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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 WINE OF ASTONISHMENT

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Thou hast showed thy people hard things; thou hast made drink the wine of astonishment. Thou hast given a banner that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the stasy," which is translated "aston--Psa. 60:3, 4.

thing I am going to unconditional election. seemed very hard for you; The word "astonishment" is

tonight, as the text says, hard thing. Many say they will show thy people." A great never swallow this "wine of others it here tonight are God's astonishment," yet to others it That is one reason for is a most blessed doctrine of comon this subject. I don't fort and blessing. We desire to ow it is with you, but I look at the 9th chapter of Rothat sometime in your mans, on God's Sovereignty and

it did for me. Tonight I used 20 times in the whole Bible liscuss with you a sub- Our English word "astonishment" to many is still a very is found 19 times in the Old

Old Testament, and the one time it is used in the New Testament is the Greek word "ekstasis." I think you can easily see where we get the English word "ecishment." Actually, the word literally means "a standing out from." That is where we get the English word "ecstasy" - from the Greek word, which means "to stand out from." The word "astonished" is found 18 times in the New Testament, but "astonishment" is found just once.

Here is another interesting discovery. Every time the word "astonished" is used in the Gospels, it is either about something Jesus did or said. People were astonished at something He did or something He said. At the age reason. of 12, Christ astonished the doctors of the law by His interpretation of the law. He actually astonished these aged men with His wisdom and understanding. Five times we read in the Gospel accounts where people were astonished at His doctrine. His disciples were astonished, the multitudes were astonished, and His enemies, the Pharisees and the Saducees, were astonished.

They were astonished at Nazareth, and the Bible says they were astonished at Capernaum, and in Jerusalem. When you come to the Sermon on the Mount, which is probably one of the greatest messages spoken, it says that the people were astonished at His doctrine when He finished. The one time where you will find this word "astonishment" used in the New Testament is in Mark 5:42, where Jesus Christ brought someone back from the

"And they were astonished

Notice, it is almost a double sin would enter into sin, permits sin, directs sin in use of the word, for it says that they were astonished with great astonishment.

I suppose that would happen today if anybody came back from the dead, for it would be a great astonishment; but actually, isn't that the picture every time a soul God oftentimes prevents sin. is saved? It says that we are dead

Testament but is found only once the newness of this eternal life, it in the New Testament. There are should astonish everybody, and five different Hebrew words we should be so living that we translated "astonishment" in the are an astonishment to men and women.

> I realize this message concerning the ninth chapter of Romans presents some hard, difficult, and astonishing things - not because the text is obscure, not because the words are difficult to understand, but simply because men and women wish to thrust reason in the place of God's revelation. The church has been corrupted and cursed in almost every age by the undue confidence of men in their reasoning powers. They have undertaken to pronounce upon the reasonableness or unreasonableness of doctrines infinitely above their reason, which are necessarily matters of pure revelation. Revelation some-

For example, how can you reason that by marching around a has been well said that in the then seven times on the seventh day, that the walls are going to fall down? There is no reason in it at all, but God told the Israelites to do it, and they did it, and it was accomplished.



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things of God and have interpreted Scripture not according to the obvious meaning, but actimes absolutely goes against cording to the decisions of their sinful, evil, corrupt reasoning.

Francis Pieper, in his book, "Christian Dogmatics," says, It doctrine of election a theologian takes his final examination." That quite a statement.

W. R. Newell says on page 362 of his book on Romans, "The great revealed truth about the sovereignty of God preplexes Men in their presumption have many, disturbs others, and takes sought to comprehend the deep (Continued on page 2, column 3)

# God's Providence Extends Over The Evil Acts Of Men

ELLEVER SERVICE SERVIC

Why does God allow sinners to exist on the earth? Why God allow sin? Why doesn't God save everybody? Why God destroy the Devil? Or is God powerless in these Are the sinful acts of men a part of God's plan or hing apart from God's plan?

The Problem Of Sin

is the problem of sin. sin originate? Did God or permit it, or did it unexpectedly?

shall say that sin came in Frank B. Beck tedly or unforseen by we charge God with t knowledge. That is not of God we know in the Scriptures. He is perfect

understanding is infinite"

moweth all things" (John

God did know before-

from the beginning of the go.

included the work of refrom sin and Hell, acluded sin.

d enter into the world, He not prevent it? Sup-We say that He could We charge God with power. Again this is od with whom we are in sacred writ. He heaven and in earth" 28:18).

cannot say that He could then we must say that He not. If we conclude that had prevent sin from enthe world but would not, must be that the sinful men are included in the and plan of God

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to, He leaves them to themselves and they willingly sin. But God dead, for it says: uses the sinful acts of men to His own glory, either in justice with a great astonishment." or in grace, in that He prevents and is gathered from Acts courses wherein He can manifest His glory, and determines how unto God are all His far the sinner or the Devil shall

> I. God, In His Providence, Prevents Sin

This is according to His grace in trespasses and sins, and when

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"Christ Jesus came into the World to save sinners; . . ."

Yes, this is good news for the ation." Not some solution thought NOW. "NOW is the accepted with no strings attached. time; behold NOW is the day of SALVATION."

Many of you have heard you of the "good news of the world tomorrow;" well, I tell you of the good news of TODAY. Again, CHRIST JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS.

saw beforehand that (Continued on page 8, column 1) we are brought back to life into saying and worthy of all accept-God says, "This is a faithful

guilty sinner as he sees himself up by depraved man, such as filthy, unrighteous, and hell- penance, prayers, confession, or bound: CHRIST JESUS CAME the rosary, but this solution is of TO SAVE! Still yet, one of the God Himself, and since it is, we things so good about this news can accept it, adding nothing, is that it is for TODAY, right and taking away nothing, and

Yes this indeed is good news: We all qualify as needing Christ, for we all qualify as sinners, and smooth throated radio voice tell what a glorious thought: Jesus Christ (God in the flesh) came to save sinners. Why, this news is worthy to be shouted from the housetops, worthy to be written in clouds of smoke across the sky, worthy to stand for all eternity as a tribute to the precious "Lamb of God," and no doubt it will. For I suppose that even as eons of eternity have passed the saints of glory will not have ceased to have this saying upon their lips, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Oh, precious soul, is this saying real to your heart?

Do you know the Christ who came? Have you experienced His loveliness, and righteousness being born in your very soul? Or are you yet without Him? He came into the world, he shed his There is only one true rock for own sinless blood, the scriptures tell us "as a ransom for many' "For their rock is not as our that He might redeem us from quered death, hell, and the grave, This is one of the last sermons justifying us before the Heavthat Moses ever preached. You enly Father, and even today continually holds on to His dear eronomy was really the second elect, taking them to the appointgiving of the law. There had been ed time of deliverance into a generation that had lived and eternal bliss with the Most Holy

If you know not this Saviour, to save.—Tabernacle Baptist Con-(Continued on page 5, column 2) tender, Johnny Gilmer, Editor.

# He pleases (Psalm 115:3) A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I."-Psa. 16:2.

You will be amazed if you will. take your Concordance and look the evil acts of of times the expression "the the it said, that men sin of rock" is used from a spiritual own said, that men sin of rock" is used from a specific deprayed wills. God standpoint. In fact, when you do that force" men to sin so, you can easily understand that Mr. Spurgeon, their will. He doesn't have why it was that Mr. Spurgeon, in his preaching, referred so often to the rock. Most of us have some peculiarly favorite text that we preach from or that we refer ferred to so often, and so many times, in the Word of God.

THE ROCK REPRESENTS ONLY ONE TRUE ROCK. OUR LORD.

We read:

liverer." -II Sam. 22:2.

"And did all drink the same spiritual drink: For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST."-I Cor. 10:4.

reveal to us this truth, that the book of Deuteronomy. Rock represents our Lord.

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one to stand upon. Listen: "THE LORD IS MY ROCK, Rock, even our enemies them- all iniquity. Yet to make our saland my fortress, and my de- selves being judges."—Deut. 32: vation more complete He con-

remember that the book of Deut-Now I have taken time to read died in the wilderness during the Triune God. to, from time to time, and I think these two verses, one from the time of the forty years of wilderthe one thing that Mr. Spurgeon Old Testament and the other from ness wanderings. A new gener- what need you have today, this spoke of perhaps more than any- the New Testament, and if I ation had grown up since the law very moment, is to put your trust thing else was the rock. As I would take time to do so, I might had first been given at Sinai, solely in Him and His righteoussay, I can easily understand it, read dozens of others in between, so Moses gave the law to this ness, casting yourself upon His in view of the fact that it is re- which would show to us, and group — a second time in this mercy, and realizing His grace

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#### VERSE OF THE WEEK

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chron. 7:14.

## Examiner Editorials

#### Letter On Tithing

My dear friends:

I appreciate your letter of April 12th and am truly sorry that we no longer see you nor have opportunity to be with you a season you were quite a blessing, and I am truly sorry that we are no longer associated to-

You requested that your names be removed from our church rec- cial position. ord. I think Bro. Bob wrote you some time ago about the matter, and so far as I know, no reply was received. Accordingly, we the grounds of non-attendance and non-support. I am truly sorry that this action had to be taken, ing the stand we did.

received a letter from the Ref- rate: eree of Bankruptcy in Columbus, stating that you had bankrupt me for the amount your personally owed me, and it is because of this that I am primarily writing

you.

I am not writing you because of the amount of money involved. So far as I am concerned, if you never pay it you will never be asked anything about it. However, I am tremendously grieved that you have done such.

When I was in your home, I told you on several occasions that up just exactly how much you is not in our own hands. Romans God does not bless the individual owe the Lord and add 20% to it 9:17 and 21, certainly make that is a blessing. who does not tithe. I have seen and repay Him. one church member after another Don't worry about paying me, "Even for this same purpose election being a blessing is from the Word of God on this, as well cept that you would be com-

and a curse upon the individual

same passage:

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, 20% interest. Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord the windows of heaven, and pour within His Word. you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:8-10.

bit surprised that you have taken the action that you have. In fact, I expect financial disaster to come upon every individual who fails to bring a tithe unto the Lord. I have preached this to in the services of the Lord. For my children, to my friends, to the readers of our paper, and to our church all through the years; hence I am not one bit surprised have been brought to this finan-

Now, let me offer you a suggestion on the way out. You have taken God's tithe and have used it for yourself. Now, repay God withdrew the hand of fellowship just the same as you would refrom you several weeks ago on pay a bank that you borrowed from. If you borrowed from a bank, you would expect to pay interest as well as the principal. but we have some standards for You have borrowed from God: our church, and this was one, and now pay God the principal that we felt the necessity of our tak- you have borrowed, at His rate destiny in your own hands right Then in this morning's mail I that God charges a pretty high

"And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. aught of his tithes, he shall ADD thereto the FIFTH PART thereof. And concerning the tithe of rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the fluid out of your body? Are the Lord." - Leviticus 27:30-32.

If I were you, I would figure

who refused to tithe forced into or any of the balance of your have I raised thee up, that I the great pen of Spurgeon. He bankruptcy, and I am not in the earthly creditors. God is a pre- might shew my power in thee, used to preach to his congregaleast bit surprised that this is ferred creditor and should be and that my name might be detrue in your case. The very fact paid first and foremost. If you clared throughout all the earth." that you know the teachings of owe God \$1000.00, then I would Bible, yet persist in going con- Him far more than \$1000,00. As and another unto dishonour? trary thereto would not allow I recall, you were making \$140.00 me to expect anything else ex- a week the last time I talked mans 9 makes God unjust - but with you, which means that you who said salvation is a matter of don't want to be holy. I don't pelled to take the bankruptcy owed God \$14.00 a week for each week. I don't know how long it God promises a blessing upon has been since you quit tithing. the individual who is a tither If you ever want to get out of matter of grace. Justice is simply debt, and if you ever want to who does not tithe - all in the please God, then be sure to pay God what you owe Him - the thing that is not deserved. If it 10% on your back income plus

thus because I am interested in to Hell have nobody to blame but you, and I sincerely hope that themselves and sin, because men God leads you to take your stand are sinful, while those who go to. Why doth he yet find fault? For for the truth. It has grieved me greatly that you have rebelled praise but God. Isn't that what but, O man, who art thou that at the truth in the past. May it please God now to enable you of hosts if I will not open you to do that which He demands his wrath, and to make his formed it. Why hast thou made

> Most Sincerely, John R. Gilpin

#### Astonishment

(Continued from page one) occasion to stumble at it.'

Charles Haddon Spurgeon said, "There seems to be an inveterate prejudice in the human mind against this doctrine of election and although most other doctrines will be received by many professing Christians, some with caution, others with pleasure, yet this one seems to be most frequently disregarded and discard-

Now if some of these giants in the faith have made such statements, you can see why we should call this message tonight "The Wine of Astonishment," but God says in Psalm 60 that he has made us to drink of the wine of astonishment.

#### I. The Natural Man is Astonishat This Doctrine.

The average person is astonished and surprised that the ninth chapter of Romans is even in the Bible. I guess that is why we very, very seldom ever hear a message in the average church on the ninth chapter of Romans. I was in the faith a long time before I ever preached on it, and I had been in the church a good many years and I had never heard a message on Romans 9 in all my life.

The popular teaching of today is that man's destiny is in his own hands, which absolutely denies the Word of God. At no time is the destiny of the believer in his own hands, before or after he is saved. Did you bring yourself to salvation? Did you resurrect yourself out of a state of sin? The Bible is crystal clear that

"For by grace are ye saved that by your disobedience you through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." -Eph. 2:8, 9.

"Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." - John 1:14.

If these were the only verses in the Bible, these would be enough to tell us that this doctrine of election is certainly true, that it comes from God.

Let me ask you, is your own of interest. I think you will find now, that you'll keep yourself saved? If so, then you'll lose your salvation. The Word of God seems to tell us over and over again that we are kept by the riches of his glory on the vessels II. The Calvinist is Aspower of God, through faith, and of mercy, which he had afore at the Way This Chapter we are also told in this Book that we are also told in this Book that our faith itself is a gift of God. And if a man will at all redeem What happens when that moment comes in your life when you breathe your last, and they tion is unto salvation. Election wheel your body out, put you in the herd, or of the flock, even of an ambulance, and take you to whatsoever passeth under the the undertaker and he drains all. you going to try to tell me that destiny is in your hands then? Past, present, or future, destiny

"Hath not the potter power add \$200.00 interest and pay Him. over the clay, of the same lump as on many other subjects in the Of course you know you owe to make one vessel unto honour, sin and walk in holiness?

The natural man says that Rojustice? Salvation is not a matter of justice, but a matter of vices." mercy, a matter of love, and a serves, but salvation is like a governor's pardon - it is somewere deserved, then God would be unjust if He did not bestow I have taken time to write you it upon all men. Those who go Heaven will have nobody to who hath resisted his will? Nay He says?

power known, endured with me thus?" much longsuffering the vessels of

#### EDITOR TO PREACH IN saint, has the right to as TEXAS, OKLAHOMA



JOHN W. REYNOLDS

I am looking forward to being in a week's meeting with the Providence Baptist Church, located about 7 miles from Henderson, Texas, on the Henderson-Longview Highway. The meeting-house of the church is also known in this section as Crim's Chapel and is a frame building. The pastor is Brother John Reynolds of Henderson. The dates for the meeting are June 14-21, including both Sundays (morning and evening services). Evening depravity from which the services are set for 7:30 and the Sunday morning services are as selves, and have no claim follows: Bible Study, 10 o'clock; preaching, 11 o'clock.

It was my privilege to speak once before in this friendly church and the Lord blessed me in a marvelous way. I'm eager to loved, that is exactly w be with the folk again and I hope many of you reading this paper will visit the services during the meeting.

Then the following week, June people go wrong on this 3-25, I will be with the Taber-doctrine. You start talking 23-25, I will be with the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Tulsa, election and they say, Oklahoma for a Bible Conference. Brother William Crider is the pastor and I'm sure he would the 14,000 that the Jehoval want me to extend a hearty welcome to all of our readers. If you can come, contact Brother Crider and let him know you expect to number, and why should be there Williams be there. His address is 1118 West 17th Street.

-Bob L. Ross

prepared unto glory." - Rom. 9: 22, 23,

Election is not the cause of anybody going to Hell, for electakes place in eternity; salvation takes place in time. Sin is the thing that sends men to Hell, and men are sinners by nature, by choice, and by their very practice. Sin, I believe, is the damning element is human life, but election harms nobody. Election

One of the best illustrations of tion in London, these words:

"Is there anyone here who wishes to be holy, who wishes to be saved, who wishes to leave off

Someone says, "I do." "Then God has elected you." But someone else says, "No, I want to give up my lust and my

"Then why should you grumble," says Spurgeon, "that God each man getting what he de- has not elected you to it, for if you are elected, you would not like it, according to your own confession.'

> But the ninth chapter of Romans is even stronger than my illustration. Notice what it says in verses 19 and 20:

"Thou wilt say then unto me, repliest against God? Shall the "What if God, willing to shew thing formed say to him that

I remember hearing a Bible wrath fitted to destruction. And teacher a few years ago make wuz a coffin with the that he might make known the this statement: "A believer, a up.

question, What? A believ saint, has the right to ass question, Where? He has right to ask the question, The but never Why." Paul makes this plain who says, "Shall the thing form to him that formed it, Why thou made me thus?"

Imagine a finite creature physical body is worth abo chemically speaking, asking Creator of all the Un "Why? You can't do this, all can do this, and it is not and it is not justice if you The real trouble with the is not election. The real is total depravity, or huma ability to do good; it is no tion. The sinner really obje the fact that he is ruined.

If you receive the mess the first three chapters ans about the awful cond the human being and into state he has fallen, how and depraved he is, you w no trouble with Romans or 33, or 38, or Romans Romans 11:5, 6. How co picking out of a great num men, women, and infants titudes that no man can harm anyone else? If sovereign and man is del then it follows as a natura sequence that some will be all will be saved, or none saved. If, as the Bible a perience tells us, all men nature in a state of gl wholly unable to deliver soever on God for deliver follows that if anybody to be saved, God will h choose him, and he will be the object of His gral ninth chapter of Romans

Remember this, election a plan to save a handful I think that is where or 30 people are going to in Heaven, or maybe no nesses talk about." The says that there is going multitude which no body get so stirred up af at a great blessing like

That brings us to the point, and that is:

The Doctrine of Election Distorted.

In II Peter 3:16 we words that Peter wrote.

"As also in all of his speaking in them of these in which are some things be understood, which the are unlearned and unstable as they do also other so unto their own destructi

Peter says that Paul loved brother and that written some things that don't understand, they can't understand, the them, and wrest and destroy them. They destroy the Scriptures, even mentions that they themselves.

Now every professing must believe in some kl election. While the leave unexplained probab things about the doctrine tion, they make plain the

"MOUNTAIN MUSINGS"

Simon Muse

I've heerd about what comes in a flip But jest today I saw papur what tole uf anul uf flip-top-box fer sm

# Vhat Do You Think Billy Graham?

people have asked me think about Billy Gra-When I hear that name, I a crusade that Billy Gratonducted in New York, in 1957. I will tell you my ence during this crusade ou will know what I gainm Billy Graham.

what church I belonged Would say that I belonged What to answer because I know very much about it our Personal Saviour. that I was sprinkled when other people. After 1957 if (which I belonged to) bout what I, as a Catholic, with this change.

ng the summer of 1957, I a camp under the direca Presbyterian minister, aught us a lot about the Actually this was the first had picked up a Bible to and learn from it. At the atholicism was wrong. This only lasted for a few weeks, Went to the Billy Graham The Presbyterian minman of God, took us (my lie Church). and me) to see Billy Gra-Madison Square Gardens Billy Graham Crusade?" lacked, but we had arrived remember the serwhich he brought. It was Church.

life. He brought out that every blessings of the last 300, 400, or man must die and it could be 500 years seem to have fallen very soon. Billy Graham is a for the largest part on the people powerful speaker and he con- that lived in England and their vinced many, (including me). successors in America instead of When he finished, he called the going east into some of the Asiaaudience to respond. I was scared, tic nations?" but my friend persuaded me to go forward. I went, along with that so far as history is concern-a large crowd. Then Billy Gra- ed? We have been blessed as a the 1957, if anyone were to ham told us to go to some rooms people in a marvelous way. Those in the back and so we did. There of us who have axtractions that were many councelors with us go back into the Anglo-Saxon Catholic Church. If they and when we had gone into a race, whether you be Welsh, ask me certain questions room, Billy Graham spoke to us, Scotch, or English, for some reamy religion I wouldn't through a microphone, congratu- son or other God seemed to move lating us for accepting Christ as

My councelor took my name baby. I know a few other and address and asked to what Jews to eternal life as well as a which I had picked up church I belonged. I wasn't attending any at that time but I told Were to ask me the same him that I belonged to the Cathls, I would have definite olic Church. He asked me which about the Catholic one and I said, "St. Annes" on 12th and 3d Avenue." He took down all this information and Billy Graham had a lot began to tell me that I should go to this church (the Catholic Church). He said that he would send me Bible lessons by mail, but to go to the church to which I belonged. I was fourteen years old then. Since Billy Graham sent me to the Catholic Church, I was under the impression that camp, I was convinced this was the right church. By the end of 1958, after having studied the catechism of the Catholic Church, and being convinced the Catholic Church was true, I had along with other friends made my first Communion (one certainly some of the individuals. believed that Billy Graham of the Sacraments of the Catho-

"What did I gain from the

I gained about one year and a were sitting on the half in darkness and ignorance saved. Even some of those terwere sitting on the half in darkness and ignorance rific powerful kings in the book not too far from Billy of the Bible, because Billy Gra- rific powerful kings in the book of Daniel seemed to come to ham sent me to the Catholic of Daniel seemed to come to

an election. Romans 8, of persons, lies also against the use the words "election" choice of a nation. If it were not elect," and you would have an ignoramus to say that ble doesn't teach it. g forced to admit that elecsome kind took place in some Arminians say ction in the Bible has refonly to Israel as a nation,

the Gentiles as a whole, at it is only an election to and advantage for a nacertainly not an election hal life. That is how they wist it. Let me quote, a Spurgeon. He said:

the most miserable shift to make out that God chosen persons, but nabecause the very same ob-

is the same thing after all. Election is personal.'

that lies against the choice you that the Bible teaches elec-

just to choose a person, certainly it would be far more unjust to choose a nation, since nations are but the union of a multitude of persons, and to choose a nation seems to be a more gigantic crime, if election be a crime, than to choose one person. To distinguish a whole nation from the rest of mankind seems to be a greater crime than the election of one poor mortal and leaving out another. But what are nations but men? A nation is made up of individuals - an individual here and an individual there - so it

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tion but it means the election of a nation, he is just trying to find a shift because, as Spurgeon says, it would be far worse to choose a whole nation, and we certainly know that the Book teaches God's choosing Israel.

A. W. Pink, in one of his writ-Perez, Portland, Oregon about death and the shortness of ings, says, "How is it that the

> Have you ever thought about in that direction so far as history is concerned. Romans 9 and 11 have an individual election of national election of Israel to position and advantage, as is evident by Romans 9:18:

Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth." —

Rob. 9:18. This verse is not applicable to a national or corporate election and rejection, but is speaking, about individuals. The real objection here is to election to eternal salvation. Verses 21 through 23 mention vessels of mercy and vessels of wrath, which cannot be nations, because as such an election does not represent them wholly abandoned to wrath. During the days of God's special dealing with the Jews as an elect nation other nations certainly received some of the blessings, and Although He was dealing with Israel as a nation, some individuals were saved. I believe that Rahab was saved; she was a Gentile. Naaman seems to have been know the holy and true God through the witness of Daniel himself. So God, even in His great wisdom and His mercy and love at that time, even though he was dealing with an individual nation, was still drawing individuals out of other nations to Him-

Then if you try to say that it means just an election of nations, what will you do with Romans 11 when just part of the nation is discussed as elect. He talks about an elect remnant which He gathers from the elect nation. So we have an election within an election.

Then, of course, there is another problem. The Gentiles have not substituted for the Jews, but the Jews have just temporarily been rejected from their national position and will yet be restored to their position. Individual Jews as well as Gentiles are being saved. Note Romans 9:24:

"Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only but also of the Gentiles?'

In other words, the elect are made up of both Jews and Gen- him in love." There are saved Jews and Gentiles in this world today. Acts 15:14 says:

"Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name."

Paul was the author of Romans and he was also the author of the Epistle to the church at Thessalonica. Do you think he contradicted himself?

"But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." — II Thess. 2:13.

This verse proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that election is personal. It is not just the matter of a nation, but he is talking about personal election.

Let me repeat the reason why men try to make a substitution belief. here and say that Romans 9 is

The Touch of the Master's Hand



'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer Thought it scarcely worth his while To waste much time on the old violin. But he held it up with a smile. "What am I bidden good folk?" he cried, "Who'll start the bidding for me?" "A dollar — a dollar — then two, only two-'Two dollars, and who'll make it three? "Going for three" - but no-From the room far back, a grayhaired man Came forward and picked up the bow, Then, wiping the dust from the old violin. And tightening the loosened strings, He played a melody pure and sweet As a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer, With a voice that was quiet and low Said, "NOW what am I bid for the old violin?" And he held it up with the bow. "A thousand and who'll make it two? "Two thousand and who'll make it three? "Three thousand once - three thousand twice-'And going — and gone," cried he. The people cheered, but some of them cried, "We do not understand. "What changed its worth?" Quick came the reply,

And many a man with life out of tune, And battered and scarred with sin, Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd, Much like the old violin. A mess of pottage — a glass of wine, A game — and he travels on; He is going once — and going twice— He's going — and almost gone. But the master comes, and the foolish crowd Never can quite understand

The worth of a soul, and the change that's wrought BY THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND!

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but Ephesians 1:4 says:

"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation

Again, C. H. Spurgeon said, "I know that He had to choose me before the foundation of the world, for He would have never chosen me after I was born.

The Calvinist is astonished to hear someone say that he believes in election but that it is based on the fact that God looked at them down through the ages and could see who would repent, and who would believe, and therefore elected them to salvation. But this can't be possible, for there is no Scripture to back

That is not predestination, that is post-destination. A lot of people believe in post-destination, but they don't believe in predestination. Election is not grounded in something that the sinner will do but rather what God decided to do in His good will and good pleasure. (Ephesians 1:4-6) election was not because of foreseen faith, but because of foreseen un-

I don't know whether you have speaking of nations. It is because ever done this in your Bible, but they want to have a part in their this is what I have done in my

Bible in this first chapter of And then, a Calvinist is astonished that some have said elecunderlined "His will," "His
tion is in time — that you are grace" (verse 7), "His grace" elected when you receive Christ, (verse 9), "His will," "His good but Ephesians 1:4 says: pleasure," and "of His own good will" (verse 11), "His glory" (verse 12), and "of His glory" of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

(verse 14). You'll notice how many times it says "His," "of His," "of His" — not "of us."

Election is out of the grace of God and not out of the fore-(Continued on page 4, column 2)

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### Abe Lincoln Didn

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a drink with me?'

The invitation came from the lips of a Kentucky colonel who, that he was. riding in a stage coach with Abraham Lincoln, had recognized him and desired to be sociable.

"No thank you, Colonel" replied Mr. Lincoln pleasantly. "I never drink whiskey."

They rode along together for some time chatting. Finally, the hospitable colonel pulled some cigars from his pocket saying: "Now, Mr. Lincoln, if you won't take a drink with me, won't you join me in a smoke? Here are some of Kentucky's finest cigars." Mr. Lincoln smiled. "Colonel,"

he said, "you are such a fine, agreeable gentleman to travel with that perhaps I ought to smoke with you. But before we light up, let me tell you a storyan experience which I had when just a boy.'

"Certainly," agreed the colonel, politely. "I'll be glad to hear it,

"One day when I was about nine years old," Lincoln told "my mother called me to her bedside. She was sick-very sick indeed—and she said to me:

"'Abey, the doctor tells me I am not going to get well. I want you to promise me before I go that you will never use whiskey nor tobacco as long as you live.'

"I promised my mother that I never would. And up to this hour, Colonel, I have kept that promise. Now would you advise me to break that promise to my departed mother and take a smoke with you?"

his voice trembling with emotion, "No. Mr. Lincoln, I wouldn't have you to do it for the world. It was one of the best promises tion is this: the Devil is not a you ever made. I would give a thousand dollars today if I had made my mother a promise like that and had kept it as you have

national hero in America for false. many years. Although we have had many truly great national leaders, he still stands forth among them as perhaps the greatest of all. There is scarcely

would deny that Abraham Lincoln's honesty and faithfulness Mr. Lincoln, won't you take in keeping his promise to his great, good, and beloved man

If we are so fortunate as to have a mother, as did Mr. Lincoln, who abhors intoxicants and tobacco enough to exact such promise from us, we are indeed fortunate. Few users of liquor or tobacco will honestly say they are glad they are victims of it; most of them, like the colonel from Kentucky, would give much if London Confession, the Philadelthey had never begun their use. For John Barleycorn (with all Hampshire Confession of Faith, his cousins such as beer, wine, and I even pulled out a Presand other intoxicants), tobacco byterian Westminister Confession with its millions of slaves, are of Faith, and I found that every enemies of health and spiritual one of these Confessions of Faith growth. Every wise girl and boy have something to say about the in the land will shun them-even without a promise made to but today the Presbyterians and mother.

### Astonishment

(Continued from page two) knowledge of human merit. The silly notion that God elects out of foreknowledge of man's choice is an impious assumption that that the creature's actions are actually determining the willingness of the Creator, and that is absolutely false.

A good friend of mine, Chester Tulga, was the first I ever heard who told the story in connection with election to refute that Ar-The colonel put his hand on I heard that story right after I Mr. Lincoln's shoulder and said, was saved and I knew something was wrong right then. But I heard Bro. Tulga say that the only trouble with that illustraregistered voter in that election, and in the second place, you were just a little too young to vote, because it was before the foundation of the world; therefore Abraham Lincoln has been a that illustration is absolutely

> III. The Baptists Are Astonished At What Has Happened To Their Forefathers' Beliefs and Creeds.

The natural man is astonished a person in our land today who that the ninth chapter of Romans

astonished at the way in which ist, so they put him out. If they perish. Let's stand and this doctrine is twisted, and then astonished at what has happened to their forefathers' beliefs and

fore Luther started the Protestant Reformation, based unconditional election on Romans 9.

In the year 1120 (think how many years that was before the Protestant Reformation), the Walmother helped to make him the denses, in writing, declared "God saves from corruption and damnation those whom He has chosen from the foundation of the world, not from any disposition, faith, or holiness that He foresaw in them, but by His mere mercy in Christ Jesus, His Son, passing by all the rest according to the irreprehensive reason of His own free will and justice."

> I pulled out a copy of the old phia Confession of Faith, the New unconditional election of a man. the Baptists have almost forgotten all about it.

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches in America is considered a pretty fundamental group. Our church affiliates with it. We have our own Baptist Confession of Faith in our own church; it is the New Hampshire Confession of Faith. But the General Association of man is higher than his Maker, Regular Baptist Churches, Articles of Faith, although they pattern the New Hampshire Baptist Confession of Faith practically word for word, when they get down to Salvation, they delete Article on unconditional the election. Of all the Articles in the New Hampshire Confession minian story that God voted for of Faith, unconditional election is you, the Devil voted against you, the longest, and they cut it out; and the whole matter is up to you. it is not there. They are a strong group so far as separation is concerned, and we praise and thank God for that, but I am sure that the GARBC is shot through with Arminianism. Not too long ago, they put a godly man and his church out of the denomination coming wasn't a pre-tribulation



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Just a few weeks ago I was in "You quoted that verse New York State and preached in He said, "What do you an independent church. In the second point of my message i ed. I believe with all my had emphasized particular re- that that verse is the mo demption. The minute my mes- quoted verse in the whole sage was finished, the pastor It doesn't say what you jumped to his feet and said, "God all. II Peter 3:9 says, The

When he got to the door, "I didn't agree with some

Article on unconditional election, quoted II Peter 3.9, and

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MOSES RECEIVES THE LAW OF GO Exodus 19-20



How many of you know the Ten Com! because his belief in the second ments? You can read them in the Bible in 20:1-17. The Ten Commandments are the comm ments of God. They tell us what is right and w wrong.

> God gave the commandments to Moses Moses gave them to the people. God called up into a mountain named Mt. Sinai. There mountain the Lord gave Moses the command It was a very frightening experience for Moses was thundering, lightning, smoke and the sol a trumpet in the mountain. The Israelites below mountain were also frightened by these things

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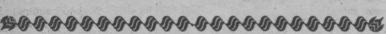
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Have you sinned? You may think you ho but the Bible says you have. It says, "For all of science and the teachings of the sinned." (Romans 3:23). So we are all sinners means God will have to punish our sins. He pul sins in Hell forever.

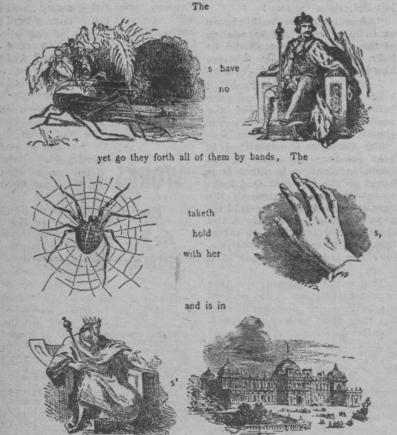
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man can come to me, exhe Father which hath sent taw him; and I will raise at the last day." — John

that many times we'll lese things a hard saying, h't it wonderful that God grace stoops down many "We wuz and makes us drink the of astonishment?

### CONCLUSION

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know it is awful easy to generalities and to desectarianism, but the says we must declare all tounsel of God. I am conthe closer you get to the

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received a program which was listed as the speaker for the mes- God.' sage on "Salvation by Grace." Brother, that won't be the same They are depending in a sense kind of grace you and I believe. upon the same God that we dewhen we have left the He'll maybe say some very great pend upon, although they by-pass such as Spurgeon, the things about grace, but he won't tremendously the Lord Jesus Confession, the Philadel- go the Bible way. The reason I Christ, in that all their praying onfession — we have left took a message by Spurgeon, pub-rather than in the name of Jesus. refathers creeds and the lished it in his paper and changed Jesus Himself said, "If you ask staunch regular Baptists to particular redemption, he just name, I will do it," yet the Catha part. The part that referred anything of the Father in my took right out. That, to me, is olics by-pass prayer in the name do you do with such men not honest. I knew he did it be- of Jesus and pray in the name cause I got the sermon down off of Mary. Their god is not our Seminary and wrote such had happened. That was exactly my shelf and saw that was what God; their rock is not our Rock. what had happened.

Any man that has written a book like he has written, "Predestined to Hell? No!", can't rarely a month goes by that he preach the same kind of grace that this Bible speaks about, and we ought to be alert and aware

We are made to drink the wine igin birth and the blood of astonishment. The natural man ent. It is right to empha- says that it shouldn't even be in and it is right to point the Book. The Calvinist is aston-Modernists and Liberals ished at the way it is twisted, brother, listen, we have and we are astonished at how quite a bit of apostasy some so-called Baptists have left Baptists from this great this great and wonderful doc-

### "The Rock"

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this law a second time, he said, "We have a Rock, and we are depending on that Rock." He said, "Our enemies (and when he referred to them he meant the Amorites, and the Hittites, the Hivites, the Girgashites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Jebusites, the Philistines, and the nations round about) likewise have a rock - a god which they are depending upon. Each of them has his own rock; each of them has his own god; but their rock is not as our Rock, and even our enemies will bear record to that fact."

Beloved, I say to you, there is only one true Rock, and that is our Lord.

Notice again:

"There is none holy as the Lord: for there is NONE BESIDE THEE: neither is there any rock like our God."-I Sam. 2:2.

Notice it says, "Neither is there any rock like our God.'

Beloved, the Arminians have that all should come to who profess to actually believe Arminians is not like our Rock. I think if the various heathen In just a few days they are go- religions - Confucius, Zoroaster, ing to have a great conference Buddha, Mohammed, and all the we sat down and had quite in Detroit called the Fundamen- balance of the heathen religions talk. We talked about par- tal Baptist World Congress for of the world — they have a redemption. He was a trus- Fundamental Preachers. When I rock; they have a god; but as we find in this expression, "nei-East, and he said they sent to me, John R. Rice was ther is there any rock like our

The Catholics have a rock.

I think tonight of a Jewish man that I had conversation with of recent date, who has been exceedingly kind to me. There is doesn't send us a check along about the tenth of the month to pay for an order of printing, for he usually has at least one order of printing done each month in our shop. If I were to ask him tonight if he believes in Jehovah, he would say that he does, but, beloved, he doesn't believe in Jehovah's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Word of God says:

"He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him."-John 5:

Therefore, we can say that the god of the Jews is not our God. Their rock is not our Rock.

that he believes in God. I reyou.

We find the Psalmist David saying:

"For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God?" -Psa. 18:31.

You can't read these verses without the realization that the Rock represents our Lord and that there is only one true Rock. There may be many rocks - may false rocks, many gods - many false gods, but there is only one true Rock, and that is the God of the Bible — the God that is revealed in the Book.

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the MIRY CLAY, and set my eating, as she stood in one pomy goings."—Psa. 40:2.

Do you want to know what down in the clay? your position was previously? Do the Bible? Then, beloved, it cerhas brought us up out of a horri- out.

heir rock is not our Rock. think he is speaking about the pulled your boots off — The Modernist would tell you pit of Hell. The Bible speaks of your feet would sink do This is a hard saying; who ally means "a second giving of member talking to a man some remind us of a pit. In Matthew of God, and we are all sons of about Hell in the description of God. Therefore, the god of the a ditch, and in Revelation when experience. The Lord has put Modernist is not our God, and we read about it under the de- us on a rock. He has lifted us the Modernist's rock is not our scription of a lake, we certainly out of a horrible pit, and picked Rock. I say that there is only one can see the analogy of this text us up from the miry clay. Now true Rock, and that is the God which refers to a horrible pit he has put our feet on a solid

I want to tell you, brother, Jesus Christ. sister, you and I don't realize how terrible our former position, and we never can appreciate the We fail to realize or see how horrible pit from which we have been delivered, by the Lord God Himself.

You'll notice that He also says, He brought us up out of the miry destruction, and put our feet on clay. Do you know what it means when He speaks about miry clay? Most everybody today lives in preacher, and not the church and town, and most everybody has not your self, but it was the Lord sidewalks. Most everybody today who did all this in our behalf. who talks about mission work has never gotten the soles of his shoes soiled by mud. The majority of men today who talk about mission work only live and

feet upon a rock, and established sition for any length of time, and her feet keep sinking down and

Well, frankly, I have had this you want to know what your experience as a boy - where I experience was before you came have had to help them out of the to know the Rock, the God of mud. They got mired down in the mud to the extent that they tainly wasn't anything to boast couldn't get out of their own acabout, for this text says that God cord, so they had to be helped

Well haven't you walked in Of what pit is he speaking? I mud yourself, when it almost your feet would sink down in Hell, in language that would the mud, and the mud would cause a suction that would almost the law." and when Moses gave years ago who claimed to be a 15:14, it says "If the blind lead pull the boots off your feet? I missionary, who was a Modern- the blind, both shall fall into the rather imagine some of you who ist. When I referred to Jesus in ditch." In the book of Revela- are here, who have some counthe course of the conversation, tion (Rev. 20:11-15), we read try in you, know exactly what he said, "Oh, yes, Jesus was a how that the unsaved are going miry clay is, because you have son of God," just like I am a to be cast into the lake of fire. had a hard time pulling your read foot out of the mud.

Beloved, that was our previous of the Bible that we preach to from which we have been digged. rock, the Rock of Ages, the Lord

> I tell you, you and I don't realize how much we owe Him. much we stand under obligation to God, to think he picked us up out of the miry clay when we were sunk down almost in the solid rock and established our goings. Who did that? Not the

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#### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROCK.

I would remind you that a work in town. There are some rock is of the most enduring subexceptions, but very few. Do you stance, and certainly our Rock, "He brought me up also out know what miry clay is? Did you the Lord Jesus Christ, our God, of an HORRIBLE PIT, out of ever watch an old cow stand, (Continued on page 6, column 1)

#### "The Rock"

(Continued from page five) is enduring. Need I remind you that He has has endured through all the ages gone by, and shall endure through all the ages to come? We read:

"Lord, thou hast been our spoke, and the world came into from everlasting to everlasting, eeistence. He created this world out of nothing. I ask you if you

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world, even FROM EVERLAST- when there wasn't any world. ING TO EVERLASTING, THOU ART GOD."-Psa. 90:1, 2

enduring? From everlasting to everlasting, God has existed, and God is. It helps me when I think of God in this respect. The church hasn't always been. We are used to seeing the spires point up into the sky; we are used to going into church buildings; we are used to what we call church services to the extent that we think surely the churches must always have existed. May I remind you that if you go back two thousand years ago you won't Devil. find a single church? The church hasn't always existed.

do you have in your home towould be about five Testaments and Bibles in every home repare so used to seeing Bibles, and it is such a common thing for us to have Bibles around that we just naturally think the Bible has always existed, but 2,000 years ago there wasn't a single Bible as we know it today. To be sure, all the Old Testament had been written at that time, but none of the New Testament had been produced. The Bible hasn't always existed. We are so used to it, that we just take for granted that God handed it down from Heaven, bound in Morocco, just as we have it here.

I remember many years ago ne Revised Version—not the Revised Standard Version-but the Revised Version which was brought out about the beginning of the 20th century. I remember hearing an old country boy saying that he didn't think much of it. He said that if the King James Version were good enough for Paul it was good enough for him, yet the King James Version was not vogue in Paul's day, especially since King James lived 1600 years after the Apostle Paul. The Bible hasn't always been in existence. There was a time when there wasn't even a New Testament 2000 years ago. There was a time several hundred years previous that there wasn't any Old Testament. There was a time when there wasn't any of the Bible at all.

Well, can you imagine when there wasn't a single person in We are so crowded the world? now; we have neighbors on every side, and the country is getting more and more crowded, and the farmers having to quit farming in order to build golf courses and houses. Can you imagine when there wasn't anybody here in this world?

When I was just a boy preacher in the Kentucky mountains. there was one woman back in the mountains who had been reading about the Chicago firewhen Mrs. O'Leary's cow turned the lantern over and set fire to barn and much of the city Well, this young was burned. woman who had been reading this story came to church late, and told why she was late getting there. She had been reading that story, and they all thought she was crazy. They thought that it was an impossibility for the houses to be that close together that they would catch fire from each other - why there would be no room for the gardens and the cows and pigs. They just couldn't think of houses being that close together.

Beloved, we are so crowded today with houses and people that we wonder how it could ever have been possible that there was a world without a single person in it, but there was a day when God put Adam in this world, and Adam became the first person in this world.

Can you imagine a world without a church, without a Bible, and without a man? Then can you imagine the time when there wasn't even a world? Once God:

dwelling place in ALL GENERA- could imagine a world in which to get back under a rock in the TIONS. Before the mountains there was no Bible, and no shadow and in the coolness, of were brought forth, or ever thou church, and no individual, and a hot summer day? Out in the hadst formed the earth and the then go beyond that and imagine backside of Greenup

can you imagine a time when known in my life. His name is Can you think of anything more there wasn't any Devil? Lots of Ed Stevens. Brother Ed and I people don't believe there is a have been personal friends for Devil. Lots of folk believe he is forty years. He is a remarkable just someone or something to individual. He used to have an blame their meanness onto-that unusual voice; it still is mighty he exists like Rip Van Winkle or good for a man of his age. Howsome of the characters of Aesop's ever, there was a time when it Fables. I want you to know that was unusually good. Homer Rothere was a time when there Billy Sunday, told me personalwasn't any Devil. We rub elbows ly, that he would rather sing with There isn't a day goes by that we don't have contact with the for harmony of any man he had

time when there wasn't any Ed's place time and time again, Likewise, the Bible hasn't al- church, a time when there was and I remember in order to get ways existed. How many Bibles no Bible, a time when there was to one house in which he lived, no world, a time when there was night? I would guess that there no man, and a time when there gorge, with rocks on either side was no Devil, but there never was a time when there was no top. resented here this evening. We God. Our God has existed from when there wasn't a shadow everlasting to everlasting. Our there, Rock, the Lord Jesus Christ, is you felt like you were walking enduring.

Life Insurance Company's advertisement with the Rock of Gibraltar in the backgroundwith their statement that they to walk underneath the shadow are as solid and as substantial as the Rock of Gibraltar? Well, that is good advertising, for it shows Many are the times that I have the stability of the organization. I want to tell you, beloved, when ens' home, having walked along the Rock of Gibraltar has crumbled into dust, our Rock, the Lord Jesus Christ, will still be in existence. Oh, how it blesses my soul to remind you of this fact, that our Rock is an enduring Rock, for our God endures.

Another characteristic of our Rock is that of security. The man who is on the Rock, Christ Jesus, is in the most secure position of anybody in this world. We read:

fortress, and my deliverer." Psa. 18:2.

"He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure."-Isa. 33:16.

has been lifted out of the mire. and he has been lifted out of the horrible pit; he is now dwelling on high; furthermore, that individual has bread and water provided for him for a spiritual sustenance, and he has defense for the simple reason that He body can get to him.

Listen again:

and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."-Mt. 7:25.

Notice, this house was built upon the rock, and when the cause your sins have been imstorm came, his house stood; but the man whose house was builded upon the sand, his house fell when the storm came

security in our Rock.

Another characteristic of our Rock is that it produces a shadow of comfort in our behalf. We

"And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the SHADOW OF A GREAT said it, I certainly would know ROCK in a weary land."-Isa.

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County lives one of the most unusual I ask you another question, characters I think I have ever I believe in a Devil. However, dehaver, who used to sing for with Him everyday, and brush Ed Stevens than with any man shoulders with him everyday. he had ever sung with in his life - that Ed had the best bass voice ever sung with. But this is all Listen, beloved, there was a beside the point. I have gone to that you had to go up a rock and rocks overhanging at the There was never a time and in the summertime into a deep freeze. You can't Did you ever see Prudential imagine how comfortable it was to get under that rock of about 100 yards in length. You can't imagine how comfortable it was of that rock for 100 yards to his house on a hot summer day. come home from Brother Stevunderneath of that rock and enjoved the comfort of the shadow that was cast thereby. Many are the times that I have come away, thinking how this is like my Rock, my God; for my God is characterized as producing a shadow in a weary land.

#### HONEY OUT OF THE ROCK

A few days ago Brother Bob "The Lord is my rock, and my had a short article by Mr. Spurgeon on the subject, "Honey Out of the Rock," in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I enjoyed it, and I thought when I read it that I know of a lot more honey that comes out of that Rock than what Mr. Spurgeon mentions in Here is a text that tells us this brief article. You know, honthat the man who is saved has ey is sweet, and there is some been lifted out of the mud-he sweetness that comes from our God in thinking of Him as our Rock. Now let's see what honey there is, and what it is that we can find that is especially sweet that comes to us from our Rock, the Lord Jesus Christ.

First of all, there is imputation - the fact that God will not is high on the Rock, and no- impute sins to us after we are saved. Listen:

"Blessed are they whose ini-"And the rain descended, and quities are forgiven, and whose blew, and beat upon that house; sins are covered, Blessed is the the floods came, and the winds man to whom the Lord WILL NOT impute sin." - Rom. 4:8.

Beloved, God won't charge you with sin if you are saved beputed — they have been charged tried to preach from that to the Lord Jesus Christ. God will never charge you with an- would have a hard time other sin. I tell you, that is it, for it says, "And ye are mighty sweet; that is honor out it, for it says, "And ye I tell you, beloved, we have mighty sweet; that is honey out plete in Him." of the rock.

I ask, have you lived perfectly today? How many of you my works for salvation could stand up and say, "Brother complete in Jesus Christ Gilpin, I haven't sinned a single time today. I haven't even had a single sinful thought pass through my mind?" All I can say is this, if anybody stood up and where you are going, because the Bible says that the place for all liars is Hell. Don't tell me that you have lived perfectly today -but aren't you glad that though you have sinned, and though you have sinned repeatedly since you were saved - aren't you glad that God doesn't charge sins to you, but rather those sins are imputed: they have been charged to the person of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. In view of that fact, I say that is honey out of the rock.

I remember as a boy preacher the first time that I saw this be charged to us, know truth I remember how wondrous- (Continued on page 7, col

# Guess

Guess who said this? "The il Rights program and a shame—an effort to s a police state in the gl liberty. I am opposed to program. I fought it in Cor It is the province of the sta run its own elections. against the FEPC (Fair Em ment Practices bill) becaus man can tell you whom to he can tell you whom you not employ."—(Lyndon B. son in 1948).

Since Mr. Johnson, now dent, finds it convenien change his political philos this brings to mind the ence between a politician a statesman.

A politician is one who times finds it expedient to c horses in the middle of A statesman stream. changes horses, but merely another crossing point. —American Ba

sweet it was to me realize that there would be another sin charged because they are all charg Jesus Christ, my Saviour

Then there is security. you glad that you are man or woman tonight? you glad you are going to en when you die? Aren't yo that you are secure to the that you know you can be lost by sins that you thereafter commit? Aren glad that you are secure in

We read:

"And I give unto them life; and they shall never neither shall any man plus out of my hand. My which gave them me, is than all; and no man is pluck them out of my hand. I and my Father are - John 10:28-30.

"For I am persuaded neither death, nor life, nor nor principalities, nor nor things present, nor to come, nor height, no nor any other creature, able to separate us from of God, which is in Chris our Lord." - Rom. 8:38.

Beloved, all Hell can saved man out of the ha God. I tell you, that is sweet - that is honey ou

There is still a lot more ness that comes out of the but I believe the sweetes of all is that when we are when we are in Chr He is our Rock - the our salvation, that right there we are complete We don't lack anything

"And ye are COMPLE HIM, which is the head principality and power.

I tell you, an Arminian would have a mouthful Scripture. An Arminian

Beloved, if I am com Jesus Christ, then I don complete in Jesus Christ need baptism for salvati am complete in Jesus Chri I don't need church men for salvation. If I am in Him, then all I need Christ as my Saviour.

What kinds of sweets like best for breakfast? like jam on your bread! like preserves? Do you ey? Do you like all three mixed together? Belov just bring on all the sw want for breakfast morning - not just one the balance of the sw you could think of, and not find anything in the that will compare with th that we get out of the knowing that our sins puted to Christ, never

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month of March. I will tell you of conditions

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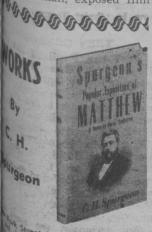
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I hope this finds everyone well there and the Lord blessing.

Most sincerely, C. W. Bronson

### "The Rock"

(Continued from page 6) we are secure in the Son of God and can never lose our salvation by sins that we may thereafter commit, knowing that we are complete in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that we need nothing else because of our completeness.

#### DON'T FORGET YOUR ROCK

One brother said, "I just don't understand some preachers. Some preachers say, 'And in conclusion,' and they conclude, and class mail, exposed film others say, 'And in the last place,' and they sure do last." Well, I'll try not to last too long in this last place, but I would like to Do I speak to somebody tonight say this: in view of all that I have said about the Rock, don't can't save yourself. We read: forget your Rock. How easy it "And a stone of stumbling, and is for us to forget Him. How easy a rock of offense, even to them it is for us to fail to serve Him! which stumble at the word, be-

of Deuteronomy, said:

"Beware that thou FORGET NOT the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and which I command thee this day: Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was not water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint," - Deut. 8:11, 15.

I tell you, beloved, you ought to be mighty careful that you er faith. don't forget your Rock. If He has done all this for us, if he means all this to us that I have spoken to you tonight, and if our God is to us as I have described Him creases and strengthens it. Be- enough in God alone. as a Rock, then surely we ought to be mighty careful that we don't forget Him. We ought to be mighty cautious that we live every day in the light of His Word, and that we don't forget Him.

I think sometimes that we even forget that we are saved, in the sense that we forget to witness to others. Why is it that we are so careless? Why is it that we fail to witness? Why is it that we are so unconcerned? Is it bewe are forgetting our Rock? Why is it that you walk by the offering box as if it were a cold potato, that was left over from dinner three days ago? Why is it that you walk by the offering box time and time again, and fail to put your tithe there? Aren't you forgetting your Rock? I ask you, when you allow some little excuse to keep you home that wouldn't keep you from going about your ordinary duties of the day - when you allow some excuse to keep you away from the house of God that wouldn't keep you from your work on Monday, aren't you forgetting the Lord your God.

Brother, sister, I am trying to say this to you, He is our Rock, the Rock of our salvation; He is enduring, for He is going to last forever; He is secure, and if you are in Him, you are secure. Every day He offers a shadow - a precious, comforting shadow over the top of us. He is the only Rock that can be found in our behalf. From Him we get the sweetest honey in all of the world. Our sins are imputed to Him and not to us, and we have security in Him. We are complete in Him. Oh, how precious, how wondrously sweet this honey is, and in view of all this, how could we forget Him!

#### CONCLUSION

May God grant that you and I shall come up to Calvary tonight and renew our vows to Him, and walk a little closer beside Him, live a little more nearly like Him, serve Him a little better with our substance, and with our talents, and with our presence, and be a little more honest before God day by day.

Do I speak to someone who is lost, who knows not the Rock? who is ignorant of the Rock? You

Moses, when he gave this book ing disobedient: whereunto also

### FAITH AND REASON

You know, beloved, the Scrip- that it hath to move in. Faith can are as two buckets—the life of why may he not pardon thee? faith and the life of sense; when Faith can run up to heaven and

sides, you know Paul says, "Not consider the things of God in a not many wise are called. It hinders them from the work of believing.

question-why?"

God would not have us so full of wherefores, and if you would believe you must go blindfold country

field that faith hath to work inthe large and vast orb and sphere

they were appointed." - I Pet.

It may be that there is somehas thus become a Rock of ofthere is such an individual here upon my back, and that will be who is stumbling over Christ, may he realize that there is only one hope, and that is, that God shall take you, and lift you up out of the horrible pit - lift your feet out of the miry clay, and and establish your goings.

John the Baptist said:

'God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." Mt. 3:9.

Beloved, God can take you as an individual with a hard stony heart, and can take you as you sink down in the miry clay, and set your feet on the Rock of Ages, the Lord Jesus Christ, and you can go out of this place tonight singing:

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.'

Spurgeon's Sermons on

Sovereignty

his judgments, and his statutes, ture hath laid a flat opposition go into the Old Testament and between faith and sense. "We live come back again to the soul, and by faith," says the apostle, "and tell the soul. I have seen a man not by sight or by sense." They whom God hath pardoned, and

one goes up, the other goes come home again to the soul and down; the higher faith rises, the say, I have seen the glory there; lower sense and reason; and the be of good comfort, there is higher sense and reason, the low- enough in heaven to pay for all.

Faith can run unto God's all-That is true of the schools. sufficiency, to God's omnipotency, Reason going before, faith weak- and having viewed that well, it ens and diminishes it; but rea- returns home again to the soul son following upon faith, in- and says, Be quiet; there is

Faith having seated herself many wise," &c. Why not many upon the high tower and mounwise called? Those that are wise tain-God's omnipotency and allsufficiency—hath a great prosmore rational way, and therefore pect. It can look over all the world, and look into another world too. But now reason—it gets upon some little mole-hill Luther says well, "If you would of creature ability, and if it can believe, you must crucify that see over two or three hedges, it is well; and therefore oh what a pain it is to faith to be tied to reason!

I suppose you will all say that into God's command. Abraham if a man were able to go a subscribes to a blank when the journey of two or three hundred Lord calls him out of his own miles afoot, he were a very good footman; yet if you will tie him-Besides, you know the great to carry a child of four or five years old with him, you will say it would be a great luggage to him; and the man would say, "Pray, let this child be left alone; for though he may run along in my hand half-a-mile, or go a mile with me, yet notwithstandbody here tonight, lost, who is ing I must carry him the rest stumbling over Christ, and Christ of the way; and when I come at any great water, or have to go fense. May God grant that if over any hill, I must take him a great burden to me."

Thus it is between faith and reason. Reason at the best is but a child to faith. Faith can foot it over mountains and difficulties, and wade through afflictions, set them upon the Rock of Ages, though they be very wide; but when reason comes to any affliction, to wade through that and to go over some great difficulties, then it cries out, and says, "Oh Faith, go back again; good Faith, go back again."

> "No," says Faith, "but I will take thee upon my back, Reason.'

And so Faith is fain to do indeed, to take Reason upon its back. But oh, what a luggage is Reason to Faith! Faith never works better than when it works most alone. The mere rational May God bless you, and may considering of the means, and God save you, and may God help the deadness thereof, is a great you to walk with Him every and special enemy to the work of believing.-William Bridge.

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#### God's Providence

(Continued from page one) and is not a matter of obligation. He does not have to prevent it and sometimes does not.

In the case of Abraham, Sarah, and Abimelech God prevented sin. Abraham and Sarah had journeyed into Abimelech's country and Sarah was a "fair woman to look upon" (Gen. 12:11). Therefore Abimelech took Sarah, but God warned him not to touch her (Gen. 20:3-6). Indeed, Abimlech "had not come near her" (v. 4). Why was that? Surely that was not the natural thing to do, except that it was God withholding Abimelech from sinning against Him, as we read that He, in fact, did (v. 6).

On the other hand God did not prevent Shechem from committing adultery with Jacob's daughter Dinah (Gen. 34).

'servant also from presumptuous sins .... " (Ps. 19:13). Let God but withdraw His grace to keep us from sinning and we will be as the lowest demons in hell.

. II. God, In His Providence, Permits Sin.

God permits sin. This does not mean that He approves of it, for He judges it with the fiercest punishment. By permitting sin and worshipped the creature more God, in righteous judgment with- than the Creator and that "For draws His grace and leaves men this cause God gave them up to their sinful selves.

After David had committed adultery with Bathsheba God said to him: "Because thou hast like to retain God in their knowlwife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife, thus saith the Lord: which Behold, I will raise up evil 1:28). against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes and give them unto thy neighbor and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. For thou didst it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the send them strong delusion that sun" (2 Sam. 12:10-12).

withdraw His grace from Da- believed not the truth, but had nearest David will take his wives openly in adultery. God will pun-

rangement.

ish David with his own sin.

of all of Ahab's prophets (I Kings ed" (I Pet. 2:8) and "were behe went forth to battle. This is demnation" (Jude 4). what Ahab desired. He did not though He warned Ahab that he tice and holiness. was being tricked. (I Kings 22: 13-28).

runs throughout the Word of God. God permits the sinner to have his own way, gives him up to his sin. That this is so examine the following references:

hearken to My voice and Israel would none of Me, so I gave them up unto their own heart's

We are informed that in Old Testament times God "suffered Well may we pray in the words all nations to walk in their own the Psalmist: "Keep back Thy pages" (Acts 14:16) ways" (Acts 14:16).

> We are instructed that the Gentile nations gave themselves over to idolatry and that "Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, through the lusts of their own hearts to dishonor their own bodies between themselves" (Rom. 1:23-24).

That the Gentile nations changed the truth of God into a lie unto vile affections . . ." (Rom.

"And even as they did not despised Me, and hast taken the edge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are not convenient" (Rom.

Sinners who reject the revelation of God in the Old and New Testament and in the person of Jesus Christ reject the truth and love falsehood. Therefore, God will give them over to falsehood. "And for this cause God shall they should believe a lie, that vid's own house so that those pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thess. 2:11-12).

Why is this? "Because they

received not the love of the In order to deceive sinful and truth that they might be saved" deceitful King Ahab, the Lord (v. 10). All who continue in un-'put a lying spirit" in the mouth belief are to this end "appoint-22:23) assuring him victory if fore of old ordained to this con-

want to hear any other message. men as a means to an end, to been several articles published So God gave him up to his lies show forth the glory of His just therein that I have thoroughly

Are you an unbeliever or inyour rebellious will until you will never be saved. I plead will of God and surrender your-"But My people would not self to the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts

Editorial note: This difficult lust and they walked in their subject is discussed in our book-own counsels" (Ps. 81:11-12). let, God's Sovereignty and the Existence of Evil (15c, plus 10c postage). While Brother Beck, in his article, did not discuss the fact that "permission" on God's part is a DECRETIVE act, we feel this ought to be mentioned. Do not confuse God's permission with inability to prevent or control. God's permission is an act of His own will, something He decrees.

# Letters



I'm writing to tell you how much I appreciated your sermon you and your publication to When John Met John." So many think that because he was a devout Catholic he is now at peace. I agree with you - if he left this world trusting in anything God hates adultery, but will they all might be damned who other than Jesus as his Saviour, how sad for him and all others who do the same. I always enjoy your sermons, but just had to let you know how special this one was. I appreciate your courage in delivering such a message. Thank the Lord for faithful servants who have the courage to preach without fear or favor. Bro. George Boyer, our own faithful pastor, is this kind of preacher. We at Ahava consider ourselves especially blessed of God. We shall never forget the This will be the last issue mailed free of charge wonderful services we enjoyed with Bro. Bob Ross. Please know to preachers under the "Reach the Preachers" arthat we love you for the truth's

-Mrs. Robert Porter, Fla.

I wish to express my deep gratitude to you and to those who begin to lose money, we feel it is time to close this make it possible for me to reeffort. The paper has gone free to the preachers for ceive your wonderful paper!! I 1/4 of the year; if they appreciate its message, they am the pastor to a fairly small group of our Lord's flock and am will probably want to subscribe; if not, then another not able to add very often to my library. Thus, I doubly appreciate the most excellent and useful and profitable material and sermons you print. May our Lord continue you are His tool for the edifying of my soul.

John W. Shaver, California

I am enclosing a small gift to The Baptist Examiner, to be used as you see best, in any part of the wonderful work you are doing in getting out the paper. It has been quite a long time since I have sent any gift at all, but there has been good reason I can assure you. Nevertheless, TBE is now, and has been for a number of years, a great blessing to me and I would like so much but most of all by Baptists. We can all see and read about so many Baptist people practicing customs created by man. May God bless and keep you both in good health.

-Mrs. Bertram McCann, Fla.

For several weeks now I have been receiving copies of The Bap-

### WOMAN PRESIDES AT BAPTIST

God permits the sinful acts of tist Examiner and there have enjoyed. There are very few publications on the market today fidel? Be warned that question- that will stand up for the doc-It is the same principle that ing the Word of God and the tripes that are taught in the Holy ways of God may harden you in Bible. I was reading your article, "Storehouse Tithing Defended," and I am very much in sympathy with you: BOW to the sovereigh with your views that these "socalled" miracle workers like M. R. DeHaan, Theodore Epp, John R. Rice, and many more are using God's churches and God's people to satisfy their own greed and lusts for power.

Brethren, men like those mentioned above will face the Lord some day and their deceit that they have sown shall be harvested, for the Lord saith, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Times have changed but the Bible is alive today, and there are many passages of scripture that I can open and begin reading and it reads more like our daily newspaper. Revelation seems more and more real and the perilous times are upon us, but we have that blessed assurance in Jesus: and praise the Lord, we are to "go into all the world," but I think that a great mission field is right here in our own United States. An American is a guy that can quote you all of the baseball line-up but about a third or possibly half of the Ten Commandments. I truly enjoy the stand that you have taken and I am interested in what your doctrinal statement of faith is. My prayers are for you brethren and may the Lord continue to use 'Preach Truth and Christ Crucified, Risen, and Coming Again!"

Words cannot express my thanks to you for the paper you was a woman, acting in are sending to me. Thanks. I look forward to it each week it is like an Oasis in the desert. Thanks be to God for others of like precious faith — brethren who are faithful to their high and holy calling. Not all have bowed their knee to Baal. Praise God. I'm the only pastor in our city that does not belong to the ungodly Ministerial Association, so to them I am an odd ball. I appreciate your paper. It is a real encouragement. May I just ress has been made in add in closing: Keep up the good nition of women and work. I pray for you each day, and the Lord willing in a few weeks will be sending a little to help defray the expense of president of the conven the paper you are so kindly send-

-Earl R. Seger, Mich.

Enclosed you will find a check one in Christ Jesus. for the amount of \$50.00 to be used in the "Reach the Preachers" fund. We are still enjoying The Baptist Examiner, and we Baptists all these hull are giving ours, after we read it, years to finally figure out to a Missionary Alliance preach-er. We hope to be able to see male" means it is all to you folk this summan. you folk this summer and ask women to speak in mixed you to continue to pray for us daily.

-Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Downing,

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[From THE MISSISSIPPI State Paper for Southern Ba

By DAVIS C. WOOD Executive Secretary, Commission of 5

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, of vice-presidents who likelihood preside at s sion of the Southern Ba vention meeting in Atla will be the first woman side over the convention

Indeed she is the fir to be elected to an of 119 years of history. some opposition to the tion's electing a woman president by a Baptil from Kentucky who obl the grounds that it was tural.

Thirty years ago M Cox, then president of Missionary Union of the Baptist Convention, was woman to address the co meeting in Memphis in George W. Truett, president, recognized Mrs speaker.

There was objection to vention hearing a won er, by Dr. J. W. Porter, be Ky., who sought to bar from the program on the that "it's unscriptural ter presented a memor the general association tucky asking that wome permitted to address the

Dr. E. M. Dodd, S pastor, briefly replied to ter, quoting "In Christ neither male nor fema "We are one in Chris Dodd's brief address wol for the women, and Dr memorial was overwo voted down.

Mrs. Cox said in reft the effort to bar a work -Joseph R. Feasler, Ark. the program of the "No woman went to sleet garden. No woman deni No woman betrayed Him who tried to save Him.

Women Gain Recogni

The annual report of man's Missionary Union convention was presented standing men of the from 1888 up unto the the 50th anniversary of in 1938. That year, the re presented by Mrs. W. J. Mrs. F. W. Armstrong the convention.

In the past 25 years m tribution to the denom programs of work.

Mrs. Mathis, the seco grace the office of vicewith dignity and poise, her contribution dem that in Christ there is or female, and that w

TBE's COMMENT

Poor Ole Paul! It ha blies! Of course that difficult to harmonize Corinthians 14:34, 35, all—as we are told "an ole bachelor" and women." And who care Paul says, anyway. The must go on.

But seriously, we ca ally say that the action Southern Baptist Conver unscriptural; for the fact matter is, the Convention absolutely foreign to of God and we don't sup would be any worse for to preside over it than for preside over a meeting dies' Pink Tea Society. just as Biblical as the o

As for Mrs. Cox's (quoted above), if she I Timothy 2:14 she wou found that it says while being deceived" - while that women aren't exactly as Mrs. Cox seemed to

#### 8 months probably would not be worthwhile. Next week, we are announcing some revisions in the publication of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. One of the changes will be a reduction to \$1.00 year- to guide you and bless you as ly as the subscription rate, subject to church approval.

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