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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20

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The Death of Christ

THE MEANS OF REDEMPTION IN ALL AGES

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"And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."—Hebrews 9:15.

I assume without discussion that "testament" in this text signifies covenant. The original word has this meaning, and is often translated covenant in the New Testament, and should perhaps be so rendered in every place. If any exception is to be made it must be in the two verses following the text. It is doubtful in regard to them. The text presents as our theme—

THE DEATH OF CHRIST THE MEANS OF REDEMPTION IN ALL AGES

Please direct your attention first to this truth:

I. Christ is Mediator of the new covenant.

The Hebrews were partial to the old covenant, because Moses was its mediator, and because its administration was provided for under the Mosaic Economy. The reverence of the Jews for their lawgiver was great. They gloried in the law ordained by angels in his hands.

But there is a better covenant, established on better promises. That is to say, better things are

promised, and there is better security for the performance of what is promised. Christ is Mediator.

In some respects he is like Moses; in other respects, totally unlike him, as we shall see under the next division of the subject.

Moses administered the old covenant; Christ administers the new.

Moses stood between God and the Jewish people; Christ stands between God and the human race.

The old covenant had to do with one nation; the new has to do with all nations.

In the highest sense of mediation there is one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. As he possesses the nature of both parties between when he interposes, we may be sure of his fitness and competency to carry into effect all the purposes of his interposition.

II. The Mediator's death the means of redemption in all ages.

Here we may see the unlikeness between Christ and Moses. The (Continued on page 3, column 3)



The Will of God

Scripture Reading: — John 6: 33-58.

God has a will. We read, "Who hath resisted His will" (Rom. 9: 19).

The Father has a will, for Christ said: "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which He hath given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day" (John 6:39).

The Son has a will, for "as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom He will" (John 5:21).

The Holy Spirit has a will, He divides the heaven-sent gifts in the body of Christ, "as He will" (I Cor. 12:11). And, as these three are the one God, so their will is one.

Since God has a will He is a Person, and not a mere force.

Since God has a will He is a Person, and not mere matter.

Since God is a Person all that comes to pass is not the result of blind fatalism, but is planned by a supreme Personality! by the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

What is the will of God? How can we explain the will of God?

I

First, we can say that the will of God is a will of purpose. In this respect the will of God is always

DOCTRINAL STUDIES

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done. Whatever God wills, comes to pass. "... He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him: What doest Thou?" (Dan. 4:35).

He "worketh all things after the counsel of His own will" (Eph. 1: 11).

"Whatsoever the Lord pleased that did He in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places" (Ps. 135:6).

"Therefore hath He mercy on whom He will have mercy, and whom He will He hardeneth" (Rom. 9:18).

"Of His own will begat He us with the Word of truth ..." (Jas. 1:18).

As many as He has ordained to eternal life will believe (Acts 13: 48). All that the Father gave His Son will come to Him, and He will in no wise cast them out (John 6:37). This will of God wherein He purposes to do something is always done. It never fails. "... What His soul desireth, even that He doeth" (Job 23:13).

II

Secondly, there is God's will of permission. He has decreed the devil to continue. He decretively permits sin to exist. Now we cannot say that God cannot destroy the devil, and abolish sin because that would question God's power. God is greater than the devil (I John 3:8). Christ destroyed the devil by His death on the cross (Heb. 2:14); and He will finally and forever destroy him in the lake of fire. (Rev. 20:10).

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BRONSON DESCRIBES RECENT SERVICES ON KOREAN ISLAND

We encourage our readers to write Bro. Bronson a letter, asking him of your prayers and interest. His address is below.

By C. W. BRONSON

In this article I will attempt to tell of what I have done by way of mission work so far. Let me say that mission work is slow and that one has to have a lot of patience. Right now, I am to proceed very slowly until I can ascertain the will of the Lord as to the actual locality in which I should work. I still am unsure of this and so far have been "knocking" until He opens a "door of utterance."

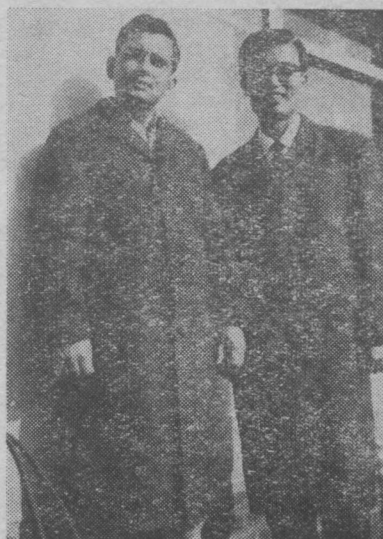
There have been two places of consequence. About two weeks or so ago, I went to a little village up north of here to preach, having announced previously that I would be there to preach. We had gone from door to door passing out tracts saying that we would be there on the next Friday.

Well, no one showed up and consequently we couldn't have any preaching services. We invited a couple of women in to help with regular services and they promised to get some others together for the next time. Also, we promised to see about helping them rent some kind of building in which we could hold services.

At this writing, I am planning on going there tomorrow.

Actually, it doesn't seem to me that there is much of an opportunity there for preaching due to the attitude of the people. It is a very wicked little village and as dirty as it is wicked. Garbage and litter are everywhere; it appears to be a very dismal place.

Yesterday, I returned from a trip to a certain island. The name of the place is Yongyudo. ("Do" in Korean means island). It is not far to this island, according to our way of thinking, but due to (Continued on page 2, column 2)



C. W. Bronson and his Korean Interpreter

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"PERFECT"

"Just men made perfect." — Heb. 12:23.

There is a tremendous contrast between man and God, as I intend to show in this message. God is positively perfect in every detail; whereas man is positively imperfect. There is a day coming when all just men—all justified men—will be made perfect. However, that day will not come in this life, but we thank God that it is out yonder in prospect for each of us who have been justified by the grace of God.

I

GOD IS PERFECT.

His work, we are told in the

Bible, is a perfect work. Listen: "His work is PERFECT." — Deut. 32:4.

Now there is much that is recorded in the Bible which God has done that could be called the work of God, but I'd like for us to think perhaps in terms of two special works; the work of creation, and the work of the recreation, or, in other words, the work of creation and the work of salvation. I'd like to show you that both of these are absolutely perfect.

Go back to the time when God created this world and you will find that as God brought out of

chaos all that He did in six days, that which God did is spoken of as perfect. For example, in the first chapter of Genesis, we find that it says in the 10th verse, "and God saw that it was good"; in the 12th verse, "and God saw that it was good"; in the 18th verse, "and God saw that it was good"; in the 21st verse, "and God saw that it was good"; in the 25th verse, "and God saw that it was good"; and in the 31st verse, "and God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good."

In the reading of these verses (Continued on page 5, column 2)

NEXT WEEK

- Another great sermon on God's sovereign grace by C. H. Spurgeon — "Salvation Is of the Lord."
- An announcement about the booklet, The Historical Faith of Baptists on God's Sovereignty, which is almost ready for mailing.

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VERSE OF THE WEEK

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."—JAMES 1:5.

Examiner Editorials

Running "Calvinism" Into Error

If we did not firmly believe that the doctrines of grace, nicknamed "Calvinism," were Bible doctrines, we would certainly never preach them. In fact, after seeing so many shipwrecks of faith (I Tim. 1:19) in relationship to these doctrines, there is a fear on our part even when we do handle these awesome truths. We fear lest our lack of understanding and clarity becomes the occasion for some brother or sister to stumble or choke on our weak presentation of the Word.

When some folk get hold of election, it becomes their major theme, in fact, their gospel. It is not strange that such a glorious truth affects the child of God in an unusual manner, for this is an arousing truth; however, it is strange that anyone should be moved away from the simplicity of the gospel and be carried away with more concern for election than for the gospel. When men are more anxious that people learn election than that sinners believe the Gospel, we fear that they have gone astray from the proper path.

Sinners never have been saved by believing the doctrine of election; in fact, there have been and still are sinners who believe in election and erroneously make it an excuse for continuing in unbelief and rejection of Christ as Saviour. As Spurgeon put it, they use the doctrine as a sort of a pillow under their armholes that they may rest comfortably in their sins. If we had a choice in the matter, we had rather a sinner hear only the Gospel and be called to repentance than to hear both the Gospel and election and stumble into hell over election. We should not hide the doctrine, as some do, but neither should we let it take the place of the Gospel.

Election, through no fault of its own, often is the occasion for its advocates becoming more contentious than compassionate. Of course, contention may be cited

by some one other than the believer himself, yet even so, the electionist should manifest the temper and spirit of one humbled by the grace of God and not render evil for evil. If we fall into the habit of using the doctrine as a club, we have been led astray by the devil, who seeks whom he may devour.

Our advice to those who do not understand the doctrine, or have some doubts about it, is that they touch not the doctrine, either pro or con, until it is settled clearly in their own minds. Rail not against it, lest God judge you, neither try to expound it, lest you harm others; be content to say, "I am yet unsettled about this doctrine; give me more time for prayer and study about the matter." It is better to take this attitude than to be found opposing a doctrine of the Word of God or trying to teach what you do not even hold dear in your own heart.

Most of all, remember that it is through believing in Christ that men have life and it is of foremost importance that we tell them of Christ that they may believe (Romans 10:10-17). We are grateful to God for every man who preaches the Gospel sufficiently enough that men may believe and live; however, we find no reason to thank God for the man who carries sovereign grace so far that he fails to deliver the Gospel message, or nullifies his references to the Gospel by an over-emphasis on sovereignty.

Bronson

(Continued from page one) to very poor transportation facilities, it takes the best part of a day to get to it from here.

I will try to tell of some of the things we underwent to go there. I do not tell these to complain, but rather to show how difficult it is to do things here and why mission work is difficult.

I left Seoul fairly early in the day and went by "hapseung" to

A NEW TRACT



Recently, we published a little tract on the death of Stephen Mark Ross, the Editor's son, and it is designed to be of help to parents who have lost a child. The newspapers constantly carry stories about the death of infants and we believe you can help someone in your area by getting this tract to bereaved parents. The only charge will be postage — or just whatever you can send to help out with that expense.

Inchon, the port city. This "hapseung" is nothing more than an old American station wagon put to commercial use. It took close to two hours just to go to Inchon, less than thirty miles from here. No super highways here!

I met my interpreter at Inchon, his home, and another Korean who was to direct us to the island. After eating a Korean meal of kimchi and rice, we got aboard the boat that was to take us to the island. This boat was the most wretched "tub" I ever had seen. It was older than I am, I am sure.

We went below the deck into the little room below. At first it was not too bad as there were not too many people. Then, more and more people came. There was no standing room, just room enough to keep from hitting one's head on the ceiling. There was very little light except that which came from the hole where the stairs were. Then, people kept dangling their legs down in the hole shutting out the light. To make it worse, most of them were smoking cigarettes, as if the ventilation were not bad enough.

After so much of this, I could stand no more and so I went "topside." It was much colder up there and the salt air had a biting edge to it, but I much preferred clean, fresh air to that which we had been undergoing.

Finally, we arrived at the island to which we were going. It was almost dark by that time. We had enough light left to proceed to the house to which we were going.

This island seemed to me to be a very picturesque place, very quiet and peaceful. It is, as far as I could ascertain, about three miles long and the same distance wide. But the people seem to be poor and life is hard. Of course, there are no modern conveniences of any kind, unless one would call kerosene lamps modern.

The people to whose house we went were kind to us. After quite a lot of talking about starting a work there, they brought supper to us. I was thankful, even though it was poor Korean food.

After some time, we had services in this home. About twenty or more Koreans gathered for services. Only two of these were Christians, as far as I could tell, those being this man and his mother. The others are interested and are somewhat religious, but unsaved. They have been wanting someone to come and help them, but none had done so up to this time. There is, I understand, a Methodist church somewhere on this island with a woman pastor. She had some time or another, preached to them. This

"I Should Like to Know"

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Yes, this is the group led by such men as J. C. O'Holmes (now dead) and C. R. Stam. They are hyper-dispensational in their theories and without their help one wouldn't know what part of the Bible is for us today. They chop up like an inexperienced butcher and tell us that such things as water baptism are not for our age.

It seems that in these last days Satan is providing "teachers" for the multitudes of unstable people who have "itching ears" for all manner of unscriptural teachings. There's **Oral Roberts** for the minds who want "healing" heresy; there's **Armstrong** (or is it "Headstrong") for those who like salvation by law-keeping and the British Israelite notions; there's "his excellency," **S. M. Shelton** for those who believe that the "one way to God" is to be baptized "in Jesus name" and speak "in tongues." There's **A. A. Allen** for those who want the ultimate "miracles." (Allen recently told of how God had healed a woman's dog, as he prayed over the radio!) There's **Bishop Tomlinson**, for those who go for the "Theocratic Party" and the "prophecy" that Tomlinson will be elected president in 1964. Heresy and demon-work are rampant today as never before. The "tongues" and "healing" movement has even penetrated Episcopalians, Methodists and Presbyterians — also some so-called Baptists. As we behold the scene, our question is, "What next?"

In Luke 1:6, where it says Zacharias and Elizabeth were blameless, does this mean they actually kept the Law perfectly?

If you mean the "moral" law, then the answer is yes. The Bible teaches plainly that "sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4) and "all have sinned" (Romans 3:23). This would take in Zacharias and Elizabeth.

If they kept the Law perfectly, then what need would there be for "ordinances"? These ordinances were instituted as "atonements" for sin — not the actual atonement, but types of the coming Christ, who literally put away sin (Heb. 10:4, 9:26). Zacharias and Elizabeth offered these sacrifices, thus testifying that there were sinners (law-breakers) and were looking for the coming "law of God" (John 1:29). No one but Jesus Christ ever kept the Law perfectly. He kept it in behalf of all believers (Romans 10:4).

Has the Law been done away with?

No. The ceremonial part was fulfilled by Christ (Matt. 5:17, 18), as the ordinances and ceremonies were only types of His coming (Hebrews 10:1 and other verses in this book). Such sacrifices have thus terminated. The moral Law has always revealed the righteousness which God demands of men and Jesus Christ is presented in the Gospel as that Righteousness, freely imputed to all who will trust Him as Saviour (2 Cor. 5:21, Romans 10:4). In the Old Testament, sacrifices pointed to this God-given righteousness; now it is presented in the preached Gospel.

seems to be about all the contact they have had with Christianity.

After some singing of Korean hymns, I preached to them from Acts 17:31, the main thought being that Christ will judge the world and that the nail-pierced hand will one day point in condemnation to those who reject Him. No "altar-call" was given. No invitation to an "old-fashioned altar of prayer" was extended. How could I? They were all seated on the floor and there would have been no room to do so if I had desired. Further, I did not ask them to raise their hands or pray through or any such thing. I simply said, "I have given you the gospel; I can do no more. May God bless it to you." However, I had urged upon them the necessity of repentance and faith. I felt greatly blessed in this message and God gave me much liberty and power.

After some time, everyone went to his own home and we were left alone. We slept in the same room in which I had preached. The Koreans have a kind of radiant heating system they call "ondul." They have a wood (or coal) fire under the floor and thus the floor is heated from beneath. Then, they lay a thick quilt on the floor, another above this, and this is their bed.

Being quite chilled, this "ondul" floor felt pretty good to my weary bones. But, unfortunately,

the floor leaked a bit and we breathed wood smoke all night. From this, the cold, the rigors of the trip and what not, I caught a cold.

Returning, we underwent the same experiences on the boat as before. We had to leave early in order to catch the boat, missed out on breakfast. By time we got back on land, we were weary, cold, hungry, sick. It was about all I could manage to get back to Seoul, felt so sick and tired. Consequently my spirits were depressed and I was in a state of anacholy. About that time I wanted to be back in my beloved homeland and its comforts and conveniences. And to think of some folks back home can't get it to church because of a "ache" or some other imaginary ill!

At this writing, I still feel ill and ill. I don't know how will lead concerning the future of the island, but I am willing to back as He shall lead. They need the truth. If one had a boat it would be a simple matter to go there, preach, and back in the same day, but is, it is a most difficult trip. I have expressed a desire to have an extended evangelistic tour (for about a week) there. (Continued on page 3, column 1)

A CONCISE HISTORY OF BAPTISTS

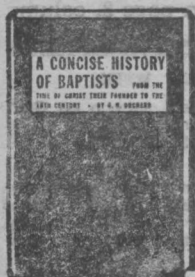
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Ecclesiastes 12:1

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth

"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES"

"Search the scriptures: for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they that testify of me."—John 5:39.

The Lord Jesus Christ told men to search the Scriptures. By this He meant for men to read and study the Bible. For the Scriptures make up the Bible.

Here are just a few reasons why we should search the Scriptures.



1. We should do so to learn of God. The Bible is God's Book, and if we are to learn of God, we must study His Word.

2. The Bible is a perfect Book. There is not one error in it. I have heard people say that there are errors in the Bible, but they have never been able to show even one error. It is a perfect book. So if we want to have perfect knowledge, then we must study the Book.

3. The Bible tells of Jesus. Jesus said that the Scriptures told of Him. That is why the Bible is written. It tells us of Jesus and His love, and how He died for our sins. Surely, you should want to know of Jesus, and the Bible is the place to learn of Him.

4. The Bible tells us of Heaven and Hell. Heaven is the home of the saved, and Hell is the place of suffering for the unsaved. If you want to go to Heaven, then the Bible tells you how to go there. If you do not want to go to Hell, then the Bible tells you how to stay out of Hell.

5. The Bible tells us how to be saved. All people are lost until they are saved. The only way to be saved is through Jesus, and the Bible tells us all about being saved. Read the Bible and you will see that we are saved by

Jesus (Acts 16:30, 31).

6. The Bible tells us the right way to live. A saved person wants to live as the Lord would have him to live. God tells the saved person how to live in the Bible.

Bronson

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As I say, I am still unsure of what the Lord will have me to do. I may possibly have several places to preach each week after God has opened up the way further.

I need to print a good supply of literature so that I may have some "ammunition." I appreciate much more the value of tracts and Bible literature now. I cannot witness to the people without an interpreter, due to the language barrier, but I can give them a tract without uttering a word. I find that "The Trail of Blood" has been translated into Korean. I plan on using this to good extent. If nothing else will make a Baptist of a person, this book will. I feel I owe much to this little booklet myself, to say the least.

READ THE BIBLE BY SYMBOLS

Remember now thy Creator in the days



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years



nigh when thou shalt say,



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them." — Ecclesiastes 12:1.
"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

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I would like to translate "A Systematic Study of Bible Doctrine" (by Simmons) into Korean. This would be very expensive as it would be more bulky than the English one, but it would surely be worthwhile. Also, it would be good to translate some of Spurgeon's sermons into Korean.

There is much which should be done here and many opportunities of doing good. But I know it is impossible apart from God's help and blessing. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. This is simply to repeat our familiar exhortation, "Brethren, pray for us."

The Death Of Christ

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latter did not redeem his people by means of his death. Their redemption was specially dependent on his active life while engineering their deliverance from the bondage of Egypt. His death, so far as we can see, would have prevented their redemption.

Christ's work of redemption was dependent on his death. I do not mean that there was not value in His teachings, in His blameless life, and perfect example. I attribute to these all the worth the Scriptures assign them. But I mean to say that the death of Christ was indispensable to the spiritual redemption of sinners, even as the death of the paschal lamb was to the literal redemption of Israel from Egypt.

The sacrifices of the law were essential to the remission of ceremonial offences and ceremonial penalties. There was no real atonement, but only a typical one, by means of any sacrifice. Now Christ by his sacrificial death made a real atonement, and all the sacrifices of the law considered as types found in him their antitype.

The death of animals offered in sacrifice was essential to the removal of ceremonial iniquity from Jewish transgressors. So the death of Christ is indispensable to the removal of moral offences.

You will note that sins "under the first covenant" were expiated by means of the death of Christ. Hence the words "redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant." This means redemption of the transgressors, so that it follows that all sinners saved under the Mosaic economy, and also from the days of Adam, were saved by means of the death of Christ. We know also that all saved since the Saviour died have been saved through His death.

How conspicuous stands his cross! Old Testament saints looked forward to it; New Testament saints look back to it. The attention of all the redeemed of all ages has been attracted by its glory. We may learn much from Rom. 3:25, 26.

III. The called receive promise of eternal inheritance.

"They who are called," more correctly, "have been called." This is "the heavenly calling." The Israelites had an earthly calling, were called to an earthly inheritance. This calling is equivalent to regeneration, as we may see from I Cor. 1:24; Gal. 1:15; 2 Tim. 1:9.

As the result of the calling we are brought into a filial relation to God. We become the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. There is a hope connected with this calling, as we see in Eph. 1:18. The calling creates hope and directs attention to an inheritance.

Notice the words, "receive the promise." The promise is made

to the called, and they are, therefore, within its scope. See what is promised— an inheritance, an eternal, or rather, the eternal inheritance.

There is only one eternal inheritance, and the called have promise of it. It is "the inheritance of the saints in light," "among the sanctified," "incorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth not away." The called are to inherit a kingdom (Matt. 25:34), and to inherit eternal life (Titus

3:7). Many of the poor are among the called, but how rich they are!

The Will Of God

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Nor dare we say that God did not know that the devil would come, or that sin would enter into the world. That would be to question God's wisdom. And we

FOR THE KIDDIES



GOD CALLS ABRAHAM

Genesis 12:1-4

1 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee;

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing;

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him; and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.



Abraham is a very well-known person in the Bible. God called Abraham His "Friend." (James 2:23). To have God as your Friend is to have the very best friend.

Abraham's name was not always Abraham. Before God called him, he was called Abram. Abram meant "a high father." Later, God said, "Thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee" (Gen. 17:5).

God called Abram when Abram lived in a place called Ur of the Chaldees. He was told by the Lord to leave his home and his relatives and go to another land. God did not tell him where the land was, but promised to show the land to him later on.

So Abram did as the Lord said. He left his home and relatives. Only his wife, his children and his nephew, Lot, went with him. Lot was not supposed to go along, but he wanted to go, so Abram let him come.

Perhaps you wonder why God told Abram to leave his home and go somewhere else. The reason was that God had chosen Abram for a particular purpose. The Lord told Abram that He was going to make a "great nation" come from Abram. He also said that all the families of the earth would be blessed through Abram.

Both promises have come true. The nation of Israel is the great nation which has come from Abraham. And all other nations have been blessed by Jesus Christ, who was a descendant of Abraham.

Those who trust in Jesus as Saviour are, in a spiritual sense, "children of Abraham." They, too, are friends of God. There is nothing more wonderful than to have God as your Friend. He will be with you and help you. He will hear your prayers and guide you.

As God called Abraham to leave his home, God also calls us to leave sin and go to another home—Heaven. By trusting Jesus as Saviour we leave sin and are ready for Heaven.

MEMORY VERSE: "Abraham believed God" — Romans 4:3.

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The Baptist Examiner FORUM

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What is meant by the "heart" in the spiritual realm? — Name misplaced, Coushatta, La.

JAMES HOBBS:

Rom. 10:10 — "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness." When I think of the heart, as used in the Bible concerning man's inner being, I like to associate it with the purpose of the physical heart. Just as the heart of our body supplies us with the life-giving blood, so is the heart of our spirit a symbol of spiritual life. We live because our heart is beating, we have eternal life because we believe from the spiritual heart. Of course, the ability to believe is God-given.

RAY SCHWARTZ:

The word "heart," as used in the spiritual realm, is widely used for the feelings, the will and even the intellect.

E. G. COOK

The heart in the Spiritual realm is not the organ that pumps the blood through the body. The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked (Jer. 17:9). It is from the heart that evil thoughts, murders and all other sinful things come (Mt. 15:19). And the heart is capable of having secrets (1 Cor. 14:25).

All this deceitfulness and wickedness can only originate in, and proceed from, the fallen inner being, or Adamic nature. This deceitful thing remains with us so long as we live in this body, but when we become a new creation in Christ Jesus we also have that clean heart David asked for in Psalm 51:10.

MARVIN MERRY:

The "heart," in the Biblical sense, has been defined as "the seat of the affections." It is the inner region of the body from which thoughts and feelings spring into being. Some say "mind," but the feelings and emotions which arise from within are also inherent in the word "heart."

A READER'S COMMENT

Your latest addition to TBE should prove to be very interesting and enlightening. The probable wide variety of opinions offered by the panelists of the "Forum" should cause the reader to think and that should be good. I would like to comment a little on the first Forum question in connection with "Shedding of Blood." The Greek word, translated "shed" in both the New Testament and the Septuagint is "ekcheo" which is a compound

verb. The preposition "ek" means "out of" and the word "cheo" means "to pour — to spill — to shed — either liquid or solid, either with intent or accidental." Consequently the word "ekcheo" means "to pour out" or "to pour forth." (Liddell and Scott Greek English Lexicon). Therefore, any distinction between "shed" and "spill" would be in the mind of the reader or listener. Keep on giving us new columns and articles for an already great paper.

—Vernon Cornett, Kansas

The Will Of God

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are sure that God knew that sin would enter His creation before

the foundation of the world, because God ordained the cure for sin's curse when He foreordained Jesus Christ to be as a Lamb to shed His blood, and to redeem the elect, "before the foundation of the world" (1 Pet. 1:18-19).

Somehow sin was in God's plan to show God's power in overthrowing the devil (Rom. 16:20); to show God's justice in punishing the ungodly (Rev. 19:1-3); and to show God's grace in saving the elect (Eph. 1:4-7). Beyond that we cannot go. But I will insist that sin and the devil do not thwart or defeat God's will, but are part of His will, though why, I do not fully know any more than any other creature.

III

Thirdly, there is God's will of precept. By that we simply mean, the will of God as it is expressed in the holy Scripture. This is how (Continued on page 5, column 1)

Did You Have A Good Christmas?

Two old friends who had not seen each other for quite a while were shopping in a large super market. They spotted each other at a distance and thought they recognized one another. Yes, after a second glance, they were certain.

"Well, Bill Jones, where have you been so long!"

"Why, hello there, Jack! Ole Jack Williams, the bruiser who was always good for that last foot or two for first-and-ten! Boy, it's good to see you again!"

The two young men went on talking and reminiscing of the past few years, telling of their wives and families. Since Christmas had just past, one of the men asked:

"Did you have a good Christmas, Jack?"

Jack looked at Bill with a cautious eye and replied, "It may surprise you, Bill, but we didn't even observe Christmas."

"Well, I'm sorry, Jack," Bill said with questions running through his mind as to what calamity had happened in Jack's life to prevent his observing Christmas. "Maybe I shouldn't ask, but has something dreadful happened to ruin the holidays for you and the family?"

"Oh, no!" Jack quickly remarked. He paused a second and then asked, "Are you a Christian, Bill?"

"Well, when you knew me years ago, you may recall that I was a church member; but I've been saved since then, Jack, and I am truly a Christian now. I saw my sinful condition in the sight of God about two years ago and trusted Jesus Christ as my sin-bearer."

"Say, I'm tickled to death to hear that! I've been saved for about four years now myself."

"That's wonderful, Jack! Whoever would have thought that two ole hardheads like us would ever be saved!"

"That poem, 'God moves in mysterious ways,' certainly is true, isn't it, Bill?"

The men went on talking about Christ and their present Christian lives in contrast to old sinful, self-centered, pleasure-seeking lives they had once lived. Other shoppers, although they had just gone through the Christmas season, often cast suspicious glances at the two men when they would overhear the conversation about Christ, salvation, and the things of the Bible.

One woman was heard to remark, "What are those two fellows — religious fanatics or something? You'd think they didn't know anything to talk about but religion. Must be two seminary students briefing each other for an examination or something."

Finally, Bill said, "But Jack, what was your trouble at Christmas? I'm rather curious about that."

"Well, Bill, since you are a Christian, I feel free in discussing the question with you. To most people, I just say, 'As good as ever, thank you,' or something like that. Since unsaved people have no regard for the Bible as the authority over their lives, I have found it rather useless and often embarrassing trying to explain myself. But I know you respect the Bible and believe it is God's Word for us."

Bill interrupted, "I sure do, Jack. As I told you, our family reads the Bible together in our home every day and we attend a church where the Bible is faithfully preached. But what has the Bible got to do with this matter of Christmas?"

"That's just it, Bill, since the Bible does not teach the observance of Christmas, we do not believe we should observe it."

"What? Why surely you know that the story of Christmas is found in the Bible."

"I know what you mean, Bill. Sure, I know about the birth of Christ. But, Bill, what I mean is this thing called 'Christmas.' Where do you find that in the Bible? Where does it tell when He was born? Where is there a Christmas tree, and Santa Claus, and mistletoe, and swapping gifts and all that? That's what I'm talking about?"

"Now, look, Jack, I'm not a three-year old when it comes to Santa Claus, but don't you think you have a rather odd approach? After all, the churches have observed Christmas for ages and ages."

"I'll have to differ with you there, Bill. You see, while this may be the first time you've ever heard anyone question the Christmas observance, I've put in a good deal of study about the whole thing, and really, the thing is a modern practice in the evangelical churches. Sure, I was somewhat shaken too, when I first considered the thing, but after studying encyclopedias and other standard

reference works, I have found Christmas to be a tradition of men. Actually, Bill, it came from pagan Babylon. Just where do you think Christmas trimmings originated, Bill?"

"Well, I don't exactly know. Every now and then I've noticed a few things in the papers about the background of Christmas. I don't remember much about it."

Jack quickly said, "You know, I'm glad you mentioned newspapers. It's really astounding how much light they can give people on Christmas. Yet Christian people go on observing the heathenish practices in Christmas. I have read practically the whole pagan background of Christmas in the newspapers."

Jack and Bill went on talking. Finally, Jack decided to get their shopping done and Bill came over to Jack's home and talk some on the subject. Bill hurried home and told his wife about his meeting Jack and told her he was going over to talk with Jack for a while. It wasn't long until he was knocking at the door and was welcomed into the home.

"Jack's been telling me about his talk with you at the store, Bill. I can imagine what a disturbance it all must have been to the shop."

said June Williams, Jack's wife.

"Oh, it wasn't as bad as you might think. After all, I see a lot of you women folk hanging around in those stores, too, you know!"

Mrs. Williams served some refreshments. It wasn't long until the conversation was to the subject of Christmas. Jack took some books and item by item showed Bill where Christmas practices originated. He showed that early Bible-believing Christians rejected Christmas observance and pointed out that Roman Catholicism had been primarily responsible for the observance being brought over from paganism. He gave Bill a copy of a Roman Catholic book titled, "The Christmas Book," and requested he read it. He also gave him a book entitled, "Two Babylons," by Alexander Hislop, and him that this book would trace both Christmas and Easter observance back to Babylon whence they came.

Bill said, "Jack, I can't deny all this evil you have presented and I promise to read about it. But there are so many questions hanging around in my mind."

"I know just what you mean, Bill. Go ahead and pop them to me. I had the same questions when I was young, I'm sure."

"Well, you are the first person I ever met who didn't observe Christmas. Don't you feel rather lonesome?"

Jack chuckled. "It's true that most people observe Christmas and some who know me think I'm a heathen. But actually, there are a great many Christians who feel the same way. I feel. You just haven't met them, Bill. You know it's not too popular to go around tooting the horn that you do not observe Christmas because it's not a Biblical observance."

"Yeah, I guess you have a point there, Bill. But what about your children, Jack?"

Jack called into another room where his young children were putting together a puzzle. "Junior, you and Joe come in a minute."

"Junior, Joe—this is an old friend of Dad's, Bill Jones. Tell Bill who ole Santa Claus is."

The four-year old said, "Why, he's a funny fat man dressed up in a red suit."

The six-year old added, "Yeah, and pull his whiskers they come off!"

"And kids, tell Bill why you don't have a Christmas tree and toys and the things that come with Christmas."

"It's because Christmas is not in the Bible," said Junior.

"What is the Bible, Joe?" asked Jack.

"It is God's Word," said the younger boy. Bill was surprised — yes, astonished. "I'll try to hand it to you, Jack. You have handled things better than I would have dreamed."

"Boys, tell Bill about your toys and what prompted Jack."

"Daddy and Mommy give us toys, but not on Christmas," said Junior.

"Why not on Christmas?" Bill asked, looking in with Jack in getting answers from the boys.

"Because Jesus was not born on Christmas. He doesn't want us to do it," the boy replied.

Then Jack sent the boys back to their room and he turned to Bill. "Now, Bill, do you have any more questions?"

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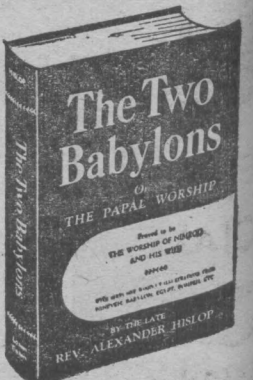
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To-morrow's care I must not bear.
The future is all thine.

To-day I bring my measure
To Thee, that Thou might'st fill
And bless it, Lord, and teach me
To trust and to be still.
To-day I'd be, my God, for Thee,
And do Thy holy will.

Just for to-day, my Saviour,
For e'er the morrow break
Thy voice may call me unto Thee,
And I shall no more walk
The desert path with need of faith,
But face to face shall talk.

And if I have enough, Lord,
To-day, why should I grieve
Because of what I have not,
And may not need to have.
Each day, I pray Thee, have Thy way,
And I will trust Thy love.

H. McD.

The Will Of God

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can get to know "what the
of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17),
searching the Scriptures.
is in holy Scripture that you
of the Saviour say: "This is the
of Him that sent Me, that
one which seeth the Son,
believeth on Him may have
lasting life; and I will raise
up at the last day" (John

is within the pages of the
you will hear: "For this is
will of God, even your sanc-
tion" (I Thess. 4:3).
is within the Bible that the
Christian reads of the will of God
him in such commands as:
"Not forsaking the assem-
blage of ourselves together" (Heb.
10:25); "Bring ye all the tithes
of the storehouse, that there
be meat in Mine house" (Mal.
3:10-11); "Let the Word
of Christ dwell in you richly in
all wisdom" (Col. 3:16); "Pray
without ceasing" (I Thess. 5:17);
"Be ye . . . perfect" (Matt.

of these commands, and
more reveal the will of God
recept. But, alas, how little
will of God is performed in

our own lives! But for that reason
we pray: "The will of the Lord
be done!" (Acts 21:14). Not that
we have any fear that God will
fail to do His will, but we sin-
cerely pray that we might also
do the will of God, or rather,
that God will work "in you
both to will and to do of His
good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13).

IV

Finally, there is God's will of
pleasure. " . . . As I live, saith
the Lord God, I have no pleasure
in the death of the wicked, but
that the wicked turn from his
evil way and live; turn ye, turn
ye from your evil ways; for why
will ye die, O house of Israel?"
(Ezek. 33:11).

Remember this, O sinner, that
God's "pleasure" is in the salva-
tion of sinners, and not in their
death!

Perhaps I am speaking to an
unsaved person now, and you may
be asking the question: "How
can I know if it is God's will to
save me?"

Please allow me to answer, that
since we do not know what the
secret counsel of God's will is
(Deut. 29:29), let us not try to
find out from that source. Let us
go to the other extreme. You
know that God has pleasure from
the salvation of the sinner, and
not from his death, do you not?
Then that should encourage you
to approach God. You also have
God's will for any who will hear
it and believe it in His Word.
What does His Word say? Why
it says over and over, "Come!
Come!" (for example, John 6:37).
Believe it; if you do this much,
if you will come to Jesus Christ
now you will discover that it is
because God purposed it. Will
you look to Jesus Christ for for-
giveness of your sins now? Come.
But if you refuse to come to
Christ you cannot blame this
upon the will of God, but only
upon your own wicked unwilling-
ness. The will of the Lord be
done with you, now and ever!
Amen!

"Perfect"

(Continued from page one)
of Scripture, you find the state-
ment repeated again and again
and again that the creation was
good. In other words, when I say
that God's work is perfect, I
would remind you at the very
outset that the work of creation
whereby God brought into exist-
ence this world and all things
therein, was absolutely perfect.
There is not anything in this
world, beloved, that fails to meet
God's standard of perfection. Man
can't do that way. Man can't make
things perfect. If you do the very
best that you can, you will al-
ways find room for improvement.
In anything that you make, after
it has been made, you will find
that there is some way whereby

it could have been improved up-
on just a little. However, so far
as God's work in creation is con-
cerned, it is said repetitiously
that it was good, and in one verse
it said that it was very good.

Well, if God's work in creation
was perfect, how about God's
work in recreation, or in salva-
tion? Certainly we would say
that the work of God in salvation
was a perfect work. For four
thousand years, prior to the com-
ing of Jesus Christ to the world,
man had been trying to save him-
self by various means of ingenu-
ity. Over and over and over
again, man had come up with
various ideas as to how to be
saved, but always man came face
to face with this fact, that his
attempt in the realm of salva-
tion was an absolute failure. How-
ever, when Jesus Christ came to
this world to die upon the Cross
of Calvary for our sins, everything
that Jesus did, even looking for-
ward to salvation, was perfect.

For example, on the day that
He was baptized, the Father said:
"This is my beloved Son, in
whom I am WELL PLEASED."—
Mt. 3:17.

On the day that He was trans-
figured, the Word of God says
that God looked down and said:

"This is my beloved Son, in
whom I am WELL PLEASED;
hear ye him."—Mt. 17:5.

Then when He came to the
cross, after He had finished dying
for our sins, with a shout of tri-
umph He lifted His voice and
said:

"It is finished."—John 19:30.

Certainly, a perfect work was
thus completed. So when I think
about God, I would say that God's
work is perfect.

I would remind you also that
God's way is perfect. Whatever
God does so far as His way is
concerned, is perfect. Listen:

"As for God HIS WAY IS PER-
FECT."—II Sam. 22:31.

Now God's way does not always
correspond to our way. There are
some things that God wants us to
do, and there are some things
God desires on the part of us,
that we don't like, yet God's way
is a perfect way.

I often think how imperfect is

your way and mine. You must
admit that your way is a most
imperfect way. Look backward
across the path you have come—
look backward across the days
lived here within this world, and
I am sure you will realize that
your way is a most imperfect
way, but that God's way is a per-
fect way.

I say to you that not only is
His work perfect, and His way
perfect, but the Word of God is
perfect. That isn't something that
could be said of you because your
words are not perfect. They are
not even perfectly spoken so far
as grammar and rhetoric is con-
cerned. They are not even per-
fectly enunciated so far as Eng-
lish is concerned. But, beloved,
God's Word is perfect. Listen:

"The law of the Lord is perfect,
converting the soul."—Psa. 19:7.

A little while ago, Brother Bob
was giving us three instances of
individuals who had been saved
as a result of hearing the Word
of God as it was spoken, and in
each instance in rather unusual
circumstances. Well, may I say to
you that that is what the Word
of God is given for, and that only
a perfect Word would ever be
able to convert the soul. We read:
"EVERY WORD OF GOD IS
PURE. Add thou not unto his
words, lest he reprove thee, and
thou be found a liar."—Prov. 30:
5, 6.

Notice, every word of God is
pure. Men talk about the imper-
fections, and the errors, and the
inconsistencies, and the contra-
dictions, and about the fact the
Bibles crosses itself again and
again, but, beloved, that isn't so.
The inconsistencies and the
doubts, which seem to men to be
preposterous, are in the individ-
ual, and not in the Word of God.

Notice again:

"But whose looketh into the
PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY,
and continueth therein, he being
not a forgetful hearer, but a doer
of the work, this man shall be
blessed in his deed."—James 1:25.

Notice that the Word of God is
spoken of as "the perfect law of
liberty."

I say then, beloved, whenever
we think of God, we need to re-
member that God Himself is per-

fect, and surely His Word is a
perfect Word.

I would remind you also that
the will of God is a perfect will.
How utterly different is your will
and mine! We read:

"That ye may prove what is
that good, and acceptable, and
PERFECT, WILL OF GOD."—
Rom. 12:2.

God has a will for this world.
He has a will for your life and
mine. We might call it a purpose
or a plan. After all, it is His will
being worked out in your life
and in my life. The interesting
thing about it is that the Word
of God refers to it as the perfect
will of God. Surely there isn't
anything about your will, your
planning, and your purposing that
is perfect, but God's will is a per-
fect will.

I might go further and say that
the gifts that God gives us are
all perfect gifts. Listen:

"Every good gift and EVERY
PERFECT GIFT is from above."
—James 1:17.

Primarily, he may be talking
about the temporal gifts we re-
ceive—the rain, the sun, the food,
the air, and the water, and he
says they are all perfect; but what
he says about the temporal bless-
ings is just as true of the spiritual
gifts.

Take the gift of repentance.
After all, repentance is a gift. If
God didn't give you the ability
to repent, not one of you would
ever repent. Faith is a gift. If
God didn't give you the gift of
faith, you would never exercise
faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
The calling of the Lord Jesus
Christ is a gift. God had to give
to you the call, or you never
would have turned to Him to be
saved. God had to make you will-
ing; He had to give you the will-
ingness to be saved, for not one
of us would have been saved if
God had not made us willing. In
fact, the Word of God says:

"Thy people shall be willing
in the day of thy power."—Psa.
110:3.

The only time we are willing is
when God's power is manifested
and exerted in our behalf on the
part of God.

So, beloved, all these gifts that
I have mentioned — repentance,
faith, and the calling of God—
all of these are perfect gifts.
How utterly different to the gifts
that you and I make. We have just
passed through that season of
gift giving when people measure
in terms of dollars and cents
that which they are about to give
to others. "You give me a sock,
I'll give you a sock; you give me
a tie, I'll give you a tie; you give
me a shirt, I'll give you a shirt."
We have just passed through that
season at the present time. How
many individuals had to take
their socks and their shirts and
their ties, and stand in line at
an exchange counter to have an
exchange made, simply because
that they were not perfect? The
gifts we give to one another are
so seldom ever perfect gifts, but
God's gifts — repentance, faith,
calling, and the willingness to be
saved—all of these gifts of God
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By JAMES SHATTLER

"Go ye into all the world and
preach the gospel to every crea-
ture". Mark 16:15.

But how many of us really go
into the world and preach the
gospel? Not very many of us are
fearless enough, or stimulated
enough to do this.

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gospel, I am sure He meant to
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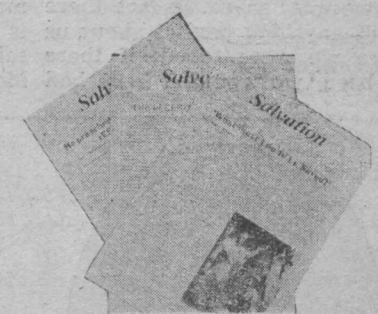
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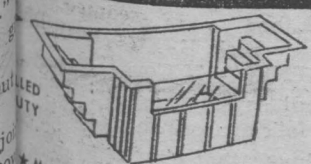
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"Perfect"

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are perfect gifts.

So I say to you, beloved friends, we serve a perfect God. His work in creation and recreation is perfect, His way is perfect, His Word is perfect, His will is perfect, His gifts are perfect, and I might say also that everything that God has ever said or done, and everything that God shall do or say, is absolutely perfect in every particular.

II

WE ARE MOST IMPERFECT.

Whereas God is perfect in every particular, you and I are most imperfect. We were imperfect before we were saved. In fact, there wasn't anything perfect about us before we were saved; if there had been, we wouldn't have had

to be saved. We read:

"There is NONE RIGHTEOUS, no, not one."—Rom. 3:10.

Then after we were saved, certainly we are not perfect. The Apostle Paul says:

"Now then it is no more I that do it, but SIN THAT DWELLETH IN ME."—Rom. 7:17.

Here is a man who has been saved for 30 years. Here is a man who has been a faithful servant of the Lord for 30 years. Here is a man who has dotted the whole New Testament land with New Testament churches. Here is a man who has written some 14 books of the New Testament, yet he says, "sin dwelleth in me." Paul was surely far from perfection.

Notice again:

"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh), dwelleth NO GOOD THING."—Rom. 7:18.

So, beloved, we can see that even after one is saved, he is far from perfect.

To notice the experience of the Apostle Paul again, we read:

"Not as though I had already attained, EITHER WERE ALREADY PERFECT: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."—Phil. 3:12-14.

Here is a man who, I say, has been saved for 30 years, but he is not perfect. No man in his day was used as was the Apostle Paul, yet he was not perfect. No man in his day was the missionary or the evangelist as was the Apostle Paul, yet he wasn't perfect.

I say to you, beloved, before we were saved, we weren't perfect; after we are saved, we are still imperfect; even the great Apostle Paul was imperfect. We are much in contrast to the perfection of God.

Oh, I know that there are those individuals who say that a man can be perfect. It is often said that Job was a perfect man, and for a Scripture they will quote Job 1:1, which says:

"There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil."

Beloved, the word "perfect" used here is nothing more than the word "sincere." As for saying that Job was morally perfect—so far as saying that Job was a man of absolute perfection, that is utterly preposterous and ridiculously absurd. The fact of the matter is he was nothing more than a sincere man.

A little later on Job himself said:

"Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."—Job 42:6.

No, no, beloved, Job wasn't perfect.

I know there are individuals who say they are perfect, and they'll even cite the fact that there are other perfect individuals mentioned even in the Bible. One poor soul, hard pressed some years ago, gave this Scripture to prove to me that a man could be perfect in this world. Listen:

"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace."—Psa. 37:37.

He said, "See here; there is a man that is perfect." I said, "Who is he?" He said, "John Mark." I said, "Where do you get John Mark out of that Scripture." He

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said, "It has his name there—Mark the perfect man."

Well, I take for granted, beloved, when a man reads his Bible like that, that he doesn't have too much to worry about when it comes to the matter of going to Heaven anyway. I think he will get in pretty well on the same basis as the imbeciles and the idiots will. There is just not enough gray matter above the burr of the ear for the Lord to hold him responsible. But when it says, "Mark the perfect man," it is not talking about John Mark, for John wasn't born until 800 years after this; what he actually is saying is to mark the perfect man or point him out. In other words, we are commanded to point out a man who is perfect.

Yes, beloved, there are individuals who talk about being perfect.

Moses wasn't. I see Moses, a great man of God, a greater man of God than any of us—so great that when God wanted to hold a Bible Conference with the Lord Jesus Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration, that God brought back Moses, who had been gone from this earth for 1400 years, and Elijah, who had been gone for 700 years, and had them discuss the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. Did you ever notice what they talked about? It says that they came down to talk about "His decease" that He was about to accomplish in Jerusalem. Who was it that came to talk about the death of Jesus? It was Moses.

But, beloved, Moses wasn't a perfect man. I see him getting mad. I see him take his rod and strike it against the rock, and water gushed out. God said He was going to give the people water, and He did so. The water gushed out, but what Moses had done was wrong.

One day later he went up on Mount Nebo, and there on Mount Nebo God said, "Moses, look over there on the other side of Jordan. Away up yonder in the north, is where Dan is going to settle." He pointed to the south and said, "That is where Judah and Benjamin are going to settle." Then he pointed out every one of the spots in between where all the tribes were going to settle. Moses said, "Lord, that looks like a good place. Is that where we are going?" God said, "Wait a minute, Moses; you used the wrong pronoun. I am going, and the children of Israel are going, but you are not going. You remember I told you one day to speak to the rock, and instead you smote it with your rod. Because of your sin, you are going to die here on Mount Nebo," and God with His own hand smote Moses, and buried him there on Nebo's lonely mountaintop. Moses, I say, was not perfect.

Later on, as I said, 1400 years later, he came down and talked with Jesus about His death that He was about to accomplish in Jerusalem. Still later, the Word of God tells us that when we get

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To some I am welcome, others despise me, some have no feeling at all, while others do everything they can to get rid of me once and for all.

Every Christian ought to pass me to someone else, for many of them fail to see my importance. Some are wonderfully blessed in their associations with me, and testimonies ring through the rafters of the churches of the land where dedicated men and women tell of the way God blesses them through the ministry of handing me out.

Sometimes I get lonely, for a well meaning Christian gets me and some others like me and puts us on the shelf and I have never been known to speak when I am laid up in this manner. The happiest moment of my life comes when I am put into the hands of some poor lost soul, who eagerly scans my face and drinks deeply of the truth I contain.

If the world could only know that countless thousands have come to know the blessed Lord Jesus Christ through my message! If only the Christians around the world could see my power and boldness . . . Why do you know I can go into places a witness for Christ can never go? I cry daily, "Here am I, Lord! Send Thou me!" And sent I am, for the work is great, the fields are white, and I am a laborer that speaks and works while you sleep at night. I am tireless and nothing can stop me as I travel—EXCEPT THE FAILURE OF THE CHRISTIAN TO SEE HOW REALLY IMPORTANT I AM! Won't you send me to some lost soul?

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to Heaven, we are going to sing the song of Moses and the Lamb. It is wonderful to see the Redeemer of Israel of the Old Testament, and the Redeemer of the elect of God of all ages, with their names linked together; it will be wonderful for us to sing the song of Moses and the Lamb. But wonderful as this is, Moses was not a perfect man; he was far from perfect.

I think of Isaiah, good man that he was, and I rather imagine that he was probably the best man in his day, but he wasn't a perfect man. The Word of God tells us God chose him that He might through him write the book of Isaiah, and though God used him mightily in writing this book of Isaiah, and though God used him mightily as a servant of the Lord, still Isaiah was not perfect. Listen:

"Woe is me! for I am undone! because I am a MAN OF UNCLEAR LIPS, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclear lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."—Isa. 6:5.

Brother, sister, I am saying to you, in contrast to the perfection of God, you and I are most imperfect. When you hold God up to realize that God's work, and God's way, and God's Word, and God's will, and God's gifts are perfect, and then contrast it with your life—contrast it with what you have been for the past 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, or 60 years, you come most quickly to this conclusion, that we are a most imperfect group of individuals.

III

OUR GOAL.

While we are imperfect, we ought to have a goal, and that goal should be the perfection of the Lord. I haven't any business to look at some individual who is a good man and say, "I'd like to be as good as he is." I have no business to say, "I'd like to be just as good as I think that woman is." That is not the goal I am to shoot at. The goal that I am to aim for is the perfection of God the Father. Listen:

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven

is perfect."—Mt. 5:48.

We are told specifically that we should seek to be just as perfect as God the Father. I say, beloved, it is our goal that we ought to be striving toward, the target that we ought to be aiming to reach.

Notice again: "Having therefore these desires, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, PERFECTING HOLINESS in the fear of God."—II Cor. 7:1.

Beloved, are you as holy as you would like to be? Are you times we make fun of the rollers, and, brethren, I they deserve it. When they around telling me how holy are, I just more or less feel for them. We poke a lot at the Holiness people in their claim to perfection. want to tell you, we as people would be a lot better we sought a little more perfection, that the Holy says he has, but doesn't have.

Listen again: "For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong; and also we wish, EVEN YOUR PERFECTION."—II Cor. 13:9.

Paul says, "I am wishing you folk at Corinth, perfect." I know that church at Corinth was far from a perfect church. I realize that they were all up. If there were ever a bunch of people in this it was the church at Corinth. Those folk at Corinth were divided over the question of preachers. Some said Paul was the biggest preacher in the world.

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A Good Christmas?

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"I guess not, Jack. I see this thing now and I'm convinced you are right. I have always had doubts in my mind about all this ballyhoo that goes along with Christmas. I've never really had the kids about Santa Claus, but of course I had the tree and gifts and everything else. I also have to admit that my conscience hasn't been easy about all the money we have spent this season when that money could have been given to missions or to some other scriptural use."

"Glad you said that, Bill; it reminds me of the evils of Christmas which I failed to mention."

"What's that?" asked Bill.

"All right, Christmas is supposed to be Christ's birthday, right?"

"Right."

"O. K., but who gets the gifts?"

"Say, I never thought of that! If it were really his birthday, He ought to be getting the gifts! I should spend and spend on ourselves and our family. Fact is, Jack, I just wonder how many people even pretend to give Jesus anything at Christmas!"

"Well, I've heard some say they had presents for Jesus, but very few people indeed," said Jack.

Jack went on: "Bill, I'm glad you have seen that I have tried to explain. It is always rather difficult to explain this to people, due to their deep-rooted customs and practices. But since you are a Christian and want to honor Him, and since

you take the Bible to be the authority for your life, I am not at all surprised that you have seen the truth and been receptive to it. In fact, I think every person who is truly saved, if properly taught, will see this. Of course, some of them violate their conscience and God's Word and go on observing Christmas, but I'm glad there are many who don't."

Bill arose to leave. "Jack, I'm surely glad to have seen you again and I'm going to be seeing more of you and June. But most of all, I want to thank you for having the courage and the Christian spirit to tell me the truth about Christmas, although you knew I observed Christmas and might think you were a heathen. I just hope I will be able to help others who have been the victims of this heathen custom, now that I know the truth. Thank you for everything, June, and I'll be contacting you both soon about coming over for dinner."

"It was our pleasure having you, Bill," Mrs. Williams said smilingly. "I would just love to meet your wife and children."

Bill and the Williams' family said good-by to each other and Bill got in his car to drive home, pondering how he might break the news to his wife about Christmas. His first thought was, "Lord, now that you have shown me the truth, please show my wife and help me to teach her and the children."

The Lord answered his prayer and the Jones' family has had "good," Biblical Christmas seasons ever since, having turned from observing the heathen custom that so many have been erroneously taught to believe is a Christian holiday.

he said Peter, and some said Paul; they were all divided over the question as to who was the biggest preacher. There was a morality in the church. They were all mixed up so far as their work for the Lord was concerned, yet Paul said, "I have a wish for you—your perfection. I want you to be perfect."

Then when Paul concludes this book of II Corinthians to the most ungodly church of all—New Testament, he said:

"Finally, brethren, farewell, BE PERFECT, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and God of love and peace shall be with you."—II Cor. 13:11.

It was the goal of perfection that Paul held up to this most perfect church.

Then we read:

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, teachers; and some, pastors; and some, for the PERFECTING OF THE SAINTS, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, Till all come in the UNITY of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto A PERFECT man, unto the measure of the fullness of Christ."—Eph. 4:11-13.

Beloved, why did God give teachers; why did God give prophets, and evangelists and pastors and teachers? To make the church to be a perfect church. If we have a duty, and if Brother Bob has a task it is that we might reach to you the Word of God in order that you might become perfect thereby.

Notice again when Paul says:

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that YE MAY BE PERFECT and complete in the will of God."—Col. 4:12.

Paul wanted this church at Colosse to be a perfect church, he said to them, "Epaphras, who is one of you, is praying for you. Now Epaphras was one of those servants who went along with him every place he went, he was originally from the city of Colosse, and Epaphras was his time praying for the

church back at Colosse for one purpose that they might be made perfect.

Listen again:

"Now the peace of God . . . MAKE YOU PERFECT in every good work to do his will."—Heb. 13:20, 21.

"But let patience have her perfect work, that YE MAY BE PERFECT and entire, wanting nothing."—James 1:4.

Isn't it wonderful, beloved, that God wants us to come to the place that there is nothing wanting so far as our lives are concerned? Now I don't say that you have fully reached that stage as yet. I haven't quite reached that stage myself. I'll be perfectly frank with you, I think I am an exceedingly long distance from perfection. You may think that you are perfect. You may think you are getting along mighty, mighty well in your Christian experience, but I just don't remember as I go down the road to perfection, ever feeling the breeze from you as you have passed me by, going so fast in the same direction. Yet it is our goal—the goal of perfection.

As the Apostle Paul said:

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, LET US GO ON UNTO PERFECTION."—Heb. 6:1.

The Apostle Paul knew he wasn't perfect. He knew these Hebrew Christians weren't perfect, for he said, "Let us go on unto perfection."

Would to God we could realize that this should be our goal. We should be striving and consciously endeavoring every day in a conscious way to become more and more perfect—more and more complete—more and more entire, wanting nothing in Jesus Christ.

As the poet has said:

"I heard it singing, singing softly Softly in an undertone; Singing as if God had taught it, It is better further on."

Night and day, it sings the same song, Sings it while I sit alone; Sings it so the heart can hear it, It is better further on.

Sits upon the grave and sings it,

Sings it when the heart would groan; Sings it when the shadows darken, It is better further on.

Further on? How much further? Count the milestones one by one; No, no counting; only trusting, It is better further on."

We ought to be striving every-day toward that perfection that is ours, further on.

They tell me that before Columbus discovered America all the coins of the Spanish realm carried this slogan in Latin: "Ne plus ultra," which meant "nothing beyond," but after Columbus discovered America, they melted all the coins of the Spanish empire and left off the "Ne" and just put "plus ultra," which meant, "more beyond."

Would to God that we would look at our lives and instead of saying that there is nothing beyond—there is nothing better for me out there, and instead of saying, "I have reached the acme of perfection,"—would to God that we might say "Plus ultra—more beyond." That is my goal and my desire. That is the thing that I wish above everything else—that I might come to a state of greater perfection in Him.

IV

OUR AID.

We have an aid whereby we can become more perfect, and that is the Word of God. We read:

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God MAY BE PERFECT, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."—II Tim. 3:15-17.

God wants us to be perfect. He wants us to live a life that is far better than what we are now living. Consequently, He has given to us a Book to guide us.

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THE SHEPHERD AND THE SHEEP

Read: Ps. 23; John 10:1-16; Heb. 13:20; I Pet. 2:25

Jesus is presented as the Shepherd. His people are called the sheep. Many points of spiritual realities are illustrated by the sheep-shepherd relationship.

I. The Shepherd's CROOK:

- For guidance
- For warning—Micah 6:9.
- For chastisement — Ps. 89:32; Pr. 10:13.
- For protection: Ps. 23:4. (Not a rod of iron, but of mercy).

II. The Shepherd's PATIENCE: Rom. 15:5.

- He is forbearing, longsuffering, with—
—the wanderers (I Pt. 2:25)
—the bleating voices (complaining, biting, etc.)
—the ignorance of His sheep

III. The Shepherd's GUIDANCE:

- He chooses the pastures (knows our need)—Ps. 23:2
- He directs the sheep — sends them in and out—Jn. 10:4.

IV. The Shepherd's CONCERN:

- For the sheep in trouble—Mt. 12:11.
- For the sheep lost—Luke 15:4.
- For the sheep scattered—Mt. 9:36.
- For the sheep divided—John 10:16.
- For the sheep hungry—John 21:17

V. The Shepherd's SACRIFICE:

- Denies self (wealth, fame, comfort, family)
- Risks life—John 10:11-13.
- "Round the clock" vigilance

VI. MARKS of the Sheep:

- Called—John 10:16.
- Hear—John 10:27.
- Follow: John 10:27.
- Return to Shepherd: I Pet. 2:25.
- Enter the Door: John 10:9.

chapter in the Bible and be the same as you were before. That is why it is that I try to urge people to read the Bible through every year. You will never be the same if you read your Bible. You will find things in there you have been doing that you ought not to do, and you will find things in there that you haven't been doing that you ought to do. The result is, it will lead you on to perfection.

If you would ask for the one aid above all other aids, I would tell you that it is the Word of God. There are many aids to perfection — church going, church attendance, prayer, fellowshiping with God's people, witnessing for the Lord, being missionary and evangelistically minded; all these things certainly cause an individual to come toward perfection. However, the one thing above all else that will bring you to the position where you are a perfect man or woman in God is the Bible itself. It is God's Guide Book on the road to perfection.

V

A PERFECT DAY COMING.

God is perfect. We are imperfect. Our goal is that of becoming more and more perfect. We have a Bible to help us reach that goal, yet frankly we'll never reach it in this life. Thank God, someday there is a perfect day coming.

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." — Prov. 4:18.

I already have a perfect nature because I have the nature of God inside me. My body isn't perfect. The nature of my flesh isn't perfect, but I have a perfect nature right now. I have a perfect record with God, for all of my sins are blotted out. I haven't got a single sin resting against me. I have a perfect record with God to go along with that perfect nature. I have perfect clothes right now because I am already clothed in the righteousness of God's own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Some of these days God is going to lay this imperfect body that I carry around in the dust, and then that perfect nature that I have now in Christ, is going to shine forth — as the text says, "that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Beloved, it gets brighter as you go along. It gets brighter as you advance. The farther you go in the service of Christ the less this world means to you, and the more the Lord Jesus Christ means so far as your life is concerned.

I am satisfied that I speak to

you whose hearts echo what I have said. I am sure you would say, "Brother Gilpin, that is true. The farther I go, the less I think of this world, and the more the world out yonder appeals to me." Yes, beloved, there is a perfect day coming for us in Christ Jesus.

CONCLUSION

How can a man be ready for that day? Beloved, you have to have your nature made perfect in this world in order to be ready to enjoy that perfect day with the Lord. Listen:

"Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man PERFECT IN CHRIST JESUS." — Col. 1:28.

I am not perfect in my flesh, I am not perfect in my church membership, I am not perfect in my morality, I am not perfect in my ethics, I am not perfect in my spiritual life, and I am not perfect in any wise so far as this flesh is concerned. But, beloved, I am already, in the sight of God, perfect in Jesus Christ; and if you are going to enjoy that perfect day that is waiting out yonder for the children of God, it will become yours on this same basis — that you have been made perfect in Jesus Christ here within this world.

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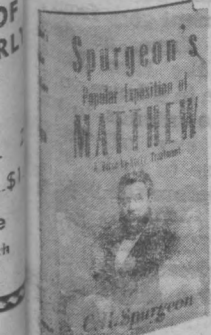
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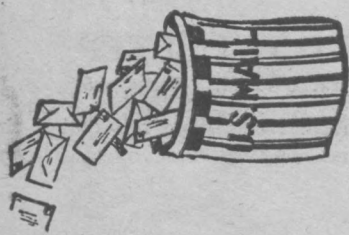
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READERS 'RITE



We would like to comment on the article, "The Importance of Dress." Although the spirit of the article was well taken in that we do not favor either youngsters looking like beatniks, etc., we would like to cite our experience in a small suburb of Chicago, Illinois.

The grade school there hired a Catholic man for its superintendent. Several of the school board members were also Catholic. Between them they formulated a policy which outlawed the ordinary blue jeans, not black, brown, green, but ONLY blue jeans. If they had specified the skin-tight, low-slung, Levis, we would have been behind them 100%. The school grounds were mostly gravel and dirt which became a real mess in rainy weather. We have ten children, six of whom were in school. We have always insisted that our children be neat and clean.

However, we have always dressed our boys in good-looking nylon reinforced standard blue jeans which come up at the waist just like regular pants, and taught them to keep their shirts tucked in. Our boys are all saved and have never been a discipline problem. We were quite a thorn in the superintendent's side because we sweetly but steadfastly refused to conform to the dress regulations as far as blue jeans were concerned. In every other way we tried to be as cooperative as possible. We talked with the superintendent and explained our viewpoint. We felt that this was just the beginning of Catholic conformity in our public school system. Also we felt that this was a blow at the old American tradition of blue jeans. It also worked a hardship on my wife to conform to such regulations in that she did not have to spend hours over an ironing board with blue jeans like she would have had to with dress pants such as they proposed.

Just thought we would like to share this experience with you.

We found that the behavior problems in our particular school were still problems even though the outside was cleaned up. We told our superintendent that the only sure way to clean up a youngster's behavior was to get at his heart with the Gospel of Christ.—Pastor C. W. Reaka, Kansas.

A dear sister in Christ handed me several copies of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER a couple of years ago and I read them, passed them on to others and encouraged them to do likewise. As I felt they were too valuable to end up in some trash can, I urged them to be careful to whom they passed them on to.

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I was visiting this dear lady again who lives some fifty miles from me the 25th of December and she gave me several more copies of TBE, so after coming home, as I do not take part in any way with these "pagan holidays," I sat and read these copies (am still reading them) and rejoiced in the Lord as each message lifted up my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I also thanked the Lord that somewhere in this old sin-sick world a few others were worshipping the same God I am given grace to worship and were at the same time edifying Him instead of Santa Claus and Christmas, etc. I looked for the return of my Lord instead of Santa Claus, as so many were doing.

I'm praising the Lord for salvation in Him, and I find rest in Him and Him alone and not in the things of this world. Oh! that people knew the Lord, whom to know is life eternal!!

—Mrs. Thomas Threadgill, Alabama

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On my way to my loved ones there,
I want to have Jesus go with me;
Then I will have nothing to fear.

The road I want to take to Heaven
Is by the Way of Calvary.
First I want to see my Saviour,
Who died on the cross for me.

When in that resurrection morning,
There our loved ones we shall see,
Where there will be no more sad partings;
But forever together we'll be.

There we'll sing God's praise forever,
While safe within His fold:
There we will sing His praise forever,
And we'll never grow old.

Oh, I'm so glad I have a Saviour that the cross could not kill nor the tomb could not hold.

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BROTHER J. M. McDONNELL signing from the pastorate of the Road Baptist Church in Texas and will go to the West as a missionary. Brother M. B. spoke at our 1963 Bible Conference and his message will be given in TBE soon. Remember Sister McDonnell in prayer as she is out as missionaries in a new of labor.

IF you have copies of the A. W. Pink's magazine, "Study the Scriptures," for 1938, notify us. We have a request party who wishes to obtain them.

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1. Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."—Acts 8:37.

"These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name."—John 20:31.

2. Believe that He bore your sins.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all."—Isa. 53:6.

"Who his own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree."—I Pet. 2:24.

3. Believe that He was raised from the dead.

"Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification."—Rom. 4:25.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."—Rom. 10:9.

4. Believe that He will save you.

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

5. Believe that He is able to keep you day by day.

"Wherefore He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him."—Heb. 7:25.

6. Receive Him as your Saviour.

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."—John 1:12.

"He that hath the Son hath life."—I John 5:12.

7. Acknowledge Him as your Lord.

"My Lord and my God."—John 20:28.
"Why call ye Me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"—Luke 6:46.