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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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Scriptural Authority For Baptism

By Bob L. Ross

Christ (Eph. 1:23), and the holy temple of the Lord (Eph. 2:21). Bible knows no acceptable baptism but an authorized baptism.

It's God's Authority, Not Man's

Men, however, manifesting the depravity and rebellion of human nature, often despise the church of the Lord and think more highly of man-made organizations and methods. Hence we have all kinds of societies, boards, evangelistic associations, radio "pastors," free-lancers and the like who will not honor the church and acknowledge the Lord's own work.

Baptism is one of the doctrines that suffers because of the rebellion of such men. The authority of the Lord through His church is completely discarded by anti-church religionists. They say, "It doesn't matter who baptizes you, just so you are sincere," and some of them add, "and if you do it the right way." I would like for you to see, however, that the

When Peter said to the lame man, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk," it was not the authority of the man Peter that produced the miracle, but it was the authority of Christ. Likewise, when the church appoints some one to administer baptism in the name of Christ, it is not man's authority, but Christ's authority. He commissioned this church to do this work and He is with that church always (Matt. 28:19, 20).

No one can administer baptism upon the authority of Christ unless he has been authorized by Christ. That is why we reject all baptism that is not performed upon the authority of God's own (Continued on page 2, column 3)

"IMPRESSIONS" OF OUR 1963 BIBLE CONFERENCE

"My impression of the Conference is absolutely the best. My only regret is that I haven't been here before. It has been a blessing to find that there are people who actually accept the fact that God is God and we are His vessels to do with as He sees fit. I have heard more rich Bible truth preached in the last three days than in the entire past year. May God continue to bless Calvary Church in her labors here as well as around the world by way of The Baptist Examiner."

—Ralph Boone, Mich.

"I thank you of Calvary Baptist Church for the privilege to meet with so many of God's people and discover that we are

not alone even though we do dwell in the desert place as far as fellowship in our state is concerned."

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A Broken, Contrite Heart

Robert Murray McChesney

"The sacrifices of God are a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." — Psalm 51:17.

Psalm expresses more fully the experience of a penitent soul. First, his humbling of sin, verses 3, 4, 5; and, his intense desire for redemption through the blood of Christ, verse 7; Third, his longing for a clean heart, verse 10; and, his desire to render something to God for all His benefits. He says, I will teach transgressors Thy ways. (2) My lips will give a broken heart, verses 16, 17. Just as long ago as 16, 17. Just as long ago as he says of thanksgiving so he says will offer up to God a slain broken heart. Every one of us who has found the same weakness should come to this resolution — offer up to God this day a broken heart.

The Natural Heart is Sound and Unbroken

By the law, the gospel, mercies, the death, do not break the natural heart. It is harder to break than a diamond; there is nothing in the universe so hard, Isaiah 46:10. "Ye stout-hearted, that are

far from righteous." Zechariah 1:11 — "We have walked to and fro through the earth, and behold all the earth sitteth still and is at rest." Zephaniah 1:12 — "I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that settled on their lees." Jeremiah 5:3 — "They have made their faces harder than a rock." Isaiah 32:10 — "Careless women;" verse 11, "women that are at ease."

Why? — (1) The veil is upon their hearts. They do not believe the Bible, the strictness of the law, the wrath to come—the face of a covering his over their eyes (2) Satan has possession. Satan carries the seed away. (3) Dead in trespasses and sins. The dead hear not, feel not; they are past feeling. (4) They build a wall of untempered mortar. They hope for safety in some refuge of lies — that they pray, or give aims.

May God keep away from you the curse of a dead, unbroken heart. It will not last long—you are standing on slippery places—the waves are below your feet. Christ will laugh at your calamity. If you are now cornered, there is hope. Ministers and Christians are ready, Christ is

ready; but afterwards He will laugh.

The Awakened Heart Is Wounded Not Broken

The law makes the first wound. When God is going to save a soul, he brings the soul to reflect on his sins. "Cursed is every one," etc. "Whatsoever things the



Robert Murray McChesney 1813-1842

law saith," etc. "I was alive without the law once," etc. Life and heart appear in awful colors.

The majesty of God makes the next wound. The sinner is made sensible of the great and holy being against whom he has sinned. "Against thee," Psalms 51:4.

The third wound is from his own helplessness to make himself better. Still the heart is not broken; the heart rises against God. It does so because of the strictness of the law because faith is the only way of salvation, and is the gift of God, because God is Sovereign, and may save or not as He wills. This shows the unbroken heart. There is no more miserable state than this.

Learn — it is one thing to be awakened, and another thing to be saved. Do not rest in convictions.

The Unbelieving Heart Is a Broken Heart Two Ways

It is broken from its own righteousness. When the Holy Spirit leads a man to the Cross, his heart there breaks from seeking salvation by his own righteousness. All his burden of performances and contrivance drops.

The work of Christ appears so perfect — the wisdom of God and the power of God — Divine righteousness. "I wonder that I should ever think of any other way of salvation. If I could have been saved by my own duties, my whole soul would now have refused it. I wonder that all the world did not see and comply with this way of salvation by the righteousness of Christ." — (Brainard, page 319).

The grace of Christ appears so wonderful. That all this righteousness should be free to such a sinner. That I so long neglected, despised, hated it, put mountains between and yet that He has come over the mountains! Ezekiel 16:63 — "That thou mayest remember, and be confounded and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done." Have you this broken heart — broken within sight of the Cross? It is not a look into your own heart, or the heart of hell, but into the heart of Christ that breaks the heart. Oh, the blessings of this broken heart! Boasting is excluded! To Him be glory! Worthy is the Lamb! All the struggles of a self-righteous soul are to put the crown on your own head instead of at the feet of Jesus.

Broken from love of sin. When a man believes on Christ, he then sees sin to be hateful.

It separated between him and God, made the great gulf, and kindled the fires of hell.

It crucified the Lord of Glory; weighed down His soul; made Him sweat, and bleed and die.

It is the plague of his heart now. All my unhappiness is from my being a sinner. Now he mourns sore like a dove, that he should sin against so much love. (Continued on page 2, column 1)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"CHRIST'S THREE APPEARINGS"

"It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, NOW TO APPEAR in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world HATH HE APPEARED to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once

offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him SHALL HE APPEAR the second time without sin unto salvation." — Heb. 9:23-28.

In the Scripture that I have read, I wish you would notice three verses very closely. The last part of the 24th verse says, "Now to appear in the presence of God for us." The last part of the 26th verse says, "But now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." The 28th verse says that he "shall appear the second time without sin unto salvation." It is my desire to talk to you about these appearances, or the appearances of the Lord Jesus Christ.

You will notice from the Scripture that I have read in this ninth

chapter of Hebrews that there are three definite appearances that are mentioned. There is, first of all, His first appearing when He came into this world. Then there is His appearing in that He stands as an intercessor in our behalf, and He appears now in the presence of God for us. The third appearing that is spoken of is that which shall take place when our Lord Jesus Christ comes back to this world again.

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FIRST APPEARING.

We read:

"For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the (Continued on page 6, column 3)

MEETING IN BENTON, ARKANSAS.

It will be my privilege to preach at the East Side Baptist Church in Benton, Arkansas from October 7 to October 12. The pastor is Brother Joe Shelnett, who spoke for us at our recent Bible Conference. I am looking forward to being with the church and meeting many of our readers in this area. — B.L.R.

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A Broken Heart

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"Then shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings wherein ye have been defiled, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight."

Advantages of a Broken Heart

It keeps you from being offended at the preaching of the Cross. A natural heart is offended every day at the preaching of the Cross. Many of you, I have no doubt, hate it. The preaching of Another's righteousness—that you must have it or perish—many, I have no doubt, are often enraged at this in their hearts. Many, I doubt not, have left this church on account of it, and many more, I doubt not, will follow. All the offense of the Cross is not ceased. But a broken heart cannot be offended. Ministers

cannot speak too plainly for a broken heart. A broken heart would sit for ever to hear of the righteousness without works.

Many of you are offended when we preach plainly against sin. Many were offended last Lord's day. But a broken heart cannot be offended, for it hates sin worse than ministers can make it. Many are like the worshippers of Baal—"Bring forth thy son that he may die." Judges 6:30. But a broken heart loves to see the idol stamped upon and beaten small.

A broken heart is at rest. The unconverted heart is like the troubled sea—"Who will show us any good?" It is going from creature to creature. The awakened soul is not at rest; sorrows of death, pains of hell, attend those who are forgetting their resting place. But the broken heart says, "Return unto thy rest,

O my soul." The righteousness of Christ takes away every fear—"casts out fear." Even the plague of the heart cannot truly disturb for he casts his burden on Jesus.

Nothing can happen wrong to it. To the unconverted, how dreadful is a sick bed, poverty, death—tossed like a wild beast in a net. But a broken heart is satisfied with Christ. This is enough—he has no ambition for more. Take away all, this remains. He is a weaned child.



Baptism

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body, the church. There is no justification for any man in this age claiming to have direct authority from God to baptize, thereby disregarding the Lord's church.

Objections Considered

Those who oppose church authority often cite cases such as Philip's baptism of the eunuch, Ananias' baptism of Paul, Peter's baptism of Cornelius, and Paul's baptisms on his missionary tours. They claim that "no church authorized these baptisms." Well, let us examine each case and see that God's authority—the same authority given through the church—was present.

1. **Philip and the eunuch.** There was plenty of authority back of this baptism, of which we read in Acts 8. First, Philip was himself a member of the church and was an evangelist (Acts 21:8, Eph. 4:11). Thus he was performing a ministry under the appointment of the church, as led by the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, when he baptized the eunuch, he had the direct authority of the Spirit of God. Philip was no free-lance evangelist, but a man who was working in perfect harmony with the church of the Lord, as led by the Spirit.

2. **Ananias and Saul of Tarsus.** (Acts 9:1-20). Christ does not appear unto men today as He appeared unto Saul, but the preaching of the Gospel makes the Son of God known. Likewise, God does not directly authorize men to baptize, as He did in this case of Ananias' baptism of Paul. If men receive such visions, and if they receive such authority to baptize we have no knowledge of these persons and we find no reason from the Bible to believe that there are any such persons.

In addition to having direct authority from God, Ananias was evidently a member of the church and perhaps even the pastor of a church at Damascus. There were disciples at Damascus, for Paul had gone there to persecute them (Acts 9:1, 2). After his conversion, he spent a few days with these disciples (9:19). These disciples most likely included some of those of the church at Jerusalem which had been scattered (Acts 8:1, 4), and they had evidently formed a church in Damascus. The fact that Acts 9:31 says that the "churches" had rest following Saul's conversion indicates that new churches had been formed, following the Jerusalem church's scattering.

So it is perfectly in harmony with Scripture to suppose that there was a church at Damascus and that Ananias was a member of it, perhaps the pastor. But regardless of this, Ananias had direct authority from God to baptize. He was no free-lancer.

3. **Peter and Cornelius.** Did Peter have authority? Church authority? Peter had the same authority: He had God's authority. He was an apostle and a member of the church (Eph. 2:20, 4:11). In the case of Cornelius, he had direct authority from God for his actions (Acts 10). Being an officer of the church ("elder"—I Peter 5:11), also a chosen apostle, and having direct Divine authority, he certainly had plenty of authority back of his baptism. Any man who tries to use this case to justify free-lance, unauthorized baptism surely has to do a lot of stretching to fit himself into Peter's shoes.

4. **Paul's baptisms.** Not only

"I Should Like to Know"

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

What is a "hyper-dispensationalist"?

He is one who goes beyond the truth with regard to what is really expressed by the term "dispensation." Hyper-dispensationalism is more conservatively represented by the notes in the Scofield **Reference Bible** and carried to further extremes by those who have been influenced by these notes, such as the O'Hairites. You would hardly know what part of the Bible is for you were it not for the help of these hyper-dispensationalists who chop it up into so many pieces.

Scofield defines "dispensation" as follows: "A period of time during which man is tested in respect to obedience to some specific revelation of the will of God."

Now where does Scofield get that definition? Certainly, he does not get it from the Bible, for the Bible nowhere comes close to such an idea. Furthermore, at the source of Scofield's notion is the Arminian idea relative to man's "ability" to obey. The hyper-dispensational notion is that God tried to save men one way, then another way, then another, and finally came up with grace. Notice this in Scofield's note on "Grace" (page 1115):

"The point of testing is no longer legal obedience as the condition of salvation, but acceptance or rejection of Christ, with good works as a fruit of salvation."

There is not one scintilla of truth in any part of this statement. This theory starts out and proceeds upon the false idea that man is able to do something to save himself. God first tries to give him a certain thing to do, later changes to something else, then later to something else; finally, He comes up with a kind of "grace" that still leaves man with something to do—"accept Christ."

No one who has read the Bible with any attention denies that God has **dispensed** His grace in different forms in various ages, but this is quite a different matter than the "testing" theory hyper-dispensationalists advocate. **God's Law**, which requires righteousness and condemns for lack of it, and **the Gospel**, which proclaims righteousness in Christ and brings it to our knowledge, have always been in effect, even though **dispensed** in different ways. The periods of time when these were dispensed in different ways might truly be called "dispensations." But where Scofield and other hyper-dispensationalists get their definitions and theories is yet to be revealed.

Do you agree with Graves' "Seven Dispensations"?

We here are pre-millennialists. (Also, we are dispensationalists, according to the above answer). That does not mean that we can give all the answers that are involved in what is called eschatology (last things), nor that we agree with all the answers given or assertions made by men with whom we are in a general agreement. We certainly don't see eye-to-eye with Graves on all that he says. Not that we think we can give a better answer or assertion, but some of his points seem to be groundless and strained. However, being in general agreement with Graves, and having an interest in reading Bible-believers, such as Graves, who care to venture out into the water of speculation and prediction, we like his book. We think it will be of help to those who read it, if they have minds that ask for more than blank assertions, etc.

Should one ever be told to "join the church of your choice"?

No. People should be taught to join the church of the Lord (Matt. 28:20, Acts 2:47). To tell people to join the church of their choice is like telling a baby to eat whatever he wishes.

Explain Acts 2:31, where it says Christ went to Hell.

The Greek word for hell here is "hades," which means the place of departed spirits. It had two compartments: one is where the saved were, the other is where the lost were (see Luke 16:19-31). Christ went to the compartment of the saved. Acts 2:31 teaches that Christ came out of the compartment of the saved. His body was raised from the grave, and the soul and body were re-united.

was Paul an apostle with supernatural blessings from God attending his work, but he also was a church-appointed missionary. In Acts 13:1-4, the Holy Spirit led

the church at Antioch to send out Paul and Barnabas on a missionary tour. When they returned, they reported to the church (14:27). When Paul took Silas and went on another missionary trip, they were "recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God" (15:40). And everywhere he went, he sought to establish new churches and always held the church in high regard. In his epistles Paul gives us some of the great truths concerning the church which have already been noted.

None of these cases will justify the idea of "it doesn't matter who baptizes you." It does matter. God's authority must be behind.

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(See editorial for explanation)

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FBI Chief Says Reds Are Exploiting Negroes

(From Tallahassee Democrat, Tallahassee, Fla., July 23, 1963)

By HOLMES ALEXANDER

WASHINGTON, D. C. — On Jan. 16, 1958, when Director J. Edgar Hoover was asking the House Appropriations subcommittee for funds to run the FBI during the next fiscal year, he said: "The Negro situation is also being exploited fully and continuously by communists on a national scale. Current programs include intensified attempts to infiltrate Negro mass organizations. The party's objectives are not to aid the Negroes—but are designed to take advantage of all controversial issues on the race question so as to create unrest, dissension and confusion in the minds of the American people."

NOT IN THE NEWS

Mass demonstrations by Negroes in the North and South, to be calculated with a large march on Washington next month, were not in the news, as they are now, when Director Hoover gave this dispassionate, succinct and informed statement of communist intentions. Last week Southern Governors Barnett (Miss.) and Wallace (Ala.) flapped the Red flag in words much like Hoover's. But the Barnett-Wallace testimony before the Commerce Committee civil rights hearings was too self-interested to be effective. Another red object—the Red Herring of McCarthyism—came hurrying into the Caucus Room where McCarthy once performed. The subject of communist complicity soon got lost amid pious horror of "smearing" the Negro race and its leaders. Somebody suggested that J. Edgar Hoover be summoned as a star witness on the subject, but Chairman Magnuson was against it. Fortunately, it is hardly necessary to call Hoover. A little page-ruffling through House Appropriations hearings shows that the FBI director has several times asked Congress for money for the very purpose of investigating Communist incitation of the Negroes.

"MADE-TO-ORDER"

On March 3, 1961, Hoover told the House money-raisers: "The sit-in demonstrations in the South were a made-to-order issue which the party fully ex-

Baptism

(Continued from page 2) The baptism, and unless the administrator received this authority directly from God, there is not one other source of it—that's the church. Hence Protestant baptisms, free-lance baptisms, man-made church baptisms, and all such baptisms are invalid and unacceptable to the Lord. They are alien immersions, not being performed by the authority of the

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What a distinguished French minister, Reuben Saillens, says of what is known as "Haldane's Revival" can be applied with equal truth to this commentary: "The three main characteristics of Haldane's Revival, as it was sometimes being called, were these: (1) it gave a prominent emphasis to the necessity of a personal knowledge and experience of grace; (2) it maintained the absolute authority and Divine inspiration of the Bible; (3) it was a return to Calvinistic doctrine against Pelagianism and Arminianism. Haldane was an orthodox of the first water, but his orthodoxy was blended with love and life."

God grant that it may produce that same "love and life" in all who read it.

—from Forward by D. M. Lloyd-Jones

exploited to further its ends."

By now the director was giving names, places and dates. He mentioned James E. Jackson and Joseph North, "national Communist party functionaries," who came around for the demonstrations at Richmond, Va., in February, 1960. He quoted the Negro Communist, Ben Davis, "the party's national secretary," as stating in March, 1960, that Negro demonstrations are the next best thing to "proletarian revolution."

THE INFILTRATION

Again on Jan. 24, 1962, Hoover came to the House Appropriations Committee for funds, and one of his arguments was:

"Since its inception the Communist Party, U. S. A., has been alert to capitalize on every possible issue or event which could be used to exploit the American Negro in furtherance of party aims. In its efforts to influence the American Negro, the party attempts to infiltrate the legitimate Negro organizations for the purpose of stirring up racial prejudice and hatred. In this way, the party strikes a blow at our democratic form of government by attempting to influence public opinion throughout the world against the United States."

Well, nothing could be clearer than that, I have names for future columns showing proved communists ferrying between Havana and the demonstration sites in American cities, and showing known communists at the dirty work of teaching Negroes and whites to hate one another. But the point which Warren Magnuson's Commerce Committee ought to be honest enough to discover is already laid bare, and this is it:

The unhappy American Negro, generally immune to communist blandishments and greatly preferring the American way, is now being solicited and incited as never before, by the worst enemy our country ever had.

Communist Preachers?

How many ministers are communists? . . . Let's not take the word of any "rightwing crackpot" on this question, but ask "Christianity Today," the world's largest serious theological news magazine. At a cost of \$20,000, the Opinion Research Corp. conducted a survey, according to Oct. 10, 1960 issue. In a two-page article, it concluded, "Of these, the pollsters designated two per cent of the ministers as communists, 10 per cent as socialists, and 15 per cent as fellow-travellers in their economic outlook these being predominately liberal and neo-orthodox in theological stance."

Ponder this closely . . . Suppose

there are 300,000 ministers in the USA today, and this is not far off, that would mean a total of 6,000 communists; 30,000 socialists, and 45,000 fellow-travellers. That would make a total of 81,000 ministers with a decided Marxist sympathy. Remember, this is a scientific survey. This should be enough to frighten every serious thinking Christian American, since ministers hold such a strategic influence in the USA.—Sawdust Trail.

Bible Conference 'Impressions'

"Every year I say that this is the best yet, and I have been to all of them, and have been helped by them by meeting other people of like faith and hearing the great messages, and by the fellowship I've had. Thank the Lord for Calvary Baptist Church and all its concern to make us comfortable and feel at home—which we did."

—Dan Phillips, Tenn.

"Words can not express my appreciation to Calvary Baptist Church for making us feel at home here while enjoying the good preaching, food, and fellowship. May the Lord bless each of you real good."

—Mrs. Dan Phillips, Tenn.

"I have enjoyed the fellowship and inspiring messages of this Conference. It is a wonderful privilege to gather with these friends of God's truth. There is one thing that I do not get as much as I want at these Conferences: that is personal fellowship with the members of Calvary. They are all too busy working. When God stops our time we shall all fellowship together then."

—Lloyd Wyrick, Illinois

"This has been a glorious weekend for me. I thank our God for all His blessings. May God bless this church always."

—Mildred DeVaney, Ind.

"I want to thank God for the sweet friendship I have had here at the Conference. If it's God's will I will be back."

—Mrs. Geneva Young, Ind.

"This has been one of the best fellowship meetings we have experienced in some time and we thank God for you Brethren Beloved of the Lord because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the Truth. This meeting will be treasured in our hearts on out yonder to the end."

—Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hendon, Ky.

"Wonderful! And the preaching was grand—and to the glory of our wonderful Lord."

—Fred Jacobs, Ohio

"I enjoyed the good preaching because I believe it was the Word of God. I enjoyed the fellowship. I love the good food. It was just wonderful in every way."

—Mrs. Luther Hendon, Ky.

"I must say that, by the unlimited grace of God, I am glad that I attended this Conference. I enjoyed the warm Christian fellowship of the people here. I thank God that my eyes have been opened to the truth. These people will always have a place in my heart."

—G. Wayne Moore, Md.

"As with my salvation, I cannot find words to express the joy and happiness, so with Calvary Baptist Church's Conference, I cannot find the words to thank the Lord for this Conference."

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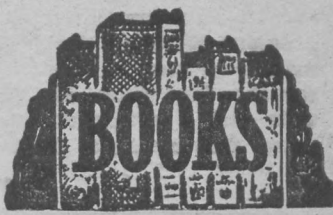
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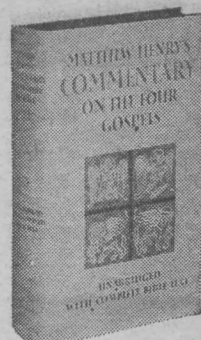
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"My over-all impression of the Conference is excellent. I enjoyed hearing the speakers exalt the Lord instead of man. Your people have all been quite gracious, and the food very good. I expect to return if the Lord wills."

Al Iglar, Pa.

"My impressions, on this third Labor Day Weekend Conference as a guest of Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky, were of thanks to God, to their people, and to the Church itself for the hospitality and the doctrinal teaching and challenge that was presented again this year. The Church people spare no effort to make the many visitors (Continued on page 6, column 1)

"Impressions"

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lightful food, and a fine spirit shown by everyone without exception. May I take this opportunity to thank Brother Gilpin, Bro. Bob, Calvary Baptist Church

in general and its members in particular who labored so diligently to make our stay so pleasant. All this, plus the naturally beautiful setting in the hills of Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia, God has combined to make this occasion a glorious experience."

—Ernie Ransom, Ind.
"I enjoyed the food so much and the good fellowship. So good it is to be able once a year to listen and talk with brothers of like faith. Many thanks to Cal- (Continued on page 5, column 2)

MOTHER AND SON



Elmo Woodson and Mother
Little Rock, Arkansas

"It was nice to renew acquaintances with many Christians from previous Bible Conferences and make new ones with those there for the first time. My mother, wife and I really enjoyed the many fine messages from God's

Word and look forward to attending next year. We appreciate the fine food and lodging furnished by Brother Gilpin, Mrs. Gilpin and the Calvary Baptist Church."

—Elmo Woodson, Arkansas

WEST VIRGINIANS



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bourne, Fairmont, W. Va.;
Mrs. Beatrice Bourn (center), Weston, W. Va.

"Thanks to Calvary Baptist Church for a most enjoyable week-end. I enjoyed the fellowship of God's people, the wonder-

ful sermons, and the delicious food."

—Mrs. Beatrice Bourn, W. Va.

OHIO COUPLE



Mr. and Mrs. Don Heche, Shaker Heights, Ohio
Brother Heche did a wonderful job for us again this year at the organ.

"We thank the Lord for the wonderful Bible Conference. We have been challenged in some new ways, encouraged to study the Word of God more, and blessed by the fellowship. We are reminded by the Holy Spirit to pray for you as you teach and encourage others who are learning the doctrine of Christ."

—Nancy Heche, Ohio

"We thank God for the teaching, challenge, and fellowship that have been provided at this 1963 Bible Conference. The Lord has shown us more than ever before that He is providing for our every need and has used these men to show us from the

Scriptures those things which seemed to have been put there just for us. Thank God for the wonderful way He has used you, your fellowship, this Conference, and The Baptist Examiner. Last year the Lord seemed to use the Conference to impress the great truths of the doctrines of grace upon our minds. But this year, praise the Lord, He has shown us even more the great responsibility we have because we have been entrusted with these truths. The Lord bless you. We've grown to love you very much. Thank you for a wonderful time and for being God's instrument for bringing us a great spiritual blessing."

—Don Heche, Ohio



Pastor Johnny Gilmer
Columbus, Georgia

"Wonderful blessings have been enjoyed by me during this Conference. Thank you very much. May the Lord continue to bless, and, until we meet again, press on me to pray for you, Bro. Gilpin and Bro. Ross."

—Johnny Gilmer, Ga.

"Another good Bible Conference. How good to hear the brethren preach the Word again. I was made to sorrow over my sins and confess them. I was made to rejoice in Christ our Lord."

—Gerald Price, Tenn.



Roy Worley and Gerald Price
Bristol, Tenn.-Va.

"After five years of attending the Bible Conferences of Calvary Baptist Church I still find the same warm Christian spirit as I felt in the first. I appreciate the good Christian fellowship in these Conferences and believe they glorify our Lord Jesus Christ."

—Roy Worley, Va.



Bobby Overton
Soloist from Dover, Delaware



Mr. and Mrs. Creighton Rice
South Shore, Ky.

FLORIDA PREACHER AND WIFE



Pastor and Mrs. Gaylord Haubert
Tampa, Florida

"Preaching has been good, fellowship has been wonderful, and food has been fit for a king. My wife and I have looked forward for a number of years to this occasion of meeting Bro. Gilpin,

Bro. Ross and other members of Calvary Baptist Church as well as those preachers who preached in the Conference."

—Bro. and Sister Gaylord Haubert, Fla.

MICHIGAN PREACHER AND WIFE



Bro. Arthur Corcoran and Mrs. Corcoran
Reading, Michigan

"The Conference this year is their own. The food, fellowship, the best ever. The Evermans and preaching left nothing to be looked after as if we were desired."

OHIO FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Browning and Daughter
Bloomingsburg, Ohio

"We sincerely appreciate all that the members of Calvary Baptist Church have done to make this Bible Conference possible. It is truly a real blessing to us."

—Robert Browning and family, Ohio

MISSOURI COUPLE



Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Washburn
DeSoto, Missouri

"Have been greatly blessed by being present at the conference. Our sincere thanks to Calvary Baptist Church for their wonderful fellowship — also for the wonderful meals and the work-

derful meals and the work that seemed to do a little extra for our welfare. May God bless them."

—Bro. and Sister C. H. Washburn, Mo.

WEST VIRGINIA RELATIVES



Boggs (St. Albans, W. Va.), Charles Johnson (Uncle from Strange Creek, W. Va.) and Boxley Boggs (Ashland, Ky.)

FROM ALABAMA



W. C. Bowman and E. G. Cook, Birmingham, Alabama

one of the sweetest Christian the memory of it linger long in
ship on this earth in "and our hearts and minds."
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—E. G. Cook, Ala.

KENTUCKIANS



Tom Dunn and Robert Ostrander, Lexington, Ky.

Thank you! Calvary Baptist fellowship we have had here at
for the wonderful time, the Conference. Hope we can all
ship and good food. God meet here next year. If it pleases
you. I am looking forward God, may our numbers increase
at year. and each of us keep working till
—Robert M. Ostrander, Ky. Jesus comes."

—Tom Dunn, Ky.

"Impressions"

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vary Baptist Church for making
this all possible."

—Charles Schwab, Mich.

"The hospitality is great and the appreciation can never be
old. This is the third year, and in spite of the power of Satan
and the lateness of the time the blessings are greater each and
every year. Thanks to you, Bro. Gilpin, Bob, and the church for
everything."

—The Keith Schuetz, Ind.

"I feel as Jacob of old must have felt after the vision of the
ladder: 'Surely the Lord was in this place.' There is only one
difference. I was expecting His blessed presence and Jacob must
not have been expecting Him: for he said, 'And I knew it not.'
The food that was prepared by loving and gifted hands was



W. E. Bourne
Nicot, W. Va.



Eld. W. W. Wilkerson
Tampa, Florida

really and truly superb. The care and attention and provisions to make our stay pleasant was really 'Southern Hospitality' at its very best, the fellowship akin to that of Heaven, and the preaching God honoring, Christ centered and Holy Spirit led. These great things combined, as they have been here, surely picture to us (even if in a clouded or veiled way) the glories that shall be the blessed possession and privileges of the ransomed for eternity."

—Edward D. Baker, Ohio

"The reason I like the Calvary Baptist Church Conference is because God is in all things and Christ is the center of all things. I give my thanks to God for Bro. Gilpin and all the rest of Calvary Church."

—R. R. Ard, Ala.

"I deeply appreciate the privilege of being at this Conference. It has been a wonderful blessing to me. The fellowship has been sweet and precious. The preaching has been tremendous. I thank God for Calvary Baptist Church and her work."

—Joe Wilson, N. C.

"This is my first time here and I surely have enjoyed myself. If I can I sure will come again."

—Mrs. Bessie Wallingford, Fla.



DeWayne Austin
Cincinnati, Ohio

"All the messages were Spirit empowered and the kind of preaching that honors God and His Word and blesses the saints. I leave blessed, encouraged and strengthened to serve our God more acceptably."

—DeWayne W. Austin, Ohio

WEST VIRGINIA FAMILY



Eld. Scott Richardson, Wife and Children
Barrackville, W. Va.

TEXANS



Pastor Gene Hensley, Stockdale, Texas; Bro. Jim Hendrix, San Antonio, Texas.

"I want to say that I felt a closeness to Bro. Ross and Bro. Gilpin. You have certainly improved my opinion of you by this visit. The folks at home will sure hear about it all from me."

—Jim Hendrix, Texas

I have had a great time of

—Gene Hensley, Texas

"I am sending \$40.00. I want you to use it for whatever is most needed for the paper or tracts or whatever you want for the truth you preach. I know someone will hear the Word."

—Hershel Williamson, Ky.

"Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. How wonderful He is. We know that the Conference was just a wonderful blessing to all who were able to attend. We were so happy that we were able to send our pastor and his wife to the Conference this year. Maybe some of the rest of us here at Northwest may be able to attend the next one."

—Northwest Baptist Church, Florida

"This has been a great joy to be with the people that believe all of the Bible. The fellowship has been sweet. My soul has been full and sometimes overflowing. The food was fine. I thank everyone that helped prepare and serve it."

—Thomas Sanders, Illinois

"My wife and I have enjoyed the Conference very much. This is our first year here and it has helped us tremendously in the faith. The food was very delicious. We wish to thank you very much and will pray for you."

—David E. Baker, Indiana

"The Bible best expresses my heart-felt impressions of this great Bible-Truth Conference, in the three verses of Psalms 133. We leave with rejoicing and with plans to return as God wills."

—J. M. McDonnell, Texas

"Everything was well planned with plenty of good management. I really appreciate my visit here. I'll join you in prayer that God will raise up many helpers in this work. These efforts have the right motive to glorify our Lord

Christian fellowship. In all my life I've never had such a wonderful time. How I thank God for the good time we have had. Surely these few days will have brought us 'elect of God' a little closer to the Master."

Jesus Christ."

—W. V. Murray & family, Va.



Clement Shepherd
Pennsylvania

"Truly, this the Lord hath done and it truly is marvelous in our eyes. Never have I and my family rejoiced so much as we have at this Conference. The Lord Jesus Christ truly has been exalted in our midst bearing the sure witness of the presence of the Holy Spirit in power. The fellowship one with another surely was a foretaste of that heavenly fellowship to come in His very presence. The meals were a testimony to His providential care of His sheep and also the love shed abroad in the hearts of the people at Calvary Baptist Church and Bro. Gilpin and Bro. Ross. I could go on and on, but to God be the glory! If our Lord tarries, we are looking forward to attending again next year."

—Mr. and Mrs. Clement Shepherd, Pa.

"I wish, much, to thank you for your fellowship and for the God inspired sermons given. The music and food were of very high quality."

—Dannis Barnes, Ky.

(More "Impressions" will appear in TBE in another issue.)



Mrs. Donald Baldrige
Mansfield, Ohio

very thankful that God
led me to come. I believe
Word has been used for
my. I hope you will pray
and will send me back next
Donald Baldrige, Ohio.

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May you learn a lot of Bible
You've never, never heard.

There's singing to make you happy.
There's prayers to quiet your soul.
There's sermons to convict you,
In hope you'll join the fold.

There's fellowship awaiting
And much, much work to do.
The success of this conference
May depend a lot on you.

Have you brought a useful talent
To help your fellow man?
Will you use it for God's glory,
In the best way that you can?

If you're lost you need salvation;
If you're saved you need not fear.
May the grace of God who brought you,
Bring you back again next year.

—Woody Calhoun

"Impressions"

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welcome and comfortable, and certainly well-fed. The preachers featured as speakers are, we believe, some of the most sound men of God in the land, though they have no public fame for such. The challenges and new thoughts and new applications that are yearly presented from the platform, and in the fellowship outside the meetings, are a source of wonder to the visitor. The fact that some different views are held by some of the speakers and visitors does not detract from the general agreement on the Doctrine of God's Sovereignty in all things."

—B. R. McMillin, Pa.

"Never before have I had the blessing of meeting with a group as large as this that believe the doctrines of Grace as I believe them. The food and fellowship have been wonderful. I hope to come again next year."

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—Mrs. Roy McMillin, N. Y.

"My impression of this Labor Day Week-end Conference for 1963 goes so high it reaches the third Heaven and I just can't seem to bring it down or translate it into the mere human language of the little finite creature. Praise the Lord! I'm glad I attended."

Al Teetzel, Ohio

"We have really enjoyed the downright hospitality of everyone this year, and the preaching was tops! It seemed we got more out of this year's Conference in the way of spiritual challenge, understanding and foreseeing our own sinful failings."

—Jack and Louise Allen, Ohio

"Enjoyed the sermons much — especially those by the Texas 'boys.' Mr. Heche's organ melodies were very inspiring. Folks were especially kind to me."

—George Hipshire, Ky.

"I have always, for the last few years, thought the truth of God's Word has come from this place and The Baptist Examiner."

—Mrs. Lucy Burgess, W. Va.

A Poem By One of
Our Guests

The session's almost over,
The time when we must part:
Each prayer, and song, and sermon
Has really touched our heart.

And now, our friends at Calvary,
We pray that God bestow
His Grace and peace upon you,
As His dear seed you sow.

That He may send His Spirit,
With tract and printed page,
By air and over oceans,
Until He ends this age.

By His own grace and goodness
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—Edward Barker, Jr., Ohio



Christ's Three Appearings

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end of the world HATH HE APPEARED to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."—Heb. 9:26.

It has always been interesting to me just to notice in the Word of God that our Lord's first appearing came as a result of many, many prophecies that are listed in the Word of God. For example, you can go back to the book of Genesis and you will find the first prophecy that we have in the Bible, which is a definite promise as to Christ's coming to this world. Listen:

"And 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."—Gen. 3:15.

The seed of the woman is the Lord Jesus Christ. Nobody else could ever be spoken of as having been the seed of the woman but Jesus. All others are the result of the combined seed of man and woman. But the Lord Jesus Christ was the seed of the woman.

This is the fountainhead of all prophecy. It is the first prophecy that is given in the Word of God. As you thus go back to this, the fountainhead of prophecy, or to the first prophecy, you will find that this very first prophecy in God's Book has to do with Christ's coming — His first coming, His first advent, His first appearing when He came to die for our sin.

We find that promise as to His first appearing all through the Bible. For example, we find Moses, speaking for the Lord Jesus, saying:

"I will raise them up A PROPHET from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him."—Deut. 18:18.

We have other prophecies as to

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Bible Rules For Bible Study

Woodrow Wilson: "The Bible is the Word of Life. I beg you to study it and find this out for yourself."

Believers in Berea—Acts 17:11 "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily whether those things were so."

(Acrostic on "SEARCH")

Systematically — 2 Tim. 2:15— "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."

DON'T use the GRASS-HOPPER method — hop, skip and jump through the Bible. Have a PLAN of study and stick to it.

Earnestly—Psa. 119:19—"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

Study prayerfully, seeking the GUIDANCE of the Holy Spirit who inspired the writers. (Jno. 16:14) "He shall take of the things of mine and shew them unto you."

Anxiously — Psa. 119:27 — "Make me to understand the way of thy precepts, so shall I talk of thy wondrous works."

Study with the purpose of equipping yourself to stand the assaults of Satan and to help others.

Regularly — Psa. 119:105 "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." "Thy Word doth day and night. And he is like a tree planted by the waters, that bringeth forth fruit in his season: his leaf shall not wither; and he doeth shall prosper."

Just as we need physical nourishment at regular intervals, so, if we are to have spiritual nourishment for God, we must have seasons for MEDITATION.

Carefully — 2 Tim. 2:15 "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Don't read it just for ground — but for instruction. Humbly — Psa. 51:17 "The broken and contrite heart, God thou wilt not despise."

God doesn't give his grace to stubborn hearts. He reveals His wonders to the seekers. — Keith Brooks

the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, who was to come to bear the sins of the world, for we read:

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a SON, and shall call his name IMMANUEL."—Isa. 7:14.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."—Isa. 9:6.

We find that we even have the place of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ definitely and actually prophesied, for we read:

"But thou, BETHLEHEM Ephraim, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."—Micah 5:2.

You can see that when the Lord Jesus Christ came at His first advent—His first appearing, that that advent or appearing made at Bethlehem was in fulfillment of many, many prophecies that are given throughout the length and breadth, the entirety and the totality of the Old Testament Scriptures. Then after these prophecies were given, the Lord Jesus Christ came.

How glad I am that the Son of God fulfilled these prophecies! How glad I am that Jesus Christ didn't let the prophets down! How glad I am that He came fulfilling perfectly and entirely all of the promises that the prophets had made. We read:

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."—Gal. 4:4, 5.

Beloved, just as it was prophesied that He would come, He did come. In the book of Genesis we found that He was to be the seed of the woman under the law. Jesus Christ came perfectly fulfilling it—the seed of the woman made under the law.

What was the way in which He was received when He came? Listen:

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was NO ROOM for them in the inn."—Luke 2:7.

We find that at His birth there was no place for the Lord Jesus Christ. Instead, His family stayed that night in a stable, and in the night-time the baby Jesus was born and they used the manger for a crib.

It was thus throughout all of His ministry. You would expect

that Bethlehem would be proud of Him. You would expect that Capernaum, which was the place where many of His greatest works were done, would have been proud to claim Him. Yet, both found that there was no room for Him in Bethlehem, and only a hiss for Him in Capernaum.

Finally, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ, who found no room in the world when He was born, had created. Thus the Son of God came to die. That brings us to this thought, that His death in fulfillment of that prophecy whereby that He was to die.

We are definitely and fully instructed that Jesus' death was for sin, for our sin.

"Now once in the ages, world hath he appeared to save away sin by the sacrifice of himself."—Heb. 9:26.

Now notice, His birth was prophesied all the way through the Old Testament. He came in fulfillment of those prophecies that were given, and He was rejected, and He was scorned, and He was sneered at, and all this in fulfillment of prophecy to the death at the cross. The beloved, was actually that Jesus Christ came into this world. I say that Jesus Christ had but one purpose in His coming, and that was to die for the sins of the world. Sometime ago I preached the subject, "If Jesus Christ were to come back to this world, would He be crucified again? That message that if He came, the same spirit would here then is here now, would delight to crucify Him as they did then."

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Baron de Rothschild, a valet who professed to be a socialist. Alphonse was a valet, even though he was a socialist. His socialism seemed to be more than attendance at meetings. After faithful service for a few months, his master noticed he no longer attended the weekly socialist meetings. The baron asked him why he was going.

The valet, with dignity, said that if all the Rothschilds were divided equally, each person would get two francs.

Tim paused significantly. He said to the baron, "what of the enlighten-ment, I have five thousand now."

just would not be crucified. He were to come back to life again. He was crucified again. The purpose of that was that He was the sacrifice of Himself. That, beloved, we find throughout the Word of God.

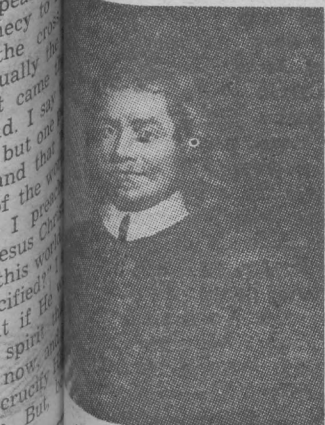
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Mary's Father

you just like to sit down and read a book of more than 100 pages? We venture you will be disappointed with this book. Bunyan was the blind man of John Bunyan, writer of Pilgrim's Progress. He didn't come to teach people to use knives and forks. He didn't come to teach people the niceties of life. He didn't come to set up an educational program. He didn't come to teach folk to use soap and bleaching powders. He didn't come to teach us how to get along better with this world. The social gospel of soup, soap, and sunshine was not remotely connected in the least with the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. His first advent, His first appearing, was for one purpose, and one purpose alone—namely, to die for the sins of the world.

When I stand at Calvary and see Him who was nailed to the cross, and I see the blood as it drops down to the ground at the foot of the cross, and I hear Him as He says, "It is finished," I realize that He has died for my sins, and that the plan of salvation for me and for all the elect of God of all ages is now completed by the death of the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary.

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they expect to go to Heaven on the basis of the deeds that they themselves do. You ask a man if he is ready for Heaven, and he'll probably tell you, no. You ask him if he expects to go to Heaven, and he'll probably tell you, yes. You ask him on what basis and he'll answer invariably, "I'm not a very bad man." He expects because of the fact that he is not very bad that somehow he'll mend his ways, and that God will take him in on the basis of his works.

The Word of God tells us that salvation is not to the man that works, but to the man who believes on Him who came in fulfillment of all these Old Testament prophecies—who came at His first advent to die for the sins of the world. We read:

"Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to DO JUSTLY, and to LOVE MERCY, and to WALK HUMBLY with thy God?"—Micah 6:6-8.

What a remarkable text of Scripture! Talk about making an approach unto God! That is the very thing that is in the mind of man as to how he can make his approach unto God. In this Scripture man asks some questions as to how it might be done. He says, "Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings? If I bring burnt offerings, is that all that God asks? If I bring lambs, if I bring cattle, if I bring sheep, if I bring turtledoves, if I bring pigeons—if I bring these as a burnt offering, is that all that is necessary for me to make my approach to God?"

Then he goes further to ask again, "Or shall I come with calves that are a year old? Shall I bring the very choicest out of the herd? Shall I bring to our God the very choicest meat that I can, and offer it as a sacrifice unto Him?"

Then he goes still further and says, "Will He be pleased if I bring thousands of lambs? I feel the burden of my sins to such an extent that I might even sacrifice a thousand lambs. Would God be pleased if I brought thousands? Or maybe I could bring oil in abundance as a sacrifice, or even beyond that, I'll even take my firstborn son and offer him up as a sacrifice to my God. Would my God be pleased if I were to bring my own child and offer him as a sacrifice in order that I might make my approach unto God?" The answer is, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God."

Beloved, listen, all the sacrifices we could make by bringing to God even our own offspring, and all the sacrifices we could make by bringing to God rivers of oil, thousands of lambs, and all kinds of burnt sacrifices never in this world could effect salvation for us. Rather, our salvation comes by justification through faith in the imputed mercies of God as we humbly bow before Him, realizing our sinful position in the sight of God.

Beloved, that is why He came. He didn't come to teach people to use knives and forks. He didn't come to teach people the niceties of life. He didn't come to set up an educational program. He didn't come to teach folk to use soap and bleaching powders. He didn't come to teach us how to get along better with this world. The social gospel of soup, soap, and sunshine was not remotely connected in the least with the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. His first advent, His first appearing, was for one purpose, and one purpose alone—namely, to die for the sins of the world.

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That came at His first appearing. Beloved, if Jesus Christ were to come back to this earth today, He would not come to die. If He were to come back a million times, He would never come to die. He came to die once. His first appearance was to die for our sins, and having done that, He will never come back again to die for us.

II.

SECOND APPEARING

We read:

"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but unto heaven itself, NOW TO APPEAR IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD FOR US."—Heb. 9:24.

Why is He in Heaven? To appear in the presence of God for us. Once He appeared on Calvary to die for my sins; now He is in Heaven to appear in the presence of God for us.

Maybe you are cited to come to court. It is an exceedingly comfortable feeling to have a lawyer there to represent you, and to have that lawyer appear in your presence in court. Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ is my advocate, and yonder in Heaven He is appearing now in the presence of God as my lawyer and my advocate. Listen:

"My little children, these things I write unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have AN ADVOCATE with the Father, JESUS CHRIST the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."—1 John 2:1, 2.

Suppose I am cited for some traffic violation and I haven't time, since I am going to be out of town, to take care of such. Suppose I call a lawyer friend and ask him to go to court in my behalf. What does he do? He doesn't go there and say, "Now if you will let Brother Gilpin off I am sure he will do better the next time." He doesn't say, "Now he is not guilty." Do you know what he will do? In all probability he will plead guilty and pay the fine and I'll go free, and there is not a thing that the law can say against me when he does so.

Well, beloved, up yonder in the court of High Heaven I am charged with innumerable offenses by the greatest prosecuting attorney that ever lived, the Devil himself. He is there for one purpose only—to bring charges against the saints of God. But there is somebody else yonder in Heaven who is making His appearance in my behalf, and it is my lawyer and my advocate, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is there not to ask the Father to let me off. He does not beg the father to be lenient with me. He is not there to plead for me on the basis of the frailty of my flesh. Rather, He is there to pay my fine by the presentation of His blood to the Father. He appeared once to die at Calvary, but He is appearing now, day by day, for me in the presence of God.

I have been impressed of recent date by noticing it says concerning His appearance that He is in Heaven seated in our behalf. Listen:

Controversy Necessary

Controversy and religious strife no doubt, are odious things; but there are times when they are a positive necessity. Unity and peace are very delightful; but they are bought too dear if they are bought at the expense of truth. There is a vast amount of maundering, childish, weak talk nowadays in some quarters about unity and peace, which I cannot reconcile with the language of Paul. It is a pity, no doubt, that there should be so much controversy; but it is also a pity that human nature should be so bad as it is, and that the devil should be loose in the world. It was a pity that Arius taught error about Christ's person; but it would have been a greater pity if Athanasius had not opposed him. It was a pity Tetzel went about preaching up the Pope's indulgences; it would have been a far greater pity if Luther had not withstood him. Controversy, in fact, is one of the conditions under which truth in every age has to be defended, and maintained, and it is nonsense to ignore it.

—Bishop J. C. Ryle
(in The Church Herald)

"Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, SAT DOWN on the right hand of the Majesty on high."—Heb. 1:3.

Beloved, that is His position now. He is seated at the right hand of the Majesty on high, to appear in the presence of God for us. But the thing that has impressed me particularly of recent date is the Scripture that reveals Him not seated, but standing on one special occasion. We read:

"But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the SON OF MAN STANDING on (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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Christ's Three Appearings

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the right hand of God." — Acts 7:55, 56.

Now let's get the picture. At His first appearing He came to die for my sins. Now He is appearing for me in Heaven every day seated at the right hand of God. But here we find Him standing to receive this faithful servant of our Lord, Stephen.

It must have been a moment of true greatness when the Lord Jesus Christ looked down from the battlements of Glory to see His servant, Stephen, become the first Christian martyr—the first to die for the cause of Christ after the death of Jesus Himself. It must have been a moment of indeed greatness when the Son of God stood to receive that Christian martyr unto Himself. This faithful Baptist deacon thus

died in defense of the faith, and Jesus, who is appearing in the presence of God for us, seated at the Majesty of the Father, stands ready to receive this faithful servant unto Heaven. This should encourage us to greater fidelity.

Beloved, doesn't it make you happy just to know that He is now appearing in the presence of God for you? Don't you feel the need of somebody to appear in the presence of God for you? Do you feel that here in this world you are able to cope with the battles that come your way, and you are able to face all the problems that arise within your life? Well, beloved, I am not; but I am glad that there is one who appears in the presence of God for us.

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing HE EVER LIVETH TO MAKE INTERCESSION for them." — Heb. 7:25.

"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither THE FORERUNNER IS FOR US ENTERED, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." — Heb. 6:19, 20.

At His first appearing He came to die for our sins. His second appearing is to intercede and care for us day by day. I am glad I have a faithful High Priest who appears in the presence of God for me every day.

As I say, maybe you don't feel His need, but I do. Maybe you don't feel the need of a high priest, but I do. One poor soul was telling me how that during the week he had felt so weary and burdened, that he went to his church and talked to his priest, and how he felt so happy because he felt that his priest had interceded for him. I tried to tell him that I do that every day, but I don't go to an earthly priest—that I have a priest who is seated at the right hand of God, who is there for one specific purpose—to make intercession in my behalf.

III.

THIRD APPEARING.

We read:

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto THEM THAT LOOK FOR HIM SHALL HE APPEAR the second time without sin unto salvation." — Heb. 9:28.

At His first appearing, the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins. At His second appearing, which is now, every day He appears in the presence of God in our behalf. Some of these days He is going to appear a third time, for He is going to appear in the skies, without sin, not for sin, but He is going to appear to take us unto Himself.

Job says:

"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." — Job 19:25.

Notice that it says, "He shall

stand at the latter day upon the earth." Beloved, that is exactly what He and you and I, are going to do. Some of these days He is going to come a second time to this world. He is going to stand in the latter days upon this earth.

I am looking forward to His second coming. I am sure that every Jew in the Old Testament looked forward to His first coming, and I am satisfied that every Jewish girl, as she grew up to maturity, looked forward with hopefulness and expectancy thinking that perhaps she would be the one to bear the Christ-child. I think it would be only a logical hope on the part of every Jewish virgin that she might expect to be the one whom God would choose whereby He would fulfill the prophecy that a virgin was to bear a son. I am sure there was an expectancy on the part of every priest that as he offered his sacrifices, someday he would see Jesus who would fulfill the prediction of those prophecies.

Beloved, it is thus that I anticipate the time that He is going to stand upon this earth again. Someday Jesus Christ is going to stand right here within this world. He appeared once at Calvary to put away sin. He is appearing now, every day, as our intercessor. One day He is going to appear again within this world, at the second coming, for us. I am looking forward with gladness and expectancy to the time of His return.

The Word of God tells us that He is going to return, for we read:

"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.

When the disciples looked out in the distance and saw Christ going up into the air, until He disappeared into the ethereal space, the angels of God 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 as ye have seen him go into heaven." — Acts 1:11.

Someday He is coming back. He is going to put in His appearance a second time here within this world. The first time He came in humiliation; the second time He is going to come in sovereignty. The first time He came as a babe; the second time He will come as a man. The first time He came to be in the hands of men; at His second coming men are going to be in His hands. At His first coming the Lord Jesus Christ came as a babe to weep; when He comes again, the world is going to weep in His presence. I tell you, beloved, Jesus Christ is coming back again.

I was especially impressed of recent date by one letter which we received from a woman who had gotten some copies of The Baptist Examiner. She said that she hadn't been reading it very much until she got a copy recently in which I had preached on the second coming of the Lord Jesus. She said she thought I ought to be a Christadelphian, or an Adventist, in view of my position on the second coming. She said she had enjoyed the message thoroughly, and the impression at the last of her letter was that she wanted to encourage me to become one or the other of those awful abominations.

Well, beloved, I am perfectly satisfied to be a Baptist and to stand for the truth, and I imagine I'll continue to be a Baptist and stand for the truth. Regardless of what she is, or what she might desire, I'll certainly still be preaching the glorious second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Beloved, He is coming.

"Behold, HE COMETH with clouds; and EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of

To Cure Church Snoozers

Henry Ward Beecher was once asked "What do you do with people in your church who sleep?"

Without a moment's hesitation he answered gravely, "I have left strict orders with the sexton that if he sees anyone in church going to sleep he shall come once to the pulpit and wake the minister."

the earth shall wait because of him." — Rev. 1:7.

CONCLUSION

Now let's look at these three appearances. His first appearing was to die for sin. He is now appearing in the presence of God for us. His third appearing is when He comes in the clouds to receive us unto Himself—a sovereign, bringing home His elect, and giving grace unto Himself.

I ask, what are we to do while we are waiting? Beloved, while we are waiting, it ought to be our task, and our joy, to be in service. The greatest thing that could thrill our hearts is to be busy in His service.

Once upon a time the Lord Jesus went out to the Mount of Olivet, and He said:

"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and YE SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the most part of the earth." — Acts 1:8.

Beloved, while I am waiting for Jesus Christ to put in His appearance the second time, my business is to keep busy in the service of my Lord.

Doesn't this help you just a little? Study these three appearances of Christ? He appeared once to die for sin, He is appearing now in the presence of God for us, and He is going to appear in the sky someday to catch home the elect. However, while it is a blessing to me when I think about the Lord Jesus Christ means nothing to him.

The Apostle Paul said: "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our 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.

Beloved, while it is a blessing to me to think about His appearance, it is a grief when I remember that when He comes, He is coming back with nothing but sorrow and punishment in store for that individual that is not saved. If you are an unsaved sinner in this little audience tonight, may God bless you, and help you to realize the truth, that Jesus Christ died for the elect, and unless the Lord God becomes your Saviour, He comes again, there is nothing but grief awaiting your soul.

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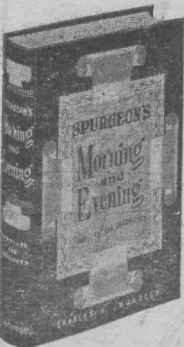
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