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PERSONAL TESTIMONIES

On Monday morning of our conference, Bro. Gilpin announced that there was time enough about ten personal testimonies and the following immediately responded. We share them with our readers since they are interesting.

We have had in our mission program the support of the Baptist Examiner on a monthly basis. I feel that it is worthy of your support. I feel that it is money well spent. We have bundles of copies at the church. They are in the back at the church and almost every month it is emptied by the time the month is over. All visitors of our church receive an Examiner when they come to church. If you don't have this in your church program, pray about it.

—Elder Lloyd Wyrick,
Chicago, Illinois

The Psalmist said "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." I was redeemed in a little country church, down in Georgia, and when the Lord saved me, the children saw fit to get me started in the Baptist Examiner, and there, I went on, and I have gained a great deal. Not brag-

ging, but the Lord has really blessed me. And each and every member coming by way of salvation or letter into our church receives the Baptist Examiner free of charge for one year. And then after that why I'm sure he'll take it on a lifetime basis.

—David Dotson
Griffin, Georgia

I thank the Lord for the privilege of being here in this Bible Conference. I thank God for every message that has been delivered. I thank God for all of the doctrines that have been preached here at this Conference . . . I believe every one of them. I thank the Lord for the message on the church this morning. I believe everything our brother said. You know we can have these great doctrines throughout the entire year by reading the Baptist Examiner. I pray and hope that all of you do.

I'm certainly thankful for the opportunity to testify for my Lord. I'm thankful for Jesus Christ and what He's done for me. I'm thankful that we as His people know the truth and are in His church. I'm thankful for Brother Gilpin and The Baptist Examiner. I'm grateful that we

have a pastor like Brother Crider that we can sit and learn under.

—Joel Caves,
Tulsa, Okla.

I'm thankful to the Lord to realize that there are this many preachers that are not afraid to stand up and preach the sovereign grace of God and reveal to the world, and to those that will come and listen to them, the truths of God's word. I'm thankful to the Lord for an old tall Texan that's sitting back yonder. Eleven years ago this month I was saved under his ministry. He baptized me in a creek in Ohio, and almost froze me to death. A year or so ago I was introduced to The Baptist Examiner, and not knowing where he was, through it I learned where he was again. I've had the privilege of meeting him again and renewing our acquaintance, and meeting Brother and Sister Gilpin, and all the people of Calvary Baptist Church. And I would say that if I had a world to give, I would give it, and ten others like it, for this privilege of being able to meet these brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ. We covet your prayers in our work. I want to (Continued on page 5, column 4)



ELDER AND MRS. JOHN R. GILPIN

Approximately 650 guests came to the Bible Conference of Calvary Baptist Church over Labor Day week-end, and it was a joy to us of Calvary Baptist Church to be host to so great a number.

All meals were served on the grounds at our home and it was a distinct joy to meet and visit with so many of God's own.

The latch-string always hangs out on Gilpin Hill. Come, visit with us, whenever God may make it possible. It will always be a pleasure to share our home with you.

My Impression . . .

Concerning The Labor Day Week-End Bible Conference Of Calvary Baptist Church Of Ashland, Kentucky

We are convinced that it has been the greatest ever. It has been a little foretaste of Heaven. This great church, and its pastor, and its great paper continue to minister to the world in prayer.

I am sure our wonderful singer in Tulsa, who perfectly mastered several unusually high notes, was not the only one who went up and up during our wonderful Bible Conference. I'm sure I'll be riding on the clouds and slow to even desire to come

to I parted I wanted to say I have read of a man who not suffered the loss of his child but he suffered the loss of his material wealth, as well as

the terrible pain he was forced to bear. However, because he remained faithful to God, he was blessed with so much more than he ever had before. This story of Job seems to have been re-enacted in your own life. I'm not saying that anything can take the place of your children whom you have lost, but if you spend one split second thinking whether you still have friends or not, you will be wasting valuable time. It was the greatest conference and the largest crowd you have ever had — and how they do love you!

E. G. Cook
Birmingham, Alabama

Truly the Lord and His Church was magnified in this Bible Conference. We thank the Lord for every speaker, for the host

church, Calvary Baptist, and for every activity that made this conference truly inspiring.

Alvin H. Harrell
Murray, Ky.

Bro. Gilpin and Calvary Baptist Church, you have just completed another great conference. God blessed us all greatly. We thank you for all your labor. Praise God for the blessings of the Conference.

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said when he was sent to organize us, "You are now a church free of the mother church," but brethren may our relationship be as it should be between one and his mother. We have a great love for Calvary Baptist Church and her pastor. God bless you all. To any family in the church, come to see us anytime.

Cletus Snyder
Winston-Salem, N. C.

I was greatly impressed by the doctrinal unity that existed among those at the conference. Although from many different states, they all seemed to believe the same things. I did not hear a single false note in any of the addresses of approximately 40 speakers.

Another thing that favorably

impressed me was the lack of human eulogy. Men were not praised or eulogized. All praise went to the Lord.

Elder Roy Mason
Aripeka, Fla.

The conference was a real blessing to me. The sermons were fine, the singing was superb, and the wonderful spirit of unity that prevailed was the best of all.

Mrs. Roy Mason
Aripeka, Fla.

"It has been a blessing." Romans 8:28. How I do thank God for His promises to me and all those included therein. It was by His will we were here and that we may go back and tell others (Continued on page 7, column 1)

SPECIAL THANKS TO KINGS ADDITION

Calvary Baptist Church was blessed by King's Addition Baptist Church of South Shore, Ken-

ting's Addition Baptist Church has always been a most wonderful relationship existing — one that should exist between mother and child.

Not only is it true that King's Addition has always assisted us in our Bible Conference, this year in a special way have been particularly helpful. Members of the King's Addition Baptist Church prepared and assisted in the serving, furnished rooms for our guests, and in any way possible with Conference. To Brother Jim as pastor, and the we are especially grate-

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"REVIVE US AGAIN"

Preached at Saturday evening fellowship service of Kings Addition Baptist Church in summer of 1965. Bro. Wayne Cox began a revival meeting at this church on Monday following.

"O Lord revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."—Hab. 3:2.

"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?"—Psa. 85:6.

Frankly beloved, this isn't the

only church in the world that needs a revival. I don't know of a Baptist Church anywhere but needs a revival. As I face conditions in America today, I say that the whole nation needs a revival.

If I have but one request, it is that from now on, you remember me in prayer that if it be God's will, He'll spare me to preach for many years. I feel that the days of preachers and churches standing for the Word of God are just about gone, and I'd ask you to pray for me that God would keep me here for a few years longer

at least, that I might be the means of preaching His Word through The Baptist Examiner, to at least a little group of Baptists in America, that we might be the means of causing some to be revived, and to turn back to the things of the Word of God.

I don't know any way to think about a revival meeting more profitably than to think in terms of some revivals that we find within the Word of God. In other words, if I want a revival in my life, or the church in which I pastor, then I think it might (Continued on page 2, column 1)

CALVARY'S SIXTH BIBLE CONFERENCE

Calvary Baptist Church's 1965 Bible Conference is now ancient history.

The Baptists came! From 21 states considerably over 600 people converged upon Ashland for this the sixth annual Bible Conference of Calvary Baptist Church.

It is always so easy in writing of great meetings such as this to use the superlative, yet in this instance nothing but the superlative would describe this Conference.

As for the crowds, they were the greatest ever. The Eagles' Hall, where each of these conferences have been held (due to its size) was crowded for each session of the Conference.

Calvary Baptist Church did her best to take care of the physical (Continued on page 8, column 2)

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and said, "Our god has failed to send down fire.

Beloved, you can't say there was a thing wrong with their energy. You can't say that there was a thing wrong with their enthusiasm, or their zeal, or their sincerity. The only thing wrong was that they were praying to the wrong god.

Then Elijah came near and repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken. We read:

"And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the Lord came, saying Israel shall be thy name: And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed."—I Kings 18:30-32.

First of all, Elijah built an altar. That altar is typical of the house of God. That altar was typical of our church building today. Where did this revival begin? It didn't begin outside, but it began at the house of the Lord. I say to you, beloved, if God works at all, God works in His church.

Our God always has worked through the place of meeting. In the Old Testament it was a tabernacle, or a temple; and in this case it was an altar that was built. In New Testament days it was through His church, and today when God does a work, He works not through individuals outside His church, but He works through His church. Listen:

"Unto him be glory IN THE CHURCH by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."—Eph. 3:21.

The only place that God works today is through His church. So the first element in this revival meeting was that they began at the right spot, for they began with an altar. They began at the place of meeting with God, and began to call on the Lord.

Then what a remarkable scene it was when Elijah had them pour water on that altar—over 600 gallons of water. They covered that altar, and the bullock, and the place roundabout, until the offering was actually surrounded by water. Then Elijah stepped up beside the altar that he had made, and he prayed.

You say, "I wish we could have a revival meeting. I wish I could have things happen in my life. I wish that great things could take place so far as my life or my church is concerned." Beloved, I want you to notice that Elijah prayed a brief prayer as he stood there beside that altar. He didn't have to pray all day or all night. He didn't have to pray all week. Rather, Elijah prayed a brief prayer of 63 words whereby he asked that God might be glorified. As a result, fire fell down out of heaven and burned up the offering, the altar, the stones upon which the altar was erected, and the water and the dust roundabout. The whole thing was consumed miraculously and supernaturally by Almighty God.

Beloved, the Word of God would indicate as to where the fire came from, for it came from above. May I say to you that God has plenty of that fire up in heaven today, and all we need is some Elijahs down here to pray it down.

Then Elijah took those 850 false prophets and cut their heads off. You say, "I believe that a preacher ought to be so kind and sweet, and have a wonderful disposition. He ought never to show the least bit of anger, but he ought to be just a perfect individual in every respect." Beloved, that was not the kind of man that Elijah was. Instead, we find Elijah

standing there with his sword cutting heads off until those 850 false preachers were dead.

I say to you, if you are going to have a revival meeting, it takes more than starting at the house of God. It takes more than prayer. It takes more than the fire to come down out of Heaven. Beloved, you have to get rid of the things that are wrong as well. Elijah cut off the heads of 850 false preachers there by the brook.

You say, "Where is the revival in this?" Go out on mount Carmel a little higher now. Let's get up on the very highest promontory — the very highest spot in all that land. I see the prophet of God as he gets down on his knees, and bows his head between his knees. I see him as he almost prostrates himself there upon the ground as he cries out to God to send rain. The Word of God says that he sent his servant to look toward the sea, but the servant came back again and said, "There is no sign of rain." The prophet prayed some more, and the servant came back again and said, "There isn't a sign of rain." Elijah sent him seven times, and the seventh time he came back and said, "I see a little cloud." Elijah said, "That is enough. Amen." He rose to his feet and said, "We had better hurry, for we are going to have a rain-storm, the like of which you have never seen before." A tremendous storm fell upon that country. Beloved, those showers of blessings came from God as a result of the people of God turning to the Lord.

Notice, Elijah started at the right place, at God's meeting point. Elijah prayed and God sent fire. He got rid of the false preachers. When they had done those things, he called on God and God sent the showers. I say, beloved, there never would have been a shower if those 850 heads hadn't fallen by the brook. There wouldn't have been a shower if Elijah hadn't prayed. There wouldn't have been a shower if Elijah hadn't put an end to the halting between two opinions, for he said, "Let's put this thing to a test and call on God." I tell you, if you want a revival meeting, this is God's recipe. This is God's prescription for a revival.

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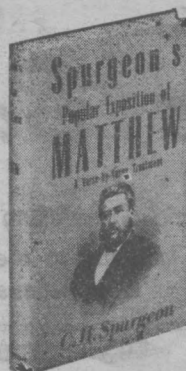
We read of a revival in the days of Hezekiah. Listen:

"He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the Lord, and repaired them."—II Chron. 29:3.

It began just exactly like the revival meeting in the days of Elijah. Elijah began by rebuilding the altar, and Hezekiah started at the house of God. I tell you, you don't have revival meetings except as God gives them through His church. You don't have revival meetings otherwise. God works through His church. He has never worked otherwise except through His church.

Then after the house of the Lord was repaired, we read:

"And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the Lord God of your



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fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place."—II Chron. 29:5.

What did they find? Beloved, they found filthiness in the holy place.

Oh, how much filthiness there is in the supposed-to-be holy places of God today! It has come to the place where the majority of people think that a church exists for the purpose of taking care of their bodies. Churches have to have basketball teams and baseball teams. Churches have to have a kitchen, and a dining room, and they have to have suppers. The majority of people think that the church exists that they might in some way be able to gratify their fleshly natures or their fleshly desires. Beloved, notice this, in Hezekiah's day, the first thing they did was carry the filthiness out of the house of God.

If the average Baptist church today would stop to have a revival meeting in God's way they would be busy for days on top of days, getting rid of the filthiness so far as the house of God is concerned. The majority of them would have to get rid of their basketball teams, baseball teams, kitchen, and all of those things that cater to the flesh. God doesn't deal with the flesh. There is not a hint in the Bible that God ever has dealt with the flesh of man. We read:

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing."—John 6:63.

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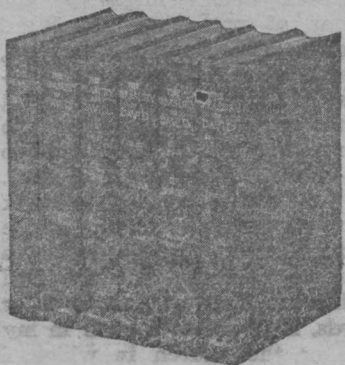
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Exposition of Matthew

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Beloved, you don't have a revival meeting if you don't talk about election. That was the very basis of this revival in the days of Hezekiah, for Hezekiah reminded them that God had chosen them and that they were just fulfilling God's purpose in their lives.

Notice how long it took to get that old house clean:

"Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the Lord; so they sanctified the house of the Lord in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end." — II Chron. 29:17.

They wanted a revival and they were willing to work eight days to get the house of God cleaned up so that they could have a revival meeting.

I wouldn't be a bit surprised but that it would take more than eight days for the majority of churches today to get right, and to get ready for the Lord to bless them. I wouldn't be a bit surprised but what eight days would be a very short time for the average Baptist church to get ready so that God would want to have a meeting in it. I tell you, the name Baptist smells badly in most places today. When I think about conditions as they exist today, I cry out to God, "Oh, God, let me live a long time that I might use my pen and voice whereby I might be able to call people back to the things of the Lord; at least to remind them that there was a day when people tried to walk with God."

The Word of God says that after they had gotten the house of the Lord repaired, Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord. Listen:

"Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and WENT UP TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD." — II Chron. 29:20.

You don't have revival meetings away from the church. You just have to realize that every revival they had in the Old Testament centered around the house of God. You have to realize God has a place of worship. Wherever that appointed place is, that is where God is going to give a revival.

The king himself went up to the house of the Lord and they had a great revival meeting, for we read:

"And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt-offering upon the altar. And when the burnt-offering began, the song of the Lord began also with trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by David king of Israel." — II Chron. 29:27.

I can see God looking down from the skies. I can see Him as He smells that sweet savor that came from the burnt offering. How long had it been since there had been a burnt-offering offered in that house of God? I know not. All I know is, it had been a long, long time. It had been years since such had taken place before. Now as the burnt-offering began, the song of the Lord began. What a precious scene this is, with an offering that would please God,

and the people singing! They cleaned out the house of God; they have gone to the house of God; they are having a worship service; they are offering a burnt-offering unto the Lord—an offering that pleased God, and the people are shouting and singing. They are praising God. Then we read:

"And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped. Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the Lord with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped. Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the Lord, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the Lord. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt-offerings." — II Chron. 29:29-31.

Don't tell me there isn't a happiness comes when God's people get right with the Lord. You just don't have real happiness unless it be around the things of God.

What effect did all this have? I said this was a revival, but just because they had a worship service and people sang is no indication in itself that it was a revival. Let's see how genuine this revival was. Listen:

"And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron." — II Chron. 30:14.

There was idolatry there. They had gotten to the place that the altar of the Lord was forgotten, and the house of God was forgotten. More than that, they were worshipping idols. What did they do? They cast them into the brook Kidron.

Beloved, when people begin to get right they then begin to get rid of some things that are wrong. They don't get right with God unless they get rid of the things that are wrong. These people got right with God. They got rid of their altar. They got rid of their idols.

It is rather interesting to go back and find out that once upon a time God told them to make a brazen serpent and put it up in the midst of their camp, and that everybody who looked at that snake that was made of brass would be healed of his serpent bite. They did it. Did you ever stop to think what happened to that old brazen snake? They carried it along with them and kept it for years and years, until it got to be a god. They got to worshipping that brazen serpent as a god. What did they do in this revival under Hezekiah? Listen:

"He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made; for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it; and he called it Nehushtan." — II Kings 18:4.

Beloved, I say that when people get right with God, they get rid of the things that are wrong.

Then we read:

"Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and brake the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasse, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities." — II

Chron. 31:1.

They hadn't been taking care of the pastor. They hadn't been looking after the material interests of the preacher. We have a common expression today—the reason why people don't prosper is because they don't pay the preacher. That may be a common expression, but that is a Bible truth. God says that when this people had a revival, one of the elements of that revival was that they began to pay the preacher.

Notice again:

"And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly." — II Chron. 31:15.

Who ever heard of a revival meeting without it affecting a man's pocketbook? I remember a man a few years ago who was about to be baptized. As he stepped down into the water, he happened to think about his pocketbook in his hip pocket, and he reached to take it out, before it got wet. Before he could do so, the preacher pulled him on down, and said, "When I baptize a man, I want to baptize his pocketbook too." I tell you, beloved, if a man gets right with God, if a revival takes place, it is going to revive a man so far as his pocketbook is concerned.

III

JUDGES 7

We have an interesting account of another revival. It was a revival that God gave in the day when Gideon was the human leader. The Word of God would indicate that God called him. Listen:

"And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour." — Judges 6:12.

Who ever heard of a revival without God calling the preacher? I tell you, you don't have a revival by these little preachers that don't know a thing about being called of God.

I spent some time, a good while ago, talking to a group of people from a church that didn't believe that God called a preacher. They didn't believe in a God-called ministry. Listen beloved, God calls preachers. God called this man Gideon for the work that he was to do, and when God called him, he "bucked" like a young colt that hadn't been broken yet to work. He said:

"My family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." — Judges 6:15.

He wasn't like these politicians that run around before an election and tell you about how good they are and how ornery the other fellow is. Gideon wasn't like that. He said, "I come from a poor family. I am the poorest in my father's house. I couldn't be the man for the job." God said, "I'll tell you how much I think you are the man for the job. You go out there and get your father's second bullock and take an

axe and chop down your father's altar where he has worshipped idols; then offer that bullock as a sacrifice upon the altar." Gideon chopped down the grove around his father's altar. He chopped down the idolatrous place of worship. Then he took his father's bullock and offered it as a sacrifice upon the altar. When he had done so, the people rose up and said to the father, "We have to do something about this." The father said, "If my god can't plead for himself, there is no need in my doing it," as if to say, "My son has acted, and if my god is so defenseless that he can't take care of himself, we'll leave the matter between him and my son."

Then after Gideon had had this victory thus far by getting his family on his side, he gets the blues. Did you ever get the blues? Do you ever get to the place that you think maybe you have acted prematurely or hastily? Well, Gideon got that way. What did he do? He said, "I am going to try God." He put a fleece on the ground and said, "If tomorrow morning I come out and the fleece is wet but the ground all around is dry, then I'll know God is leading." He went out the next morning and wrung the water out of the fleece, and the ground all around was dry. Then the Devil said, "Wait a minute, Gideon. Maybe no dew fell last night and that will account for the ground being dry. Maybe somebody heard you make that statement and he poured water on that fleece." Gideon said, "We'll turn it around. If I go out in the morning and the ground is wet and the fleece is dry, then I'll know it is of God." The next morning you could have heard him shout all over Palestine, for he knew God was in it.

Do you remember the story of how Gideon went out to battle with 32,000 men, and God sent the most of them back home? Gideon went out to battle against 135,000 Midianites—out-numbered 450 to one. God was glorified. Beloved, when the odds are 450 to one, God gets the glory.

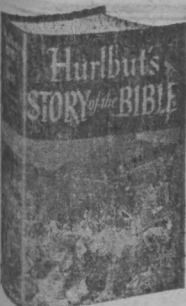
Suppose they had gone to battle and had had 32,000 against 135,000, that would have been just four to one, and any good man ought to be able to whip four others if he has any zeal in his heart relative to the things for which he is fighting. They could have said, "Look at that. We did it." But God whittled them down until there were 300, and with those 300 they won a victory over 135,000 Midianites, resulting in the death of 120,000 Midianites. We read:

"And they stood every man in his place round about the camp; and all the host ran, and cried, and fled." — Judges 7:21.

Beloved, you don't have a revival meeting until people get in their places. Whenever the membership of this church gets to the place that every man is in his place, then you can expect God to send down blessings. God doesn't have any blessings for people that aren't in their place.

No wonder these people had a

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The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"The pastor of our church says the apostles walked by sight before the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost. The question is how were the old prophets and apostles led; did the Spirit remain with them? Explain in detail."

The work of the Holy Spirit has always been the same. Before Pentecost the Spirit of God was with the believer and occasionally entered the prophet for a period; after Pentecost the Spirit dwells in the believer and remains there. "... for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." John 14:17. John 7:38, 39 tells us that the Spirit of God will flow forth out of the belly of the believer. Verse 39 tells us that He was

be in you." Jn. 14:17.

In this verse the Lord told his disciples that the Spirit was dwelling with them; therefore they had the Spirit before the day of Pentecost, but they did not have Him in the capacity as the Comforter, for Christ had just told them that he would pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter. See Jn. 14:16.

Christ was their abiding Comforter during his earthly ministry. After His ascension He sent back the Spirit, in fulfillment of the promise that he gave to His church, "I will not leave you comfortless." Jn. 14:18.

Those who walk with the Lord must do so by faith, and to walk by faith one must needs have the Spirit to grant to us the faith to walk by.

"Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith." Hab. 2:4.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Cor. 5:7.

Furthermore, if the old prophets were not led by the Holy Spirit, would not the words which they wrote be the mere words of men rather than the Word of God? Yet we claim that all the Bible from Genesis to Revelation is the verbally inspired Word of God, and the only way in which this claim could be valid is, that the old prophets who wrote the Old Testament were men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit as the Comforter who guides into all truth.

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Pet. 1:20-21.

From these verses it is evident that the Old Testament prophets were inspired of the Holy Spirit as well as the apostles of the New Testament. Therefore the old prophets did not prophecy when they pleased, but rather only as the Spirit moved upon them to write.

Peter calls the old prophets holy men of God. To be a holy person, a person must be partaker of the divine nature, for we know that no one is holy within himself, but must be made holy by the power of God. See 2 Pet. 1:4. From this we must conclude that the Old Testament saints were partakers of the Holy Spirit the same as we are in this age, in the realm of salvation. Though they were partakers of divine nature they did not have the Holy Spirit as the abiding

Comforter who would guide them into all truth. The Spirit as the abiding Comforter did not come in His abiding capacity until Pentecost. In the Old Testament times He would come upon the prophets and inspire them into truths, and then leave. This is why David prayed, "Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me." Ps. 51:11.

David had already taught us in Psalm 37:25 that the Lord does not forsake His seed, His prayer then, to take not thy Holy Spirit from me, must be the work of the Spirit in another capacity beside the realm of salvation. This work of the Spirit which David was pleading with the Lord not to take from him was the work of the Comforter.

Peter tells us that Noah, a preacher of righteousness preached by the Spirit while the ark was preparing. The Spirit came upon Moses as he was leading the children of Israel in their wilderness journey. He led Joshua and all the other Old Testament prophets, but not as the abiding Comforter. The prayer of the prophet, take not thy Spirit from me, was appropriate for the age and dispensation in which he lived, but not appropriate for Christians today.

"When He is come, He will abide with you forever." Jn. 14:16.

May I also add that this Comforter only abides in the Church of Jesus Christ which is a Baptist Church.

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The disciples walked under the direct leading of the Second Person in the Trinity, the Lord Jesus Himself. When he told them that He was going away, He said, "If I go away I will send you another Comforter (Paraclete—One who goes beside) that He may abide with you."

The question is raised as to how the apostles and prophets were led back before the advent of the Holy Spirit in the sense that He came on Pentecost. As just mentioned, the disciples had Jesus Himself to guide them. However this does not preclude the help of the Holy Spirit. And that raises the question as to the difference between the Holy Spirit's operation before Pentecost and afterwards. The prophets were often conscious of the Holy Spirit's presence and power. In Isa. 61:1 for instance, we read, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..." This and many other passages reveal the work of the Holy Spirit before Pentecost. What then is the difference before and after Pentecost? Just this: Before Pentecost the Spirit sovereignly acted upon men from WITHOUT. From Pentecost on, the Holy Spirit dwells WITHIN the believer. Jesus foretold this in John 14:17 when He said, "He dwelleth WITH you, and shall be IN YOU."

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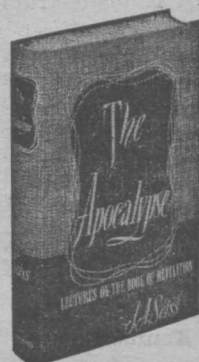
It is heart-breaking to see so many preachers who will tell you what they think at the drop of the hat, but if you drop a whole store full of hats they do not back up what they think with a "thus said the Lord." Those who say that the apostles walked by sight before Pentecost must of necessity be put in that group. If they have any Scripture to back up such a statement, I sure would like to know where it is. If this preacher had said that the apostles walked by sight on that awful night in the garden, or that Peter walked by sight as he cut off the servant's ear and as he denied his Lord three times his statement would have sounded more reasonable. But for him to say that they were walking by sight in Acts 1:14 as they continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, or as they worshipped the risen and ascended Lord, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy (Lk. 24:52) is downright unscriptural. They had just seen the One who was dearer to them than their own lives go away from them. And they realized that their Lord would walk with them no more in the flesh as He had done for some three and a half years, but still they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. That joy had to be in the Holy Spirit, Rom. 14:17.

Something had not happened, but had come to pass in their lives that made all this difference. Things do not happen in our lives. They come to pass. Until the Lord opened my understanding (Lk. 24:25) that I might understand Jno. 20:22 I too thought the Holy Spirit came into the apostles at Pentecost. But in Jno. 20:22 we see a great and marvelous thing taking place. Here the risen Lord breathes upon the apostles and says to them "Receive ye the Holy Spirit." You and I should continually have a prayer of thanksgiving upon our lips and in our hearts for what we see here. Fifty days before Pentecost the Holy Spirit who had been with them was now in them and was to abide with them forever, Jno. 14:16-17. The Holy Spirit did not come into the apostles at Pentecost. He came upon them to empower them for the work they were to do, Acts 1:8. They were literally baptized (immersed) in the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Our Lord did not tell the saints in Lk. 24:29 to tarry in Jerusalem until they received the Holy Spirit. He told them to tarry there until they were endued with power from on high. "Endued with power" here really means "clothed with authority." There was no other church in existence at that time to give them this authority. So it had to come from on high.

As to the Holy Spirit in Old Testament times, I find no Scripture to prove that He abode in the saints, but I do find ample

reason to believe that He was always with them. In Neh. 9:20 we read, "Thou gavest thy good Spirit to instruct them." Nehemiah is talking about the children of Israel in the wilderness. Then in Hag. 2:5 the Lord said to Zerubbabel something like a thousand years later "My Spirit remaineth among you." This leads me to believe that the Holy Spirit was always in the midst of God's people, but He did not dwell in them as He does in us today. The Holy Spirit entered the prophets, and others when they were to do some special work for the Lord. Peter tells us in I Pet. 1:11 that the Spirit of Christ was in the prophets when they testified of the sufferings of Christ. And in 2 Pet. 1:21 he tells us that prophecy did not come by the will of man, but that these prophets spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. But since we are

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assured that the Holy Spirit is to abide with us forever it would be an abomination in our Lord's sight for us to pray "Take not thy Holy Spirit from me" as David did in Psa. 51:11.

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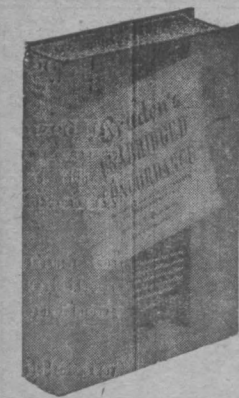
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Azariah, the son of Meshullam, scribe, to the house of the Lord, saying, Go up to Hilkiah high priest, that he may sum up silver which is brought into the house of the Lord, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people; And let them give it into the hand of the men of the work, that have the charge of the house of the Lord; and let them give it to the men of the work which is in the house of the Lord, to repair the breaches of the house, unto carvers, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber, and hewn stone, to repair the house." — II Kings 22:3-6.

Notice that this revival started when they started to repair the house of the Lord. It started at the same place that every revival started in the Old Testament — at God's place of meeting. You just don't find God in revivals apart from His place of meeting. When they went to the temple and started repairing it, the Word of God says they found something they didn't know was there. Listen: "And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And he gave the book to Shaphan and he read it." — II Kings

church and use a Sunday School quarterly where you'll be in Genesis this Sunday and Revelation next Sunday, then back to Daniel the next Sunday, and in Matthew the next Sunday. You can't tell me that the Word of the Lord isn't lost in a church like that.

When the preacher preaches on the subject, "Who threw the turkey in the well" or Who took the ham out of Abraham," or maybe talks about the popularity contest that is going to be held, you can't tell me that the Bible isn't lost in a church like that. Beloved, go into an Arminian church where it is said that it is all up to you — you are a free moral agent and you can choose or reject, don't tell me the Word of God isn't lost in a church like that. God's Word is a lost book in the average Baptist church today.

The Bible was lost in the temple and they found it when they started to repair the house of the Lord. I tell you, it was amazing what they found out when they got that old Bible out and started reading it.

Beloved, if you'll get out Grandma's old Book and read it again, you'll be amazed at the things you'll find — things that you have forgotten about, things you didn't know were there. You may even find the recipe you lost about ten years ago. I wouldn't be a bit surprised but what there are locks of hair that you cut off your children that you might find if you opened it. There may be some of those letters you have wondered about as to what had become of them, in your Bible. And too, if you read it, you'll find lots of truth there you didn't know about.

Beloved the message of God is there, and when these people got to reading the Bible they found there were a lot of things they hadn't been doing. The Word of God tells us how they humbled themselves and made a covenant with the Lord. Josiah carried out a great number of reforms in that he burned the idols and cut down the groves, and the result was they had a great revival meeting. It all started when they started to repair the temple and found the book they didn't know anything at all about.

A Negro preacher referred to a revival as a "rebibal." That is just about right. If a revival isn't a re-Bibleing, it isn't much of a revival. If you have a revival meeting and it doesn't make you love the Bible more, it hasn't been much of a revival. If you have a revival and it only causes you to think in terms of food or social pleasure, then your revival meeting has just revived your physical senses. It hasn't revived your true spirit. This revival meeting when they found the Bible, resulted in a complete reformation of all that was wrong.

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It is rather interesting to go back and read the book of Ezra and Nehemiah. They were written after the children of Israel had been in captivity in Babylon. The first thing they did after their release from Babylonian cap-

tivity, was to build the temple. That was their house of God. However, the heathen came into it, and just about took over, so they had to build a wall around the city to keep the heathen out. While the book of Ezra tells us about the building of the temple, the book of Nehemiah tells about the building of the wall around the city to keep the heathen out of the temple. After the wall was built, they had a revival.

What was wrong they didn't have a revival before? For years they were busy building a temple and didn't have time to be revived. Then for years they were building a wall around the city. They didn't have time to have a revival because they were busy building. Can it be possible that God's people can be so busy building church buildings and a wall to separate them from the world that they don't have time for a genuine revival? Can it be possible that God's people can have their minds on some of the things of the Lord to the extent that it excludes other and deeper things of the Lord? That is what you find here. Now that the temple and the wall are built, they gather together to read the Bible. Listen:

"And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law." — Neh. 8:3.

I wonder what would happen if we were to announce that we were going to have an all-day meeting and were going to read the Bible from morning until mid-day? How many people would come? If we would make a public announcement over the radio and TV stations and put it in the newspapers and scatter handbills over the country that on such and such a day we were going to have a meeting just for the reading of the Word of God, I wonder how many people would come. And of those that would come, how many would stay awake all morning and be attentive? How many of them would say, "Isn't this a long service? They have been reading the Bible all morning." Beloved, maybe that is the reason we don't have revivals today like we ought to have. Maybe we are trying to fit God into our mold, and our plan, and our pattern, and we just don't take time to listen to His Word.

These people read from morning to mid-day, and they were attentive. We read:

"Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethiah, Hodijah, Maassiah, Keltai, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pellaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law; and the people stood in their place." — Neh. 8:7.

What is a revival meeting, beloved? It is a teaching of the Bible. That is what they did here. They read the Bible, the people were attentive to it, and they were caused to understand.

I wouldn't give a snap of my finger for a revival service, or any kind of meeting where the Word of God isn't taught and explained. If you preacher brethren have a sermon wherein God's Word is not taught, and not explained, go home and do God the favor of tearing it up and throwing it away.

What was the result of this revival? The Word of God says that as a result of this revival, the people fasted, and repented, and brought their offering to the Lord. They made a covenant with the Lord, and they signed the covenant, that they would stand by it.

I tell you, beloved, if a revival meeting amounts to anything at all, it has to center around the Word of God, like this one.

CONCLUSION

In closing, I'd like to mention some things that stand out in these revivals that I have read about. First, the Bible is put in its proper place. Second, the people prayed. Whoever heard of a revival apart from prayer? Third, they confessed their sins. You don't have a revival until people confess that they have been doing wrong. Fourth, they tithed. You might just as well not talk about a revival meeting unless you talk in terms of tithing. There is not a revival mentioned in the Old Testament, with the exception of the revival in the days of Gideon, but what tithing is mentioned as one of the outgrowths of the revival. Fifth, God's house was the center of every revival. Without exception, the house of God is put in the center. Sixth, the people covenanted with God. Seventh, they praised God. Eighth, each person stood in his place. Ninth, there was no compromise on the part of any of them. Tenth, God is seen as a sovereign God. Put these ten ideas together that we have seen in these various meetings that I have mentioned and you can understand why God gave a revival to every one of them.

Would to God that He would give a revival today! Would to God you would come to the place as a church that you could meet the requirements of each of these revivals of the Old Testament, so that you might be revived. Would you like to have a revival? Let me make a suggestion to you. Go home, get down on your knees, take a piece of chalk and draw a circle all the way around you, and let a revival begin in the middle of that circle. Then let it spread out to the hearts of others. May God bless you!

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thank Brother Gilpin for The Baptist Examiner and for advertising the work of Bible Baptist Church, in Sarasota, Florida, in it.
—Elder Howard Sheppard
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I would first like to thank Calvary Baptist Church here of Ashland for the privilege and hospitality that they've shown us of Zion Baptist Church, from Detroit. Secondly, and lastly, this thought occurred to me yesterday, and Brother Gilpin has reminded me indirectly again. In regards

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—Elder Frank McCrum,
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God saved my soul about 11 years ago. He called me to the ministry about ten years ago, but I was converted to the knowledge of the truth about two years ago. I'd been preaching for some 7 or 8 years Arminian heresy. During this time I'd read The Baptist Examiner on occasions. About two years ago I came to a place where I saw the sovereign grace of God in action and it could be nothing else. I then set forth to learn of these doctrines. I love the Examiner. I love Bro. Gilpin and his writings and everyone who writes for this paper. As we go to Brazil, the Lord willing, this November, I covet your prayers, and I assure you that I will always have the Examiner with me and will always love and respect each and every one who has had part in this service. This is the only service of this kind that I've ever been privileged to attend. And if I never get to attend another (Continued on page 6, column 4)

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I went to him, after dinner, and taking him apart, I told him all about the orgies of last night, and asked his advice on my determination not to continue the retreat, which was evidently nothing else than a blind, and a sacrilegious comedy, to deceive the world.

He answered: "You teach me nothing, for I spent last night in the same dormitory where you were. One of the priests told me all about those orgies, yesterday; I could hardly believe what he said, and I determined to see and hear for myself what was going on. You do not exaggerate, you do not even mention half of the horrors of last night. It baffles any description. It is simply incredible for any one who has not himself witnessed them. However, I do not advise you to leave. It would forever ruin you in the mind of the bishop, who is not already too well disposed in your favor. The best thing you can do is to go and say everything to Bishop Spaulding. I have done it this morning; but I felt that he did not believe the half of what I told him. When the same testimony comes from you, then he will believe it, and will probably take some measure, with our own bishop, to put an end to those horrors. I have something to tell you, confidentially, which surpasses, in a measure, anything you know of the abominations of those last three nights. "A respectable policeman, who belongs to my congregation, came to me this morning, to tell me that the first night, six prostitutes, after dark, entered the dormitory, and went, directed by signals, to those who had invited them, each being provided with the necessary key. I have just reported the thing to Bishop O'Regan; but instead of paying any attention to what I said, he became furious against me, and nearly turned me out of his room, saying, 'Do you think that I am going to come down from my dignity of bishop to hear the reports of degraded policemen, or of vile spies? Shall I become the spies of my priests? If they want to damn themselves, there is no help, let them go to hell! I am not more obliged or able than God Himself to stop them! Does God stop them? Does He punish them? No! Well! you cannot expect from me more zeal and power than in our common God!'"

"With these fine words ringing in my ears," said good Mr. Dunn, "I had to leave his room at the double quick. It is of no use for us to speak to Bishop O'Regan on that matter. It will do no good. He wants to get a large subscription from those priests, at the end of the retreat, and he is rather inclined to pet than punish them, till he obtains the hundred thousand dollars he wants to build his white marble

palace on the lake shore."

I replied: "Though you add to my desolation, instead of diminishing it, by what you say of the strange principles of our bishop, I will speak to my lord Spaulding as you advise me." Without a moment's delay, I went to his room. He received me very kindly, and did not at all seem surprised at what I said. It was as if he had been accustomed to see the same, or still worse abominations. However, when I told him the enormous quantity of liquor drank, and that the retreat would be only a ridiculous comedy, if no attempt at reform was tried, he agreed with me; "but it would be advisable to try it." He said, "Though this is not in our programme, we might give one or two sermons on the necessity of priests giving an example of temperance to their people. Will you please come with me to the room of my lord O'Regan, that we may confer on the matter, after you have told him what is going on?"

Although the Bishop of Chicago seemed puzzled at seeing me entering his room with my lord Spaulding, he was as polite as possible. He listened with more attention than I expected to the narrative I gave of what was going on among the priests. After telling him my story, Bishop Spaulding said: "My lord of Chicago, these facts are very grave, and there cannot be any doubt about the truth of what we have just heard. Two other gentlemen gave me the same testimony this morning."

"Yes!" said Bishop O'Regan, "it is very sad to see that your priests have so little self-respect, even during such solemn days as those of a retreat. The Rev. Mr. Dunn has just told me the same story as Father Chiniquy. But what remedy can we find for such a state of things? Perhaps it might do well to give them a good sermon on temperance. Mr. Chiniquy, I am told that you are called 'the temperance apostle of Canada,' and that you are a powerful speaker on that subject; would you not like to give them one or two addresses on the injury they are doing to themselves and to our holy church, by their drunkenness?"

"If those priests could understand me in French," I replied, "I would accept the honour you offer me with pleasure; but to be understood by them, I would have to speak in English; and I am not sufficiently free in that language to attempt it. My broken English would only bring ridicule upon the holy cause of temperance. But my lord Spaulding has already preached on that subject in Kentucky, and an address from his lordship would be listened to with more attention and benefit from him than from me."

It was then agreed that he should change his programme, and give two addresses on temperance, which he did. But though

these addresses were really eloquent, they were pearls thrown before swine. The drunken priests slept, as usual; and even snored, almost through the whole length of the delivery. It is true that we could notice a little improvement, and less noise the following nights; the change, however, was very little.

The fourth day of the retreat, the Rev. Mr. Lebel came to me with his bag in hand. He looked furious. He said: "Now, you must be satisfied, I am interdicted and turned out ignominiously from this diocese. It is your work! But mind what I tell you: you will, also, soon be turned out from your colony by the mitred tyrant who has just struck me down. He told me, several times, that he would, at any cost, break your plans of French colonization, by sending you to the south-west of Illinois. He is enraged against you, for your refusing to give him your fine property at St. Anne."

I answered him: "You are mistaken when you think that I am the author of your misfortunes. You have disgraced yourself by your own acts. God has given you talents and qualities which, if cultivated, would have exalted you in the church, but you have preferred to destroy those great gifts, in order to follow the evil inclinations of your poor degraded human nature; you reap to-day what you have sown. Nobody is more sorry than I am for your misfortune, and my most sincere wish is that the past may be a lesson to guide your steps in the future. The desire of the bishop to turn me out of my colony does not trouble me. If it is the will of God to keep me at the head of that great work, the Bishop of Chicago will go down from his episcopal throne before I go down the beautiful hill of St. Anne. Adieu!" He soon disappeared. But now the fall of this priest, whom I had so sincerely loved, saddened me!

The next Sabbath was the last day of the retreat. All the priests went in procession to the cathedral, to receive the holy communion and everyone of them ate, what we had to believe was the true body, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. This, however, did not prevent thirteen of them from spending the greater part of the next night in calabosses, to which they had been taken by the police, from houses of ill-fame, where they were rioting and fighting. The next morning they were discharged from the hands of the police by paying pretty round sums of money for the trouble of the night!

The next day, I went to Mr. Dunn's parsonage to ask him if he could give me any explanation of the rumour which was afloat, and to which Mr. Lebel had made allusion, that it was the intention of the bishop to remove me from my colony to some distant part of his diocese.

"It is unfortunately too true," he said. "Bishop O'Regan thinks that he has a mission from heaven to undo all his predecessor has done, and as one of the best and greatest schemes of Bishop Vandeveld was to secure the possession of this magnificent State of Illinois to our church, by inducing all the Roman Catholic emigrants from France, Belgium and Canada, to settle here, our present bishop does not conceal that he will oppose that plan by removing you to such a distance, that your colonization plans will be at an end. He says that the French are, as a general thing, rebels and disobedient to their bishops. He prefers seeing the Irish coming, on account of their proverbial docility to their ecclesiastical superiors. I have, in vain, tried to change his mind. I told you before that he often asks my opinion on what I think the best thing to be done for

the good of the diocese. But do not think that he intends to follow my advice; it is just the contrary. My impression now is, that he wants to know our views, only for the pleasure of acting diametrically in opposition to what we advise."

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Testimonies

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one I'll always remember this one. Pray for me.

—Eld. Raymond Moore,
Sacramento, California

I was saved a little over three years ago. It will be four years this December. I'm from Chicago, Illinois. I got acquainted with the Baptist Examiner, and I was converted. I was saved, when I got converted. I was like Peter when the Lord told me to be converted. And I asked Brother Gilpin if he knew of any church in Chicago that was true to the faith. He sent me the name of only one, which is Macedonia Baptist Church. I've been a member of that church now for a little over three years. I've been greatly blessed of the Lord. I love my pastor, and the very great doctrines he stands for. Pray for the Baptist Examiner that the Lord might keep the paper in print until Jesus comes. Pray for our church, our missionary work and for me.

—David Goldstein,
Chicago, Illinois

When I first began my ministry I was an Arminian. And I preached the Arminian doctrine and had great crowds and a lot of people came to hear me. They thought I was a great preacher. But one day by the grace of God, He showed me that I wasn't any preacher at all, that I was just a servant of His, and refusing to obey Him. Now I've been to a lot of Conferences—I've been north, south, east, and west, and sat in assemblies of great numbers of people. I've heard great preachers all down through the ages. And during those days, a lot of those preachers were good preachers, fundamental, and they were solid in faith and doctrine. But I'd have to say this morning, that these past few days, I've had the greatest time that I've ever had in all my life. I've heard some of the best sermons here in the last few days, and I give God the praise for it. And I thank Brother Gilpin for his wonderful courtesy and kindness to me. I'll go home rejoicing. May God bless you is my prayer.

—Eld. C. M. Honaker,
Shady Springs, W. Va.

About nine years ago a friend of mine sent us The Baptist Examiner and I've been reading it most of the time since then. I just want to give you a few words of advice. Don't come to our home the day The Baptist Examiner comes, unless you want to hear my wife "holler" at me about sitting around reading so

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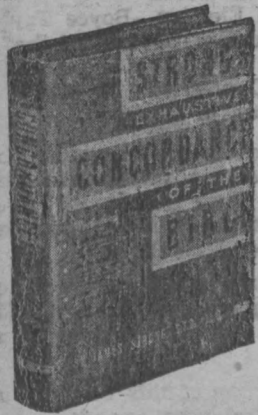
much, because I sure feed upon it. It is scriptural food for anyone. My wife and I have been privileged to attend three Bible Conferences, 1961, 1962, and this one. The fellowship has been far better here this time than before and the spirit of God certainly is working more wonderfully because at my present pastorate because of The Baptist Examiner. I'm not sure whether I'll ever forgive Brother Gilpin for sending me to Florida or not. Pray for me.

—Robert Varble,
Bonita Springs, Florida

I live in Indianapolis and my name is Keith Schuetz. And I'm very appreciative today for Calvary Baptist Church and Brother Gilpin—very thankful for them. I want to thank them at this time for their hospitality. I'm also very thankful for The Baptist Examiner. There are some of the brethren here today that have helped assist in organizing a New Testament Baptist Church in Indianapolis. Of the people that make up this church I've has recently been organized I've brought a list of their names to receive The Baptist Examiner. I think that each and every one of us possibly have a friend or relative, that doesn't take the Baptist Examiner, that we could remember, and send them The Baptist Examiner, by Brother Gilpin.

—Keith Schuetz,
Indianapolis, Ind.

I believe that each of us actually appreciate the goodness and kindness that has been shown to us in many ways, especially the debt that we have been rendered through the ministry of Brother Gilpin. I believe it was about nine years ago as a member of the Moravian church, which I was converted in, that I visited a Bible Conference in West Virginia. I happened to see this paper close by and I started reading it, and someone said, "Put that aside, don't touch it or have anything to do with it here." But thank God He remanded it to me. (Continued on page 7, column 1)



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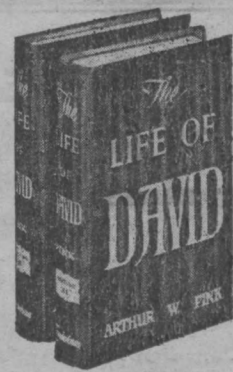
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One way to keep your head above water is to keep out of expensive dives.

Having our entire family here (all 8) has certainly been of great joy. May God bless each, is our prayer.

Elder E. W. Parks
Rainelle, W. Va.

I have never been in a meeting where people seemed to be any more in one mind and one accord than in this meeting.

Elder Gordon Buchanan
Griffin, Georgia

This was my first time to the Bible Conference, and I received a blessing from it. I met many new sisters and brothers in Christ, and really felt the Spirit in each service. Everyone has been so nice to us. May the Lord bless you in the wonderful work here.

Mrs. Gordon Buchanan
Griffin, Georgia

It was just great: good preaching, loving spirit, swell fellowship, good singing, and the food the finest!

Mr. and Mrs. John
Shelton and family
Westfield, N. C.

AMEN!

Elder James Crace,
Ashland, Ky.

We have enjoyed to the fullest the wonderful messages which were food for the soul. Also enjoyed the bountiful meals and appreciate all the effort that went into making this the greatest conference we've ever had the privilege to attend.

Joel & Patricia Caves
Tulsa, Oklahoma

The Bible Conference has been very good. My soul has been fed by all the good preaching. I enjoyed the food and want to thank all the people that helped prepare it. The fellowship was good. I was glad that I came. You can always learn something.

Thomas H. Sanders
Chicago, Illinois

There is no doubt! This has been a great conference. The greatest of preaching, hospitality, and fellowship. There is much encouragement to those of us who believe these doctrines of grace and church truth.

Elder Joe Shelnuitt
Benton, Arkansas

The conference for '65 was the greatest yet. We have had a wonderful time. We hope to be back next year. May God bless each one is our prayer.

Elder James Thorne
Detroit, Michigan

The conference has really been a blessing to me. All the sermons have had so much spiritual food. I pray God will continue to call men that will be sound in the faith for the future generations. May God bless you in your work, always.

Mrs. Edna Reinhart,
Richmond, Ky.

This is my first trip to the Bible Conference at Ashland and I have enjoyed every moment of it. I enjoyed every sermon I heard



and I hope that God makes it possible for me to come again.

Lowell Herrington
Detroit, Mich.

Enjoyed every moment. The preaching the best. The food without equal. The fellowship the sweetest. Calvary Baptist Church, her pastor, John R. Gilpin, and all others who helped are to be commended for a job well done.

Elder J. Frank McCrum
Detroit, Michigan

We have so greatly appreciated your hospitality. The preachers contending for God's word have blessed our souls to no end.

Keith, Annabel
& Alvin Schuetz
Indianapolis, Indiana

This is my second time to attend the conference and I have enjoyed it very much.

Mrs. Daisy Massie
McDermott, Ohio

Wonderful preaching, wonderful singing, wonderful fellowship, and wonderful food.

Lewis C. Hall
Grayson, Ky.

I have immensely enjoyed the conference. The best ever.

Elder O. B. Mink
Mansfield, Ohio

This is the first time I have attended the conference and I have enjoyed it very much. Hope to come again some time.

Thelma Nunley
McDermott, Ohio

We have richly enjoyed the sermons and fine fellowship during the Bible Conference. Where we live, we hear little of those truths presented and you become hungry for the fellowship of people who really love God's word.

Eld. & Mrs. Carrol Hunter
Cannelton, Indiana

Every since I've come to the

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wonderful food provided by Calvary Baptist Church.

Don W. Jernigan
Cleveland, Ohio

I very much enjoyed this year's Bible Conference. The Lord helped me to overcome sickness to be here.

Richard Phillips
Bristol, Tenn.

Just can't express the joy of being with good Christian friends and hearing the blessed ministers of God, who have received and know our Lord's wisdom and knowledge. I know that God will continue to bless you all in your good work.

Mrs. Ophelia Tudor,
Richmond, Ky.

I was impressed and moved greatly with the crowds each and every service. How I praise God for the fellowship. It was wonderful and all the messages were great. I know Calvary Baptist Church and Bro. Gilpin are doing a great work for the Lord in having these Bible Conferences each year. I feel I can go back (Continued on page 8, column 3)

It was a great privilege and pleasure to attend the 1965 conference of Calvary Baptist Church. Nowhere could one hear as many messages from the Word of God. Nor could you spend Labor Day weekend in a better place.

Frank Johnson
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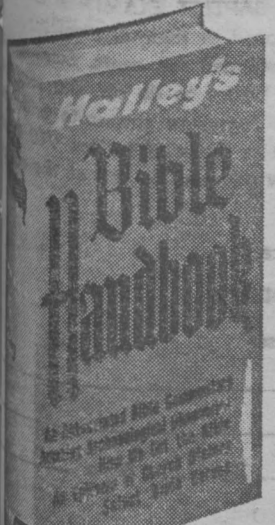
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to me the truth of that and I can say this morning, from the very depths of my heart, I thank God for saving a man like me, in that He's made the truths of God's Word, in letting me meet men such as Bro. Gilpin. I feel like getting on my knees this morning and thanking God for all of His kindness that has shown us in many ways.

—Eld. E. W. Parks,
Rainelle, W. Va.

My Impression

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thing of what we received here. The Baptist Examination of God's Providence, has had in my being here. Brother may the Lord continue to you in His service. I know there are many that stand with

Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Wooten
Birmingham, Ala.

God's blessings rest upon one who had a part, whether small, who helped to make this conference possible. It is a real blessing.

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be unto God for His mercy. The preaching is good, food extremely good, in general everything is blessed of God.

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The chairs are hard, but the preaching is good, and the songs are good.

Carol Hockenbarger
age 8

I liked the conference because we had good songs, good preaching, good playing (music) by the Phelps boys, a big crowd, good food, good pop, a good fan, and a good Mr. Gilpin.

Harold Hockenbarger
Topeka, Kansas

I think I have heard some of the best preaching in my life. I would hate to pay for it all. The food was great and I loved it.

Johnny Wolford

I like the Bible Conference, but at night time I get sleepy.

Michael Wolford

I enjoyed the sermons and services as a whole. The chairs were hard, but the food was good and I enjoyed the four days I was here.

Karl Hockenbarger
Topeka, Kansas

I enjoyed the preaching, and of course, the food, and the singing, and the place to stay. Thanks.

Mike Post
Pensacola, Fla.

I think that the Bible Conference is good. I understand it and I think it's the truth. I like the preachers. They are the Lord's elect in my opinion. I like the food, and I like the servers. I also liked the music.

Mark Phelps
Topeka, Kansas

I liked the Bible Conference because they had good sermons and good songs. My impression of the Bible Conference was that it was the best one I've ever been to, and this was the first one I have been to.

Fred Phelps, Jr.
Topeka, Kansas

I like the conference very much even if there is constant preaching. The food is good, and we have a good place to stay. The pop was good too.

Philip Parks
Rainelle, W. Va.

I had a very good time. I met a lot of people, and saw my friends. The spiritual food and tummy food was very good. "I ENJOYED IT!"

Joel Gilpin
Ashland, Ky.

I liked the conference very much. I wish Brother Wayne Cox could have preached longer. I also wish the conference was longer. I want to remember it. I thank God, for as long as we could have it. I also thank Him for the messages and food. I like to sing the songs and listen to them.

Verna Kaye Connelly
South Shore, Ky.

I liked the conference very much. I liked Brother Wayne

Cox's sermon. Hope he will be here next year.

Vickie Lee Connelly
South Shore, Ky.

I loved the Bible Conference very much. But it would have been nice to have let Brother Wayne Cox preach a little longer. Elizabeth Ann Everman South Shore, Ky.

I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of this conference. Both spiritual and physical food were excellent. I especially enjoyed Bro. McCrum's "11 minute" 15 minute message. May the Lord bless your work here and elsewhere.

David S. Parks
Rainelle, W. Va.

I am a 17 year old boy and the Lord has saved my soul. I belong to a New Testament church. I want to thank you for a good time. I think it is nice for all the brethren to talk about the Word. We will try to come down here again if it is the Lord's will.

Carroll Young
Indianapolis, Ind.

I have never been to a Bible Conference before, so I can't compare it with anything. But what I have heard and seen is good. The preaching is very good. My compliments to the cooks for the food, and also the sleeping accommodations. Everything was very good.

James Hamilton
Detroit, Mich.

The Bible Conference is a great place to go. It has great preaching and singing. They have good meals, great books, and good fellowship.

Unsigned

Bible Conference

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needs of the guests. When we ran out of rooms in homes, we then used rooms in one hotel and four motels. The Ventura Hotel, where most of our guests stayed, furnished us 35 rooms, until they exhausted their supply.

While bedrooms were a problem, food was in abundance, and was no problem at all. Twenty turkeys, much beef, lots of hams and bacon, and hundreds of cans of food were consumed during the Conference, much to the physical comfort of our guests.

The music, the singing, and the preaching was par excellence. The speakers were all led of the Lord and the meeting was blessed of God. Marvelously, He showered His blessings upon us for a truly great and spiritual meeting.

The theme of the Conference was "The Church that Jesus Built." Every message centered around it and everyone went home with a greater conviction concerning Baptist Churches than they ever had before.

Needless to say, we are looking forward with much anticipation to the Conference in 1966.

My Impression

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to the church I pastor with a greater zeal for the Lord's Church and its doctrines. Thank God for the fellowship with all the churches and pastors represented at the conference.

Elder Kenneth L. Henderson
Bristol, Va.

Enjoyed the preaching and of course, the food was fine. Wish more time was available for just getting together to talk. Thanks.

Fred Post,
Pensacola, Fla.

This is the third year the wife and I have been privileged to attend the Bible Conference. This is, by far, the best of the three in every way, in my estimation. The fellowship, preaching, food and all things connected with the conference were more than good; they were wonderful.

Elder R. C. Varble and wife
Bonita Springs, Florida

The fellowship and preaching of God's word has been wonderful. The Lord willing I want to attend all of the rest of the Bible Conferences in the future.

Mrs. Shirley Alexander
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Elder Dan Phillips,
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"I went to the Calvary Baptist Church Bible Conference."

"That's good."

"Yes, but they had 39 speakers in 3 days."

"That's bad."

"Well some of them only had 10 or 15 minutes."

"That's good."

"Yes, but some of them took 10 or 15 minutes longer."

"That's bad."

"It's all right because they were all Scriptural."

"That's good."

"Yes, but it was very tiring."

"That's bad."

"Well they rested us by giving us good food."

"That's good."

"Yes, but I gained weight."

"That's bad."

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Elder James Hobbs,
McDermott, Ohio

It is impossible to put my feelings down on paper, but I have attended all the Bible Conferences of Calvary Baptist Church since they started and I feel this has been the best. The fellowship has been wonderful, and messages outstanding, preached by people who know what they believe and are not afraid to stand for it.

Mrs. James Hobbs,
McDermott, Ohio

I enjoyed the Bible Conference more than anything I did this year.

Words can't express how I have enjoyed the Bible Conference. The hospitality, friendliness, the food and everything was far better than I ever dreamed could be.

Mrs. C. Creech,
Middletown, Ohio

After reading about the Bible Conference each year since it started, I thought I had a fair picture. However, after attending, I find it far better than I had imagined. I truly enjoyed the messages and fellowship and the gracious attention by Bro. and Sister Gilpin.

C. Creech,
Middletown, Ohio

We have enjoyed this conference greatly. Thanks for such fine hospitality.

Mrs. W. W. Wilkerson
Tampa, Fla.

There has been a wonderful time through the teaching of the Lord's Holy Scripture. I thank Jesus for having made it possible to have this conference. The accommodations were very good. Much food went into the Lord's

service. Thanks to God for Bro. John R. Gilpin who was the supervisor of the program. Looking forward to next year's conference.

Harold Freese,
Mansfield, Ohio

Everything about this conference was good. I am glad I came, and our Lord willing I shall return.

Elder W. W. Wilkerson
Tampa, Florida

This conference was one of the most enjoyable occasions I have ever attended. The sermons were most interesting, and the singing very good. If the Lord tarries His coming I would like to come again. God's richest blessing be upon you.

Barbara Skau, Tampa, Fla.

Great people, great fellowship, great preaching, great singing, great books, and a great time. This was my first conference, but I trust it will not be the last. The blessings crowded into these few days have touched every phase of my Christian life. Thanks for a wonderful time.

Elder J. C. Settlement,
Kalamazoo, Michigan

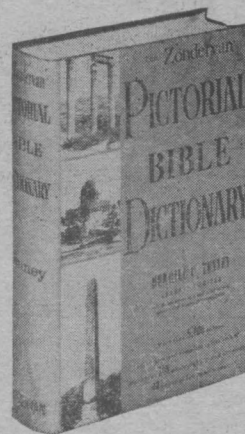
I enjoyed the great sermons and fellowship of God's true servants. The songs by the many saints were rejoicing to my heart. The food was the finest. May God richly bless all who labor in this conference.

Elder Lloyd Wyrick,
Chicago, Illinois

I have enjoyed this Bible Conference more than I have ever before. The subject studied is one of great importance, and one I love very much. I am already looking forward to next year and I might meet with you again and enjoy and praise God with you.

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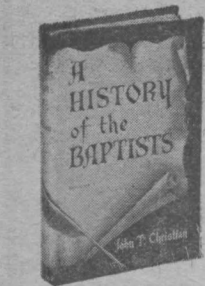
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