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"Thou shalt not commit adultery."-Ex. 20:14

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hillow may we abstain from this

a whorish woman; avoid her use, as a seaman does a rock. use." Prov. 5:8. He who would eyes. have the plague, must not ne near infected houses; every to beware of the occasion of upon a maid?" Job 31:1. lore-house has the plague in it. and yet pray, "Lead us not Democritus the philosopher temptation," is, as if one plucked out his eyes, because he be burnt.

2. Look to your eyes. Much sin comes in by the eyes.

"Having eyes full of adultery." 2 Pet. 2:14. The eye tempts the shall give some directions, by fancy, and the fancy works upon ablection of this sin? the tree of knowledge, and then . Come not into the company she took. Gen. 3:6. First she looked and then she loved. The eye "Come not near the door of her fore Job laid a law upon his

"I made a covenant with my

lo<sup>buld</sup> put his finger into the would not be tempted with vain before our eyes. adle, and yet pray that it may objects; the Scripture does not



A. A. Bonar was an outstanding preacher and the brother of another notable name, Horatius Bonar. Andrew Bonar is today best known for his writings, such as Life of Robert Murray M'Cheyne, Commentary on Leviticus, and other valuable works.

3. Look to your lips. Take heed grave" (Job 6:7-13). bid us do this, but to set a watch (Continued on page 2, column 1)

# **Dreams Gone! Desolations** Come!

# By ANDREW A. BONAR (1810-1892)

"AS A DREAM WHEN ONE AWAKETH" - Psalm 73:20

"You may go to hell asleep, but you cannot go to heaven asleep," says one who mourned over the deep delusion of unconverted men.

The river Niagara flows on very smoothly, though swiftly, when it is near the cataract; it is perhaps nowhere so smooth as just before plunging over the rocks.

Often, often is it thus with the sinner's life and end. No summer day was ever fairer, yet no night ever came on so sudden and so dark.

from fear, neither is the rod of stupor, restlessness, and death! God upon them. They send forth their little ones like a flock, and spend their days in wealth, and foundation of this resignation,-

"Wherefore do the wicked live, care and much mirth, But sickness become old, yea, are mighty in comes; fever is on them, and compower? Their houses are safe panions keep aloof; then come Where is the soul?

"Oh, he was well resigned!" their children dance. They take says some one, afraid lest the posthe timbrel and harp, and rejoice sibility of being lost should even at the sound of the organ. They be hinted at. But what was the in a moment go down to the this supposed peace? What if this peace was only the sultry calm Theirs has been a life with little (Continued on page 7, column 4)

# When the Stars Begin to Fall

Message Preached at the 1963 Bible Conference in Ashland, Kentucky

#### By Pastor Harold Brunson **First Baptist Church** Jacksonville, Texas

#### Mark 13:14-27

14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judea flee to the mountains:

<sup>15</sup> And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take anything out of his house:

<sup>16</sup> And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.

<sup>17</sup> But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 18 And pray ye that your flight be not

in the winter. <sup>19</sup> For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the

creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. <sup>20</sup> And except that the Lord had short-

ened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

HAROLD BRUNSON

en The Stars Begin To Fall,"

22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce if it were possible even the elect.

23 But take ye heed: behold I have foretold you all things.

24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

I invite your particular attention to verses 24 and 25. "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken."

This is Jesus speaking. This is what is known as the Olivet Discourse. He is teaching on the



21 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not:

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things of the end, when time shall be no longer, when all prophecies concerning his Second (Continued on page six)



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"I will call upon the Lord, who times trying to thank God suffi- praise the Lord for His goodness is worthy to be praised."—Psalm ciently for His goodness to me, to him. He said in this verse that 18:3.

sion upon me, for it tells me that to really praise Him. Listen: my Lord is worthy to be praised. afraid many, many times we **RECKONED** up in order unto ber. We read: e message by Bro. Brunson, don't realize how truly worthy of thee: if I would declare and speak holpeing put into booklet form of our praise, it is actually im-may b into booklet form of our praise, it is actually im-The Psalmist had somewhat the some what the somewhat the somew

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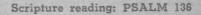
particularly from a spiritual it would be impossible for him Here is a verse of Scripture standpont. Every time I do so, I to reckon, or to count, His blessthat makes a tremendous impres- find how utterly impossible it is ings-that they are more than can be numbered.

I am sure the blessings you Now I ought to know that. In fact, wonderful works which thou hast have received from the Lord, spirall of us ought to realize that He done, and thy thoughts which are itually and materially, are far is worthy to be praised, yet I am to us-ward: THEY CANNOT BE more than you are able to num-

praise God is. Even when we of them, they are MORE than can of the Lord? who can shew forth love. I believe that the second

Him. I have found myself many he simply could not properly (Continued on page 3, column 2) (Continued on page 2, column 4)

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I believe that the greatest word "Who can utter the mighty acts in the Holy Scripture is the word greatest word in Holy Scripture may be ordered directly possible for us to properly praise same experience as I. He realized and we don't even try to answer twined with them is the third him

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#### VERSE OF THE WEEK

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

Acts 20:32

Adultery

(Continued from page one) of any unseemly word that may enkindle unclean thoughts in yourself or others.

"Evil communications corrupt good manners." (I Cor. 15:33).

Impure discourse is the bellows to blow up the fire of lust. Much evil is conveyed to the heart by the tongue. "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth." Ps. 141:3.

4. Look in a special manner to your heart.

"Keep thy heart with all dili-

#### NEXT WEEK

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**Examiner** Editorials "IS INTERDENOMINATION-

ALISM SCRIPTURAL"

a tempter in his own bosom.

Thinking of sin makes way for to God. the act of sin. Suppress the first risings of sin in your heart. As the serpent, when danger is near, keeps his head, so keep your heart, which is the spring from whence all lustful motions proceed.

#### 5. Look to your attire.

provocation to lust. Curlings and is hung out, people will go in and taste the liquor. Hierom says, they who by their lascivious attire enthough no evil follows, are tempters, and shall be punished, because they offered the poison to others, though they would not drink.

with tears, that the pollution of their bodies has been occasioned by going to plays."

8. Take heed of mixed dancing. From dancing, people come to dalliance one with another, and

from dalliance to uncleanness. There is, says Calvin, for the most part, some unchaste behaviour in dancing. Dances draw the heart to folly by wanton gestures, by unchaste touches, and by lustful looks.

Chrysostom inveighed against mixed dancing in his time. "We read," he says, "of a marriage feast, and of virgins going before "By the fear of the Lord men with lamps, but of dancing there depart from evil." Prov 16:6. gence." Prov. 4:23. Every one has feast, and of virgins going before we read not." Matt. 25:7.

Many have been ensnared by dancing; as the duke of Normandy, and many others. Chrysostom says, where dancing is, there the devil is. I speak chiefly of We read mixed dancing. of dances in Scripture, but they were sober and modest. Exod. 15. They were not mixed dances, but "Out of the heart come evil pious and religious, being usually thoughts." Matt. 15:19. accompanied with singing praises

9. Take heed of lascivious books,

stirs up love to God, so reading entering. bad books stirs up the mind to wickedness. I could name one who publish-

We read of the attire of a harlot. feminate, amorous, and wanton ed a book to the world full of ef-Prov. 7:10. A wanton dress is a expressions, who, before he died, was much troubled for it, and tures, which bewitch the eye, and are incendiaries to lust cretly convey poison to the heart.

ceeds from excess.

"When they were fed to the full, every one neighed after his neighbour's wife." Jer. 5:8.

Get the "golden bridle of temperance." God allows recruits of Editors nature, and what may fit us the better for his service; but beware clouds the mind, chokes good affections, and provokes lust. Paul 9:27

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#### 11, Take heed of idleness.

When a man is out of a calling, he is ready to receive any temptation. We do not sow seed in fallow-ground; but the devil sows most seed of temptation in such as lie fallow. Idleness is the cause of sodomy and uncleanness. Ezek. 16:49. When David was idle on the top of his house, he espied Bathsheba, and took her to him. Sam. 11:4. Hierom gave his friend counsel to be always well employed in God's vineyard, that when the devil came, he might have no leisure to listen to tem-

12. To avoid fornication and adultery, let every man have a chaste, entire love to his own wife.

Ezekiel's wife was the desire of his eyes. Chap. 24:16. When Solomon had dissuaded from strange women, he prescribed a remedy against it.

'Rejoice with the wife of thy youth." Prov. 5:18.

It is not having a wife, but loving a wife, that makes a man live chastely. He who loves his wife, whom Solomon calls his fountain, will not go abroad to drink of muddy, poisoned waters. Pure conjugal love is a gift of God, and comes from heaven; but, like the vestal fire, it must be cherished. that it go not out. He who loves not his wife, is the likeliest person to embrace the bosom of a strang-

#### 13. Labour to get the fear of God into your hearts.

As the embankment keeps out the water, so the fear of the Lord keeps out uncleanness. Such as want the fear of God, want the bridle that should check them from sin. How did Joseph keep from his mistress's temptation? The fear of God pulled him back. "How can I do this great wick-

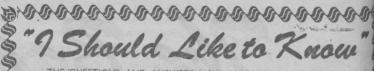
edness, and sin against God?" Gen. 39:9.

Bernard calls holy fear, 'the door-keeper of the soul." As a nobleman's porter stands at the door, and keeps out vagrants, so and pictures that provoke to lust. the fear of God stands and keeps As the reading of the Scripture out all sinful temptations from

> 14. Take delight in the word of God.

> "How sweet is thy word to my taste." Psa. 119:103.

Chrysostom compares God's word to a garden. If we walk in braidings of the hair, a painted burned the book which made so this garden, and suck sweetness face, naked breasts, are allure- many burn in lust. To lascivious from the flowers of the promises, ments to vanity. Where the sign books I may add lascivious pic- we shall never care to pluck the "forbidden fruit." The reason why persons seek after unchaste, sinful pleasures, is because they deavour to draw others to lust, Popish pictures are not more have no better. Caesar riding prone to stir up idolatry than un- through a city, and seeing the clean pictures are to stir up to women play with dogs and par-rots, said, "Sure they have no rots, said, "Sure they have no children." So they that sport with 10. Take heed of excess in diet. harlots have no better pleasures. When gluttony and drunken- He that has once tasted Christ in



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Should the Lord's Supper be observed at night since it is called a Supper?

We don't think it makes too much difference as to whether it is observed during the daytime or at night. It is true that when instituted by Jesus it was in the evening.

"Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve." Matt. 26:20.

"And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. Mark 14:17.

These two scriptures indicate that it was instituted first of all in the evening. We do not, however, believe that it should be tacked on to a preaching service and observed hurriedly when everyone is already tired from the service. We prefer a special evening hour with nothing else occupying the attention of the congregation except the Supper and what the Bible says about it.

If a member of a Church refuses to heed the Bible and rejects its teachings, is he saved?

Usually the individual who is in rebellion to the Word of God proves by his attitude, in the light of scriptural teachings, that he is unsaved. The following three scrip tures would bear upon this question:

"He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God."—John 8:47. "But ye believe not, because ye are **not of my sheep**"

as I said unto you."—John 10:26.

"We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us." — I John 4:6.

Can one be saved who does not believe on Jesus, even though he believes in God the Father?

Repeatedly through the years we have continuously stood on this precept: there is no salvation outside of Jesus Christ. Many are the scriptures which would indicate to us that there is no salvation outside of Him. Even though one may believe in God, if he rejects God's Son, he is not saved.

"I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." - John 8:24.

"He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the

Father which hath sent him." — John 5:23. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: No man cometh unto the Father, **but by me."** 

John 14:6. "This is the stone which was set at nought of you" builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." - Acts 4:11, 12.

This shuts out all the evolutionists, the higher critic<sup>5,</sup> and the modernists, because all of them reject Jesus This shuts out the Mohammedans since they reject Jesu<sup>5</sup> It shuts out the Roman Catholics since they put Mary if the place of the Saviour as Mediator. It shuts out the Jews since they reject the Son of God as Saviour.

I know you believe in storehouse tithing. However, m! church is pastored by a modernist, it affiliates with an Armin ian mission board and practices unionism, alien immersion and open communion. Should I put my tithes in this organt zation? I would much rather send such to you.

Through the years the position of this paper always has been that one should support the church where his membership is, if humanly possible to do so. However, we would not consider the querist as even a member of a church — just a religious organization. Whenever a group accepts such teachings as mentioned here, we believe our Lord withdraws the candlestick. We think that a membe of such a church would do wrong to support such an organ" zation. And while we never ask for tithes from other church members, in this case, we believe it would be per tectly in order for you to send your tithe to our church until you can find a sound church with which to unite.

#### 6. Take heed of evil company.

Sin is a very catching disease; one tempts another to sin, and hardens him in it. There are heart, the persuasion of evil com- the fattest soil. Uncleanness propany, and the embraces of the harlot; and this threefold cord is not easily broken. "A fire was kindled in their company." Psa. 106:18. The fire of lust is kindled in bad company.

7. Beware of going to plays.

A play-house is often a preface to a whore-house. We are bid to avoid all appearance of evil: and are not plays the appearance of evil? Such sights are there that are not fit to be beheld with chaste eyes. Both fathers and councils have shown their dislike to going to plays. A learned divine observes, "That many have on their death-beds confessed,

ness lead the van, chambering and a promise, is ravished with de- greatest word in Scripture, the wantonness bring up the rear. light; and how would he scorn a The wine inflames lust; and ful- motion to sin! Job said, the word ness of bread is made the cause of was his "appointed food." Job three cords that draw men to Sodom's uncleanness. Ezek. 16:49. 23:12. No wonder then he made Master. adultery: the inclination of the The rankest weeds grow out of a "covenant with his eyes."



[Part Four, next week]

# The Mercy of God

(Continued from page one) word mercy!

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Not that it can be measur fully. I remember when I wa young lad it was my good tune to have a rather well-to uncle and aunt who spent th summers at the seashore. This summer I was allowed to with them and this was a happy time, I assure you.

Of course I visited the P that ran out into the ocean. one of these piers a large net raised once or twice a day it contained many interesting It was not unusual to bring a shark, or what they would a drum fish. The drum fish 100 very big to me. There and the decided to become a real de sea fisherman.

I went to the house and got of the fishing tackle I could spent much time untangl fishing lines. I searched eve where. And then I tied all of the lines into one long line weighted it down good, and (Continued on page 5, column

BARRANS PARTER PRANTING blacksnake whip and run that house?"

Listen again:

"He HATH COMPASSED the

VIDETH THE SEA with his pow-

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power who can understand?" Job 26:10-14.

Even years ago, scientists realwaters with bounds, until the day ized there was a tremendous conand night come to an end. The nection between the tides and day key, and folk will say, "My, we pillars of heaven tremble and are and night. The ebb and flow of astonished at his reproof. He DI- the tides and day and night are very, very vitally connected. The er, and by his understanding he Psalmist knew it 1500 years before the birth of Jesus Christ. God that compassed the waters with bounds, so that those waters

Ecclesiastes 12:1 "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" "My Father Does Not Sell His Grapes" Once there was a little girl can be purchased with a price. foolish thing in the world. hose mother was very sick and They bring their few cents along, "For BY HIM were ALL

A Message for YOUTH

Ifgrapes. This little girl was very ng.poor but she loved her mother vation, He gives it away. theso very much that she began at

"he grapes. She had saved but a e. ew cents in all her life and this silver and gold. I Peter 1:18.

ted the tearfully took and started out <sup>0</sup> find the grapes. eve How dismayed and distressed ob the was when she found the only Romans 4:5. theirapes to be found anywhere

ingvere in the King's vineyard and epthe vineyard was surrounded by big stone wall and a stern cross

uard at the gate. But her love and or mother was so true that she pproached the gate of the King's

Irolly the guard who said: "What do possible from the human point of things, BY WHOM ALSO HE ou want in here? Get away." Said she, "Mother is very sick; ease sir, the doctor says she will ore lie if she does not have some 47. rapes."

eep, "You can't have any grapes ere, away with you!" said the he ward. Poor little girl — what did God, for His goodness to us.

he do? She sat down beside the vellinly of dear mother.

usly ame a fine looking young fellow that I do truly praise God because tween, I say that He is worthy of sus a beautiful horse. He saw the of. out the girl and said, "Little girl, one girl is the matter?" one She told him all about it. Said

"Come right in and get all

he grapes you can carry." out "Oh, no," said she, "the man out the gate won't let me in the ling's vineyard."

the Said he, "I am the King's son," nd he took her by the hand and he led her past the guard at the

ate. When she had all the grapes he could carry, she went to the and offered him her pennies. you "What is that for?" said he. her "To pay for the grapes," said

The King's son said, "Little girl,

want you to know that my ics, ther does not sell his grapessus. e gives them away."

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Now let us search the Bible and HIM, and for him."-Col. 1:16. nce to plan in some way to get see what it says about this.

God. Romans 6:23.

Believe and live. John 3:15.

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# "Worthy-Praise"

(Continued from page one) ordineyard only to be pushed back them. We realize it would be imview to do so. I think that was true of the Psalmist. He asks 1:1, 2. these questions, but he doesn't This world, Saturn, Mars, Ven-try to answer them. He realized us, the sun, the moon, the stars, that while God was worthy of our and the 360 million known planets praise, it was impossible for man and stars that are out in space, to properly praise, and thank

Beloved, I praise Him for every-<sup>Dad</sup> and cried. She could think thing He has done for me, which praised, and when I think of Him While she was crying, along few things in a particular sense Heaven and in earth, and in beis multitudinous, but there are a

# CREATOR.

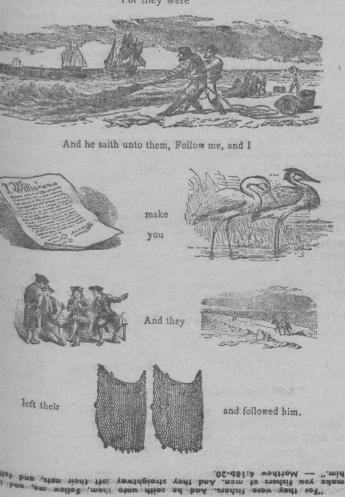
He is worthy of praise as our Creator. Listen:

"ALL THINGS ARE MADE BY HIM; and without him was not any thing made that was made." John 1:3.

You can't read this without realizing that He is Creator. I wonder how the evolutionist reads a verse like this, and then fails to realize that God is creator of all things. The farther I go in life, the more evolution seems an absurdity, and an absolute falsehood. The fact is, it is the most foolish theory you can think of. If a man were to come around to the schoolroom where you went to school, and were to tell you that your mother was a fallen woman, and your father was a horse thief, and you would go home and ny They think the blood of Christ father would probably take a tell this to your parents, your

BUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUU READ THE BIBLE BY SYMBOLS

### For they were



teacher out of the country. But let that same teacher stand up in the schoolroom and tell the children that your father was a polecertainly have a smart and intelligent professor. Let's give him a raise in salary." I tell you, beloved, evolution to me is the most smiteth through the proud. By

THINGS CREATED, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: ALL THINGS WERE CREATED BY

Notice, beloved, this doesn't We cannot buy salvation with leave anything out. This doesn't leave anything for evolution. This It is a gift which comes from doesn't leave anything for chance. This doesn't leave anything for We cannot work for salvation. man to get any glory, or praise, for the creation, for all things were created by, and for, God. Notice again:

'God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all MADE THE WORLDS." - Heb.

This world, Saturn, Mars, Venwere all made by the Lord Jesus Christ. I tell you, beloved, as our text says, He is worthy to be as the creator of all things, in the praise of all the saints of God.

II.

## SOVEREIGNTY.

He is worthy of our praise from the standpoint of His sovereignty. have been making, of recent date, a fresh study of the sovereignty of God. There are some things about the sovereignty of truly amazing to me as I have searched various Scriptures in the Bible, that I had not particularly noticed before, in this re-

thou mightest know that the Lord he is God; there is NONE ELSE. beside him."-Deut. 4:35.

Talk about sovereignty, we have it; but this verse of Scripture, mighty as it is, is beggared Genesis 6:5. when you compare it with this next text, which is a part of Solothe temple was built. Listen:

'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens CANNOT CONTAIN THEE; how much less this house that I have builded?" -I Kings 8:27.

being dedicated to the service of God, and in his prayer, Solomon "Great as this temple may said. be, I want you to realize that this temple cannot contain God. Even the heaven, and the heaven of heavens, cannot contain Him. Why, then, should we

his spirit he hath GARNISHED This Scripture tells us that it is THE HEAVENS; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent. Lo, these are PARTS OF HIS WAYS: do not overflow the earth, and but how little a portion is heard God stops the waters just the of him? but the thunder of his (Continued on page 4, column 1) FOR THE KIDDIES



Genesis 6:1 - 7:24



There was once a great flood of water that cov-God that have proven themselves ered the whole earth. God sent this flood upon the world because of sin. People were living very, very sinful. Therefore, God said, "I will destroy them."

The sins of the people were bad. They were "Unto thee it was shewed, that thinking evil things in their hearts, for the Bible says:

> "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." ---

God hates such sin. He hates sinful thinking. mon's prayer of dedication, when He hates sinful deeds. So what did God do?

> God said, "I will destroy these wicked people by sending a flood of water. They will all drown in the water." (Read Genesis 6:17).

So God's mighty power began to work. He caused Here was a temple that was the water beneath the ground to burst up and cover the ground. He caused the rain to come down for forty days and forty nights.

By the time the forty days and nights were over, the whole earth had been flooded with water. All the wicked people were dead. They had tried to escape to be contained within this but it was no use. They climbed up into trees and they climbed upon high mountains, but the water rose up and they died.



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Remember, boys and girls, God hates sin and He Sugar Creek Gang by Hutchens punishes sinners. If you do not have Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you will have to be punished for your sins. But if you trust Him as your Saviour, you shall be saved.

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"Is it proper to use the word 'spilled' in connection with a hand big enough in addition to an abominable little creature, of God's Word, but today Christ's shedding His blood? I was always taught to use the word that, that He can measure the and God says that men in His compromised the statement 'shed' as the word 'spilled' denoted an accident." - Earl Hough- waters in the hollow of His hand. sight are as grasshoppers. God's Book. They have cha lan, Florida.

#### **RAY SCHWART:**

The Hebrew root word "shaphak," translated "shed," means "to spill forth" (blood, a libation, liquid metal, or even a solid, i.e. to mound up); also (fig) to expend (life, soul, complaint, money, etc.) Thus either of the English words "spilled" or "shed" would be proper.

#### **JAMES HOBBS:**

Usually the word "shed" is used in connection with blood. However, I don't think we can say it is wrong to use "spilled" as they both come from the same Greek word, according to pair of scales. Harper's Analytical Greek Lexicon.

#### E. G. COOK:

Is there really any reason why we should use the word taught him in the path of judg- every particular. "spilled"? Certainly, the denotation, and much more, the connotation of the word "spilled" leaves the impression of acci- and shewed to him the ward dent, carelessness, or wastefulness, none of which have any God never took count place here. To say He shed His blood denotes that He let His blood flow, or caused it to flow.

In Hebrews 9:22 we are told that without the "shedding" of blood is no remission. So, let us use the word "shed" and be safe. When we try to improve on what God has done, or said, we always make a mess.

#### MARVIN MERRY:

The words "spilled" and "split" are always used in the LESS than nothing."-Isa. 40:15, Authorized (King James Version) to denote an accident. Con-17. sequently, "spilled" could create the false impression that the shedding of Christ's blood was accidental or unintentional so just a drop in a bucket. far as the Godhead was concerned. Nothing could be farther from the truth (See | Pet. 1:18-20; Rev. 13:8)

In modern usage, The Word Book Dictionary gives the primary meaning of "spill" as: "To let (liquid or any matter in loose pieces) run or fall: to spill milk or salt." In this sense, the soldier who pierced Christ's side deliberately "spilled" the Saviour's blood by wounding Him and letting the blood and water "run or fall" to the ground. (John 19:34).

Christ voluntarily shed His blood at Calvary (John 10:17, 18), but those who spiked Him to the cross and pierced His side spilled His blood (Acts 2:23).

#### TBE'S COMMENT:

It seems that our commentators are evenly divided on the question — and we dare not take sides! Brother Schwart and Brother Hobbs make their point based upon the Hebrew and the circle of the earth, and the you, beloved, when I think of the terday, and today, and for e Greek, while Brother Cook and Brother Merry call attention to inhabitants thereof are as the English. Both sides have stated their point well and we GRASSHOPPERS: that stretch-think there is some validity in both views. On the one hand, eth out the heavens as a curtain, man is and how great God is I say He was in the days of old the Schwart and Hobbs undoubtedly are correct in what they pre- and spreadeth them out as a tent man is, and how great God is I say He was in the days of old. this sent. However, the usage of English words often change to the to dwell in."-Isa. 40:22. extent that they no longer properly convey the meaning of the Greek and Hebrew. It might be well, therefore, for those who use "spill" to make themselves clear whenever they use this God is so big that He sits on the man little-I say He is worthy of lasting to everlasting, He ret

rain, and the sleet, and the snow as it comes out of the heavens, and I say He has garnished the skies.

Even as Job said, "These are parts of his ways." Marvelous and BUNDLES ...... \$2.00 per 100 sovereign as they are, these are just a portion of the little that we know of Him.

We read again:

"Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and the very chief of sinners. meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance."—Isa. 40:12.

Can you imagine how big God's hand is? We talk about God's hand being big enough to hold all the saints of the earth therein. The book of Revelation tells us that He walks in the midst of His churches and holds the preachers in His hand. But, beloved, He has a bigger hand than that. He can-The heavens, which are so great that it is impossible for us to the east to the west, He can even of the sun, and from the west, that And the mountains that to us seem immovable from the stand- Isa. 45:5, 6. point of their weight and their dimensions, we are told that God and not come back to this fact, can weigh the mountains with a that God is positively sovereign-

Listen again:

"With whom took he counsel, ment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of un-

anybody. God never was instructed by anyone. Not one scientist, philosopher nor college president ever taught God one thing.

"Behold, the nations are as a DROP of a bucket. . . . ALL NA-TIONS before him are as noth-

The nations of this earth are

gone far enough to find that them on the floor. something can be nothing? Have you gone far enough to learn that something is less than nothing? dwelling in the light which NO been so repulsive to a thrice w Isaiah says from God's standpoint MAN CAN APPROACH unto: God, yet I bow low in His Pelie that Russia, and France, and England, and the United States lump- see: to whom be honour and that God doesn't change His lise ed together are not as much as power everlasting. Amen." a drop in the bottom of a bucket. Tim. 6:16. He says that they are even less ed off.

#### Notice again:

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"I am the Lord, and there is man who has changed so I imagine how great they are-the none else, there is NO GOD BEheavens that are of such a great SIDE ME: I girded thee, though quote him, unless I had see expanse that it is impossible for thou hast not known me: That us to grasp how far it is from they may know from the rising fear he would change his pospan the heavens with His hand. there is none beside me. I am the beloved, God doesn't change Lord, and there is none else."-

You can't read a verse like this not."-Mal. 3:6. that there is none that can be compared to Him-that there is ANCE."-Rom. 11:29. none that can be likened to and who instructed him, and Him, and that He is sovereign in pentance and faith; the calling

Listen again:

LIKE UNTO THEE, O Lord; thou ance and faith, and God given God never took counsel from art great, and thy name is great us a calling, and then God do<sup>o</sup>, anybody. God never was instruct- in might."—Jer. 10:6. repent of it. He never changes

"Now also many nations are mind. The word "repent" m he gathered against thee, that say, "a change of mind," and ng Let her be defiled, and let our never does change His mind 8 eye look upon Zion. But they it. know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither understand they his God never does change His Juc ing; and they are counted to him counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.". Micah 4:1, 12.

tle of Armageddon, and it says Isn't it wonderful to know Furthermore, He says that they when the nations rise up against are less than nothing. Let me ask the country of Palestine, that God about having called us? I am? you, how far have you gone in is going to reap them just the mathematics? Well, have you same as sheaves, and then throw His ministry. I am sure thate

Notice again: "Who only hath immortality, whom no man hath seen, nor can ence when I say that I thank to

Notice, it says that God dwells called me unto salvation. He ass than a cipher with the rim knock- in a light that no one can ap- doesn't change His mind. proach thereunto.

I come back to my text that says He is worthy of praise. I tell sovereignty of God I'd remind you --Heb. 13:8. He is worthy of our praise. When Christ I present to you is the 51th I take up this Bible and see how He was in the Old Testament, sm. it magnifies God, and minimizes He'll be the same yonder in ific man-how it makes God big, and future as He is now. From ecou

God's Book. They have cha their positions. In fact, I know times that I would be afratoday, and then I'd hesitate before what I said was told. ten:

"For I am the Lord, I ch

Then we read:

'For the gifts and calling are WITHOUT REP

The gifts, I believe, refer <sup>1</sup> fers to the fact that God cal unto salvation. This text says 'Forasmuch as there is NONE He gives to us the gifts of repha repent of it. He never changes

Isn't it wonderful to know " about this? Isn't it wonderfu is know that God doesn't change mind about having given to usion This is speaking about the bat- gifts of repentance and 12 w God doesn't change His that I have been such a failu ministry has been such a falvow in His sight. I am sure I done so many things that is I about having given me rep ance and faith, and that He bay

We have the same truth h H sented to us again. Listen:

"Jesus Christ THE SAME high

Thank God, beloved, the Cvin

Salve

# "Worthy-Praise"

(Continued from page three) same as day and night are marked off on the calendar.

all five oceans in one big spot, across the heavens, and I see the and make one big ocean out of it? clouds of various types and shapes Why didn't God take the Mediter- and sizes, and I say again He has seas, and put them in one place, and put all land in one place? Beloved, it was for one reason: "He divideth the sea with his power." It was the sovereignty of God that created this world the way it is.

Notice, "By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens." I look up into the heavens at night and I see the moon and the stars. Many, many times I see the moon take its place, and I see the stars

as they file out, one by one, as the golden sentinels of the night. As I do, beloved, I think how God has garnished the heavens. When day comes, I see the sun as a Why is it that God didn't put great ball of fire as it moves hold him in your hand, and in all

How little we are in the sight

of God, and how big God is in the circle of the earth, and that man is so little that he is nothing more than a grasshopper in God's sight. Surely that describes us, for we tainly the most abominable creaprobability, he'll spit tobacco

# UNCHANGEABLENESS.

III

He is also worthy of our praise hop around from one position to from the standpoint of His unanother. A grasshopper is cer- changeableness. God doesn't change. We are so used to people ture in the world. Pick him up, changing that it seems impossible to think of God as unchanging. You don't know anything about juice on your hand. If you leave a human being that isn't changeranean, and all the rest of the garnished the heavens. I see the go to the house to eat your lunch, ers who in the last few years have a pitchfork in the field when you able. For example, I know preach-

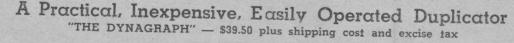
unchanged and unchangeablew

I am glad that God do'zed change. I'd hate to think that hat changed like the weather van irm your house. I'd hate to think c I would have to reset my ren every day with a God that chame ed as rapidly as a weather was changes. Hardly a day goesly-f that the weather vane rem't b the same. It just changes over a over and over and over every h Beloved, God doesn't change As way; He remains immutable le a unchangeable, and He is woltian of our praise in view of this be

IV

## LOVE.

He is worthy of our praise that cause of His love for us. Mos us, if we were called upon the verse of Scripture which anything about the love of fork would immediately turn to the 3:16. I grant you it is a wonde is (Continued on page 7, columi is





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#### CHAPTER VIII

the Apostles we found no of Full Communion," writes: d scarcely have been written generated, dead to sin-as is evithe apostles baptized the in- dent by Rom. 6 throughout. As W. H. Griffith Thomas p. 440).

blessings associated and swer yes? ged in baptism, refers to ts and not to unconscious dren, and it is only by necesaccommodation and modifion that we can use the same uage of the latter." (The lolic Faith, p. 288).

otice the word necessary. The uage of the New Testament regard to baptism, as it ds, cannot apply to the ordiwhen administered to in-And the same is true of Westminster Confession of h, the language of which must prmodified in the case of in-(See Appendix C).

us now turn to the five in order to establish the ge of inconsistency. Romans 6:2-4.

ephatever these verses may 10°, it is clear to James Banner-

m<sup>th</sup>e apostle must be had as reitual act of faith, embodying from the nature of baptism thus: wh the outward ordinance." Pirch of Christ. vol. 2, p. 47). W Son of God, and acquiescing 112f). His gospel. Those, therefore, were baptized, are assumed was thinking of infants when he Pelieve what they professed, penned these words! ik to be what they declared s piselves to be. ref was baptized unto Christ, he He baptized unto His death; he

He issed to regard himself as beunited to Christ, as dying h <sup>h</sup> He died, as bearing in him enalty of sin, in order that E hight be reconciled to God, e live unto holiness. How a man who was sincere in Cving baptism, such being its ne n and import, live in sin?

ven instance of the apostles "Baptism, by which the primitizing infants. We now turn to tive converts were admitted into Epistles, in particular to five the church, was used as an exwhich, it is maintained, hibition of their being visibly re-

more important, these texts their baptism laid them under did not baptize their infants. demonstrate the inconsist- special obligation to these things, of infant baptism with the and was a mark and token of Testament teaching. We their engagement to be thus heresee that the apostolic doc- after; but was designed as a mark, of baptism has to be modi- token, and exhibition of their bein order to accommodate in- ing thus already." (Works, vol. 1,

Are infants baptized as "an exshould ever be borne in hibition of their being visibly rethat the language of the generated"? Where is the Evan-Testaament, which describes gelical Protestant who can an-

2. I Corinthians 1:13.

What does it mean to be baptized in the name of someone? A. Hodge explains it thus: A

"To be baptized 'in the name of Paul' (eis to onoma), 1 Cor. p. 486).

When infants are baptized into that they are made His "believive regarding the mode of bap- into the name of anyone. He can weight against infant baptism. be baptized in the name, but not into the name of. Christ.

ng to the baptism of a be- to prove that divine worship is ser, in whose case it was a to be paid to the Spirit, argues

"We have only to consider the rfu is impossible to understand ceive in it a solemn act of wor-Verses except on the sup- ship, an expression of faith, a testhion that all those to whom timony that He in whose name it h was writing had been bap- is performed is our God, with a as professed believers, heartfelt surrender to Him in an Mes Hodge's comments on act of new obedience. That all werses are very instructive: this is involved is clear from the lu<sup>n</sup>aptism was the appointed words: 'Were ye baptized in the a ate of professing faith in Christ, name of Paul?' (I Cor. 1:13." (The favowing allegiance to Him as Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, p.

#### 3. Galatians 3:27.

This verse is very similar to Rom. 6:2-4 as Charles Hodge ob- fants. serves:

passage (Rom. 6:4), as in Gal. writes: 3:27, taken for the reception of tary on Rom. 6:4).

loc.:

But, it will be said, the Gala- ers. tian churches had not been founded long, so that most of them remarks that would have been baptized as beour examination of the Acts in his "Enquiry Into Qualifications Alford comments:

to Christ, did, in that very act, generation, as previously and then clothe yourselves with Christ." (Greek Testament in loc.).

tized had, in that very act, put on and through the instrumentality Christ. Since infants cannot put of that ordinance. The first of offspring of their converts. "He does not mean only that on Christ, we conclude that Paul these views is, we are persuaded,

#### 4. Colossians 2:12.

Linking this verse with Rom. 6:4 Dr. Eadie writes:

"From these expressions we may infer that the apostle regarded baptism as the symbol of present resurrection from the a death of trespasses and sin, to a life of holiness." (Biblical Cyclo-

Is infant baptism the symbol of the present resurrection of an infant?

Arguing against the indiscriminate baptism of adults, Richard Baxter makes this comment on ures is attributed to faith. Bap-Colossians 2:12:

"Note: 1. That this is spoken to 1:13, or 'unto Moses' (eis ton Mou- all the church of the Colossians, us sons of God (Gal. 3:26, 27); we sn), I Cor. 10:2 is, on the part of and therefore they are presumed are therein buried with Christ the baptized, to be made the be- to be what they profess and ap- (Rom. 6:3); it is (according to one lieving and obedient disciples of pear to be. 2. That the putting of interpretation in Titus 3:5) the Paul or Moses, and the objects of the body under water did signi- washing of regeneration. But all their care, and the participants in fy our burial with Christ, and this is said on the assumption that whatever blessings they had to the death or putting off of our it is what it purports to be, an bestow." (Outlines of Theology, sins." (Disputation of Right to act of faith." (Systematic Theol-Sacrament, p. 58).

He goes on to say that the laning and obedient disciples," etc.? of sin and their consent to be The meaning of the phrase "into baptized on these terms" of prothe names 'of" makes it impos- fession. His argument against insible for an infant to be baptized discriminate baptism has the same

Furthermore, can infants be said to have risen with Christ through trace of it (infant baptism) in the ited by God by His sovereign good George Smeaton, when seeking the faith of the operation of God?

#### 5. I Peter 3:20, 21.

What are we to understand by the answer of a good conscience? The Westminster Assembly of Divines say:

"By the answer of a good conscience we may understand that (Annotations in loc.).

Does baptism give an infant good conscience? If so, how? How are we to explain the con-

troversial words "baptism saves"? Richard Baxter reasons thus:

"Baptism is said to save us, and therefore they that will be baptized must profess the qualification necessary to be saved." Practical Works. vol. 4, p. 296).

Hence, baptism is not for in-

as it undoubtedly is-it can only as well as in all other matters." the case of the adult believer, as Apostolic Age, p. 543). his faith in Christ whereby the proper consummation and

he can put on a coat. Had the to us that Peter would never have Galatians been baptized as in- stated that baptism saves, if he fants, Paul would have said that had been in the habit of baptizthey had had Christ put on them! iny any except professed believ-

William Cunningham rightly

"The texts referred to seem to lievers. Quite true, but notice the imply either, that baptism, in the words "as many" on which Dean right and legitimate use of it, is a sign or symbol, a seal and a "As many as were baptized in- profession of remission and reexisting in the party baptized; or else that regeneration is pro-Everyone who had been bap- duced or bestowed in baptism, that which is sanctioned by Scripture, and certainly it has been generally taught by the Reformed Church." (The Reformers and the Theology of the Reformation, p 271).

In other words, these texts teach either believers' baptism or baptismal regeneration. Let the reader take his choice.

The reason for thinking that the apostles regarded baptism as an act of faith on the part of the person baptized, are summed up by Charles Hodge thus:

"To baptism may be properly attributed all that in the Scriptism washes away sin (Acts 22: 16); it unites to Christ and makes ogy, vol. 3, p. 589).

Is baptism an act of faith in the name of Christ, does it mean guage supposes "their own pres- the case of infants? Can we atent profession to put off the body tribute to infant baptism all that which in the Scriptures is attributed to faith?

Understanding the doctrine of baptism as held and taught by the apostles, J. V. Bartlett writes:

"It is not only that there is no first century: but the very idea of baptism then universal, namely as a rite of faith's self-consecration (often outwardly ratified by manifestation of the Spirit) Peter preaches that they are the inconsistent therewith.": (The Apostolic Age, p. 472).

Here we have the admission of unfeigned faith whereof they a Paedobaptist that the apostolic hath He mercy on whom He will made confession at their baptism," idea of baptism is inconsistent have mercy, and whom He will with the baptism of infants.

Writing in the same vein, H. C. McGiffert observes:

'Whether infants were baptized in the apostolic age, we have no means of determining. Where the original idea of baptism as a baptism of repentance, or where Paul's profound conception of it as a symbol of death and resurrection of the believer with Christ prevailed, the practice would not be likely to arise. But where the In an attempt to deny this ob- rite was regarded as a mere sign "Baptism is throughout this vious inference, Patrick Fairbairn of one's reception into the Christian circle, it would be possible "And if baptism also is said to for the custom to grow up under Christ, of which it is the appoint- save, and is especially associated the influence of the ancient idea ed acknowledgement." (Commen- with the work of regeneration- of the family as a unit in religion Matthew Henry comments in be because baptism is viewed, in (History of Christianity in the

(Continued from page two) started for the beach. I had visions of bringing in one or more

The Mercy of God

of those big whoppers! I was a little worried how I was going to carry them home. It was a-good thing nobody was watching me that day. I had some bait, real clam on the hook. I walked out into the waves as far as I could go and gave that hook, line, and sinker a mighty heave (I didn't have a fine fishing pole), only to have those dashing waves carry my line back right to the edge of the water! This was repeated several times until I was exhausted. Believe me, I felt rather sheepish as I walked home that day.

Beloved, let none of us think that we can become theologians overnight and go down to the vast ocean of God's mercy and fathom its depths. Our lines aren't long enough. But thanks be to God we can wade and bathe ourselves in the sea of God's mercy. We can know something of the mercy of the Lord.

This much I can tell you, the mercy of God is "manifold" (Neh. 9:19); it is "tender" (Ps. 25.6); as "multitude (Ps. 51:1); it is "sure" (Isa. 55:3); "new every morning" (Lam. 3:22-23); it is (Num. 14:18); it shall 'great" "follow me all the days of my life" (Ps. 23:6); it is "plenteous" (Ps. 86:5); is "everlasting" (Ps. 100:5); "God is rich is mercy" (Eph. 2:4); and it is "abundant" (1 Pet. 1:3).

But to tell you how much it is all this, I cannot.

There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in His justice, Which is more than liberty. There is welcome for the sinner, And more graces for the good; There is mercy with the Saviour, There is healing in His blood —Frederick W. Faber

While the mercy of God is measureless to men, yet it is limpleasure and will. Daniel declares that God has mercy "to them that love Him, and to them that keep His commandments" (Dan. 9:4). "People of God," who have "ob-tained mercy" (I Pet. 2:10). And Paul proclaims of God, "Therefore He hardeneth" (Rom. 9:18).

#### II. Consider The Manner Of God's Mercy

In the Old Testament there was what is called "the mercy seat." It is also mentioned in the New Testament in Hebrews 9:5.

The mercy seat belonged in the Old Testament tabernacle, which was made by Moses under Divine direction. Its abode was in "the holiest place" of the two rooms in the tabernacle. It was made of pure gold and was the lid over the ark of the covenant, and also served as a throne for Jehovah (Lev. 16:2). In this connection it will do you well to study Heb. 4:16, and Heb. 10:19-25.

Upon this mercy seat the atoning blood was sprinkled (Lev. 16:

d. thing is impossible. The act e ath implied and expressed in nt. sm, is receiving Christ as our in ification as well as our deousness." (Commentary in

blew can this be said of those do'zed as infants? Would not at have referred back to their a<sup>p</sup>irmation" or some suchlike nk c profession of faith? We m' remember that the church chime to which Paul was writ-r was probably not less than of your probably not less than only have years old, so that if ent baptism had been pracyer a good proportion of the ry h had been baptized as in-ANTERNATION STREET STREET STRATEGY STREET ge As Doddridge remarks: ble le apostles, when writing to wo han churches, planted many his before the date of their rewe epistles, argue with the bers of them from the obli-Mo<sup>e</sup> er as would lead us to con-that they were baptized in that they were baptized in of **forks**, p. 489f). and is Jonathan Edwards who,

what they professed in baptism: Revelation of Law, p. 266).

We agree with McGiffert except 14). It is therefore a picture of they became the children of God, embodiment of faith's actings in that it would be more true to God's mercy to us through the he acquaints us, verse 27, was the reception of Christ." (The history to say that the custom of infant baptism grew up under the for he adds, As many of you as We see that Fairbairn would influence of the idea of baptismal have been baptized into Christ, limit Peter's statement to the case regeneration. But however infant have put on Christ; having in of the adult believer; but Peter baptism originated, it is clear that baptism professed their faith in makes no such limitation. Fair- it was only when Paul's concep-Him; they were thereby devoted bairn is compelled to admit that tion of baptism, that is, when the to Him; and had, as it were, put the ideal baptism, adult baptism, New Testament conception of on His livery and declared them- undergoes "a certain accommoda- baptism ceased to prevail, that inselves His servants and disciples." tion" in the case of infants. But fant baptism could be introduced Now, can infants put on Christ's where is the authority for this into the church. And when was livery? Everyone knows that it certain accommodation? It is not infant baptism introduced? That takes a child several years before to be found in Scripture. It seems is the subject of the next chapter.

crucified Christ, our blocdsprinkled Mercy Seat. It is at this Mercy Seat that God and redeemed sinners meet in forgiveness and fellowship.

We read that Christ is the propitiation for our sins (Rom. 3:25; 1 John 2:2); which is the same Greek word which is translated mercy seat in Heb. 9:5. Christ is our mercy seat. Hence this mercy seat in the Old Testament will teach us something of the mercy of God in Christ.

1. The mercy seat was made cut of pure gold (Ex. 25:17). In the heavenly Jerusalem we are going to walk on streets of pure go'd! (Rev. 21:21). The Divine mercy will be everywhere. There will be no standing in that eternal city except on the mercy of God in Christ (Titus 3:5). Yea, the whole city was "pure gold" (Rev. 35.00 21:18). The streets, the houses, the 3.25 public buildings; everything will 3.95 be pure gold. Beloved, we will 3.95 have our standing, and we will 4.95 live forever and ever in that fair (Continued on page 8; column 1)

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# WHEN THE STARS BEGIN TO FALL

(Continued from page one) Coming shall have been fulfilled and when the very starry-decked heavens above our heads are going to go crazy in their orbits and the stars in all their galaxies are going to fall to of the stars; he calleth them all by their the earth like misspent satellites.

The time is coming when kindergarten cutles will no longer look up into the night and urn, and Pluto, Venus and some of the others SOV.

"Twinkle, twinkle little star, How I wonder what you are, Up above the world so high, Like a diamond in the sky."

The time is coming when little children will never repeat this poem again because these verses declare the stars are going to fall and I believe the Word of God.

The time is coming when lonesome lovers separated by hundreds, maybe thousands of miles, will no longer look up at a star and say,

> "Star light, star bright, The first star I see tonight, I wish I may, I wish I might, Have the wish that I wish tonight"

For the time is coming when lovers will not look at the stars in the heavens above because every star according to God's Word will one of these days fall to the earth.

In this introduction let me tell you that every star we see should remind us of one Person and that Person is Jesus Christ. This is what the Psalmist meant in Psalms 19, verse 1, when he said, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." And I will prove to you right now in this introduction that every star should remind us of Jesus Christ.

In the 24th chapter of Numbers, verse 17, this is the first time Jesus is called a star in the Bible. The writer said: "I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a STAR out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and he shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth."

Notice again for the word STAR. In the second chapter of Matthew in verses one and two we have this reading: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days Word and God's people by faith ought to beof Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east unto Jerusalem, saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen HIS STAR in the east, and are come to worship Him."

And I would tonight with all of my heart that that star which shone over Bethlehem's stable some two thousand years ago could illumine this auditorium tonight, could shine over this vast number of people and that the real expression in every heart could be with the wise men of old, WE HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM," because He truly is worthy of our worship.

II Peter chapter 1, verse 19, listen for the word star: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the DAY STAR arises in your hearts."

#### This Star is Jesus.

Revelation chapter 2, verse 28: "And I will give him the morning STAR." And if you will gazers, and you young people might as well read the earlier verses you will learn that Jesus has promised here to give every believer and overcomer the morning star.

Now from Revelation the 22nd chapter, verse 16, we have this reading: "I Jesus ha

#### in all their galaxies a name.

He numbered them and knows them by name. You say I want Scripture, here it is: Psalm 147, verse 4: "He telleth the number names."

We know a little about Mars, Jupiter, Satbut somewhere out yonder in outer space in the exoshphere where man has never penetrated with his most powerful telescopes there are galaxies of stars that have never been beheld by the eyes of men. And the God who set them there numbered every one of them and gave them a name.

#### Third, He not only did that but he ordained the course that each star was to follow.

Our scientists can tell you about the various orbits of the known stars but God knows about the orbit of every star because he set them in the heavens and ordained the orbit that every star was to follow. Judges chapter 5, verse 20: "They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses (or in their orbits) fought against Sisera."

If you will read Judges the 4th chapter, verse 2, you will find that Sisera had plagued the children of Israel for twenty long years and yet when God got ready to dethrone this king the very stars in the heavens above fought from heaven in their courses as God ordered. The Bible states it, I simply believe it. Known only to Him are the great hidden secrets!

"When my eyes behold the stars this heart of mine is made to wonder.

This poor mind of mine just cannot grasp their array.

But the hand that spilled them there all across the wide heaven,

- Had a plan when he placed them
- that way.
- Known only to Him are the great hidden secrets.
- I'll fear not when my flame shall dim, I know not what the future holds, but I
- know who holds the future, It is a secret known only to Him."

This is one of God's secrets revealed in His lieve the Word of God.

#### **II. PROPHETIC FATE OF THE STARS**

First, the stars are going to withdraw their shining.

The book of Joel, chapter 3, verse 15, we have this reading: "The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining."

Joel, chapter 2, verse 10: "And the stars shall withdraw their shining."

Now here are two plain statements from the Word of God that the stars are going to withdraw their shining, and these verses substantiate the introduction that one day people will not look at twinkling stars because one day they are not going to shine anymore.

#### And then they are going to be darkened or they are going to burn black.

Solomon knew all young people were star confess it tonight that in your puppy love and in your real love you will have to admit the stars sometimes find you looking at them. Solomon knew this and this is why in Eccl.

12:1 and 2 he said this, "Remember now thy to tremble. And when the stars star RI Creator in the days of thy youth, while the to the earth, the very heavens are evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, rumble and roar like ten million jet when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in that have broken the sound barrier them."

Now listen: "While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, the arms of Jesus Christ. The earth w nor the clouds return after the rain."

that lovers gaze upon in the heavens above are going to be darkened and burn black. Here is the reason I believe people in America should be more interested in the God of space than the space gods some of them worship in this world.

#### They are going to be darkened and then they are going to fall to the earth.

Revelation chapter 6, beginning with verse 12: "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood: And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places."

Here in the book of Revelation we learn emphatically the stars of heaven shall fall to the earth. Now stay with me right here. A lot of our scientists say when the various stars begin to fall they will burn out somewhere in space because of a radiation belt or some other technological, scientific, aero-dynamic explanation they try to give to explain away the Word of God. God says they will fall to the earth! I don't care what an aero-dynamic explanation says! I don't care what technological explanation says! God's book says the stars, after they have withdrawn their shining and after they have burned black, will fall to the earth. This I believe! One of these days the very earth is going to be pulverized by falling stars from heaven.

#### III. PARALYZING FORCE OF THE STARS

#### The first thing that is going to happen is the earth is going to quake.

I go back to Joel, chapter 2, verse 10. It blood. says, "The earth shall quake before them." I quoted it to you a few moments ago from Revelation 6:12, 13, and 14 that connects the severe earthquakes with the falling of the stars. If you have ever talked with someone who has been in a place where there has been an earthquake, you know what a terrible feeling you have when the earth begins to quiver under you, when walls begin to crack, and when windows begin to break! When the stars fall this earth is going to start cracking open !!!

#### The verse also says that the paralyzing force of the stars will cause the heavens to tremble.

Now I think in this jet-age we can understand this a little more than we use to because every time a jet reaches mach one or the speed that breaks the sound barrier, there is a terrible repercussion in the heavens and the very atmosphere above begins to tremble when a jet airplane breaks the sound barrier. In fact one of them came over our little town (Jacksonville, Texas) last year and did over a \$1000 worth of damage as it broke the sound barrier. We have some aircraft I am sure that could not only go mach one but mach two and possibly we have some that could go mach seven or eight.

I am talking about manned aircraft! When the sound barrier is broken the heavens begin FEBRUARY

same time.

1 am glad in that day 1 will be the heavens will tremble, the sun will b Here Solomon says one day the very stars black, the moon shall become as

#### IV. THE PRECIOUS FINALE A THE STARS HAVE FALLENRR.

First, after the stars have fallet earth a resurrection shall have taken RD

For in the cemeteries the body INE person who is a child of God has the the promise of the Spirit of God that a will not be left forever in the grave, Christian ane day is going to rise to TRS Lord in the air. I Thess. 4:16 thror "For the Lord himself shall descelle heaven with a shout, with the voicion archangel, and with the trump of the dead in Christ shall rise first: which are alive and remain shall bist up together with them in the clouds, the Lord in the air: and so shall we TER with the Lord. Wherefore comfort other with these words."

Brother, when the stars have fo first resurrection shall have taken God's people, living and dead, will be presence of Jesus Christ.

#### Second, another part of the precioilis is that a righteous Saviour shall be every,

In the book of Philippians, chapter 9 through 11, the Bible says: "Where ARI also hath highly exalted him, and g a name which is above every name: the name of Jesus every knee should things in heaven, and things in ed. Fr things under the earth; And that even should confess that Jesus Christ is Loror glory of God the Father."

Man doesn't do that today. But is coming, after the stars have falle a righteous Saviour will be exalted W person who has been washed in His

I have a daddy in heaven. I have cal brother in heaven. I have hundreds <sup>of</sup>a. in heaven; but the greatest of all, ther Saviour in heaven. Now when the sto that fallen, my Saviour, the Lord Jesus Clay going to be the one who will receive a exaltation, the most honor, and the most honor, exaltation, the most honor, and the muthein because when the stars have falle b will be given His rightful position as a Kinas and Lord of Lords.

#### Third, another part of the precioutly when the stars shall have fallen a reing going to take place.

of

Do you believe that? Oh, I have hongs, of blessings this week. I have had man wonderful blessings this past week. Lonnie Myrick has played for Timothys, a back to the first five years 1 preachers gospel and I remembered how her onlyled, Jane, played for me in three revival <sup>nis</sup> 0 She was just as vibrant, just as exong just as spiritual, just as dynamic, just <sup>ar</sup>ay able, just as wonderful a Christian it, has ever lived.

Then one day I remember receiving love saying that Jane, the girl who had plader me in the meetings, would not live thro: you other day and night. Sure enough "that letter that came said this fine Ch I'l nineteen years of age, (who had pla me in three revival meetings, and played in literally dozens of others preachers) in God's sovereignty, in Go Ed evolence, God's mercy and God's wisd'as, been snatched from the walks of men over

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."

So again I affirm in the introduction that every star should remind us of Jesus.

And yet one of these days the stars that he threw from his fingertips, the stars that he set in the heavens above are going to fall to the earth. There is coming a day when it will be too late for men, women, boys and girls to cry out for the mercy of God.

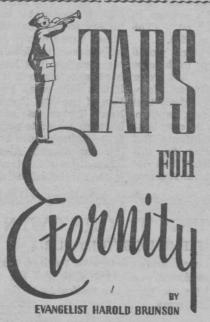
Hurriedly, four things: First, Practical Facts About the Stars. Second, Prophetic Fate of the Stars. Third, Paralyzing Force of the Stars. And Fourth, The Precious Finale After the Stars Have Fallen.

#### 1. PRACTICAL FACTS ABOUT THE STARS

# First of all God made the stars.

Gen. 1:16: "And God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also."

Second, He not only made the stars, but my Bible teaches me that God numbered every erie of them and that He also gave every star



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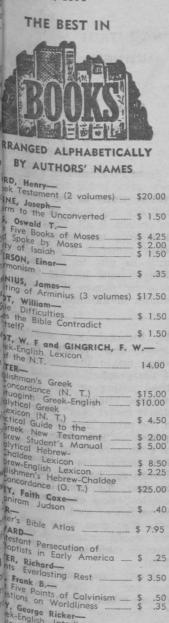
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You talk about shouting on the hills -it is going to take place for the God when the stars have fallen.

> "The stars shine over the ear The stars shine over the sea, The stars look up to God, The stars look down on me.

The stars shall shine for a thousa A thousand years and a day. But God and 1, shall live and lov When the stors have passed away



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Continued from page 4) of Scripture. Truly, it has called the golden text of the However, to me there is her that speaks of the love of be filled with all the fulof God." - Eph. 3:18, 19.

<sup>raul</sup> gives to us in his prophesica mas. In fact, Paul is noted for should come unto you." many times he would just er 1:9, 10, the a prayer in writing to the ledge."

pladerstand why or how God There are you. I'll never forget the that I came into the arms of I tried to fathom His I'11 never forget how I to realize how much His was. I'll never forget how His love has been imupon me, yet, beloved is, I still stand amazed in er ove of God. We just can't

womb? Yea, they may forget, Jonah learned a lot when he went yet will I not forget thee."-Isa, to school in the belly of the 49:15.

sake their nursing children. Some- "Salvation is of the Lord." times they do.

one to look after them, and went the same school that Jonah did. back. Those children are grown out with a 72 hour course they today, but they have grown up would be first rate Calvinistsbecause somebody else cared for they would come out believing them. They have grown up not that salvation is of the Lord. because of a mother's love that They wouldn't be preaching that 3. A coming to Christ - v. 37. was exerted in their behalf.

Beloved, though women can forsake their nursing children, I .35 thank God, that God never for- gospel of Christ: for it is the sakes us. We are always nothing power of God unto SALVATION but nursing children. You and 1 never grow up. I think this pas- the Jew first, and also to the sage in Isaiah 49:15 would indi- Greek."-Rom. 1:16. \$ 1.50 never grow up. I think this pas-\$ 1.50 cate that you and I are always nothing but nursing children, and that He never forsakes us.

I have mentioned at various times the correspondence I have the Spirit and belief of the truth." been having with Billie Sol Estes in Texas. Of course you recognize that Billie Sol Estes was arrested, tried, perjured, slandered, convicted, judged, and hanged by the \$25.00 newspapers before he even had an opportunity to say one word in his defense. There is one thing I have noticed in every one of this letters: he always refers to the love of God. This last week I received another letter from him, and he closed his letter by saying, "I love you, and God loves you too."

I have been wondering, in the light of that letter, if we realize how great is the love of God. Beloved, do we praise Him as we should? My text says that He is worthy to be praised, and I can surely praise Him because of His love.

#### V SALVATION.

that is just as great. Listen: and I am learning a little about it Clay be able to comprehend as I go along. I expect some of all saints what is the these days, when I get to Glory, th, and length, and depth, to know more about salvation heigh. height: And to KNOW THE than I know now, but frankly, I OF CHRIST, which PAS- don't know but mighty little KNOWLEDGE, that ye about salvation now. Peter said: your "Receiving the end of will notice that Paul is your souls. Of which salvation faith, even the SALVATION of reing in this instance. It is one the PROPHETS have INQUIRED many prayers that the and SEARCHED diligently, who the Paul gives to us in his prophesied of the grace that - I Pet.

hys, and this is one of those certainly true of each of us, for of rs in which he prays for they inquired and searched diliof of on the part of the gently into the matter of salvaof God-knowledge con- tion. I don't think they ever unexing the love of God. After derstand it through the years, as building. Some people say that a rays that we might under- we have searched diligently man can be saved and then lose it, then he says that this what the Word of God has said his salvation, and go to Hell, by that "which passeth about salvation, but we, too, don't understand it. It is too big, too Beloved, that man hasn't read understand it. It is too big, too between, that man polderet, you will never be able mighty, and too great for us to the Word of God. That man hasn't studied the Bible. The

tell us about salvation. Listen:

compassion on the son of her when he matriculated. In fact, SERMON OUTLINEwhale, and when he got out, Jon-He says that women can for- ah had only one text to preach-

Beloved, I would like to send I remember a woman a few- these Arminian boys of the Semiman had anything to do with it.

> "For I am not ashamed of the to every one that believeth; to 5. A brokenness over sin - vs. 38.

thanks alway to God for you, 14.00 though a woman may forsake her brethren beloved of the Lord, benursing child, God's love is such cause God hath from the beginning CHOSEN you to SALVA- 7. Peace - v. 50. TION through sanctification of -II Thess. 2:13.

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Harshells tell us that choosing is salvation. Not at all; the choosing was unto salvation. Paul says that we are bound to give thanks for such an experience.

Notice again:

'And being made perfect, he became the AUTHOR of eternal SALVATION."-Heb. 5:9.

Ah, beloved, I praise Him tonight who is the author of eternal salvation.

Arminians talk about being saved today and lost tomorrow. Some preachers say that one can be saved today, and go to Hell before he gets out of the church sins that he thereafter commits. hasn't studied the Bible. The eternal salvation that has been

## 'SAVING FAITH" Luke 7:36-50

So far as procuring or obtaining Salvation is concerned, there is no such thing as saving faith; but as to the matter of our enjoyyears ago who walked away from naries to the same school, and ing the salvation which is the gift of God, saving faith is he faith her three small children, with no have them spend a few hours in which has Christ as its sole object and hope of salvation.

In the example before us (Read Luke 7:36-50) we have some to California, and has never come I imagine by the time they got of the essential elements or ingredients of saving faith revealed.

1. A sense of sin - v. 37, 39.

2. A knowledge of Christ - vs. 37.

#### Paul says concerning salvation: 4. An esteem for Christ above all else - v. 37, 38.

Wealth, pride, and self meant nothing to this woman. Alabaster (symbol of her best) was poured out to Christ.

Humility-self-abhorred; no self-righteousness; pride crushed.

- "But we are bound to give 6. A casting of all hope upon Christ v. 43, 45.
  - "What if He rejects me?" did not keep this woman from forsaking all and casting herself at His feet.

us to work out the details, but cate in any wise at all that we has come. He chose us unto salvation. The are going to make this world better, but the Word of God says that this world is going to get worse and worse and worse, until eventually the Lord Jesus Christ is going to come back. Listen:

'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

disciples were looking, The probably shielding their eyes, as they gazed up into the ethereal spaces to see their Saviour, their Master, their Leader, their Lord, their teacher, as He, little by they stood there looking up, the Him go into the skies."

Thank God for the fact that He is coming back.

#### CONCLUSION.

I praise Him because He is the creator. He is worthy of praise from the standpoint of His sovin view of His unchangeable nature. His love is surely worthy of the praise of all the saints of God, and truly those of us who have experienced salvation praise Him because of the salvation that is ours. Certainly those of us who know anything about the Book, who notice the condition of the world, are praising Him because He is coming back someday in the skies. I tell you, He is worthy of our praise.

I ask you, how can you praise praise Him by life. VOIL C

talk much today about making into desolation as in a moment! Beloved, He had to choose us. the world a much better place in They are utterly consumed with We never would have come to which to live, as if it were up to terrors. As a dream when one salvation unless He had chosen us. men to do so. I want to tell you, awaketh" (Ps. 73:20). Life's He didn't choose us and then ask beloved, this Bible doesn't indi- dreams are over; the stern reality

#### 1. Their Dreams Are Over.

God has awoke them, and they cast their eyes around. Where are they now? That lurid gleam is not in vain; they are like Samson when his strength was gone. They have come to that time of which it is written, "He died, and was buried; and in hell he lifted up his eyes" (Luke 16:22).

They used to have their dreams about an Eternal World.

They thought all said about it was mere words. This present world was all. But now they see too surely that there is another world; it was this present world that was an unreal one, and it has little, ascended into the skies. As melted away as snow. They are in a world where there is nothing angel of God said, "He is not gone of earth; none of its pursuits, none for good, for you will see Him of its business, none of its sport, come back, just as you have seen or mirth, or pleasure. No streets, no markets, no cities here! There is no sleep here; no time marked by hours; no bell to announce morn and even. "Time shall be no more." Earth is over. Like Napoleon at St. Helena, when from the rocky height he looked ereignty. He is worthy of praise out on boundless ocean-no armies now, no marshals to receive command, no kings or kingdoms here. O poor soul! "The fashion of the world has passed away."

They used to have their dreams about sin.

They fancied it was a fiction, nothing real. Stolen waters were sweet, and forbidden fruit to be desired. But the dream is over. They see that sin is awfully real! The smallest sin has in it the sentence: "Thou shalt die."

Every sin appears now a mighty Him less? Surely, you ought to mountain overhanging the soul, There are other verses which Word of God talks about an praise Him more. Are you a crushing out of it all hope, and saved person? If you are, then overwhelming it with curse and wrath. They see the feel sting of sin; it has begun to inflict the wounds which none can then you can praise Him by this ever heal. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). What a iour and confessing Him publicly meaning there is in that saying now! That death is no dream. They used to have their dreams

"Prophet of God in the Old

"Neither is there SALVATION wrought by the Lord Jesus Christ. in any other: for there is NONE OTHER name under heaven given a God that is worthy of praise. among men whereby we must be It is not the god of the Arminian. saved." - Acts 4:12

of the whale he learned some

things. I have often referred to poment speaks about a woman belly of the whale, and I have Jonah as going to school in the

but He is the God of those who "SALVATION is of the Lord." believe in sovereign elective Jonah 2:9. grace. He is the God who has When Jonah got in the belly become the author of eternal salvation. VI

# COMING BACK AGAIN.

wing her nursing child. Lis- said it something like this: when He is coming again. I am glad He a woman forget her suck- that is, when he graduated, he was thought in mind that we could

Beloved, the God that I praise is your lips, and your testimony. Are you unsaved? If you are, night receiving Him as your Savas the Lord and Saviour of your life.

"That if thou shalt confess with about hell.

thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that scoffingly proclaimed that the God hath raised him from the idea of it was only a device of dead, thou shalt be saved. For some who wished to terrify their with the HEART MAN BE-Alld, that she should not have a different man to what he was run it to suit ourselves. Politicians IS MADE unto salvation."—Rom. LIEVETH unto righteousness; and with the MOUTH CONFESSION (Continued on page 8, column 1)

Sinner friend, receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and go out praising God because He has become your Saviour tonight. May God bless you!

Dreams Gone!

(Continued from page one) before the thunder? Was it not

conscience asleep? For many die

thus, and have a terrible awaken-

ing. The Word of God has said of

such men, "How are they brought

They said it was nowhere; they fellows. They were sure that God had never kindled any such fire,

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# The only people who enjoy hearing your troubles are lawyers. They get paid for it.

# The Mercy of God

(Continued from page 5) land in the pure gold of God's merc'y!

2. Not only is God's mercy pure, but it is perplexing. Who among us does not ask many times over, "Why did God ever save my soul?" If we could have ventured into the holiest place of old and looked upon the mercy seat, we would have seen that it was attended by two angelic cherubim, made out of the same gold, one on each end of the seat, with outstretched wings, and with faces toward each other, "toward the mercy seat," looking down upon it (Ex. 25:20).

Who do they represent? They represent the countless company of angels who "desire to look into" God's merciful salvation to us (I Pet. 1:12). They represent the redeemed of the Old Testament who enquired and searched diligently into the grace that they prophesied should come to us (I Pet. 1:10-12). They represent you and me who love to keep looking to Christ, our mercy seat (Heb. 12:2).

3. God's mercy is pure, pleasantly perplexing, and perpetual. The mercy seat was the same at both ends. A cherubim at each end (Ex. 25:19). God's mercy never changes. It is the same from beginning to end.

The mercy of the Lord is from coming. (Jude 21). everlasting to everlasting" (Psalm 103:17).

We are Christ's at either end of the mercy seat. At one end we were chosen to salvation before the world began (2 Tim. 1:19). At the other end of the mercy of God we shall be saved when this sin-sick world passes away (2 Pet. 3; Jude 21).

#### III. Consider The Manifestation Of Mercy

God manifests His Mercy. "His grace forsake them, and we shall tender mercies are over all His obtain mercy (Prov. 28:13). works" (Ps. 145:9). God's mercy 20:6)

the fire from heaven fell upon it 7). (Gen. 19:16 and 19).

in choosing a wife for Isaac (Gen. and ever" (Ps. 52:8). Is there any-24:27).

in prison (Gen. 39:21). He was mercies' sake!"

merciful to David (2 Chron. 1:8).

Paul, when He healed him and (Manton). brought him up from the doors of death (Phil. 2:27).

But the mercy of God was revealed as in no other way when their bodies for service (Rom. 12: and lo! yonder is the Judge, and His Son came into the world "to 1); that we witness to the unsaved the Great White Throne on which the fathers (Luke 1:72). While that we faint not (2 Cor. 4:1); that holy, is the Lord." of mercy, His tears the jewels of need (Heb. 4:16). mercy, His prayers the perfume of mercy, it is at the cross where the word MERCY is printed in Him. God said to Moses concern- presence should enter nothing until he gits to th' end bold, red letters.

earth and skies; boundless mercy,' mercy seat was the mercy seat mercy seat" (Num. 7:89). because the blood was sprinkled upon it (Lev. 16:14). That is why the mercy seat could be over and above the ark (Ex. 25:21).

was a chest in which was placed Hebrews 10:28-29. I wonder if the two tablets of the law. Now you should die today would this loving and gracious, but just, holy, the law (Rom. 3:20), but because of Jesus' 10:28 fittingly describe your eter- It is said that once, somewhere death and shed blood "mercy re- nal state? He "died without mer- in the Mediterranean, many years joiceth against (or over) judg- cy!" ment" (James 2:13). Mercy and truth meet together at the cross trample under foot the Son of (Ps. 85:10). Mercy to believers will God and count His blood as com-

#### IV. Consider The Ministry Of Mercy

many things for us. It is by God's from James 2:13. mercy that we are saved, and not have judgment without mercy." by our merit (Titus 3:5). Let but Think of it! Dying without mercy, a soul cry out to God: "God be and after death the judgment spread out, called the ship's commerciful to me a sinner" and that (Heb. 9:27), and then judgment pany to stand with him and be one will be justified before God without mercy! (Luke 18:13-14). Let us not cover

"Let the wicked forsake his is even manifested in the giving way, and the unrighteous man his the Lord, and He will have mercy God was merciful to Lot in upon him: and to our God, for He leading him out of Sodom before will abundantly pardon" (Isa. 55:

I want you to know that "I God was merciful to Abraham trust in the mercy of God forever one who will now plead the words God was merciful with Joseph of Ps. 6:4? "Oh save me for Thy



PLEASE DO NOT SLACK OFF WITH YOUR OFFERINGS forgiven of your sins now. Come NOW! Now that we have the preachers on our mailing list, to Jesus Christ now. perhaps some of our friends think our goal has been reached-BUT REMEMBER, we only have a part of what it will take to keep these on the mailing list throughout the year. As you can see, gifts for this cause were very short this week. (Actually this represents the gifts of two weeks). While they carried the fund over \$2000, we still need the greater portion of what is necessary.

Please continue to pray for this cause and to give to it as dream. They see hell now. There

erciful to David (2 Chron. 1:8). "He delighteth in mercy" (Mic. found that God was too merciful And, Ezra, may I borrow your 7:18). He is the "Father of mer- to send even one soul into misery.

It is by the ministry of mercy into heaven. that we experience true revival

we can talk to God and know gers to tell them, that "into his feller preeches a good m ing the mercy seat, "there I will that defileth." They find that He thin he puts his big foot "Jesus' blood crying through meet with thee" (Ex. 25:22): When keeps to that solemn word spok- in it an' messes it up will "Mercy, free Moses did enter that holiest place en to the sinner on earth about minian invitashuns. cries!" The God spoke to him "from off the Jesus: "He that believeth and is The God spoke to him "from off the

#### Finally, Consider The Mistreatment Of Mercy

You understand that the ark but truthful words we read in condemns the sinner sentence taken out of Hebrews and true to his word.

It is written of those who be fully seen at Christ's second mon, "Died without mercy!" I tell covery, and had the spot put down you I don't want to die without in the chart: but one present mercy, and I don't want to live scoffed at the discovery as a without God's merc'y, either.

Here is another fearful warn-

our sins, let us confess them to own word that they are altogeth- they would be on the rock, if it There are many ways wherein God through Christ, and by His er wrong who say that there is existed: so the captain stood with no hell because God is too merci- watch in hand, and when at last ful. God is not merciful to the the fifteen minutes had passed. Christ rejector. They are without shouted out, "I told you it was a mercy. "The ocean of (God's) mere dream; we have passed the of the ten commandments (Ex. thoughts, and let him return unto mercy is bounded by the shores spot, and there is nothing!" But of His justice" (A. H. Strong).

Christ warns us of a certain rich man who died and went to hell in flaming torment, and he cried out for mercy, but there is no mercy beyond the grave. There is no mercy in hell (see Luke 16:19-31).

"Let us take heed, for mercy is like a rainbow, which God set in the clouds to remember mankind . . . but we must never look for it after it is night" (Jeremy Taylor).

Friend, the nightfall of death is coming for you, perhaps faster



### **Dreams Gone!**

(Continued from page 7) and would never doom any soul to any such prison. But they have been rudely awakened out of their

own testimony for mine too, when cies" (2 Cor. 1:3). He loves to re- They were sure He was not what I read where you recorded the deem, for "Redemption . . . is a some few people asserted that the words: "The Lord . . . hath ex- glaring instance of the mercy of Bible said he was, a God who tended unto me?" (Ezra 7:27-28). God" (Gill).Believe that "thy sins punished every violation of His God was merciful unto Epa- are like a spark of fire that falls holy law, and insisted on satisphroditus, fellow - worker with into the ocean of God's mercy" faction being found by the sinner ere He would receive him

But they have been, alas! sud-(Heb. 3:2); that Christians give denly awakened out of this dream, perform the mercy promised" to of God's mercy (Rom. 11:30-31); they read the writing, "Holy, holy, cow gave a big buckit " "He will by His words were the explanation we find grace to help in time of no means clear the guilty." Ah! put her big hoof in th'

It is only by God's mercy that the truth when He sent messen-Jesus: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he

that believeth not shall be damn- the inconceivable midnig ed."

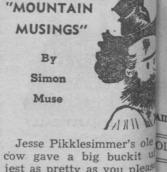
Yes! as a dream "when one Dear friend, these are terrible, awaketh!" There is another world. There is reality in sin. There is an eternal hell. God is not only

ago, a captain with his ship had come upon a sunken rock, and barely escaped. On coming home he told the Admiralty of his dismere imagination, and declared that he would ere long sail his O the mercy of God does so ing, which I bring before you vessel over that fictitious rock! hany things for us. It is by God's from James 2:13. "For he shall In order to carry his boast into action, he did set sail, and coming near the spot, with the chart witnesses of his exposure of the I want you to see from God's delusion. In a quarter of an hour scarcely had he uttered the words. when a harsh, grating sound was heard, and the vessel struck; the keel had grazed the rock; the rock was there; it was no dream! Pale with vexation, and unable to face the men who had heard his vain boasting, he leaped into the sea, and buried his shame in the waves.

> Even thus, deluded soul, shall vain fancies be dispelled. thy "How are they brought into desolation as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors! as a dream when one awaketh." The words of God are no dream.

#### 2. Their Desolation Has Come.

They are stripped of everything they ever enjoyed, everything of the family of God at once earth; as with us, one carried to 1:12). Thousands upon the prison is carefully stripped of his have in their own expe dress, and of all that was his. It proved the reality and gre is in all respects utter "desola- of this salvation. They w tion." tion." No rest is left for them, you that it is no dream for "they rest not day or night," Christ the Saviour meets the while "the weary" (the believer ings of the heart and conseth who was so often made wearied



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jest as pretty as you pleas they find God was speaking only an' ruin'd it all. That's the it is with lots uf preech

gloom and lonely des wrapt up in the terrible of the prophet Jeremiah when telling us that the declares, "Behold I, even utterly forget you!" They in the prison that shall ne opened - left alone, unp for ever, uncared for, forgol God! Surely this is "deso Heaven and hope are out of for ever, for even God 1

now to bestow one thought the sentenced soul. "O that men were wise they would understand the consider their latter end" 32:29).

At any rate, shall God's dren not act like men who see others asleep on the of a precipice? Men of Go you not care whether or not dreamers sleep on? A wor you might be blessed to them, and break in upon dreams. If you have reason in that some whom you once are already lost, all the hasten to rescue those you can. Seek by all mean save some. God the Holy ifte awakens men; but he l use their fellow-men as p struments.

Awake! Awake! sleeping " awake! We tell of great rel It is no dream that soothed conscience and fills our hea it is that greatest of all fac most solid of all truths. loved the world, that he g only-begotten Son, that ever believeth in him show perish," —no, not perish. have everlasting life" (John

God, the eternal Son, down into our world, in 0 ture; lived, suffered, and "the Just for the unjust, to us to God;" and on the rest tion morning the Father his work as all complete. ever receives this Saviour Christ the Saviour meets the

Already we are seeing good results from this it is, stretching out on every side. effort, as many preachers are writing to express their apprecia- They will never forget the gates tion for the paper. Some are becoming subscribers themselves, that shut upon them as they en-

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tered, precluding every hope of escape

O dreadful darkness! tormenting devils! unfeeling company! Now and then, it may be, some of the lost cry one to the other, "How long?" and one to the other utters the terrible response, "For ever and for ever!" They find now that there is a real hell, and that 00 it has everlasting pains, and thrist such as a man sometimes felt on 00 earth, when he would have given kingdoms for one drop of water; 00 and above all, that it has remorse, 00 and fear, and every form of misery, ceaselessly sweeping into the deep, dark dungeon of with him who shows you 00 through their soul, as the wild winds used to do over earth's sea when it could not rest.

true. "Their worm dieth not, and voices, and unmistakable intima-9:44, 46, 48). The infinite God in and life to the full. All this by very truth has poured out vials of contrast, just adds to the intensity wrath on sinners.

about God.

eternal Sabbath. In vain do partial (they all accord in testifying friends say at his grave, "He is at rest;" the lost soul has been never hunger, and he the stripped of it all for ever.

They are beyond conception (John 6:35). lonely and "desolate." No companionship there furnishes relief coming quickly to take vent to that awful solitude; the five on all who obey not the brethren of the rich man (Luke (2 Thess. 1:8). 16:20), when they come to join him, are like fuel flung on the all we say. You shall have fire. No one there breaths sym- and peace in believing" (R pathy; no one speaks of pity! no 15:13), and never more advocate pleads even once on danger of the "desolation their behalf. They risked all, and have lost all.

Think of one doomed to perpetual imprisonment, thrust down open for sin. Come and some great fortress, and left to scarlet sins become white as die and rot there, forsaken and (Is. 1:18). Come and hear forgotten. At times, the man may most substantial and most Christ's threefold utterance is hear overhead the sound of happy the fire is not quenched" (Mark tion that others are enjoying light ners" (I Tim. 1:15). of his insupportable loneliness. He 39). They used to have their dreams has been dropped out of the

memory of his fellow-men. They were sure it would be But all this is a mere hint of dream.

It is no dream that by their ways) has entered on his "altogether lovely." It is no "he who cometh to him lieveth on him shall never

Lose no time, for the L

Come and prove for yo appalling surprise of those live upon their dreams.

Come and try the Fo fying of all truths. -"Jesus came into the world to save

"By him, whosoever belie" justified from all things" (Ac

Christ believed in is pea the soul, and true peace