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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 Grace of God

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1:5, 6—"Having predestinated us unto the adoption of a son by Jesus Christ to Himself according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of His grace."

is grace? We sing of grace, but how we have ever stopped to consider the question, "What is by God's Grace?" May we submit to you some thought on this blessed word of grace.

of us would readily agree that we are unworthy of this

wonderful bestowal of God's love, so why have we experienced it? Eph. 1:4 tells us, "According as He hath chosen us in Him (Jesus) before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love."

This Scripture tells us that there are some that have been chosen in Jesus Christ before the foundation of the world. Think of it . . . a number which no one knows, lost, alienated from God, full of unrighteousness . . . yet God says that He has chosen them before time did begin, that they would be holy and without blame before Him.

Now from this verse we want to look at two things:

1. The choice.
2. The result of that choice.

The first question that would come to mind is, "Whom did He choose?" This, of course, remains hidden in the mind of God, for no man can say who, nor how many. However, we do know that all are not chosen as recipients of God's grace, for this choosing, or bestowal of grace, is an act of mercy on God's part, and He has said that He has mercy on whom He will have mercy, and whom He will, He hardeneth. Rom. 9:18. So He chose those whom He did desire to choose.

Now, how did He choose them? Was the choice made in connection with what man would do, or was it made in connection with what God wanted done? The latter, of course. Don't fool yourself into thinking that you were chosen of God to salvation on any merit within yourself, for God is no respecter of persons (and how many times we hear this erroneously used). Any choice that was made in your salvation, God made it! and any choice that you made was only a result of His choice. Were it any other way, (continued on page 7, column 1)

An Encouraging Word To Trembling Sinners

When a shepherd has at last overtaken his poor, silly, wandering sheep, he does not straightway fall to scolding or beating it for having cost him so much toil and trouble. No; but he observes that it is very weary, that it has torn itself among thorns, and cut itself among jagged rocks, and therefore he first tenderly sees to its wounds, and then bears it back to the fold in his own arms.

Poor trembling sinner, the gospel has at length laid hold upon you; you cannot longer run into the paths of sin; grace has stopped your mad career, and made you tremble at the guilt of sin. You are afraid of Jesus, for you know how sorely you have grieved Him; you fear that He will chide you severely, and perhaps spurn you from his presence. Oh think not so of the Good Shepherd! He is already gazing on your bleeding wounds, and preparing to bind them up; He will soon take compassion on your weakness, and bear you in His arms. Trust to Him, poor sinner, just as the poor sheep trusts the shepherd.

A man is more precious than

a sheep, and Jesus is more tender than the most careful shepherd. To coming sinners He is gentle indeed. When the prodigal returned all ragged, and filthy, his loving father did not put him in quarantine till he had been cleansed and purified, but there and then he fell upon his neck and kissed him, without so much as giving him one upbraiding word. He came straight from the swine-trough to his parent's arms.

That welcomed prodigal is the type of such sinners such as you are. You too shall have all kisses, and no frowns; all love, and no wrath; all kindness, and no severity. Oh! if you knew the Saviour, you would not delay.

Now, now poor heavy-laden sinner, trust the Lord Jesus, and live. He has never treated one returning prodigal with harshness, and He cannot change, and will therefore deal as generously with you as He has done with others. Whether thou wilt trust Him or no—I will—I do. Poor sinner, may the Holy Spirit lead thee to look to Jesus and live.

—C. H. Spurgeon

"THE RIVER TO CHARLIE" by Russell T. Allen—

"Dense Charlie?"

THIRD IN A BIOGRAPHICAL SERIES ON THE LIFE OF
CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON (1834-1892)

son, as previously reported, had a college education though he was offered education at Cambridge, which had led to the false idea that he was not a very intelligent man. In fact, one of his friends has left upon the record a statement shown in her handwriting that Charlie indeed was dull, slow but persistent, thoroughly whatever he

must have developed at a rate after this, however, overseer at New Market fourteen he could read the New Testament and his logical ability was good." well grounded also in French. In fact, upon announcement that he was considering the one lady wrote his letter saying that it was to allow a bright boy

like Charlie to throw himself away in such a foolish manner.

While an underteacher at New Market, and only a young man, he advertised in a local paper (Continued on page 7, column 4)



C. H. Spurgeon
(1834 - 1892)

METHODIST WRITES

Methodist, rather than a Unitarian, but have become a reader since we entered the Michigan Exchange . . . the Michigan Exchange for the Examiner.

eter is inspired by your headed "We Don't Expect anyone to Like Every-

us make mistakes . . . we can. All of us have opinions, that's why God gave us with which to think.

I get any message from the things of Christ, it is that we, no matter what our life may be, are entitled to the right of human

ment is that we should have dignity were we all conform to the same to think, speak and act alike. We should lose the ability to learn and understand only those things we agree and understand presented to us.

continue to edit the (continued on page 8, column 1)

Romish Brain-Washing

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The wiles of the Devil are many. However, as Paul said, we do not need to be "ignorant of his devices," II Cor. 2:11. We can know of his different methods to deceive. I believe that today, through the picture screen and the printed page, Satan is successfully employing one of his greatest devices. Since he is a liar, and in him there is no truth, John 8:44, then we can expect nothing short of deceit and lies from this great deceiver and liar of the "whole world." I believe

that we are experiencing one of the greatest doses of religious brainwashing that has ever befallen a nation, and most of us are completely unconscious of it.

I have become absolutely shocked at the great number of movies and TV shows where the HEROES and main characters are religiously garbed! Now I don't attend the movies, but I have eyes to read my newspapers and see the advertisements of movies that display a great number of movie heroes and heroines that are dressed in religious garb. There is a weekly TV show that has as its main characters, two such religiously clothed men. Many, many other programs have inci-

dents wherein these robed individuals play an important role. There doesn't seem to be a lessening of their presence on the movie screen or on the picture tube, rather it is very evident that we are in for a deluge of such programs and movies.

Now these religiously garbed individuals are always courageous beyond belief. Their courage knows no bounds. They are (Continued on page 7, column 1)

ENCOURAGING LETTER FROM KANSAN

In the past six months I have learned to love and appreciate your fine paper very much. I liked it from the first time I saw it, over four years ago, which was before I knew anything about a Scriptural Baptist church. I'm sorry that I cannot greet you in person on Rally Day, but God willing, I will attend the Labor Day Bible Conference. I got paid \$10.00 more this month than I expected and the Lord put it on my heart to help pay some of your debt. As I read "Put Yourself In His Shoes," the Lord seemed to be speaking to me. At the end, the question was asked, "What will your answer be?" The only answer seemed to be to give as much as I can. The question also seemed to say, "What will your answer be—to God?" Words of encouragement are fine but they don't pay the bills. I've been guilty of saying "Be warmed and filled" without providing the means for doing it. May the Lord bless you.—Don Valencourt, Kansas.

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"SOMEONE IS COMING!"

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."—Rev. 22:20.

Can you imagine two people standing in conversation, and as they are talking to one another, suddenly they hear footsteps echoing through the hall. I can hear one of them say, "Sh-h-h, someone is coming."

Tonight, I would to God that we might stand still — that we might listen to the echo of the footsteps of Jesus Christ. I insist, beloved, He is coming.

JESUS IS COMING.

Jesus Christ is definitely coming back to this world. On that night when He would comfort His disciples, He said:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."—John 14:1-3.

Then on that last day of our Lord's earthly ministry, He led His disciples out to Mt. Olivet

to that familiar scene — to that familiar place where the Son of God had resorted thither with His disciples many, many times. Suddenly He began to lift Himself up into the air, until He was lost as a little speck within the ethereal spaces. The disciples stood looking after Him, gazing into the sky and the Word of God tells us that angels came down and said:

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, SHALL SO COME IN LIKE MANNER (Continued on page 2, col. 1)

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"Someone Is Coming"

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as ye have seen him go into heaven."—Acts 1:11.

Then on that day when the Apostle Paul was writing to the church at Corinth, he reminded them in the study of the Lord's Supper, that they would only observe the Supper until Jesus Christ came back to this world a second time. We read:

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death TILL HE COME."—I Cor. 11:26.

Every time that we as a church partake of the Lord's Supper, if not a word is said about the second coming, we have it in prophecy before us, for the Lord's Supper is a silent, tacit sermon in itself, telling us that Jesus Christ is coming back some day.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica, he said:

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." — I Thess. 4:13-17.

Yes, beloved, when we read these Scriptures, we come face to face with this fact, Jesus Christ is coming again.

II

JESUS IS GOING TO COME
SUDDENLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY.

We read:

III

WHAT WILL THE EARTH BE
LIKE AT HIS COMING?

I think we can find many prophecies in the Word of God

"For as the LIGHTNING COMETH out of the east, and shineth even unto the west: SO shall also the coming of the Son of man be." —Mt. 24:27.

You know as well as I how quickly the lightning flashes from one horizon to the other. You know how quickly the lightning covers the entire sky. Well, beloved, in just as rapid a manner, the Lord Jesus Christ is coming, suddenly and unexpectedly.

Notice again:

"For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a THIEF IN THE NIGHT."—I Thess. 5:2.

If somebody is going to rob your home tonight, I'll guarantee you that he does not send you a special delivery letter this day, telling you that he will be there at such and such an hour tonight. Beloved, the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is going to be just as unexpected, just as suddenly, and just as surprisingly as the coming of a thief to your home.

Listen again:

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in SUCH AN HOUR AS YE THINK NOT the Son of man cometh."—Mt. 24:44.

I'd like to pause and ask you a simple question. Do those of you who are here think that the Lord Jesus Christ is coming back tonight? Now be careful, and think carefully before you would answer. Do you think Jesus Christ is coming before the rising of tomorrow's sun? Do you think the Son of God is coming back tonight before you are able to awaken and start on your day's work tomorrow? I am positive that nearly everyone of us would say, "No, we just don't believe He is going to come in that manner that soon." May I remind you that this text says, "In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

Read again:

"In a moment, in THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."—I Cor. 15:52.

I ask you, how long does it take to wink your eye? Well, just as long as it takes you to wink, that long it is going to take the Lord Jesus Christ to put in His appearance. Beloved, it blesses my soul when I tell you that He is coming, and that He is coming suddenly and unexpectedly.

Why I Support TBE AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME

ESPECIALLY FOR THIS RALLY DAY

JOHN FALCI
Hornell, New York

I may not be the first (I trust I am not the last) with a Rally Day offering. Thank you for your faithfulness, your courage, and your zeal to serve the Lord according to the light and understanding He has given you. Thank you for the blessings you have been to me down through the years. May the Lord reward you with a double full Scriptural measure.

as to what the earth, and that which is in the earth, will be like when He comes.

I think that even our automobiles can prophesy to us about the second coming. Listen:

"The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings."—Nahum 2:4.

The chauffeur sits behind the wheel and little realizes that as he drives along the road he is fulfilling prophecy thereby. If you will read the second chapter of Nahum, you will find the prophet talking about the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, and it says that when the Christ comes, it will be at a time when the chariots will be raging in the streets, and when they will be jostling one another in the broad ways.

If you will go around to the junk yards, the second handed automobile sales, and to all the repair shops, you can easily see how many cars have recently jostled themselves together. You can easily see how many cars have raged in the streets as they have been running like lightning in the broad way. I tell you, beloved, there is never an automobile wreck without a prophecy of the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you ask me what the world is going to be like when Jesus comes again, I say it is going to be just like it is today with the automobiles raging in the streets, jostling one another in the broad ways, and running like lightning on the highways. It will be thus at the time of the second coming of our blessed Lord.

What is it going to be like when Jesus comes back to this world? The world is going to be given over to pleasure. How truly we know this today, even apart from the Word of God. I can turn to God's Word and read you Scripture after Scripture to show you that pleasure will characterize the last days. You know it is true. It wouldn't be a bit of trouble to talk to people about pleasure today. Everybody is in-

"I Should Like to Know"

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

Would you receive baptism administered by a church which is not Baptist?

We would neither receive baptism nor administer baptism by a Baptist church nor baptism administered by many churches which are called "Baptist." The authority back of baptism is necessary before it is Scriptural. Christ gave the authority to baptize to His church, and if a church is not truly a church of the Lord, it cannot administer Scriptural baptism. Churches which have been started by men, apart from church authority, are not Scriptural and cannot administer Scriptural baptism.

Do Episcopalians teach baptismal regeneration?

Yes. In their ritual on baptism, the prayer of one administering baptism includes this heresy. It is as follows:

"Almighty God and everlasting God, who of great mercy, didst save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water; and also didst safely lead children of Israel thy people through the Red Sea, ing thereby thy holy Baptism; and by the baptism of well-beloved Son Jesus Christ in the river Jordan, sanctify the element of water, to the mystical washing away of sin; we beseech thee, for thine infinite mercy, that thou wilt mercifully look down upon these thy servants; wash them and sanctify them with the Holy Spirit, that they, being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the ark of Christ's church: and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, finally they may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee, world without end, through Christ our Lord. Amen."

What is meant by a "type"?

A type is something which prefigures a reality. For instance, the offering up of animal sacrifices prefigured the sacrifice of Christ. The reality of the death of Christ for sin was set forth to the people. (Heb. 10:1-4).

Is the word "decision" ever used by preachers in the Bible when referring to salvation?

No, never. This term results from Arminianism, which makes man's decision the turning point in salvation.

Why did God create the world?

The Scripture says: "For thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." — Job 38:11.

What do you think about emphasizing "experience" as the point that a sinner is led to think that unless he has just such-and-such of an "experience" he is not saved?

It is of great harm. One's circumstances, age, environment, present way of life, etc., will work together to result in different reactions in people. You couldn't expect a child twelve years old to have the same reaction to conversion as a man of thirty or forty, who is steeped in sinfulness. It is definitely wrong to put the emphasis anywhere but on trusting Christ. (John 3:18).

Is the "plan of salvation" outline of the Bible or of man?

Most "plans of salvation" which we have seen are man-made. Salvation is a person (Christ) who has a plan, although we have not the slightest doubt that God planned our salvation from all eternity. But this 1-2-3 sign-on-the-dotted-line "plan" is another matter found in the Word of God.

Everybody is interested in pleasure. Everybody is concerned about pleasure. The majority of people in America during the summertime are just about 99 per cent television on Sunday afternoon watching a ball game. The world has pleasure on its mind. All over this world the dance halls, the movie houses, the swimming pools, the bowling alleys, and all the places of amusement are flooded with people. Everybody has pleasure on his mind. But the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ stand practically destitute so far as attendance is concerned. What does the Word of God say about the last days? Listen:

"This know also, that in the LAST DAYS perilous times shall come . . . LOVERS OF PLEAS-

URES more than lovers of God." —II Tim. 3:1, 4.

If we were to divide the population of this town on the basis of who love pleasure and who love God, we would have a tremendous army on the one side and a comparatively speaking, a handful on the other. The world is going to be a place of those that love God. Our Lord Jesus comes as a conqueror, and the world is going to be a place of pleasure.

What is the world going to be like when Jesus comes? The world is going to be a place of much concern about the future. People today are traveling the world, and I can remember when

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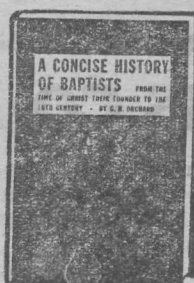
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He wore his rubbers when it
He brushed his teeth TWICE a
... with a nationally adver-
toothpaste.
The doctors examined him
once a year.
He slept with the windows
open.
He stuck to a diet with plenty
of fresh vegetables.
He relinquished his tonsils and
wears in several worn-out
pairs.
He golfed — but never more
than 18 holes at a time.
He got at least eight hours'
sleep every night.
He never smoked, drank or
lost his temper.
He did his "daily dozen" daily.
He was all set to live to be a
hundred.
His funeral will be held Wed-
nesday. He's survived by eight

specialists, three health institu-
tions, two gymnasiums and nu-
merous manufacturers of health
food and anticeptics.

He forgot God, lived as if this
world were all, and is now with
those who say, "The harvest is
past, the summer is ended, and
we are not saved." (Jeremiah
8:20).

Dear Friend: Are you making
this mistake? It certainly isn't
necessary. The Bible says: "That
if thou shalt confess with thy
mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt
believe in thine heart that God
hath raised Him from the dead,
thou shalt be saved." (Romans
10:9).

For what shall it profit a man
if he shall gain the whole world,
and lose his own soul? Or what
shall a man give in exchange for
his soul? (Mark 8:36, 37).

—Tract

Someone Is Coming

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... if a man went twenty miles
from our community into Cov-
ington, Kentucky, he had something
to talk about for months later.
He had been some place. He had
something to really discuss. I am
sure that the majority of people
years ago had never been a
hundred miles away from home.
How is it today? Today in-
dividuals think nothing at all of
going into an airplane and tak-
ing off for Chicago or New York.
It is a common thing for people
to think in terms of long
distance travel. What does the
Word of God say? Listen:

But thou, O Daniel, shut up
the words, and seal the book,
unto the time of the end:
MANY SHALL RUN TO AND
FRO,

and knowledge shall be
increased."—Dan. 12:4.

This prophecy is certainly true
today. There is travel on the
highway, travel in the skyway,
travel everywhere. Men and
women are traveling here and
there, and when they arrive they
are not satisfied, so they start
someplace else. Our Lord said
that at the end of time it will be
thus, and that the world will be
given over to running here and
there.

I will remind you also that at
the time of Jesus' coming the
world is going to be **very defi-
nitely conscious of knowledge.**
We read:

"Ever learning, and never able
to come to the knowledge of the
truth."—II Tim. 3:7.

Certainly this is true today.
People are ever learning. Chil-
dren enter school — grade school,
high school, college, and after
they get out of college they
specialize perhaps in some par-
ticular field. Then there are
homemakers clubs, and all kinds
of ways for people to learn how
to do things, even after they get
out of school. They are ever
learning, but never able to come
to the knowledge of the truth, as
it is in Christ Jesus.

Let me remind you that you
don't learn the truth of God's
Word through your mentality.
You don't learn the truth of the
Book in a schoolroom. Men are
ever learning, but they never
come to know the truth concern-
ing Jesus. It is a characteristic
of the last days, for Daniel says
at the time of the end knowl-
edge shall be increased.

Again, when Jesus comes this
world is going to be **given over
to troubles of all kinds.** Listen:

"And ye shall hear of wars and
rumours of wars: see that ye be
not troubled: for all these things
must come to pass, but the end is
not yet. For nation shall rise
against nation, and kingdom
against kingdom: and there shall
be famines, and pestilences, and
earthquakes, in divers places. All
these are the beginning of sor-
rows."—Mt. 24:6-8.

All down through the ages we
have had wars, we have had pes-
tilences, we have had earth-
quakes. All down through the
ages we have had troubles of
one type or another, but we have
never had the wars that we have
had of recent years. We have
never had the earthquakes. We
have never had the pestilences.
We have never had the troubles
in divers places that we have had
in the last fifty years' time. Be-
loved, three world wars are in
my memory since I was a lad in
my teens. I can safely say that
we have had the greatest wars,
the greatest earthquakes, the
greatest pestilences, the greatest
troubles in divers places in the
past fifty years that has ever
been known in the history of
mankind. Our Lord said that at
the time of His coming these
things would be but the begin-
ning of sorrows to the human
family.

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Your editor has been called everything but a "gentleman" and a "milk cow" for the past quarter of a century, since he has been sending forth this paper each week. One of the most common accusations has to do with my mentality, or maybe I should say "lack of mentality." At least a good many of our readers through the years have seemed to think that I have lacked considerably in this respect.

All that I believe and preach is that which God has revealed to me from His Word. I am strongly convinced that every truth we believe has to come as a revelation from God. Paul said, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." — I Cor. 2:14. Therefore, when God makes His Word known to us, it is our responsibility to preach and teach it.

However, since I have done so, lots of our readers have said that I need a good strong mind cure. Possibly there are many truths that have offended our readers, but none like the following:

1. A woman's place in a New Testament Church is that of silence. I Cor. 14:34-38.
2. Jesus established only a Missionary Baptist Church in the days of His flesh (not on the day of Pentecost), and neither from history or the Bible can any others claim to be His church. Mt. 16:18.
3. The Catholic Church is the old whore of Revelation 17 and the Protestant churches that have come out of her are her harlot daughters. All these are nothing but "synagogues of Satan." Cf. Rev. 3:9.
4. Salvation is by grace through faith, plus nothing, minus nothing. Eph. 2:8-10.
5. Believers were unconditionally elected unto salvation before the foundation of the world. Acts. 13:48; Eph. 1:4.
6. All born again believers are secure in Christ and can never go to Hell by sins they commit after being saved. John 10:28, 29.
7. None but true Missionary Baptist Churches have the right to administer baptism, observe the Lord's Supper, or preach the Gospel. All others are running without being sent of God.
8. The commission was given to His church and not to any mission board or any other organization. A mission board — even a Baptist mission board — is as Scriptural as the Catholic Church, and is as much a part of the Devil's program as salvation by works or falling from grace.

For many years, without wavering, we have preached these truths. The world can say I am a dunce if it wishes. However, I am going on to the end of the way preaching them, and when we meet at the judgment, we will find out who has been the "dunce." It might surprise some of our readers who sarcastically refer to me as a dunce to find then that I have been right all along, and it could be that they would wish for another opportunity to be faithful to His Word. I believe if I were you I'd start being faithful today!

WORKS of A. W. PINK (1886-1952)

One of the great Bible exposi- tors of this generation, Arthur W. Pink was the author of numer- ous books and pamphlets. Until his death, he edited an influen- tial Bible study magazine entitled "Studies in the Scriptures." One who has ever read his writings has failed to receive any spiritual benefit therefrom.	
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Mormonism--A Latter-Day Heresy of the Devil

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"But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their ungodly lusts." (Jude 17, 18).

One day you may answer a knock at your door and find two friendly looking young men standing there with a book, satchel, or other things in hand, and be greeted with, "Do you know anything about the Church of Latter Day Saints?" If this should happen — or perhaps it already has — you are being confronted by one of the last day heresies, called in short, **Mormonism**.

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3. **To be saved**, one has to keep the ordinances and laws of the church, and only those who do after having been baptized by a regular member of the church are on their way to Heaven. (THIS IS THE HERESY OF SALVATION BY WORKS; SEE EPH. 2:8, 9).

Of course, these are only a few of the beliefs of these spreaders of the gospel of Satan. Turn away from such for they are blind to the precious truths contained in the Word of God, and "have gone after the way of Cain." They are enemies of the Cross of Christ, and God tells us, "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine (the doctrine of Christ) receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." II John 10-11.

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction." 2 Peter 2:1.

As plain as the Word of God is concerning those who would teach a doctrine of departure, still there are those who "hear them out."

At this present time Mormonism is sweeping across our city. Hear not these messengers of Satan, for the result will only be the damnation of your soul. Turn to the Almighty God though Jesus Christ . . . the **only way!**

"Someone Is Coming"

(Continued from page three)

What is the world going to be like when my Lord comes again? There will be **revolutions in various parts of the earth**. God's Word tells us this is to be true. Listen:

"**And I will SHAKE ALL NATIONS, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts.**"—Haggai 2:7.

Before the desire of all nations comes, all nations are going to be shaken. Revolutions? Yes. Troubles in the nations? Yes. Before the "Desire of all nations" puts in His appearance all nations are going to be shaken.

Notice again:
"**I will OVERTURN, OVERTURN, OVERTURN, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.**"—Ezek. 21:27.

Beloved, don't think that there is going to be any stability so far as government is concerned. I expect Khrushchevs, Mussolinis, Hitlers, and Fidel Castros. I expect individuals of all kinds to occupy positions of prominence and authority. I expect there to be an overturning, because God said, "I will overturn, overturn, overturn, until he come whose right it is." We can expect revolutions in government at the time when Jesus comes.

I ask again, what is it going to be like when Jesus comes? This earth is going to be filled with unrest and uneasiness and fear. We read:

"**And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; MEN'S HEARTS FAILING THEM FOR FEAR, and for looking after those things which are**

coming on earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."—Luke 21:25, 26.

Notice, on the earth there are signs, just the same as there will be signs in the sky. He says on the earth there will be distress of nations, with perplexity, and worse than that, men's hearts failing them for fear.

You ask a business man today about the stability of his business, and see how much fear there is. You ask any individual as to his walk in life, and see how fear characterizes him. I tell you, beloved, this earth is going to be filled with unrest, and fear, and distress of nations when the Lord Jesus comes again.

What is the earth going to be like when Jesus comes? The Lord Jesus said that Jerusalem was going to be liberated of the Turk. Listen:

"**And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**" — Luke 21:24.

Notice, beloved, Jerusalem is to be trodden down of the Gentiles. For how long? Until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. Let's see. Go back through the days of the Dark Ages. Come down near to this present time and hear the tramp, tramp, tramp of the armies, as the Turk, the Moslem, and the Arab parade through the streets of Jerusalem. Didn't our Lord say it would be thus? Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Let's go back to the days of World War I, when General Allenby led a group of soldiers into Palestine. Miraculously, not a shot being fired. They started crying that Allenby was coming and the Turks heard it. They only got the first syllable, "Alla, Alla," which reminded them of their god, and they fled from Jerusalem. General Allenby took possession of the city of Jerusalem without the firing of a single shot in December 1917.

Then the allies and their Supreme Council in San Remo in 1920 turned the city of Jerusalem over as a national home for the Jews.

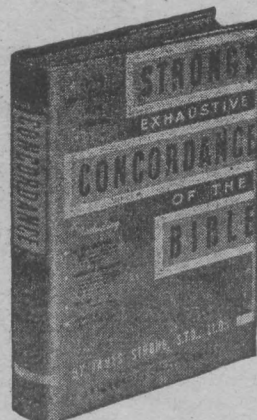
I have said through all the days of my ministry that the times of the Gentiles came to an end in that year of 1920 when Jerusalem was turned back to the Jews as a national home, and that Luke 21:24 was fulfilled that day when it says that Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. It has been liberated. The times of the Gentiles have been fulfilled. The next step, the next thing to expect is His footfall as we listen for Him to come. Jerusalem has been liberated. The times of the Gen-

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tiles has ended so far as Jerusalem is concerned, for it is no longer trodden down by the Gentiles. Someone is coming. That Someone is Jesus.

What is the world going to be like when Jesus comes? The world is going to be filled with false preachers of all kinds. Listen:

"**And many FALSE PROPHETS shall rise, and shall deceive many.**"—Mt. 24:11.

Paul describes the false prophets that shall arise, for he says:

"**Having a FORM OF GODLINESS, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**"—II Tim. 3:5.

How many people there are today preaching who don't know anything about "the power thereof!" What do they know about the power of God so far as His sovereignty is concerned? Nothing! What do they know about the power of God so far as the doctrines of election and predestination are concerned? Nothing. You know as well as I that the majority of people in this world are Arminian to the core. The Word of God says that they shall have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof. Beloved, we can expect false preachers right down to the end of time before Jesus Christ comes.

I don't expect it to get better. I don't expect tomorrow to find more preachers preaching the truth than I have found today, but rather the reverse. There are preachers today who are going in for Easter, and Good Friday, and the Holy Week services that twenty-five years ago would have spurned, and rejected, and repudiated the entirety thereof. I am thinking of churches that tolerate Good Friday services today that wouldn't have even considered such twenty-five years ago. I don't expect conditions to get better religiously; rather, I expect them to get worse. Religiously, I expect there to be a little handful here and a little handful there that will stand for the truth — the elect of God that know the Book — that He has revealed Himself unto. In the main, the world at large is going to go on and on led by the religious hirelings and the religious heretics, farther and farther and farther from the things of God.

What is the world going to be like when Jesus comes? Beloved, there is going to be a general disbelief even as to His coming?

Ask the man that you meet if you go out tonight if he believes Jesus Christ is soon to come and he will probably laugh at you. He will probably think you doubtlessly need to take a trip to a psychiatrist.

I was talking to a salesman my printing shop just a time ago. He was a man of usual intelligence, I would say. He asked me about business conditions, and conditions in the world, and conditions in the church, and conditions in the world. When I explained myself I went further and said, "But I think this is a prefigured in the Bible. I think it is only heading up for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. I can never forget that little pathetic smile that he gave for he seemed to think that I was indeed in a bad condition. I seemed by his attitude to be that I needed treatment of some sort, for he said, 'Now, Mr. Gilpin, there have been a kind of conditions all the

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go to prayer, not to seek Will but to ask Him to do what they will to do. John 5:14-15—"This is the silence we have in HIM, that we ask anything according to will, he heareth us. And if we ask we know that we the petitions we desired PRAYER PROMISE clear-ly suggests the possibility that a prayer may have GUIDANCE — so that he will RE- spond to the very thing asked. THE WORD — "confi- dence in prayer? There must be that his prayer is the ECHO of GOD'S will. Then KNOWS that the answer is even before it is in sight. is the KEY to gaining this PRAYER? Eph. 6:18—"Pray- ing with all prayer and petition — IN THE SPIRIT (yieldedness to the Spirit) thereunto with all per- sence and supplication." WE TAKE TIME to seek

the Spirit's guidance in our ASK- ING? Turn to Rom. 8:26 — "The Spirit helpeth our infirmities (in prayer): for WE know not WHAT we should pray for as we ought." Again in Jude 19 — "Building up yourself in the most holy faith PRAYING IN (or 'in sur- render to') the HOLY SPIRIT." Oswald Chambers: "There is a quiet ANTEROOM OF PRAYER in which we may hear IN AD- VANCE the prayer GOD would have us pray and this prayer will be according to His will." Where is this ANTEROOM? It is in the place where the HOLY SPIRIT dictates to our hearts what we should say in prayer. Ps. 27:14 — "WAIT, I SAY, ON THE LORD." An old Naval rule—when ships are to re-adjust their compasses: They must drop anchor in some QUIET SPOT. WE MUST quiet ourselves to God's presence be- fore we can learn to PRAY BET- TER PRAYERS — prayers that MUST be ANSWERED, because they are the echos of HIS will. —Keith Brooks.

When the Lord Jesus Christ appears, how will He come? We read: "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR."—Rev. 22:16. Is there anything any more beautiful after a night of dark- ness than the bright and morn- ing star when it puts in its ap- pearance? There have been sev- eral nights in my life that I haven't gone to bed—when I've been up all night for one reason or another, and some of those nights have been exceedingly dark nights from the standpoint of the elements — no moon, no stars shining, just enshroued with total darkness. I can say to you, one of the most precious memories that comes to my mind now is that of seeing that bright and morning star put in its ap- pearance just before the break of day. Beloved, that is exactly how the coming of Jesus Christ is going to be. When everything about us is dark — religiously, materially, educationally, politi- cally, industrially, economically, morally, and socially — when things are getting darker so far as this world is concerned, the bright and morning star, Jesus Christ, is going to come. Oh, what a blessing it will be when He puts in His appearance.



down through the ages, and has never come. He'll come; it is foolish to even think that He is coming." Bible speaks of such, for knowing this first, that there come in the last days scoff- ing after their own saying, Where is the coming of his coming? for since others fell asleep, all things came as they were from the beginning of the creation." — 2 Th. 2:3, 4. This salesman said to me, Peter said would be the return of Jesus Christ, said there would be a gen- eration as to the coming of the Son of God back to this world. Jesus comes, this world will be exceedingly ma- terially minded. People are having their minds on ma- terial things rather than on spirit- ual things. Listen: in the days that were eating, drinking, marrying and giv- ing in marriage, until the day that came, and the flood came, and they were all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man. — Mt. 24:38, 39. I am not saying that anything wrong with eat- ing, drinking, nor in marry- ing in marriage. I am saying there is a thing wrong with these four events that are going on, but the thing that is wrong is that was all they were doing in Noah's day, and today. They have their minds on material things — eat-

ing and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage — the things of the world, and they are not concerned with spiritual things at all. We read: "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."—Mt. 24:12. At the time of Christ's coming, iniquity will be abounding all about us. What effect will that have on those of us who are saved? You know what effect it has on you, beloved. When you see the things on the television screen that are wrong, you know it numbs your resistance to evil. When you watch television, and see the things that are placed upon the screen that are sold by way of cigarettes, and tobaccos, and beers, and wine, it paralyzes your opposition to evil. Beloved, it oughtn't to have that effect. It ought to be just the opposite. When iniquity abounds, it ought to make us stand up more thoroughly for the things of the Lord. But that is not the way it works. Rather, when iniquity abounds, the love of many waxes cold. What is going to be true when Jesus comes? The world is going to be ma- terialistically minded. The world is going to be thinking in terms of eating and drinking, and marry- ing and giving in marriage. The world is going to be thinking in terms of material things, and God's people are going to be chilled spiritually as a result of being contaminated by living in the world. IV HOW WILL THE LORD JESUS CHRIST COME?

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN JESUS COMES? We read: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." — I Thess. 4:16, 17. When Jesus comes the dead in Christ are going to come out of the grave, and we which are alive are going to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. It will be a glorious day, for your dead, and my dead, are going to come out of the ground. It will be a glorious day when we see them caught away, and when you and I are caught up to be with the Lord in the air. The Lord Jesus tells us con- cerning His coming. Listen: "And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil: for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the mar- riage: and the door was shut." — Mt. 25:6-10. What is going to happen when Jesus comes? The dead in Christ will arise, and the living in Christ will be transformed — changed in a moment's time; in a twink- ling of an eye we will be changed to look like the Lord Jesus Christ. I have a very good friend who has gone on to Glory. He loved me for what I stood for. He loved THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, and as long as he lived, he supported it liberally with his money. The Lord took him on to Glory a few years ago. Up yonder in Heaven tonight I am sure he bears record to the truthfulness of what I am telling you about our experiences and relationship together. He used to get after

me a great deal because of the fact that I frown and draw my eyebrows when I preach. Well, that just happens to be a habit of mine all through the years. I am not angry in any wise at all, but it has just been a habit; and as we grow older, these fa- cial features become more fixed and more set, and the result is that there is a frown there, and I can't help it. He used to say, "Brother Gilpin, it hurts your ministry. You ought to have it removed. He used to beg me to go to Louisville, to a face sur- geon, and have my face lifted. Beloved, I have heard about peo- ple having their face lifted, and sometimes it fell back, and they were in a worse shape than they were before, and I was afraid that might be the result with me. I told him, "No, we'll go on just like it is." But, beloved, there is one thing certain. Some of these days I am going to have my face lifted. Some of these days He is coming, and when He comes I am going to be changed in a moment's time. All the wrinkles, and all the frowns, and all the surplus flesh over my eyes that seem to pucker and make me look like I am angry when I am preaching, are going to be changed. I am going to be made to look like the Lord Jesus Christ. Glorious Day! Someone is coming! How we look forward to that day! VI WHY IS JESUS CHRIST DE- LAYING HIS COMING?

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When Governor Youngdahl of Minnesota waged his successful campaign against gambling, the gambling interests published the statement: "Attention, Governor Youngdahl! If nobody were willing to gamble, nobody would buy a farm or plant a crop, start a new business, take a new job, get married, raise a family, or vote."

Two things must be said to this argument.

1. There is some doubt as to whether the word **gamble** can be used correctly as to buying a farm, planting a crop, starting a new business, a new job, or getting married. **Risk** would be a better word.

2. If we accept the statement that we **all gamble** in a sense, then we still must make this important distinction, that there is an honest and legitimate gamble we take on numerous matters every day. This **does** not mean that any **other** kind of gambling is right, any more than drinking milk proves that drinking whiskey is right, because both are received by drinking, or that stabbing a knife in a fellowman is right because surgeons do the same every day throughout the land in our hospitals! There is a great difference. It should be noted.

Then there is also a dishonest and illegitimate gambling, and it is of such gambling that I now speak. I do not refer therefore to the "casting of lots" as used in the sacred Scriptures, and as ordained and sanctioned by God (as in Leviticus 16:8; Numbers 26:55 and Acts 1:26). I do not condemn the Moravian Brethren when they use the casting of lots in the appointment of their clergy if they feel led by the Holy Spirit to do so by the example of Acts 1:26. I realize that the very word **clergy** comes from the Greek *klerikoi, kleros*, meaning "lot or assignment by lot." But I raise my voice against gambling in its worldly and popular sense.

I. A Definition of Gambling As It Is Evil

Gambling in the evil sense is when two or more persons engage in a game or contest of chance or skill, where one or more must lose something of material value to pay the winner or winners.

Potentially this kind of gambling exists in games of card parties, bingo, horse racing contests, where prizes are not at stake, if such wonders exist, for it will soon lead to outright gambling.

II. The Denunciation Of Gambling

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sorely and severely condemned by many good and outstanding people who ought to demand a hearing. Why? Why is it that even at this present time an authority in the field says: "In almost all States, gambling transactions have been rendered invalid by statute, either expressly or implicitly. Hence the aid of the courts can be evoked to collect election bets and other wagers."

Why did the evangelist Billy Sunday say: "I believe that cards and dancing are doing more to damn the spiritual life of the church than the groggshops?" Why did Augustine of the fifth century say, "The Devil invented dicing"? Why did the early Christian writer and preacher, Cyprian, of the third century, vigorously denounce gambling? Why did Bernardino in 1423 preach his famous sermon against cards and gambling? And why did the early Puritan Fathers attack gambling? Why did T. DeWitt Talmadge say with as much fairness as possible: "I had a friend who played cards with his wife and children, and then at the close said: 'Come, now, let us have prayers.' I will not judge other men's consciences, but I will tell you that cards are in my mind so associated with the temporal and eternal damnation of splendid young men, that I should no sooner say to my family: 'Come, let us have a game of cards,' than I would go into a menagerie and say, 'Come, let us have a game of rattlesnakes!'"

Why did the United States Navy ban card-playing? Why did the board of governors of the New York State Association of Police Chiefs, at their recent meeting in Albany, vote to stand against "any legislation that would provide for any extension of legal gambling in New York State?" After gambling in New York was open, prior to 1721, and was licensed in 1721, it was so abused the State of New York took over gambling as a State monopoly in 1824. After this the fraud and racketeering were so abundant that in 1821 the case was declared hopeless as to regulating, and finally in 1824 a law was made against gambling as a part of the State Constitution. Why is it that Trina Mascott, a former gambling-house dealer with a Reno gambling hall, writing in *The Saturday Evening Post* of May 13, 1950, confessed: "Professional gambling is grueling, cruel and completely mechanical. It has no place for a woman with a conscience and a tender heart. It requires a type of woman who has the stamina and personality to stand before an ironing board and iron the same piece of clothing over and over again for eight hours a day, six days a week... and enjoy it. It also requires the type of woman who can picnic complacently on a cliff edge while people around her are leaping to their destruction!" Why are these sharp words directed against gambling? Certainly not

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The Damage of Gambling

From a *logical* standpoint, what is the harm of gambling? I ask you just to use your common sense. The U. S. spends sixteen billion dollars a year or more on gambling. Do you know what that would do? One billion of the sixteen would place a new \$300,000 hospital in each of the 3,000 counties of the United States. Just one of the sixteen billion would build a new \$300,000 high school in every county in America. Another two billion would build a new junior college in every county. And there would still be twelve billion left! With that two hundred new homes could be built in every county, costing \$10,000 each. That would ease the housing shortage. One could build a new library in every county and furnish each with books for three billion, and then build a playground costing \$150,000 for each county in our land. All this on the amount of money spent (or thrown away) on *one year's* gambling. Common sense says that gambling is wrong (Evangelist James V. Lamb).

From a *moral* standpoint gambling is wrong. It made a murderer out of Samson (Judges 14:9-19). Is the life of a young man worth anything? Is the soul of a young man worthy of your protection? Charles F. Weigle relates that a boy named Eddie Arnold was hanged in Nevada sometime ago for the murder of Lady Youngblood. On the day he was to be hanged the jailer informed him of the arrival of his mother, who wished to see and speak to him before he died. Arnold answered that he did not want to see his mother. When asked why, he replied, "I committed murder as the result of a card game... My mother taught me to play cards, and I hold her responsible for my crime and for my death. Tell her I don't want to see her." Think of that, you who may permit your children to play cards at home! God's Word says, "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13).

God also says: "Thou shalt not steal" (Exodus 20:15). Gambling is stealing! Evangelist William E.

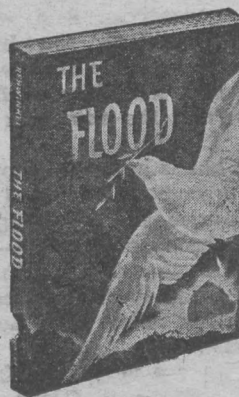
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Biederwolf has well written:

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From a *spiritual* standpoint gambling is wrong. The Christian is a follower of one person, and only one, Jesus Christ. "Follow



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Me." He calls (Matthew 4:19).

Spurgeon wrote, "I think that no Christian man will ever like the rattle of dice when he remembers that they were used at the cross; all games of chance should be put away from us, for we can, as it were, see our Master's blood bespattered upon them."

Gambling! How sinful, how foolish! But the *worst* gamble I charge every unsaved person with, is that *you* are gambling with your *soul*! The odds are against you when you gamble with your soul. Time is against you, sickness is against you, accidents, death—perhaps sudden death! The unexpected second coming of Christ and the day of judgment are against you. The time to be saved by Jesus Christ is *now*, right now! The next hour may be too late. Repent therefore of all your sins and unbelief, and turn to Jesus Christ crucified and risen and living to save you now and forever! Will Christ save you now? Hear His sure word of promise: "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). Will you believe Him and come—now?

"Someone Is Coming"

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and He is not slack concerning His promise. He remembers His promise. He is going to come, but He is just waiting until that last elect is caught away to be with Him.

CONCLUSION

When my Lord comes, it is going to be too late for any unsaved person in this house to be saved. Oh, there'll be lots of people saved after Jesus comes, but there won't be a single person that has ever heard the Gospel preached before He comes, that will be saved after He comes. If you have heard the Word of God preached beforehand, when Jesus comes your

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Enclosed is a Rally Day to be used for the support of TBE. It has been my good fortune in the last few years to receive this paper into my hands and to enjoy its message. It seems, in these last days, that there is a growing fear for the truth of God's Word. It seems, in these last days, that men in many places are not willing to teach the whole counsel of God, since they preach to people who have itching ears.

I would urge all men where to support this paper, its ministry might continue to be a source of inspiration and instruction to God's people as a means of presenting the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ to the lost.

May God raise up many to support this work, and many editors to led of the Spirit of God to print its message, in that Jesus Christ might have preeminence in the hearts of

doom is sealed. Listen:

"And to you who are **trusting with us, when the Lord shall be REVEALED from heaven with his mighty angels, flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, that obey not the gospel of Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be PUNISHED with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.**"—II Thess. 1:7-9.

When Jesus comes, we that have heard the truth will have our reward, and Jesus Christ will take vengeance on him.

Notice again: "That they all might be **who believed not the truth, who had pleasure in unrighteousness.**"—II Thess. 2:12.

Notice the past participle, "believed not the truth." They had an opportunity to have believed the truth. They heard the truth. They heard the Word of God faithfully preached. Yet they believed not the truth, but pleasure in unrighteousness. John also tells us what will be the outcome of those who are saved when Jesus comes, Rev. 16:15.

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he be naked, and they see his shame." Rev. 16:15.

Beloved, the man who is that is unsaved when Jesus comes will be found walking naked. What does it mean? He is destitute of the righteousness of God. He will be naked so God's righteousness is covered. And what will be the result? Shame and confusion eternally.

Yes, beloved, when comes, the man that has heard the Word of God and has rejected it, and spurned it, and said it will have no opportunity to be saved. I would say, "be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." I thank God the way is open for the man who is outside of Jesus Christ. God that Jesus died for the Son of God, and that the door of His elect, and that the door is wide open. Might you be one of the Son of God and be saved.

"And him that cometh out will in no wise cast out." Rev. 3:9.

May God give you the grace to come to Jesus Christ and be saved. I beg you to come to the Son of God tonight, cause Someone is coming when He comes, it will be late.

May God bless you!

The Grace of God

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you would stand boastfully in His presence, and He says that flesh shall glory in His presence. Don't you see? If it simply depended upon your choosing him, that choice would have to be the flesh.

What do we have? 1. God made a choice. 2. He chose whom He desired to choose. 3. This choice had nothing to do with anything on the part of the chosen. Next, why the choosing? The answer part of verse four in Ephesians one, says, "that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love." We were chosen in love, then, that we would appear before God in the righteousness and perfection of Christ, only this righteousness is available in God's sight. Also our choice gives another reason, "to praise of the glory of His grace." For God's glory.

Many will say, "but if what you say is true, then God has acted in choosing some and not others?" To you we would ask, "Toward whom is the choice?" You say, "toward the elect?" But they in common with all the rest of mankind are not chosen. As such, they have no part in God's grace. (Quoting from Ephesians and by H. O. Van Gilders)

He might have turned His back upon the whole human race, and left us to perish in our sin, but He could have charged Him with injustice. How then can He be charged with injustice in doing exactly that toward all? Do we ask for justice for them? But that is exactly what they receive! Do you ask for mercy for them? Ah, but THAT is another matter. For he saith to Moses, "Have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that doeth, but of God that sheweth mercy." Rom. 9:15, 16.

Many in this day of doctrinal confusion this is a strange doctrine, indeed, but it is before us to deny it is to err. To see, not to expound is cowardly. C. H. Spurgeon in preaching I Thess. 1:4 said: "At the announcement of the text, I will be ready to say, 'Why have you upon so profound a doctrine as election?' I answer, because it is in God's Word, and because it is in God's Word is to be preached."

You notice the latter part of verse 16: "Wherein He hath made election in the beloved." Chosen, predestinated, accepted in the beloved! Here to the Almighty Jehovah preparation, and here is the ground upon which we are acceptable to an Almighty God: "in the beloved."

Receiving grace, how sweet the word! I loved a wretch like me; I was lost, but now am found, blind, but now I see."

do you know of the Grace of God? Is Jesus your Saviour? If not, may His message serve to show you the way to salvation: Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Do not fear that you are not saved, for you will not come to Him if you are not. Do not say that you will be turned away from Him. He has said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Christ, and Christ is able to save from the eternal Hell. He died today. He died for Sinners; He died for a Sinner; He died in Him, and you will

ers about them are going to pieces. Their gentle voices seem to ooze forth with love and gentleness far above the natural. The little movement across their chest before performing any heroic deed impresses the viewer as to its power. With their beads and crucifixes hanging about their persons, and their flowing black garments, they are the very picture and essence of what pure religion should be as judged through the eyes of an unconverted yet religious world. They are heroes in every sense of the word.

You might say: "What harm is there in this?" Our answer is this. Every little boy and girl, and we might add also the teenagers, are lastingly affected by the heroes of certain programs. Your boy sees a cowboy hero on the screen, and it is only a very short while and he is wearing a gun belt, cowboy hat, riding an imaginary horse and is shooting everything in sight with his toy gun. What is he doing? Simply imitating his cowboy hero. He grows, perhaps unconsciously to him, little by little, to respect and admire this hero to such an extent that he desires to be like him in every respect. If he eats a certain type of cereal, the boy wants the same kind. He desires to talk and even dress like his hero. This is true with your daughter's hero also.

THUS I believe that those programs that have these religiously garbed individuals as heroes are purposely designed to create a NEW KIND of hero for your children and YOU. Unconsciously your children are made to honor and respect them, and before long, instead of your boy playing "cowboy Bob," it will be "Father Bob."

This constant image on the screen is intended to erase the picture painted by history and present day acts such as have occurred in countries such as South America and Spain where the true motives and purposes of this determined foe of truth are made obvious. Our children, and even adults, are made to compare the facts of their bloody history with these jovial, lovable, courageous, good individuals seen on today's picture screen who are so garbed. It will become even more difficult to convince anyone of the TRUE intents of this group, EVEN from their own writings.

So you can see the brainwashing job is on the move. Your boys and girls will have a new kind of hero. They become familiar sights to them and they come to admire them, and they associate the hero acts with the religious clothing, and thus they have their NEW hero. Surely we can see the wiles of the Devil working behind the scenes.

Now, on the other hand, you will notice that those ministers who are NOT so garbed and appear on TV or on the silver screens, are pictured as ultra-fanatics. They are seen holding a Bible in one hand AND a whiskey glass or woman in the other. They are pictured as nothing short of drunkards and wife deserters. They are usually not fit for social fellowship. They are adulterers, they are cheats, they are "quacks," they steal, they murder. They quote scripture through a drunken mouth. They are looked upon with pity and are mocked by respectable people. The religious father is usually guilty of beating his daughter for some ridiculous incident.

NOW WHAT KIND OF A PICTURE DOES THIS PAINT FOR YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS? I don't have to tell you. They are slowly but surely being BRAINWASHED to lose respect for any religious leader — with the EXCEPTION of those with the black religious garb. Don't you see what is happening? I ask you a question, how many of those in religious garb have you seen on your TV or movie screen that are pictured in character roles as those ungarbed ministers seen on your screen? Have you seen one pictured as an adulterer or unfit for social fellowship? Just try to think of one. The reason you can't is obvious. That

would mar the image that they are endeavoring to create.

Someone has said: "If you keep telling a lie often enough you will get people to believe it."

We want to add: "If you keep SHOWING a lie often enough, people will begin to believe it!" Listen, warn your children of these things. Tell them of the intent and purpose of these things. We'd better before it is too late.

Every news media is used to belch out this brainwashing material. Hardly a day goes by that our newspapers do not do their part in this brainwashing endeavor by placing, free of charge of course, an article about one of these religiously garbed individuals. Our nationally published magazines have their share. I know of 3 of the top national magazines, that hardly an issue goes out that these frocked men and women are not pictured within its contents or on the front cover. The black frock is becoming a familiar sight to all of us. It is even more prevalent since the presidential election.

Our newscasters are also busy over their radio microphones, bringing to us daily a reminder of the happenings from "headquarters" in the Italian capitol. If the head of this system gets a cold, the world hears about it. The world is informed everytime he leaves his palace. Our TV newscasters are busily bringing daily to our eyes and minds, the movements of the heads of this group. These things are slowly being imprinted upon our minds. Daily, weekly, monthly, these things confront us. We are bombarded continually with this propaganda from every source possible and the obvious purpose is to affect our thinking. It affects MY thinking, but not in the way that they desire. It's working FULL BLAST IN REVERSE as far as I am concerned. I'm not ignorant of their devices, and I intend to let people know about it.

Now, what will you do? Bury your head in the sand and ignore the FACTS? Will you stuff invisible cotton in your ears and act like you haven't heard a word I said? Whatever you do, you will have to answer to God for it, and

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"Dense Charlie?"

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the following notice: "Mr. Charles H. Spurgeon begs to inform his numerous friends that, after Christmas, he intends taking six or seven young gentlemen as day pupils. He will endeavour to the utmost to impart a good commercial education. The ordinary routine will include arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and mensuration (measurements), grammar, and composition, ancient and modern history,

Was Charlie dense? Magoon says, "Mr. Spurgeon is an intelligent man. His personal influence implies this, and his published works prove it. Fools abound, it is true, but it is hard to find a whole community of them, even in London or New York. Mr. Spurgeon began the assiduous study of books at an early period and evidently has been a comprehensive reader of whatever he deems practical." He appears to have been an avid reader, as one of his former students writes, "We were frequently treated on Friday after-

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JACK HAMM

MATTHEW 22:38

Brain-Washing

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in every respect of their wisdom in certain is unequaled; they remain calm when all oth-

Our Last Call For Rally Day June 17th -- How Will You Answer

A Methodist Writes

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Examiner as you think it should be edited; if we do disagree with you, we'll certainly grant you the right to exercise the God-given option of thinking for yourself . . . and we'll respect your opinion, even as we hope that you would respect ours.

Then, too, we remember this "As flowers and vines cover the rough places in nature, so I charge you to cover the faults and failings of others with the mantle of Charity. Speak good of others, rather than evil. Gather up memories of others' virtues and pass by their faults in pity."

I think that each of us has a responsibility to carry on the Lord's work, in that manner which makes best use of the talents with which He has provided us.

So don't be discouraged by adverse criticism. Continue to do what you think is right.

Sincerely,
W. S. Brake,
National Grange Patrons
of Husbandry,
Lansing, Michigan.

"Dense Charlie?"

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noons. to talks about books, authors, preachers, reformers, and poets. What an omnivorous reader the President must have been! To us it seemed that there was no great book or noted writer of ancient or modern times he was not acquainted with . . . he advised, 'Stint yourself to buy good books; try ever to improve your stock. The minister's life and library are the people's granary; they always suffer if either is low.'

Spurgeon seemed to have followed his own advice as attested too by William Wright, Secretary of the British Bible Society who knew Charlie quite well. Wright states, "He was acquainted with all literature and his power of reading was perhaps never equalled. He would sit down to five or six large books, and master them at one sitting. He sat with his left hand on the left side of the book, and pushing his right hand up on the right side of the book until the page became projected, he turned it over and proceeded to the next page. He took in the contents almost at a glance, and his memory never failed him as to what he had read." He was tested one day on this and he repeated almost word for word the contents of some books he had just read! Possibly he had a photographic mind as this amazing ability would appear to indicate.

Charlie himself said, "He whose ministry is most original will be the first to confess his obligation to his books. He waits upon

God for a subject and as often as not finds it while reading, neither does he hesitate to say that the Lord his God brought him to it because it came by the instrumentality of another man's writings."

William Wright goes on to tell us about Charlie's intelligence in regard to "rightly dividing the Word of Truth." "I was at first surprised to find Mr. Spurgeon consulting both the Hebrew and Greek texts. 'They say,' said he, 'that I am ignorant and unlearned. Well, let them say it, and in everything by my ignorance, and by my knowledge, let God be glorified! . . . His exegesis was seldom wrong. He spared no pains to be sure of the exact meaning of his text. On one occasion, he was going to preach on the subject of the olive tree, and sent his secretary to the keeper of the Natural History Department of the British museum, with a series of questions regarding the peculiarities of the tree. Mr. Carruthers, the keeper, was so much interested in the inquiry that he wrote out several pages for Mr. Spurgeon.'

Charlie himself admitted, however, that he was not a profound or deep theological speaker. "I am conscious of not possessing those peculiar gifts which are necessary to interest an assembly in one subject or set of subjects for any length of time. Brethren of extraordinary research and profound learning can do it, and brethren with none of these and no common sense may pretend to do it, but I cannot. I am obliged to owe a great deal of my strength to variety rather than profundity." One commentator remarks that he did not contribute anything to the theology of the church at large, but that his contribution was of a different but essential nature.

Dense Charlie? Well, if he is to be questioned on the subject he would say, "Recollect who I am, and what I am, a child, having little education, little learning, ability, or talent. Without the Spirit of God I feel I am utterly unable to speak . . ."

On certain subjects Charlie seldom spoke. "You will bear me witness, my friends, that it is exceedingly seldom I ever intrude into the mysteries of the future with regard either to the second advent, millennial reign or the first and second resurrections. As often as we come across it in our expositions we do not turn aside from the point, but if guilty at all on this point, it is rather in being too silent than saying too much. . . . I scarcely think it would be justifiable for me to spend my time upon prophetic studies for which I have not the necessary talent. . . . I think some ministers would do far more for the profit of God's people, if they would preach more about the first advent and less about the second. . . . I believe the Lord Himself shall come, but of that

day and of that hour knoweth no man, no, not even the angels of God. . . . Our business is to expect Him always, to be always looking for His appearing, watching for His coming; that whether he come at cock crow or midnight, or at morning watch we may be ready to go in with the wise virgins at the marriage feast and rejoice with our beloved."

Dense Charlie? Well, if one wishes to press on his narrow convictions, then in a sense he was—most certainly. He persisted in preaching that Christ was the only way to reach heaven and that hell awaited non-believers. Whether he was addressing the Dutch court in Holland, or soldiers on an American warship, or having private audiences with queens, or just preaching to ordinary folks, his message was always woven around the central theme of Christ.

When they dedicated the new Metropolitan Tabernacle his first words were, "I would propose that the subject of the ministry in this house, as long as this platform shall stand and 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, I do not hesitate to take the name of Baptist; but if I am asked what is my creed, I reply, 'It is Jesus Christ.'"

He was steeped in Puritanism and was called by Gladstone "the last of the Puritans." He was called an "heir of the Puritans," a "Puritan born out of time" and the papers all attached puritan labels to him. He said many times that his theology was Puritanic and he believed the Puritan school of thought embodied more of the truth of God's Word than any other philosophy. He was a man, who at his death had 7,000 volumes of Puritan literature, and spent a lifetime looking for Puritan originals. He said that he

Altho' not able to wear their shoes,
I pray that their courage they will not lose:
Let us all rally round; let us give and pray,
For TBE and the Editors, on Rally Day.

—Fred Jacobs, Ohio.

harbored a prejudice against new editions of old puritanic works and preferred to hunt the originals even if they did "wander about in sheep and goat skins, and though they be shut up with the heaviest board."

John Bunyan had a great influence on Charlie and he read *Pilgrim's Progress* over at least one hundred times before he died. He claimed that of all preachers, George Whitfield had the greatest effect as a model for his own life. He said that with due recognition of the Lord, he followed Whitfield's tracks with unequalled footsteps.

Was Charlie dense? John Ruskin didn't seem to think so. He regarded Spurgeon very highly for his intellect and told others that he was a master of idiomatic English. He rebuked Charlie for wasting his gifts, as he put it, on "little people."

Spurgeon was a confirmed Calvinist. He read the works of John Calvin and visited Geneva where Calvin once preached. Charlie was allowed to wear Calvin's canonical gown for a service and preached in his pulpit. He was also given a medal by Geneva Christians and Spurgeon referred to this incident, at the age of twenty-four, as a high point in his life.

Charlie was also a non-conformist in London. He would not be ordained as a clergyman and felt that such ordination would not impart any special gifts upon him. He felt that he was ordain-

ed of the Lord and that that was more than enough. When he was approached on the subject he would always ask the question, "What is the Scriptural warrant for such nonsense?"

[Editorial note: Because of the "ordination" practices of Potestants and—we are sorry to say—many Baptists, it is often stated, as Brother Allen does here, that Spurgeon was not ordained. This is true, so far as as the "high church" ordination theory is concerned; however, ordination in the New Testament is a simple matter of church appointment. Since Spurgeon was appointed to the office as pastor, he certainly was ordained. Any man appointed by a church to the office of pastor, is certainly an ordained minister.]

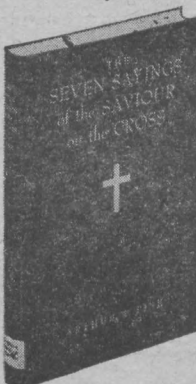
Charlie relates that "Once, when I was in the vestry, an Irishman came to see me. Pat began by making a low bow and saying, 'Your Riverence, I have come to ax you a question.' 'Oh,' said I, 'Pat, I am not a Riverence; it is not a title I care for.' It is for this reason he was most always referred to as 'Mister' Spurgeon.

Charlie had some pretty staid ideas about men in the pulpit. He felt ministers should be able to communicate in simple terms to a congregation rather than giving high intellectual sermons which he considered useless. "I mourn and grieve that our ministers are so much diluting the Word of God with philosophy, desiring to be intellectual preachers, delivering model sermons, well fitted for a room full of college students and professors of theology, but of no use to the masses, being destitute of simplicity, warmth, earnestness, or solid gospel matter . . . O ye purse proud! O ye who cannot touch the poor, even with your white gloves! Ah! Ye with your mitres and your croziers! Ah! Ye with your cathedrals and splendid ornaments! This is the man whom ye call Master—the people's Christ—one of the people! And yet ye look down with scorn upon the people—ye despise them. What are they in your opinion? The common herd—the multitude! Out on ye! Call yourselves no more the ministers of Christ! How can ye, unless, descending from your pomp and dignity, ye come amongst the poor, and visit them—ye come amongst our teeming population and preach to them the gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe you to be descendants of the fisherman? Ah! no, until ye doff your grandeur, and like fisherman, come out—the people's man—and preach to the people, speak to the people, instead of lolling on your splendid seats, and making yourselves rich at the expense of your pluralities! Christ's ministers should be the friends of manhood at large, remembering that their Master was the people's Christ . . ."

If we mean by "dense," a stubborn independence, Charlie was indeed dense. He was most in-

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By Simon Musings




I've bin obsarvat'n in the testamawnies 'bout Rally Day. I thawt I'd say a word to TBE evry week. I woud fer no uther papur. I aint no uther papur (Did I heer sum Armin Hallelejah?) I know TBE heep uf good, specially Coon Holler. You tek Coon Holler an' thar airy uther papur in the Community worth startin with.

It's up to us who value uf TBE to stan' side it, an' behine it. I uf us should dedikate uf a hog or steer to Rally Day. Tek ole Sim fer it—it'd shore be while.

(More Musings Next)

dependent and not swayed by others or their opinion. "A very kind friend has said that, albeit I may be a Baptist I should realize that there are a variety of here. [Spurgeon in a sermon at Exeter Hall]. Now, if I preach nothing but what please the whole lot of people on earth should I do? what I believe to be true the omission of a single of England throughout I would not leave it to who do not like what I the option of leaving come here, I suppose, themselves, and, if they not please them, they it. I will never be an honest British audience turn away from the stammer, in speaking At the Pastor's College Charlie founded, he struct his students to be fundamental Biblical and never waver on the the Bible was God's Word. His preaching ible and stubborn on and he never deviated truth to be found in tures. His position on received much adverse evoked much adverse from certain quarters preached them just the Lord for it).



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