you really port mission boards in order to do mission work.

Brother Fred Halliman in New Guinea, a missionary of the Macedonia Baptist Church in Chicago, needs support. You wont find a sounder man to support anywhere. I believe that one sound missionary who is working under authority of a true Baptist church is of more value than all the missionaries in the world that are serving under mission-boards. Why? Because he has the power of God and the approval of God behind him. That missionary is glorifying God. That man is obeying and trusting God. Brother Fred Halliman is just such a man. If you want to serve God in a right manner then stop supporting mission boards and start supporting Bro. Halliman. The mission board people said Bro. Fred could not get to New Guinea without the help of a mission board; but he is there now. God can do anything He pleases. Bro. Fred had to overcome enemies on all sides when T.B.E. You may go ahead and your support of all mission boards he announced his call to the foreign field. But I venture to say the biggest part of his trouble came from Baptist (?) mission boards. Bro. Halliman has manifested his desire to serve God rather than men. Personally, I want the little church that I pastor to support God's men who will not compromise even one of if you want to do really Script-God's truths. I know Bro. Fred ural, God-honoring mission work good in rejecting mission boards Halliman to be that kind of man. then support The Baptist Exam-You say you want to do sound missionary work then I say support Bro. Halliman.

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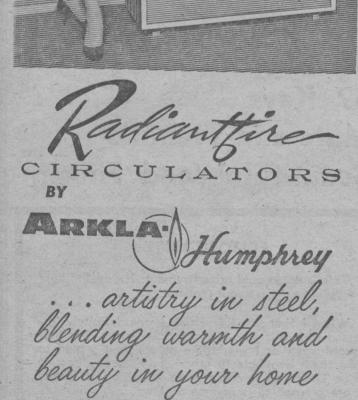
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"Travail Of His Soul"

(Continued from page one) cue better than sixty thousand SUFFERER. angels to fight for Him.

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"And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the Lord went out, and SMOTE all the camp of the Assyrians an HUNarose early in the morning, be-2 Kings 19:35.

night's time destroyed 185,000 of ing to this country. One of the great Bible exposi- the Assyrian army. Beloved, if

rence work in several foreign Jesus. Yet the Master said in subuntries. No one who has ever stance, "Simon, put away your hard as was humanly possible. ad his writings has failed to sword. If I cared to do so, I sand angels to my defense.'

He did not die a martyr's death. He did not die because He had to die. Notice another Scripture _ 14.95 of like nature:

"Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, YIELD- them, This day is this scripture 11.90 ED UP THE GHOST." — Matt.

word for "dismissed," so that it they said. Is not this Joseph's in which to rest, that He himself Atonement)

3.95 word for "dismissed," so that it they said, Is not this Joseph's in which to rest, that He himself actually says that the Lord Jesus son? And all they in the syna- had not where to lay His head.

3.50 Christ "dismissed his spirit." The gogue, when they heard these Doesn't it seem strange that the Greek word that is used there things, were filled with wrath, Creator who had created this HE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD 3.75 implies an act of Christ's own And rose up, and trust him out world, who had made the foxes volition, and would tell us that 3.00 the death of the Lord Jesus Christ was vastly different to the death of every other person who SAVIOUR ON THE CROSS 2.00 has ever died in this world. He died because He, of His own accord, by His own volition, dismis-.75 sed His Spirit into the hands of .35 God. That doesn't sound like a .30 martyr's death, does it? Listen

"No man taketh it from me, .30 BUT I LAY IT DOWN OF MY-.30 SELF, I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received from my Father." _John 10:18.

He was talking here about His .15 own life, and He declared that nobody took His life from Him, .15 but rather, He was laying it down .15 of His own accord. I say then, be-.15 loved, from these Scriptures that were given to the students of the popular in the city of Jerusalem I have read to you, the Lord Pastor's College, of which Mr. Spur-Jesus Christ surely was not a .15 martyr. Instead, beloved friends, .10 everything within these Scriptures would indicate that the

Recently, a man asked me as to which theory of the atonement optist Examiner Book Shop I accepted. I answered him then without a moment's hesitation,

5. The sense in which Christ's "The Barabbas theory." Now on further reflection and after cona. The king is a spiritual and sidering it more thoroughly, I not an earthly sovereign. Matt. still answer as I did then; the only theory of the atonement b. His throne is at the right that I accept is the Barabbas theory, that as Jesus died for c. His scepter is spiritual. Psa. Barabbas, so the Son of God died

Thus, beloved, though there have been many, many theories phant. Rev. 3:21. Accordingly e. The mode in which He ad- offered concerning the death of rist is represented as a great ministers His government is spir- the Son of God, of which the most common is that He was a martyr, I reject this and reject all other 24.
g. The blessings and penalties assurance that the only theory that means ought to me, or that Cor. 3:4-11. 2 Cor. 10:4. Eph. 1:3 can mean anything at all to you, is the Barabbas theory - that 6. Christ as seated at the right Christ died for your sins, which we find expressed so beautifully

> "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES." - I Cor.

In view of that fact, beloved, and with that thought in mind, I want us to study the death of the Lord Jesus Christ that we might learn more about the travail of His soul.

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I thought when I read that of this generation, Arthur one angel were able to destroy statement in one of the papers nk was the author of numer- 185,000 of the enemy of God's which comes to my desk, what a books and pamphlets. Until people in one night, what then contrast with the Lord Jesus death, he edited an influen- could better than sixty thousand Christ, for while it was evidently Bible study magazine entitled angels have done if they had true that everything was done to been called to the defense of the make their journey as comfortable and as easy as possible, in Simon Peter drew his sword, contrast, everything was done to ates, and engaged in Bible con- ready to fight in behalf of the Lord make Jesus' visit to this earth as difficult, and as laborous, and as

delive great spiritual benefit could call better than sixty thou- town. In the city of Nazareth where the Lord Jesus grew up I tell you, beloved, the Lord from babyhood, He was never Jesus Christ was not a martyr. treated as the King of Kings, and Foxes have holes, and birds of even when He announced the beginning of His ministry, His own towns-people sought His destruction. Listen:

fulfilled in your ears. And all bare him witness, and wondered

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And this is what I mean to do, When I my Saviour meet; I'll take the crown His hands bestow, And lay it at His feet.

For all I have, and all I am, And all I hope to be, I owe to Him, -- blest be His name! --Who gave Himself for me.

-E. A. TYDEMAN.

in Heaven would send to His res- WAS A GREAT PHYSICAL city was built that they might night in solitude there. cast him down headlong." -Luke 4:21, 22, 28, 29.

That's the way the Lord Jesus Christ was honored in the city of town. He had grown from babyhood to manhood there, and on a certain day went into the temple, took the Word of God from the keeper thereof and read this glorious passage from the book of Isaiah. Then closing the book, He handed it back to the keeper of the temple, sat down in their

presence, and said to them:
"This day is this scripture ful-

filled in your ears.'

"When He thus announced that He was the Son of God in person and that the Scripture was fulfilled that day in Him, the people of the synagogue were filled with wrath and the towns-people, His acquaintances, took Him out to the brow of the hill to cast Him headlong over the cliff, that the Son of God might be killed. I say, beloved, that is a part of the sufferings the Lord Jesus un-Take for example in His home derwent during His 30 years stay here in this world.

Notice another Scripture: "And Jesus said unto him,

the air have nests: but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head." — Luke 9:58.

You talk about suffering, bephysically. He said to this group, "I am poorer than the birds of the air or the beasts of the field." The Greek word that is trans- at the gracious words which pro- He declared that though they had lated "yielded," literally is the ceeded out of his mouth. And holes in which to hide and nests and fashioned the birds, who had provided the material for the building of the nests and who had made every sinkhole within the ground in which the animals might burrow - doesn't it seem strange that the Creator of all, now can find no place to lay His own weary head. Surely from this statement that comes to us from the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ, we can see just how the Son of God suffered physically in the days of His flesh.

Notice again:

"And every man went unto his own house. Jesus went unto the count of Olives."-John 7:53; 8-1.

What do these verses tell us? They speak of the sufferings of the Son of God. Talk about an unpopular preacher, the Lord These lectures are printed as they Jesus Christ certainly was unas well as in every other city that geon was founder and president. This He visited. Here in this city of is the unabridged edition of this great .Jerusalem when He had preachbook. Every preacher should own and ed, nobody invited the Son of tures would indicate that the read the instruction given by the God to go home with them, and Lord Jesus Christ was anything "prince of preachers," C. H. Spur- when there was no invitation to when there was no invitation to Jesus that He might spend the night in one of their comfortable homes, the Son of God went out into the Mount of Olives. He had created it, He had made it, and

of the city, and led him unto the now the Son of God turns to His brow of the hill whereon their creation that He might spend the

> Every man went to his own home, and Jesus, not having a home, and not having an invitation to go to their homes, was compelled to spend the night on the mountainside. No man can read this without the realization that the Son of God suffered physically in the days of His flesh. There never was a royal welcome for Jesus within this city; rather, from the first day that He entered it unto His demise there, the Son of God received only a hiss from the inhabitants thereof.

Near to the end of His ministry you can observe His physical sufferings in the Garden of Gethsemane. I can't describe them, and neither if I could describe them, would your mind be capable of taking in the sufferings, and of comprehending how the Lord Jesus Christ suffered excruciating agony within the Garden of Gethsemane. The Word of God tells us that the Lord Jesus Himself prayed alone in Gethsemane and suffered so excruciatingly that great drops of bloody perspiration stood out upon his brow. I have been told that men under extreme mental anguish - that men passing through extreme physical suffering often have that experience; that is, it is nothing unusual for the human "And he began to say unto loved, notice how Jesus suffered flesh to experience. Men even today under excruciating pain may cause blood to pass through the pores of their body and thereby bloody perspiration stands out upon the brow. That was the experience of my Lord and my Sav-(Continued on page 14, column 1)

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(Continued from page 13) iour. Jesus suffered so that great drops of blood appeared upon His brow in Gethsemane. You can see Him kneeling there in prayer while the disciples beloved by Him, Peter, James and John, slept a little distance off, and the balance of the disciples waited outside the Garden. Can you see and so suffering that blood stands out upon His brow?

When you see Him, you can certainly say that Jesus suffered physically in His travail for us.

A little later, beloved, He was arrested and brought before Caiaphas in the middle of the night that He might be condemned. They were in such a hurry to get rid of Him that they did not even wait until morning, but rather, they came in the middle of the night before Caiaphas, the High Priest, that they might have Jesus condemned. How did they do it? Listen:

peatedly, and when you see Jesus day sun, to be tried again in the suffering under that midnight Hall of Pilate. You talk about sufordeal, you certainly are able to fering that Jesus Christ physicunderstand a little more about ally underwent. the travail of His soul.

til morning with no rest that ried His own cross outside the night. He had spent the early part city-not actually His cross, but DEATH: and he was numbered of the evening preaching. John the cross of Barabbas—the cross 14, 15 and 16 was His sermon, that Barabbas ought to have died

cording to the law.

Do you see the Son of God condemned to die. "Then did they spit in His face, thorns upon the brow that some Then see Him as He suffers And then shall the house of and buffeted him and others day shall wear the diadem of at Calvary. No word of man Israel be saved: the Jews in all

Notice how they held Him un- brought Him to Calvary. He car-

"The Travail Of His Soul" Then He had spent a while in upon-the cross that had been prayer. John 17 is His great high prepared for Barabbas. Pilate had priestly prayer of intercession said, "Whom will ye that I re-Then He had gone out into the lease unto you?" It was their cus-Garden and was there arrested. tom that at this feast of the Jews, Then after that came the trial someone should be given a parunder Caiaphas, the priest. All don. Here were the two that were this physical suffering was enough eligible for pardon—the Lord to wear down the body of any- Jesus, who was known to be inone. When the Son of God should nocent by Pilate, and Barabbas, have been given sleep and rest, who was known to be a guilty He was held in custody with murderer. When Pilate asked as the Master so agonizing in prayer neither, and then in the very to whom was to be turned loose, early morning was taken before the crowd shouted, "Release Bar-Pilate for a lengthy trial during abbas, crucify Jesus." So, on a which time He was scourged ac- cross that was prepared for another man, the Son of God was

when He was tied to a post, and Note His sufferings. Such pain, as the lash fell across His body such anguish, such sufferings He until His bare back was nothing has already undergone, and now more or less than a mass of gory when Jesus starts to carry the flesh—not flesh, but a mass of cross of Barabbas to Golgotha, blood and gore. Then after this He falls beneath the weight of was done, He was taken before that cross. Can you imagine how Herod where further indignities God's Son suffered? Physically were heaped upon Him. They ar- exhausted to such an extent that rayed Him in a purple robe, they he can't walk beneath the weight put a scepter of reed in His hand of that cross, He falls by the that shall some day hold a scep-roadside and another is comter of iron, they put a crown of pelled to carry the cross for Him.

smote him with the palms of God's own glory; then they said, could ever tell, nor ever describe, their dispersions shall cast away their hands."— Matthew 26:67. "Hail, king of the Jews." Talk the sufferings of Jesus Christ their old infidelity, and shall have Talk about a man being given about suffering. His back a mass there. No artist with brush and their hearts wonderfully changed, the "third degree" at the hands of gore and a crowd around Him paint could ever depict what Je- and abhor themselves for their of the law. No man that was ever mocking Him as though He were sus Christ underwent. Even our past unbelief and obstinacy. They beaten, mal-treated and mis- a King, making fun of Him in finite minds could never grasp shall flow together to the blessed treated at the hands of some of these kingly garments. See Him the suffering, the physical angu- Jesus, penitently, humbly, and ficer of the law in an attempt to as He thus suffers.

Solomon; (Hos. 1: 11, etc of the law in an attempt to as He thus suffers.

Then they led Him back all the like to see Him, beloved, as the glorious King and only Saviour, in which this conversion of the very arteries and shall with all their hearts as ever as severely treated as was way across the city from Herod's pain raced along the very arteries and shall with all their hearts, as the Lord Jesus Christ. Talk about judgment hall to Pilate's seat of of His body, as His bosom heaved with one heart and voice, declare we may determine by Script suffering — observe our Lord as judgment with His bleeding back and fell beneath the weight of the His praises unto other nations. He wiped the saliva of other bereft of comforts that might be pain He was bearing. I like to men's mouths from His face after given Him to sustain Him in imagine Him as He hung there they had spit into the face of those hours of agony. He was with the nails piercing His hands Jesus. See Him as they smote led all the way cross the city and His feet, suffering for us. He Him and as with their open with that bleeding back exposed was suffering greater than any was suffering greater than any palms they slapped His face re- to the pitiless rays of the noon- individual who has ever lived within this world. You read it in God's Book as a prophecy. Listen:

"Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he Look at Him as they finally shall divide the spoil with the strong because HE HATH POUR-ED OUT HIS SOUL UNTO with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."—Isa. 53:12.

A fuller more vivid description could not be given. "He hath poured out his soul unto death." Would you see it also in the

prophecy of the Psalms, Listen: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not and in the night season, and am not silent. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint, my heart is like wax it is melted in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me; they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me." -Psalm 22:1, 2, 14-17.

My beloved friends, no individual can ever read this 22nd Psalm without the solemn realization that the Lord Jesus Christ suffered greatly from the standpoint of physical suffering for our salvation. Three hours he hung there beneath the sun, and then for three hours He hung on the cross in darkness. At the end of that darkness, you hear Him as He cries, "I thirst." Talk about suffering. Tongue swollen to the extent that His mouth could not be opened, yet someone rudely poured some vinegar mixed with gall into His mouth to intensify those sufferings the Son of God was already passing through. Beloved, no man can see this scene, nor read these Scriptures, without remembering the travail of His soul.

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been now for above seventeen a remarkable providential se hundred years in their rejection the fulfilment of this great e of Christ, and however rare have by a kind of continual mil been the instances of individual viz. their being preserved a conversions, ever since the de-tinct nation in such a disp struction of Jerusalem-but they condition for above sixteen have, against the plain teachings dred years. The world at of their own prophets, continued nothing else like it. There is to approve of the cruelty of their doubtedly a remarkable ham forefathers in crucifying Christ-providence in it. yet, when this day comes, the thick veil that blinds their eyes shall be removed (2nd Cor. 3:16), ancient people, who alone and divine grace shall melt and God's people for so long a renew their hearts, "and they shall be His people again, shall look on Him whom they to be rejected more. They have pierced, and they shall then be gathered into the mourn for Him as one mourneth together with the Gentiles for his only son, and shall be in so also shall the remains of bitterness as one that is in bitter- 10 tribes, wherever they be ness for his first-born."—Zech. though they have been reju

told than this national conversion shall be fully accomplished of the Jews, in Rom. 11. There are cause it is said, that their co also many passages of the Old in shall be life from the de

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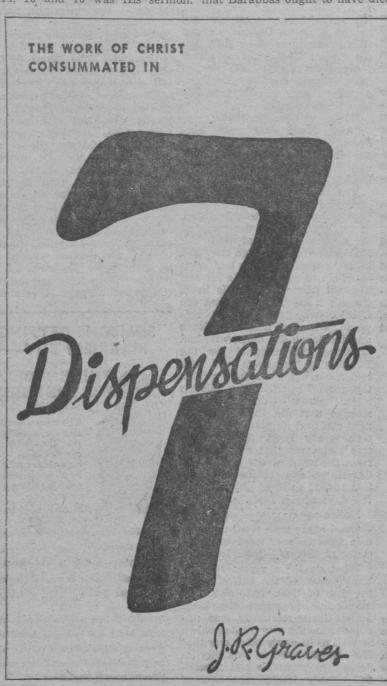
When they shall be called, much longer than the Jew brought in with their bret The prophecies of Hosea esp ly seem to hold this forth, th the future glorious times church, both Judah and Eph or, Judah and the 10 tribes, be brought in together, and be united as one people, as we may determine by Scrip that it will be before the gld Nothing is more certainly fore- the Gentile part of the Testament which cannot be in- the Gentiles, (Rom 11:12, 15

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give you a sign; Behold, a guilt and power of sin. in shall conceive, and bear a uel." —Isaiah 7:14.

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Holy Ghost.

Then Joseph her husband, bea just man, and not willing to te her a publick example, was ded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these lgs, behold, the angel of the appeared unto him in a m, saying, Joseph, thou son David, fear not to take unto Mary thy wife: for that ch is conceived in her is of the

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"Now all this was done, that it s or the dependability of the might be fulfilled which was record hinges on this doc-spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

"Behold, a virgin shall be with world over were unanimous child, and shall bring forth a son, heir faith that Jesus was born and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

"Then Joseph being raised two sources. The first from sleep did as the angel of the ce is Gentile and of compara- Lord had bidden him, and took

"And knew her not till she had logy about 150 years ago. brought forth her firstborn son: trend is known as the school and he called his name JESUS."

Also see Luke 1:26-35.

Undermine the doctrine of the word, the Bible. And by the virgin birth, and the doctrine of the verbal inspiration of the Bible topples to the ground. If sible for the decline of the you cannot believe what Mattstian faith in that country, hew and Luke wrote about the the subsequent deterioration birth of Christ, how can you beheir ethical and spiritual life, lieve anything else they wrote ch prepared the ground for about Christ? Worse still, how can you any longer maintain that le second source of opposithe Bible is the Word of God? to the doctrine of the virgin And then it follows as the night is Jewish, and goes back the day, that he who denies the h further in history and is virgin birth, invariably takes a d on the general prejudice of lower view of the nature of Jesus. Jewish people against Chris- The doctrines of the deity and sinlessness of Christ are bound to owever, Scripture, both the suffer. Then when finally a de-and the New Tesatments, nial of the true deity and sinless ly foretells and records that nature of Christ is accomplished. Messiah was to be born of a the obvious sequence to all this is a denial of the Saviourhood of orn. Here is the Old Testa- Jesus. Certainly if He is not truly God and truly sinless man, He Therefore the Lord himself cannot be our Saviour from the

and shall call his name Im- clares that Jesus was not born of great Hebrew scholars, and some birth? The Hebrew people emera virgin insults Mary and Joseph of the most illustrious names in ged through the working of a and makes Jesus an illegitimate Israel. So it ill behooves any Jew, miracle akin to the virgin birth of of its fulfillment:

and makes Jesus an illegitimate Israel. So it ill behooves any Jew, miracle akin to the virgin birth of ord of its fulfillment: the Father and the Holy Spirit by ied the subject to close his eyes Isaac was the result of God's inwhom we are told Jesus was con-Now the birth of Jesus Christ ceived. In the face of this, how on this wise: When as his can any person who calls himself her Mary was espoused to a Christian, deny the virgin birth ph, before they came togeth- of Christ and stand unashamed she was found with child of and unafraid before the Triune

> The Virgin Birth and Jewish Objections

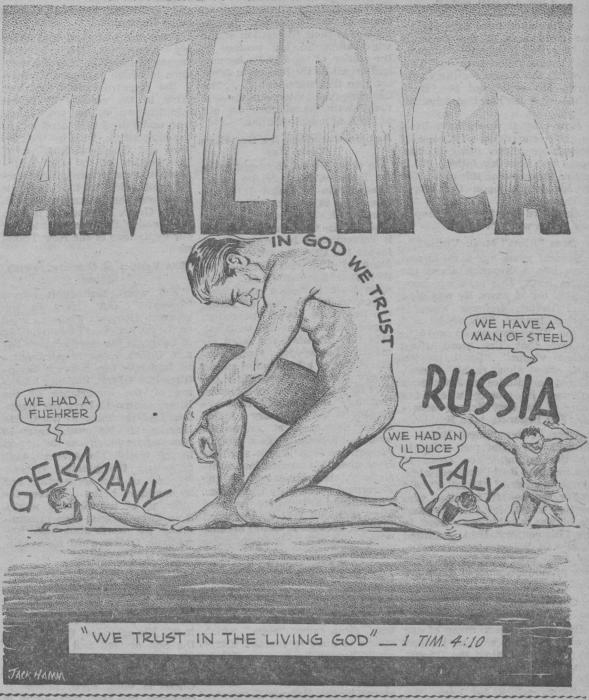
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child, and shall bring forth a son, gin birth or the creation? and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" - Matthew 1:22,

Let us deal with the subject which Jewish people find most difficult to believe, the virgin birth of Christ. I speak as a Jew and from this experience I know that the average Jew finds the virgin birth impossible to believe. But also because of our deep - rooted prejudice against Christianity, we Jews have been willing to believe the most fantastic and the most obscene stories regarding the birth of Christ. These obscene stories are primarily based upon a scurrilous pamphlet written during the middle ages, entitled Toldoth Yeshu, or "The Birth of Jesus." You will not find it in our public libraries because of its baseness. Anyone sending it through the mails or selling it to the public is liable to prosecution for dissemination of obscene literature. Yet millions of Jews, like myself, have heard these stories from their infancy and have believed them implicitly. However, I am happy to say, that a few years ago our Jewish leaders officially and publicly denounced the Toldoth Yeshu as not only false, but a disgrace to any Jew who believes in it.

What we as Jews must bear in mind is that for 19 centuries countless millions, yes, billions of people, have believed in the virgin birth of Christ. Among them were kings and presidents, statesmen and scientists. Also an

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and ears to it, or to ridicule some- tervention in a humanly impossthing about which he knows ible situation. The Jew should be the last person on earth to

When Sarah laughed at God's fusal to believe that God could or promise that she should give would upset the biological pro- birth to a child at the age of 90, cess. In other words, we say no God said to her, "Is anything too human being was ever born with- hard for the Lord?" This is what out a human father and mother. God says today to every Jew and Then what about the creation of Gentile who laughs at the idea of spoken of the Lord by the prop- Adam and Eve? How did they the virgin birth. Would you dare a child from a virgin?

> granted that the Hebrew race a miracle. emerged because of a miracle of now want to know is, do the Heb- (Continued on page 16, column 1) rew Scriptures teach that such a thing would happen in the birth

All right, let us then examine our own Tanach - the Hebrew Old Testament. First let me take you to Jeremiah 31:22. There we read, "The Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, a woman shall compass a man." In plain terms, a woman shall give birth to a child without the aid of a

Next let us turn to the account of the fall of Adam and Eve.

God, you will recall, passed judgment upon them because they doubted Him after listening to the serpent, the devil. Then we read in Genesis 3:14, 15:

"And the Lord God said unto the serpent, because thou hast done this . . . I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Now, it is a well-known biological fact that the seed comes from the male, not the female. Thus God excluded the male element in the birth of this one who should come forth from the woman to defeat the devil. Here we have the first indication of the virgin

The Prophecy Under the Microscope

So now we come to our text Isaiah 7:14, which is the prophecy quoted by Matthew. Seven centuries before the birth of Christ God said through Isaiah:

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." - Isaiah 7:14.

Let us examine this phophecy closely. It has three prominent features.

First: The prophecy tells us that come into the world, and which to say to the creator of the uni- God is going to give a "Sign"—
"Behold, a virgin shall be with was the greater miracle: the vir- verse that He cannot bring forth in Hebrew "Oth." This also means "A wonder," or "A mir-But the opposition might re- acle." It states plainly that God ply, "Granted that the creation will perform a miracle. This mir-And does not the existence of of Adam and Eve is a greater acle is the virgin birth. If it weer every Jew furnish a standing miracle than the virgin birth; an ordinary birth, it would not be

But, there is a second element, birth; granted that God could and this, to my mind, is the cause birth from a virgin. What I most important. It is this, that

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The Virgin Birth

(Continued from page 15) the child born of the virgin is to be called Immanuel. "Immanuel" means "God-with-us." This gives us the reason for the virgin birth. He could not be "Godwith-us" if He had had a human father.

How easy it would have been to deny the deity of Christ if Just So Christians Do Not Have Joseph or some other human being had been his father. (That is the objective of the modernist for instance, must not be transin his attack upon the virgin birth.)

The third point in this prophecy is the word "virgin."

Does "Alma" Mean Virgin?

Several years ago a rabbi and I got into a discusion about the virgin birth. This man had been a rabbi for 38 years. He was born in Palestine. Hebrew was his mother tongue. This rabbi said to me, "You can never prove to a Jew that the word Alma means virgin." "Don't be too sure about that, rabbi," I said. "Great multitudes of Jews have believed it, among whom are some of the best Hebrew scholars. For instance, take Rashi."

When I mentioned Rashi, I thought the rabbi was going to hit the ceiling. "You mean to tell me that Rashi declares alma to mean virgin?" "Exactly," said I. For the benefit of those who do not know, let me say that Rashi was a rabbi who lived in the 11th century. He is regarded as one of the greatest Hebraists the Jews ever had. To the pious Jew pronouncements of Rashi are

Commentators and Rabbis Versus God

But Rashi, like so many of our by prejudice against the Christians, as to become dishonest in his interpretation of Hebrew Christ.

Isaiah 7:14 is a striking example. There Rashi refuses to define alma as virgin. But in Song of Songs (Shir ha-Shirim), or Song of Solomon, chapters 1:3 and 6:8, we discover that Rashi defintely describes alma as a virgin. Rashi evidently did not expect the Christians to catch up with him, since, so far as he knew, there was nothing in the Song of Songs that the Christians used to confirm the claims of Christ. How terribly prejudiced one can become that he will attempt to blind the eyes of a on the word alma in Isaiah 7:14. teachings of God's Word.

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Now I want to reveal to you virgin. "The virgin shall conceive some of the Reformed Jewish name Immanuel." leaders in their translation of the authorized by the Reformed Jews, alma in Isaiah 7:14 means virgin we find this statement, ". . . the is the incontrovertible fact that Christological interpretations in prior to the coming of Christ of place in a Jewish Bible."

Their Way

In other words, the word alma, lated virgin in Isaiah 7:14, because this is the way Christians translate it. It is not a question whether the Christian translation is correct one, but rather, if it favors the Christians it is out of place in a Jewish Bible. Here then is a translation, not based upon truth but upon prejudice.

But, as in the case of Rashi, the Reformed Jewish translators 7:14 they translate the word alman." But in all the other places to translate the Hebrew Scripwhere the same word alma occurs they translate it by the word ing of the importance of the "maiden," or "damsel." Now ac- Bible wanted to have the transcording to the dictionary a maid-Thy refused to translate the word meaning of the Hebrew words. alma in Isaiah 7:14 by the word maiden, because it would become lating the word alma used the Christians.

Even the very origin and his-Christian position. Take, for instance, the root from which the Jewish leaders, was so blinded means to hide, to conceal. There could hardly be a more fitting all who will believe. basis for a word meaning virgin.

Now there are only seven Scripture which he knew the places in the Hebrew Scriptures Christians used as referring to where the word alma is found: Genesis 23:43; Exodus 2:8; Psalm 68:25; Song of Solomon 1:3; 6:8; Proverbs 30:19; and Isaiah 7:14. In every instance the context or historical setting favors the word virgin. For instance, every student of Hebrew history and customs knows that "the damsels playing with timbrels" mentioned in Psalm 68:25 had to be virgins and had to wear a dress which indicated that they were virgins. "Alma."

In closing, let us concentrate What the Virgin Birth Means to whole race of people against the Actually, the word there is Haalma, "The Virgin." A definite

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The Verdict of Seventy Jewish Sages

The word Septuagint means seventy Hebrew scholars, who, tripped themselves up. In Isaiah on the invitation of Ptolemy, King of Egypt, in the third century bema by the words, "young wo- fore Christ, came to Alexandria tures into Greek. Ptolemy knowlation of the same in the Greek en or damsel is an unmarried language in his own library in woman, especially one who is Alexandria, which was the largest young; one who is still a virgin. in the world. The seventy were Here, then, is revealed the incon- of course the greatest Hebrew sistency and dishonesty of the scholars of that generation and Reformed Jewish translators. no one knew better than they the Now these 70 wise men in trans-"Christological" - it would favor common Greek word for virgin, which is "Parthenos."

What a tragedy that prejudice tory of the word "alma" is over- should blind the mind and heart whelmingly in favor of the against this wonderful truth. This truth which is the key that unlocks the door and reveals to us word alma comes "alam" which in all His splendor, the Messiah, the Son of God and Saviour of

Belief in the virgin birth of Christ is vital. First, beause it to hear him speak." confirms the fact that Jesus is God-with-us, and not a mere man. lead the singing for me. He was If He is not God, but only a mere temperamental, man, born in the ordinary man- music. He was, beyond a shadow ner, then, regardless of how good of doubt, the greatest musician He was, He would not be our Sav- I ever listened to. He said to me iour, for only God can save people from the guilt and power of me in my soul when we don't sin. And finally, belief in the sing a song rightly." Virgin Birth is most essential to is a lie and a fraud, then the Bible is a lie and a fraud. For Hebrew as "Alamoth," plural for clearly teaches the Virgin Birth of Christ.

You

the Virgin Birth as foretold and recorded in the Word of God has led us to the inevitable onlusion Omnipotent Creator Himself, the God of Righteousness and Love, has come down to earth, "to be with us," to be our "Immanuel."

In taking upon himself the form of man and in shedding His blood for us upon the cross outblood for us upon the side the city walls of Jerusalem, SATISFIED."—Isa. 53:11.

He brought forgiveness of sins

Thank God He is going to be the prophet Isaiah predicted con-vain. cerning the Messiah-

"He was wounded for our transgressions . . . bruised for our taught they were fighting to make iniquities: . . . and with his stripes we are healed" — Isaiah 53:5:

truth concerning the Virgin Birth suffered in vain. But not so with is at an end. As you read these the Lord Jesus Christ. The Son of words, dear friend, God in the God was no experimenter. What person of the Messiah Jesus He did was not an experiment. He comes to you, not only to be came and died for God's elect, and with you, but in you.

"The Travail Of His Soul"

(Continued from page 14) -Isa, 55:11.

Notice: "The travail of His soul." As much as it was that Jesus suffered physically, great as was His suffering physically, the

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fer in your soul? I remember on they are thine."—John 17:2, 9. "Seventy," and refers to the one occasion a friend of mine and his wife were entertained in a died for the elect of God, and home where I also had been entertained—a home far back up in ing, no man can read that without the hills. It was undoubtedly the the full realization that the Son a filthiest, most unsanitary, most of God did not die in vain. He nauseating surroundings that I have ever in my life experienced, and that covers a considerable ten again: territory when I make that statement. I have spent some nights and days under most unpleasant conditions, but never the equal of this. A friend and his wife, as I say, were entertained in this same home. His wife had never been used to anything of that type. When she came away, she said to me, "I don't see how they stand it." She had stayed there two days. She suffered in her soul because of her surroundings.

I remember a college professor was was speaking one day about incorrect and improper pronunciation, and faulty use of grammar. I remember in speaking of a man, this college professor said, "It looks like that man would use the right word once in a while." He said, "It hurts me in my soul

I remember a man who used to but he knew one day, "Brother Gilpin, it hurts

This is how Jesus suffered in belief in the Bible as the Word His soul-which was the greatest of God. For if the Virgin birth pain He bore. The pain that passed along the body of our Lord Jesus, the pain He felt with-These virgins are described in as I have shown you, the Bible in His flesh was nothing to compare with that pain He felt within His soul, as He bore the weight of the accumulated sins of mankind from the day of Adam right down to the time when the last Our detailed examination of man of this earth shall be saved.

CONCLUSION

May I say in closing that none that in the person of Jesus, the of the sufferings of Jesus Christ were in vain. He suffered physically untold excruciating agonies; He suffered in His soul agonies that you and I could not begin to imagine, and yet not one of those sufferings were in vain, for my text says: "He shall see of the

reconciliation with our satisfied. Not one of those suf-Heavenly Father. For long ago ferings he underwent were in

Often in this life men suffer in vain. In World War I men were the world safe for democracy. That was a lie—they suffered in vain. World War II was fought And now our quest for the with similar propaganda-men every last one of them will be saved. His sufferings, I say, were not in vain. Listen:

"As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should GIVE ETERNAL LIFE to

watch with me."-Matthew 26:38. pray not for the world, but for Do you know what it is to suf- them which hast given me: for

Beloved, I tell you this morn there was not one pain that He dre suffered but what will result in the the salvation of God's elect. List v n

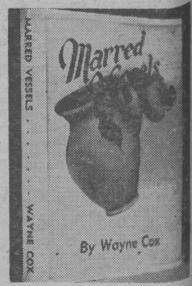
"All that the Father giveth me wat shall come to me."—John 6:37.

Not one of them is going to Hell. Every last one that Jesus suffered for is coming to Him and going to Heaven. When he prayed in Gethsemane, blood came out of the pores of His body-when they whipped Him and scourged Him-when they crucified Him-when the nails pierced His hands and feet-not one of those pains were in vain

I tell you this morning, beloved He died for the elect of God and some day all of God's elect fol whom He died, are going to b saved, because Jesus Christ's death, His sufferings, His travai was for the elect of God. May God help you to see the truth that He died that you might livel

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