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Bro. Jackson, We Regret to Say, in His Twistings and Turnings, Has Missed the Great Truth of . . .

PERSONAL UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION

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without the slightest taint of Arminianism. [Note that —
1—It is PERSONAL. "US."



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2—It was BEFORE THE WORLD EXISTED.

3—IT WAS GOD CHOOSING

OR ELECTING US — NOT OUR CHOICE OF HIM, for we didn't live back before the foundation of the world.

4—God CHOSE US IN CHRIST. This involves that God foreordained Christ to come to earth and be the Savior, back there in eternity.

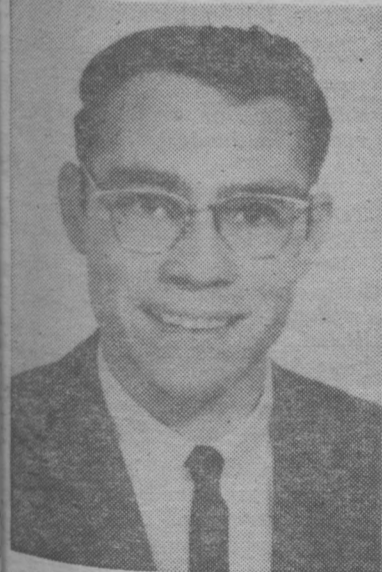
5—God did not choose us because he FOREKNEW that we would believe on and receive Christ. It was "according to the good pleasure of his will." God had good and sufficient reasons, which no doubt he will reveal to us someday, and he acted not because of foreseen belief on His part, but "according to the good pleasure of His will." Because it (Continued on page 2, column 1)

In the December issue of the American Baptist, editor D. N. Jackson continues his "twistings and turnings" concerning election in a lengthy article. Truly he does twist and turn the Scriptures about in his effort to discredit personal, unconditional election. But thank the Lord, after all he says, it still remains true of every one of us who are saved, that "God chose us in him (Christ) before the foundation of the world . . . having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ . . . according to the good pleasure of his will." In this blessed Scripture we certainly have election and predestination — and

Roberts Tells Of His First Impression Of New Guinea

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When we were finally over Port Moresby, we looked down upon a desolate-looking place with nothing green. The plane only stopped there for forty-five minutes, and then we went on to Lae. At Lae everything was green all right, but it was hot and humid to the point that we couldn't wait to leave. When we arrived at Mt. Hagen, we found it to be beautiful, and it wasn't



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so hot or humid. We both liked it very well at Mt. Hagen, and we stayed there two days before coming on to Koroba on a Cessna. When we landed at Koroba, we were a little bit surprised because Koroba had the same climate that Mt. Hagen had. The scenery is a beautiful tropical green everywhere you look. We left Koroba with Brother Halliman in his Landrover for the mission station on a winding dirt road which had a layer of rocks on it for several miles. From there on it was dirt road all of the way to the mission station. When we first saw the mission, we were so surprised that we could hardly believe our eyes. The station lies in a little valley, and on the side of a hill with a number of bush houses on it. Brother Halliman's house sits on the side of the hill as does ours. Brother Halliman built a three room bush house with a wooden floor and frame for us. When Karen, my wife, saw the house,

she fell in love with it. She is just as happy about finally being home as I am. The view from our home is wonderful. You just couldn't ask for any better view.

The natives really love Brother Halliman here. As we came down the road, they called out to him. Several times he stopped and shook hands with the natives. There were a number of natives at the station to meet us. We shook hands with all of them. They were very happy about our coming. One thing I noticed about them was that none of them wore shoes. Of course, some of them didn't wear much else, but that's beside the point. The natives do not scare my wife nor me.

We had heard so much on the trip about this place that we just didn't know what to expect when we arrived. Our first impression is that both of us love it. There are many inconveniences here, but when a person is in the Lord's will, what is an inconvenience?

My translator from English to Pidgin English will be here in a week or so from the Solomon Islands. As soon as he gets here, I will be spending three-fourths of my time trying to learn Pidgin English; because until I learn Pidgin English, I will have a (Continued on page 5, column 4)

PROSELYTERS! GOD PITY THEM IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

By RAYMOND TATUM
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When a preacher places his reputation for getting decisions for Christ above the salvation of lost souls, that's when I wouldn't want to be in his shoes. He's building on hay, wood and stubble.

Before a preacher tries pointing a lost soul to Christ, he should have first been there himself. But if he hasn't, he can always ask the sinner to make a decision. When a preacher invites a convicted sinner to "walk the aisle" for Christ, the lost person thinks that is the least he can do to get rid of that awful load of sin, so he walks the aisle, gives the preacher his hand, answers a few easy questions and the preacher tells him he's saved. The preacher gets him to join the church, and every two or three weeks, he goes to the altar for rededication. It's kinda like tonsillitis or something, every time you are exposed, it comes back.

This is the result of "conscious conviction." The lost person's conscience tells him he is not right with God, but conscience can't grant repentance and faith, and without repentance and faith, (Continued on page 7, column 5)

How Men Preached With Power In Days Gone By

CHRISTMAS EVANS

Long ago departed for Glory

"Methinks I find myself standing upon the summit of one of the highest of the everlasting hills, permitted thence to take a survey of our earth. It shows to me a wide and far-spread burial-ground, over which lie scattered in countless multitudes the wretched and perishing children of Adam. The ground is full of hollows, the yawning caverns of death, while over it broods a thick cloud of fearful darkness. No light from above shines upon it, nor is the ray of the sun or moon, or the beams of a candle seen through all its borders. It is walled around. Its gates, large and massive, ten thousand times stronger than all the gates of brass forged among men, are one and all safely locked. It is the hand of Divine Justice that has locked them, and so firmly secured are the strong bolts which hold those doors, that all the created powers even of the heavenly world, were they to labor for all eternity, could not drive so much as one of them back. How helpless the wretchedness to which the race is doomed, and into what irrecoverable depths of ruin has the disobedience of their first parent plunged them!

"But behold, in the cool of the day there is seen descending from

the eternal hills in the distance, the radiant form of Mercy, seated in the chariot of the divine promise, and clothed with splendor, infinitely brighter than the golden rays of the morning when seen shooting over mountains of pearls. Seated beside Mercy in that chariot is seen another form like unto the Son of man. His mysterious name is the "Seed of the Woman," and girt around him shines the girdle of eternity, radiant with the lustre of the heaven of heavens. 'He has descended into the lower parts of the earth.' I see Mercy alight from that char-



CHRISTMAS EVANS

iot, and she is knocking at the huge gate of this vast cemetery. She asks of Justice: 'Is there no entrance into this field of death? May I not visit these caverns of the grave, and seek, if it may be, to raise some names at least of the children of destruction, and bring them again to the light of day? Open, Justice, open; drive back these iron bolts and let me in, that I may proclaim the jubilee of deliverance to the children of the dust.' But I hear the stern reply of Justice from within those walls; it is — 'Mercy, surely thou lovest Justice too well, to wish to burst these gates by force of arm, and thus obtain entrance by mere lawless violence. And I cannot open the door. I cherish no anger towards the unhappy wretches. I have no delight in their eternal death, or in hearing their cries as they live upon the burning hearth of the great fire kindled by the wrath of God, in the land that is lower than the grave. But I am bound to vindicate the purity, holiness, and equity of God's laws; for, 'without (Continued on page 5, column 4)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"I'm On My Way To Glory — Can I Be Lost On My Way?"

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste."—Isa. 28:16.

This past week from some source, and I know not the source, I received a tract on the subject, "I'm on my way to Glory — Can I be lost on the way?" As I say, it came from some source, and I never did have time to read it. I don't know whether the author believed in eternal security, and is saved, or whether he believed in falling from grace. All I know is, I got the tract, I read the title, I put it with the

things that I was carrying home with me, and someplace along the way, lost it. However, this tract has served its purpose from the standpoint of the subject, and tonight I want to talk to you on the basis of this subject: "I'm on my way to Glory — Can I be lost on the way?"

I imagine that most everybody in the world would say that you can be lost on the way. I am sure that there is a tremendous number of Arminians — falling-from-grace individuals — in the world, who would say, "Yes, you can be lost on the way to Glory." The Holy Rollers, the Campbellites, the Methodists, and prac-

tically all Protestant denominations would say you can be lost after you have been saved. Of course the Catholics would say, "You can be lost on your way, for if you turn away from Catholicism, there is no hope for you." So I am satisfied that the majority of Catholics and the Protestant people of this world would answer and say, "You can be lost on the way to Glory."

However, tonight, I want to try from God's Word to show you that these individuals are as far from the truth as the North Pole is from the South Pole.

If I am starting out on a trip (Continued on page 2, column 4)

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Election

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pleased Him to do it.

There is no way of discrediting PERSONAL election in the light of the Scripture just mentioned, or many others that could be mentioned. Yet, Bro. Jackson uses much of his article in an attempt to prove that election relates to NATIONS AND PEOPLES, rather than to individuals. It is true that election does relate to nations and groups and events as well as to individuals. The person who admits unconditional, eternal election of nations and events, has stepped right over into the Calvinistic camp, for certainly God does not predetermine the future and fate of nations, while individuals are left to an undetermined fate.

Listen to these words, as Bro. Jackson deals with Romans 9:11-13. He says, "It is true there was a divine choice made even before the birth of Jacob and Esau, twin sons of Isaac, and that the election depended on neither their faith nor their choice." Bro. Jackson is "getting warm," and if he would just be consistent, he would come clean over into the Calvinistic fold. He seemingly throws away the idea that God's foreknowledge is the predetermining thing, and that election took place in time when Jacob and Esau made their respective choices. Now if that is true as relates to the place of these two men in national affairs, why is the same not true in relation to personal salvation?

The same thing IS true!

Later in his article, Bro. Jackson says, "AS A NATION, AND IN A NATIONAL SENSE ONLY, ISRAEL WAS THE ELECT OF GOD." There is his admission of a nation as an elect people, and note that he says nothing about foreknowledge, neither does he

intimate that they became an elect nation after THEY made some kind of a choice. Yes, it is very true that God elected the nation Israel as a nation, but we can go further than this, and this leads us to individuals. Israel as a nation rejected the Christ, and was set aside "until the time of the Gentiles" should be fulfilled. But while the nation as such suffered this, there have been individuals of the Israelitish race who have turned to Christ. Why have they? The answer is found in Romans 11:5 which says "Even so then at this present time there is a REMNANT ACCORDING TO THE ELECTION OF GRACE." Were it not for God's elective grace there would be no Jewish Christians in this earth. Listen to this:

"What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the ELECTION HATH OBTAINED IT, and THE REST WERE BLINDED." (Rom. 11:7).

Continuing Bro. Jackson says, "In God's eternal election of the Israelites as a nation he did not overlook the Gentiles, for it was in his eternal purpose that the gospel should be offered to the Gentiles."

Very true! God then has an ETERNAL ELECTION, and if that is true then election doesn't take place in time, and certainly God did not have to include Gentiles in His plan just because He foreknew that some of them would believe. The truth is some believed because God predestinated it so. "All that the Father giveth me, shall come unto me," said Jesus.

I repeat, it is utterly inconsistent to admit that God eternally elects as relates to nations and events, then adopts an entirely different procedure as relates TO PERSONS. The truth is, God's predestining and predetermining power is manifested IN ALL THINGS, whether nations, events or persons.

I call attention again to Bro. Jackson's ruse of creating prejudice against those whom he opposes by mis-stating their position. He calls those of us who hold the Calvinistic position, "FATALISTS." Suppose that I should turn and charge him as an Arminian in his views, yet he denies believing in "falling from grace." I am going to take him at his word on this. I think he is inconsistent in holding the eternal security of believers while espousing some of the views of Arminians, but I am glad that he holds some of the truth. In all fairness he should not call all who hold Calvinistic views, "fatalists," neither should he call them "Hardshells." Personally, I am NOT a fatalist. I do not believe that fate governs the world and the universe. I believe that these are run by a living and eternal God. Likewise I am not a "Hardshell." I believe in world-wide missions, and have pastored churches that gave more than fifty per cent of their income to missionary causes. I believe that God has not only ordained things to come to pass, but that he has likewise ordained all the MEANS necessary to bring them to pass.

I don't believe that most of the readers of the Baptist Examiner are fatalists.

Another injustice that Bro. Jackson perpetrates against those of us who are Calvinistic in our views, is the charge that we believe in REPROBATION. He has us believing, to use his own words, that concerning the non-elect, "HE DECREED THEIR ETERNAL DAMNATION WITHOUT THE OFFER OF DIVINE MERCY." Personally, I do not believe in reprobation, nor do many of those who believe in election believe it. God does not do unnecessary things, and it would have been totally unnecessary for him to have decreed the non-elect to eternal damnation. Apart from divine election none would ever turn to Christ. The elect turn to him because of divine prompting. The rest reject the gospel and go on their chosen way to ruin. They refuse every offer of divine mercy, wilfully, because they are children of the devil and they are actuated by their father.

Finally, I note that Bro. Jackson is much encouraged by a quotation from a writer on predestination. This writer says that Calvinists have almost disappeared in many places, that among the religious leaders in European countries, there are almost no Calvinists left. Further he says that it is on the wane in England and America. He is probably right on this matter. Yes, Calvinism is about gone from Europe, and what is there in its stead? The

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OR IF YOU DESPISE—

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answer is, Neo-orthodoxy and Existentialism, and other devil inspired stuff. (And stuff is the word.)

Calvinism has diminished in England, and there are no Spurgeons. Instead, there is spiritual decline, with Baptists becoming fewer in number all the time, and with only a trifling per cent of the people attending any church.

Calvinism has diminished in America, and what have we? We have such doctrinal looseness as the nation has never known. We have the modernistic, liberalistic, National Council of Churches and the ecumenical movement. We read about Baptist preachers having Catholic priests to preach for them, as happened at Tallahassee, Fla. just recently. Arminianism breeds looseness. It is the theological philosophy of those who believe in "big MAN and little God." Calvinism, and I use this term as the theological nickname that has been given to those who hold strong views on election, puts iron in a Christian's blood. Calvinists have the courage to stand for the old doctrine and the old faith. They believe the Bible, and they are not willing to compromise with the ecumenicals and spineless liberals of this day. Bro. Jackson is a man of conviction and a believer in the things that Baptists used to stand for. He ought to get out of the company of the Arminians, and back over among those of us who believe like the old-time stalwarts whose views Bro. Gilpin has so often published in this paper.

Why I Want To Attend Your 1967 Bible Conference

(LABOR DAY WEEKEND)

SEPTEMBER 1-2-3-4)



ELDER E. W. PARKS

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If our dear Lord makes possible another great Bible Conference in 1967 at the Calvary Baptist Church, I trust it will be His will for myself, and possibly my family, to be there. Earthly speaking, there is no place I had rather be.

Surely no child of God can ignore the terrible developments of these last days when our Lord, His Word and Holy Spirit are being assailed and ridiculed on every hand. Many of the great truths I received from the messages heard there have helped me to realize more than ever our need and guidance of "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." God alone knows what the spiritual food received there has done to help mold our witness for Him.

Actually, it will be impossible to tell you how much you and

your family, and the Baptist Examiner have meant to my life.

Yes, Bro. Gilpin, family members of Calvary Baptist Church, God's children throughout the world appreciate witness of the saints there, just show poor methods of pressing it) and look forward with great anticipation, to appointed time of fellowship Labor Day Week-end.

Last, but not least, I am minded of the Spirit as to what it has meant to all concerned in meeting the brethren of faith, from many states and foreign countries. Without Conference, most of us would never have met in this life. It will be a great blessing to meet again there in 1967, and to look forward to our great Home Coming day with Him.

"On My Way"

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I nearly always get a road map, and study it, to see how I could safely make the trip and get the most out of it, with the least cost possible. I mean by that, if I am going on a trip, I want a road map, or a guide book. I want something to guide me on my way.

Well, beloved, if I am on the way to Glory, shouldn't I be even more concerned about a guide book. Shouldn't I be even more concerned to know something about the road? Shouldn't I be even more concerned about how to plan my way? I think so, beloved. Therefore, I turn to the Bible, because it is our guide book, and when I ask the question, "Can I be lost on the way," I turn then to God's Word, and I look in it to get the answer. If the Bible is our guide book on the way to Glory, does the Bible teach that we can be lost after we have been saved? Does the Bible teach us that we can be saved today and lost tomorrow? Does the Bible teach us that we can be lost on our way to Glory? It doesn't make any difference what man may say. It doesn't make any difference

what creeds may teach. The question is, what does God in His Book, which is our guide book to direct our steps on way to Glory?

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I'M ON MY WAY TO GLORY
AND I CAN NOT BE LOST.
BECAUSE I AM KEPT BY THE
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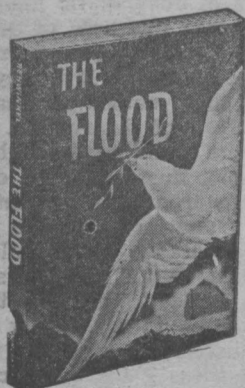
I mean by this that I do keep myself, and I would not take any credit that I am still saved after I was saved as a lad seven years of age. I would like to you, I have been kept by power of God. Listen:

"Who are KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."—I Tim. 1:5.

"Now unto him that is ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM FALLING, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy."—Jude 1:24.

"For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is ABLE TO KEEP that which I have committed unto him against that day."—II Tim. 1:12.

Here are three verses that have read you, which tell us when we are saved, we are kept by the power of God. I insist (Continued on page 3, column 1)



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The Origin And Perpetuity Of Baptists

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Baptists, in spite of imprisonment, blood and fire, as witnesses for the truth, and that He who hath preserved them, will continue to be with them till the end of the age." (*The Baptist Debt to the World*, page 84).

Again, "With the exception of the Baptist Churches, it is a comparatively easy task to ascertain the year in history, when each of the various denominations had its origin. It may be announced as the incontrovertible verdict of history that each of them had its origin several centuries this side of the Apostolic period. In fact, nearly all of the denominations frankly admit their human origin. In truth, the only denomination, apart from the Baptists, that has even the semblance of claim to any early origin is the Roman Catholic, and this church, by the common consent of Protestant Christendom, has neither the birth-marks, nor ear-marks of a Scriptural church. Their present faith and policy, when tried by New Testament faith, conclusively show the lack of Scriptural origin or teaching. Nor do they need, in accordance with their faith, any Scriptural origin, for, with an infallible pope and council they have the right to change, subtract, or supplement any portion of Scripture, or any doctrine of the church. If, then, it be true that Christ did start a church, and the church He started has had a continuous existence; if it be further true that the human origin of all other denominations can be proven and the origin of Baptist Churches cannot be proven, then it must follow that the Baptist Churches were instituted by Christ, and have enjoyed the unbroken existence promised them by the Head of the churches." (*Ibid.*, page 88).

E. T. Hiscox: "Baptists have a history of which they need not be ashamed—a history of noble names and noble deeds, extending back through many ages, in which the present generation well may glory. From the days of John the Baptist until now, a great army of these witnesses for the truth, and martyrs for its sake, has illumined and honored the march of Christian history. The ages since Christ have known no purer, nobler lives, no braver, more faithful witnesses for the Gospel, of Christ, no more glorious martyrs for its sake, than many of those who honor us by being called 'our fathers in the faith.' They were true to conscience and to principle, and loyal to Christ, at a cost to which we are strangers. They went gladly to prison and to death in defense of the Gospel which they loved. Social ostracism, bonds and imprisonment, confiscations, and fines, whippings, drownings, and burnings at the stake, not only in solitary cases, but by hundreds and thousands, are certified to, even by their enemies. Christian martyrdom has no bloodier and no brighter page than that which tells, however imperfectly, of the persecutions and sufferings for conscience's sake of Baptist confessors, received during the past ages, not from pagan barbarians so much as from professed fellow-Christians. It is an equal honor to their record that, while they endured persecution for the truth's sake, they never persecuted others for conscience' sake—never! How could they, when one of their cardinal principles was, and is, entire freedom of conscience and liberty of faith and worship, without interference by any? And the one priceless heritage they have given to the world, with which the world's religious life of today—and its secular life as well—has become imbued, is that of entire religious liberty of faith, speech and worship, and entire separation of Church and State." (*The New Directory for Baptist Churches*, page 492).

G. H. Orchard: "I have demonstrated, so far as human testimony is allowed to prove any fact, that the Baptist church, as the church of Christ, has existed from the day of Pentecost to this privileged period." (*A Concise History of Baptists*, Vol. 2, page 11).

George C. Lorimer: "There are reasons for believing that the Baptists are the oldest body of Christians who dissent from the assumption of the Romish church. Historically they are not Protestants, for while they sympathize with the protest offered by the reformers at the Diet of Spire, 1529, in which this now famous name originated, their existence antedates it by many centuries." (Quoted in *Baptist Church Perpetuity* by Jarrell, page 40).

J. B. Moody: "Baptist principles were committed to Baptist men to be kept by them. The commission converts them to principles. Make disciples (or men), baptize THEM, teach THEM to keep safely all things whatsoever I have commanded" (Continued on page six)

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beloved, that we are not kept saved by our own strength. We are not kept saved by our own ability. Rather we are kept saved, on the road to Glory, by the power of God Himself.

Somebody may object and say, "How about Judas?" I will give you an answer relative to Judas from God's Word. Listen:

"Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve and one of you IS A DEVIL?"—John 6:70.

There isn't any hint nor any indication that Judas was a saved man. The Lord Jesus Christ declared that he was a devil. The Lord Jesus Christ declared that he was never saved. Therefore, Judas Iscariot doesn't enter into being kept by the power of God. If he had been a saved man, he would have been kept by the power of God, the same as all the balance of God's children, but the fact of the matter is, Judas Iscariot was a devil, and therefore was never a child of God.

II

I'M ON MY WAY TO GLORY AND I CAN NOT BE LOST, BECAUSE THE DEVIL CAN'T TAKE ME OUT OF GOD'S HAND.

We can see how weak and powerless the Devil actually is, for we read:

"We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that WICKED ONE TOUCHETH HIM NOT."—I John 5:18.

Notice, the Devil is referred to as "that wicked one," and it says that he is unable to touch a child of God.

I don't mean to say that the Devil doesn't touch us so far as our flesh is concerned, for he does aggravate our flesh no little. There isn't one here but would admit that his flesh gets plenty of aggravation from the Devil. But, beloved, though he is able to aggravate our flesh, he cannot touch the new nature that God puts in us the day He saves us. This text tells us "that wicked one toucheth him not." The Devil cannot touch the new nature that God put inside us the day He saved us.

For example, let's go back to the book of Job and notice that the Devil did his best to destroy Job. The Word of God says that when God called upon the Devil, and said to him, "Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him," immediately the Devil said, "Yes, I have my eyes on him, but you have a hedge around him. In fact, you have three or four hedges around him. You have a hedge around him. You have a hedge around his family. You have a hedge around his property. I cannot get in. The reason I cannot get in is because you have a hedge all the way around everything that he has and I can't get inside these hedges."

You know, beloved, an old wolf may prowl around a sheepcote, and he may have visions of lamb chops and a leg of lamb, but if that gate has been locked, or the gate has been closed, he will go away just as hungry as he came.

An old fox may prowl around a chickenhouse, and he may have visions of stewed chicken or fried chicken, but if somebody has locked the door, as it should have been, the fox will go away hungry.

Beloved, the Devil may prowl around the precinct of your soul, but God has locked the door—God has put a fence, or a hedge, around it, and the Devil cannot get in.

The Devil tried to get to Job. He destroyed Job's property. He destroyed Job's family. He destroyed the friends of Job. He destroyed his wife, because his wife said, "If I had a God like that, I would curse God and die." Job maintained his integrity because God had a hedge around Job.

The Devil came back a second time and said, "Lord, the reason

I didn't get him was because you didn't break down one hedge. You kept a hedge all around Job's body. I couldn't touch his body. It is true I got his property. It is true I got his family. It is true I got his friends. It is true I got the other things. But you didn't let me in to Job's flesh. The Lord said, "Satan, do you really think you can take Job out of my hand? If you do, I will take the hedge down from around Job and let you in."

The Word of God tells us this is how the Devil smote Job with boils from the crown of his head, to the sole of his feet. If there were any more pitiable creature than Job, I know not where he might be found. Of all the pitiable creatures to be found in all the Bible, there was none that was as pitiable as Job. Look at him, if you will, yet he maintained his integrity and stands true before God and says:

"And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God."—Job 19:26.

Beloved, God broke down the hedge and allowed the Devil to get in to Job's property, and Job's family, and Job's friends, and all that Job had, even including his health, but there is one thing that was certain, God never broke down the final hedge, which was the hedge around Job's personal faith in God, and accordingly, I am led to believe by my experience that the Devil never can take one out of the hand of God.

Oh, but somebody may say, "Brother Gilpin, you must remember that the Bible talks about the individuals that were in the hands of God seemingly, and they got weak." Usually, when somebody wants to object like that, they will turn to the Word of God which says:

"But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."—II Pet. 2:22.

This is talking about certain individuals that have turned away, and became just as disgusting as a hog that has been washed, which has turned back to her wallowing in the mire, or a dog that would turn back to its vomit. Who was the crowd that he is talking about? If we will go back to the first verse of this same chapter we will find the answer. Listen:

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them and bring upon themselves swift destruction."—II Pet. 2:1.

Beloved, he says that these false prophets—these unsaved professors—are just as disgusting as a washed sow that lies down in her wallow, or a dog that turns back to its own vomit.

I tell you, the Devil cannot take a saved man out of God's hand. I am on my way to Glory and I cannot be lost on the way, because the Devil cannot take one out of God's hand.

III

I'M ON MY WAY TO GLORY AND I CAN NOT BE LOST, BECAUSE I AM A NEW CREATURE.

The Apostle Paul refers to each of us as a new creation, for he says:

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a NEW CREATURE: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."—II Cor. 5:17.

Notice, he is a new creation.

I want to ask you something. If God creates something, can man un-create it? Let's go back to the early chapters of Genesis and read the story of the first creation. We read what God did in six days' time. We read about the creation that God made. Now I ask you, after God had created the world, could the world be un-created? How foolish it is, even to talk about it. There is nothing more foolish than to talk about un-creating what God has created.

Well, beloved, each of us who

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are saved stand as a new creation in God's sight. What God has created, cannot be un-created. Certainly, when you and I have become children of God, we can never be lost on the way to Heaven.

Somebody may say, "Brother Gilpin, that may be true, but I remember in the last chapter of Revelation that there is a strong warning relative to the matter of losing out." We read:

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, GOD SHALL TAKE AWAY his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."—Rev. 22:18, 19.

Notice what the context speaks about. It is talking about a certain book. What book? The Bible. It says that we are not to add to the Bible, and we are not to take from the Bible. It says that the man who adds to the Bible, God will chasten with certain plagues. God will add to him the plagues that are written in the Bible. If a man adds to the Bible, he can expect God to chasten him.

How about his rewards? It says that if he takes away from the Book, God will take away his part out of the book of life. Beloved, the only part I have in the book of life is that which I have done for the Lord since I have been saved whereby He is going to reward me. However, if I take away from the Word of God—if I take away from the book of prophecy—if I take away from the Bible, then I can expect one thing—I am going to lose my rewards, for God is going to take away my part—and the only part that I have is what I have done since I have been saved whereby He has rewarded me and whereby I will get my rewards one blessed day.

Talk about a man losing his salvation. God's Word tells us we ought to be mighty careful how we treat the Bible lest we add to it, or lest we take from it. If we add to it, we can expect God to add to us the plagues that are written in this Book. That is, we can expect chastisement. If we take from the Bible, we can expect to lose our rewards. I tell you, here is a passage of Scripture that tells us why it is that God rewards, and why God chastens us. He chastens us because (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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"In Romans 8:28, foreknowledge precedes predestination. Is this not the strongest evidence in favor of an Arminian theology?"

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No, this is not evidence in favor of the Arminian theory of God predestinating because He foresaw certain things would come to pass. In fact, there is no Scriptural evidence of any sort to substantiate such a theory. This is like almost all of the Arminian theology. They put the cart before the horse — they make the results to be the cause.

This is true in this issue of foreknowledge and predestination, for the exact opposite is the true Scriptural theory. Predestination always precedes foreknowledge, and is the basis of foreknowledge, rather than the cause. The verse under consideration opens with the word "for," which would tell us to look back to the preceding verse, and looking back at this verse we see the Holy Spirit speaking and saying, "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." Thus God's foreknowledge is grounded upon His purpose, decree or predestination.

"Him being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God." Acts 2:23.

In this verse, it is quite clear that God's foreknowledge is based on His counsel. In the Old Testament the Lord foretells the birth, life and death of Christ, but His foreknowledge of these events was not based on His foreseeing that Christ would be born and that He would be delivered into the hands of sinners, but on His determinate counsel or His predestinating work from before the world was. God was alone when He made His decrees, and these decrees were not influenced by external causes. He was free to predestinate, thus determine what the future shall be. Therefore His determinate counsel was independent of foreknowledge. Things do not come to pass because God foreknows they will, but because He has predestinated them to be.

The Arminian theory makes predestination rest upon something within the creature, rather than the Creator. They declare that God foresaw that we would believe and repent — then, He predestinated us to eternal life. If that is your theory may I ask you a question, how could God see something good within us when we are dead in sin — corrupt from the top of our heads to the soles of our feet?

"They are all gone aside, they are together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one." Ps. 14:3.

In this verse there is the revelation of sin and evil within us all — nothing good about us which would be commendable before God. Therefore, He could not foresee any good within us, for goodness in the natural man does not exist.

He could not foresee faith or repentance in us, for they are not a part of us. We have faith and repentance, but they are not a part of us — they are gifts from God, and are graces of Him which He has given to us. If God foresaw that I would believe and repent, then He predestinated to

give to me these wonderful gifts of grace.

Furthermore the Arminian theory of predestination being based on God foreseeing faith in us, declares that the knowledge of the Lord is limited, and that He is growing wiser by looking down through time and seeing things that He did not know until He looked. But we know better, for we know that whatever is done in time, was predestinated before time began. I know as long as time lasts, that the Ohio River will run into the sea, but my foreknowledge of this is not the cause of the river running into the sea, but my knowledge is the result of the predestinating work of the Lord, for He has declared that all rivers run into the sea. Read Eccl. 1:4-11.

In Eph. 1:4 we hear the Holy Spirit say that we were chosen in Him, and that we should be holy and without blame. God foreknew that we were to be holy and without blame. Here again His foreknowledge was not based on foreseen facts for we read in verse 5, having predestinated us and that "according to the good pleasure of His will."

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Most people have a very strange and distorted view of God when it comes to foreknowledge. They say that God looked into the future and saw who would believe and so He chose them. This is their explanation of foreknowledge — that God foreknew who would believe and chose them.

How ridiculous can you get. This is saying that God is some sort of a fortune teller. They are willing to let God have the power to see into the future but not the power to control the future. My friends, either God is sovereign or He is not. Either He has all power or He has none. My God is sovereign and has all power.

God knew before (foreknew) all who would be saved because He chose them. "But we are bound to give thanks always 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).

Those who claim that God saw who would believe and then chose that person simply disregard John 15:16. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you . . ." They are so blind that they cannot read John 6:44. "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."

The Bible also says in John 6:37, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Notice what this passage in Romans says. All that God knew before (or chose), He predestinated to be conformed to the image of His son. What a glorious salvation we have.

Almighty God is in complete control over the entire universe. "The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them." (Ps. 89:11) He does all that He purposes to do. " . . . My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure." (Isa. 46:10) " . . . Yea, I have spoken

it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it." (Isa 46:11).

What kind of a God do you serve? Do you serve a weak-kneed God who wants to do something, but can't; or do you serve a sovereign God that does all He purposes to do? My God is almighty, and therefore my salvation which was purposed before the foundation of the world will last throughout eternity. This assurance comes, not because I made it sure, but because God makes it sure.

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Some may feel that the mention of foreknowledge in close connection with predestination is the strongest evidence in favor of an Arminian theology, but if so, Arminianism doesn't have much to rest upon. The truth is, some people are not content with the picture of God given in the Bible. The Bible description of God doesn't fit in with their human sentimentality, so in an effort to change the character of God and make it more to their liking, they have invented Arminianism. It is pretty shoddy — this business of a little peanut of a man, presuming to remake God after his image.

The question given above boils down to the assumption that election is based on foreknowledge — the idea being that God looked down through time and knowing that certain ones would believe, he elected them to eternal life. What is the matter with such a belief as this? I take the time to mention several things:

1—IT PUTS THE CREATURE AHEAD OF THE CREATOR.

Who is really bossing things in this world, if God must needs look ahead to see what man is going to choose before he himself makes any choice? Suppose that I am driving a team of horses, and we come to a cross roads, do I wait until I see which road the team chooses to take before I pull on the lines and direct the horses? If I follow their impulses, then they are leading me. One of the most absurd and God dishonoring notions ever advanced is the notion that man's choice came first and that upon the foreknowledge of what he chose, God has chosen exactly in accord with what man previously chose. If that were true, then we would have no great sovereign God. The world and the universe would not be under a great determinative Power. It would be rocking along with a limited God unable to do more than rubber stamp his OK on the decisions already arrived at by man and the devil.

2—IT MAKES ELECTION A FOOLISH AND USELESS THING.

What's the value of election if everything is already predetermined by foreknowledge? Election and predestination have no function if based upon mere foreknowledge.

3—THOSE WHO BASE ELEC- TION ON FOREKNOWLEDGE IGNORE OTHER PASSAGES WHICH TEACH TO THE CON- TRARY.

Take for instance Ephes. 1:5. It reads like this: "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, ACCORDING TO THE GOOD PLEASURE OF HIS WILL." Notice that this verse does not say, "predestinated . . . ACCORDING TO MAN'S FOREKNOWN CHOICE." It says according to the "good pleasure of his will." It pleased God, for reasons good and sufficient and pleasing unto him, to predestinate the ones mentioned unto salvation. No one can sensibly deny that God foreknows all things. In Acts 15:18 we read, "Known unto God are all his

works from the beginning of the world." The point is however, that God is not dominated and ruled by his foreknowledge. Things don't come to pass because of mere foreknowledge, but because predetermined that they should come to pass. Otherwise I repeat, there is no real God running this universe.

Again, consider the betrayal and crucifixion of Christ. Did God foreknow that such would happen? Certainly, but what else? The determinate will and council of God. Acts 2:23 says, "Him being delivered by the DETERMINATE COUNCIL and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken and by wicked hands have crucified." There was foreknowledge but that was not the determinative thing. It was the DETERMINATE COUNCIL of God that produced the event. Read the Bible all you please and you will not get the picture of God with his hands tied by the previous willing of creatures, passively wielding a rubber stamp of approval concerning the things His creatures have already determined. You will get the picture of a mighty, sovereign God who actively MAKES THINGS TO HAPPEN. Foreknowledge should never be confused with foreordination, for foreknowledge presupposes foreordination. J. R. Graves (Seven Dispensations page 100) correctly says, "God's foreknowledge RESTS ON His determinate counsel."

The Arminian insistence that election rests upon foreknowledge, logically destroys their whole system. Admittedly it is true that all that God foreknows must come to pass, else God would be guilty of foreknowing a lie. What about the Arminian contention then that election is in time? It couldn't be if it were known from eternity that certain ones would believe.

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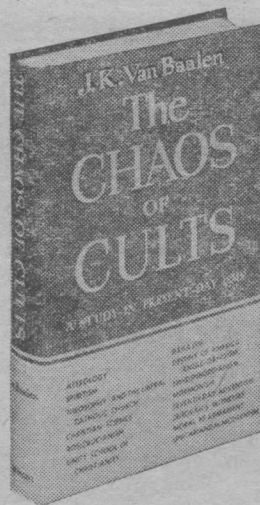


The fact that foreknowledge comes before predestination in Rom. 8:29 seems to make it serve as a springboard for the adherents of two schools of thought. One is that God foreknew who would believe, and because of that He predestinated that they should be saved. The other is that He foreknew that none would believe of, or in themselves, and, therefore, He predestinated some to be saved. There is a third school of thought which says that God's foreknowledge had nothing to do with the predestination. It goes without saying that the first group mentioned above is by far the larger one. In fact, it is larger, by far, than both the other groups com-

bined. The time has come when you are considered an enemy of mankind if you deny that God predestinated only those whom He knew would believe, that is in the eyes of most church members. But you and I should be concerned about the teaching that honors our Lord rather than that which pleases our fellow man.

Now if I say that God knew who would believe and therefore He predestinated them, then I am diving into the sea of speculation because I cannot back up my statement with "Thus saith the Word." Maybe you can, but must be fair and admit that I am unable to do so. And when I start delving in the sea of speculation (or the sea of "think") I am on very dangerous ground, and I believe I can prove it. In Isa. 55:8-9 our Lord says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." So with all that distance which staggers even our imagination between His thinking and mine, it behooves me to base my convictions upon what He says rather than upon what I think.

If I say that God foreknew that no one would believe of, in himself, and therefore He predestinated (or marked off) some for His own, can I back up my statement? I believe I can. In Jno. 5:40 Jesus said, "Ye will not come to me that ye might have life." Now, if I say that He had in mind only those who were standing before Him at that time, I fear I am diving into that sea of speculation again, and I readily admit that I have a horror of that awful sea. In Jno. 6:44 Jesus says "No man can come to me, except the Father which sent me draw him." Yes, I once said the Father draws everybody. But I have come to see that I was not diving into that horrible sea of speculation. I was already in it up to my neck. This word "draw" is an exceptionally strong word. The same Greek word is used in Jno. 18:10. Would you say that Peter tugged just a little at that fellow's ear and it decided to come off? Then in Jno. 21:6 we see this same word. Here the disciples were not able to draw this net full of fishes to the land. In verse 11 this same word is used again. Here Peter drew the net to land. He not only had the power to drag this net, but he had the power to drag it to where he wanted it. That is the real meaning of this word. It means to drag someone, or some thing, to a certain destination. So the Father literally drags the reprobate sinner to Christ. If you say that means that the Father drags the sinner to Christ against his will, I refuse to argue with you about it. If the Father waited until that old reprobate sinner wanted to be dragged to Christ, it would never be done. But I will tell you one thing. This dragging you (Continued on page 7, column



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"On My Way"

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We add to the Bible, and He takes away our rewards because we take away from the Word of God.

I tell you, beloved, I'm on my way to Glory and I cannot be lost because I am a new creation in God's sight.

IV

I'M ON MY WAY TO GLORY, AND I CANNOT BE LOST, BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN BORN OF GOD.

We read:
"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is BORN OF GOD; and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him."—I John 5:1.

This refers to our spiritual experience by way of a birth. Notice this truth, we are born of God. Can anything that is born be unborn? Those of you who are mothers, I ask you, when you went down into the valley of the shadow of death to bring a new life into this world, after the baby was born, could it be unborn? You say, "Brother Gilpin, that is the most foolish and ridiculous thing in this world. We all know that when a child is born, it can't be unborn."

Well, beloved, the Bible says that when we are saved, we are born of God. If what has been born, can't be unborn, then you and I who are saved can't lose our salvation. We are on the way to Glory and we can't be lost on the way, for the simple reason that we have been born of God and we can never be unborn.

I think about my children. I have three of them — John Jr. and the two girls. I say to you, they will always be my children. They haven't done everything in life that I have wanted them to do. They will not do everything in life that I will want them to do. They will make many mistakes and failures as they go along in life, but there isn't anything that will cause them to cease from being my children.

The same is true so far as I am concerned in God's sight. I am saved, I am on my way to Glory, and there isn't anything that is going to cause me to cease from being a child of God.

V

I'M ON MY WAY TO GLORY, AND I CANNOT BE LOST, BECAUSE I HAVE PARTAKEN OF DIVINE NATURE.

We read:
"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."—II Pet. 1:4.

Notice, this says that when God saves a man, he becomes a partaker of divine nature. That is to say, there is something of God inside you the day God saves you. There is something of God that wasn't there the day before, for you had a dead spiritual nature the day before. Now you have a live spiritual nature because you have partaken of God. There is something of God inside you.

That is why it is I say, if you and I are saved, we ought to talk a little bit like God. We ought to

walk a little bit like God. We ought to act a little bit like God. The world ought to be able to see a little bit of God in our lives, because God is in us — we have partaken of divine nature.

Suppose I have partaken of divine nature, and after I have something of God inside me, I sin, and I die, and go to Hell. What happens? Something of God would go to Hell too. Perish the thought! Beloved, it is blasphemous to even think about it. I tell you, I am on my way to Glory, and nothing can cause me to be lost on the way, for the simple reason that I have already partaken of the divine nature, and I have something of God inside of me now.

Some may say, "How about Adam? He was on the way too, and he fell." Beloved, do you realize that Adam never did partake of divine nature until he got outside of the Garden of Eden? Do you realize that the best Adam had was a perfect human nature when he was inside the Garden of Eden? He didn't have a divine nature, and that perfect human nature became an imperfect human nature when he sinned.

Oh, what a contrast between Adam inside the Garden of Eden, with a perfect human nature, and you and I who are saved, with a perfect divine nature in the Lord Jesus Christ!

So I say I am on my way to Glory and I cannot be lost because I have a divine nature and if I were to go to Hell, something of God would have to go there too.

VI

I'M ON MY WAY TO GLORY, AND I CANNOT BE LOST, BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN BORN OF INCORRUPTIBLE SEED.

We read:
"Being BORN AGAIN, not of corruptible seed, but of INCORRUPTIBLE, by the WORD OF GOD, which liveth and abideth for ever."—I Pet. 1:23.

Notice, we are born of incorruptible seed. That seed is the Word of God. Notice it is described as incorruptible. I say to you, like begets like. You go back and read the first chapter of Genesis and you will find that ten different times it says everything begat according to his kind. You will find that expression not once, but ten times that everything begat "after his kind."

Now, beloved, if we have been begotten of incorruptible seed, then we have an incorruptible nature. We have a nature that is incorruptible. I am saved and on my way to Glory, and I cannot be lost on the way, because I have been born of incorruptible seed, and that seed cannot be corrupted, and the nature that it produces cannot be corrupted either.

Somebody may say, "That sounds all right, but how about Brother Noah? Wasn't Noah on the way? Didn't he go along the way for 600 years, and then the last 350 years was practically wasted? That is right, beloved. I turn to the book of Genesis and I read the experience of Noah. It is a sad situation that we find Noah living for 600 years for the Lord, serving God remarkably and faithfully, and then 350 years after the flood, his life amounted to nothing. Genesis 6, 7, 8 and 9 tell about the life of Noah. Then he got drunk. He didn't get drunk a million times; he got drunk once."

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ENGROSSING EXPERIENCES

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Be Sure Your Sin
Will Find You Out

Yesterday I had the enjoyable occasion to eat dinner with a friend. As we were relishing the big, thick, juicy steaks from a steer belonging to his father, the subject of cattle rustling came up. I mentioned that just recently there had been two cases of rustling in Missouri. My friend said he had heard of them, and then proceeded to tell me of one case of rustling, the discovery of which makes an interesting and telling illustration on the text Numbers 32:23, especially the phrase, "Be sure your sin will find you out."

Down in the area of Rolla and Springfield (the exact place was not specified), a band of rustlers backed a truck up to a loading chute and proceeded to appropriate more than 20 head of cattle. When the truck pulled away, a sliver which had caught on the chute fell from the truck as it pulled away. The rancher who discovered he had been robbed carefully searched the area of the crime. He found this stray sliver of wood from the truck.

He kept that sliver of wood for two years. During that period he looked for the truck. Finally, he found it. When the owner of the truck was faced with the sliver of wood (which fitted the place on the truck from whence it was torn during the theft) and the accusation, he admitted that he was guilty. Now that was just one crime, but it caught up with the criminal. And the results were imprisonment and disgrace.

Think, if you please, of the enormous results that will surely follow, when all of a sinner's sins catch up with him at the Day of Judgment, when he will be "judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to his works." (Rev. 20:12). What hope is there for chief sinners with this threat hanging over them? This. And only this. "I, EVEN I, AM HE THAT BLOT- TETH OUT THY TRANSGRESSIONS FOR MINE OWN SAKE, AND WILL NOT REMEMBER THY SINS." (Isa. 43:25). Glory to God. That's our hope. Is it yours? It can be, if you have any sense of the enormity of your sin, of the helplessness of your situation, of your own inability to help yourself, of your need for an absolute sovereign and savior, and of a desire to look to Jesus as the only one able and willing and desirous of helping you. Ah, friend, if you feel this way at all, then I must say to you, as an unlearned Methodist layman said to a young man of 15 or 16 years, who had this feeling evidently written on his face, "LOOK! LOOK, TO JESUS."

"LOOK UNTO ME, AND BE YE SAVED, ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH: FOR I AM GOD, AND THERE IS NONE ELSE." (Isa. 45:22).

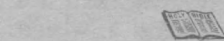
That young man looked and was saved as he later testified. He became the greatest preacher that the Baptists have had in a thousand years. His name? Charles Haddon Spurgeon. Just before he died, some one asked him what his Gospel was. He said, "Jesus died for me." Dear friend, his sin never found him out, because God had blotted IT OUT! AND HIS LIFE WAS HID WITH CHRIST IN GOD. GLORY! WHAT A THOUGHT. OUR SINS BLOTTED OUT! OUR LIVES HID WITH CHRIST IN GOD! Our sin can never find us out. GOD BLOTTED IT OUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF

First Impression

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great handicap.

It is great to be with one of the greatest missionaries that I know of. When he met us at Mt. Hagen, it was hard to believe that we were actually in New Guinea. It was hard to believe that we were actually talking to the missionary we had read of in the Baptist Examiner. I look forward to a wonderful future here working with Brother Halliman and the natives. Isn't it wonderful how the Lord always gives you more than you could hope for?

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How Men Preached

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shedding of blood there is no remission." "Be it so," said Mercy, "but wilt thou not accept of a surety who may make a sufficient atonement for the crime committed and the offence given?" "That will I," said Justice, "only let him be duly allied to either party in this sad controversy, a kinsman, near alike to the injured Lawgiver, and to the guilty tenants of the burial-ground." "Wilt thou, then," said Mercy, "accept of the puissant Michael, prince among the hosts of heaven, who fought bravely in the day when there was war in heaven, and also vanquished Apollyon upon the summit of the everlasting hills?" "No," — said Justice, "I may not, for his goings forth are not from the beginning, even from everlasting." "Wilt thou not then accept of the valiant Gabriel, who compelled Beelzebub to turn and seek safety in flight from the walls of the heavenly city?" "No," — cried Justice, "for Gabriel is already bound to render his appointed service to the King Almighty; and who may serve in his place while he should be attempting the salvation of Adam's race? There needs," continued Justice, "one who has, of right belonging to him, both omnipotence and eternity, to achieve the enterprise. Let him clothe himself with the nature of these wretches. Let him be born within these gloomy walls, and himself undergo death within this unapproachable place, if he would buy the favor of Heaven for these children of the captivity."

"But while this dialogue was held, behold, a form fairer than the morning dawn, and full of the glory of heaven, is seen descending from that chariot. Casting, as he passes, a glance of infinite benignity upon the hapless tenants of that burial-ground, he approaches, and asks of Justice: 'Wilt thou accept of me?' 'I will,' said Justice, 'for greater art thou than heaven and the whole universe.'

"Behold, then," said the stranger, 'I come: in the volume of the

JESUS, AND HE HID US IN HIMSELF. But to the man who has not this joy, knows not this hope, possesses not this assurance, BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT—just like the sliver of wood found out the rustler.

book has it been written of me. I will go down, in the fulness of time, into the sides of the pit of corruption. I will lay hold of this nature, and take upon me the dust of Eden, and, allied to that dust, I will pour into thy balance, Justice, blood of such worth and virtue that the court of heaven shall pronounce its claim satisfied, and bid the children of the great captivity go free.'

"Centuries have rolled by, and the fulness of time is now accomplished; and see, an infant of days is born within the old burial ground of Eden. Behold a Son given to the dwellers of the tomb, and a spotless Lamb, the Lamb of God, is seen within that gloomy enclosure. When the hour came at which the ministers of the Divine Justice must seize upon the victim, I see them hurrying towards Gethsemane. There, in heaviness and sorrow of soul, praying more earnestly, the surety is seen bowed to the earth, and the heavy burden he had assumed is now weighing him down. Like a lamb, he is led toward Golgotha — the hill of skulls. There are mustered all the hosts of darkness, rejoicing in the hope of their speedy conquest over him. The monsters of the pit, huge, fierce, and relentless, are there. The lions, as in a great army, were grinding fearfully their teeth, ready to tear him in pieces. The unicorns, a countless host, were rushing onwards to thrust him through, and trample him beneath their feet. And there were the bulls of Bashan, roaring terribly, terribly; the dragons of the pit are unfolding themselves, and shooting out their stings, and dogs many are all around the mountain. 'It is the hour and power of darkness.' I see him passing along through this dense array of foes, an unrelenting victim. He is nailed to the cross; and now Beelzebub and all the master-spirits in the house of hell have formed, though invisible to man, a ring around the cross. It was about the third hour of the day, or the hour of nine in the morning, that he was bound as a sacrifice, even to the horns of the altar. The fire of divine vengeance has fallen, and the flames of the course have now caught upon him. The blood of the victim is fast dropping, and the hosts of hell are shouting impatiently: 'The victory will soon be ours.' And the fire went on burning until the ninth hour of the day, or the hour of three in the afternoon, when it touched his Deity, — and then it expired. For the ransom was now paid and the victory won. It was his. His. His hellish foes, crushed in his fall, the unicorns and the bulls of Bashan retreated from the encounter with shattered horns; the jaws of the lions had been broken and their claws torn off, and the old dragon, with bruised head, dragged himself slowly away from the scene, in deathlike feebleness. 'He triumphed over them openly,' and now is He for ever the Prince and Captain of our salvation, made perfect through sufferings. The graves of the old burial-ground have been thrown open; and from yonder hills gales of life have blown upon this valley of dry bones, and an exceedingly great army have already been sealed to our God, as among the living in Zion."

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The Origin And Perpetuity Of Baptists

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YOU, and lo! I am with YOU alway, even to the end of the world. This is all we claim, but this much we demand. Here is perpetuity of principles, held by MEN in organic capacity, for in no other sense had he, or could he have been with THEM to the end of the world. Evil powers prevailed against individual saints, but the gates of hades have not against His church. Christ came not only to teach principles, but he also built a church. You may boast of blood-bought principles, of blood-bought men, but the Word of God tells also of the blood-bought church." (*My Church*, pages 186, 187).

J. M. Carroll: "Into the 'dark ages' went a group of many churches which were never in any way identified with the Catholics. Out of the 'dark ages' came a group of many churches, which had never been in any way identified with the Catholics." (*The Trail of Blood*, pages 54, 55).

R. J. W. Buckland: "From the time when Christ walked the earth down to the present there has not been a period in which they (Baptists) have not suffered persecution. From the age of John the Baptist to the massacre in Jamaica, bigoted religionists have not ceased first to slaughter and then to slander them." (*Madison Avenue Lectures*, page 312).

J. Wheaton Smith: "Why, sir, if between us and the apostolic age there yawned a fathomless abyss, into whose silent darkness intervening history had fallen, with a Baptist Church on this side, and a New Testament on the other, we should boldly bridge the gulf and look for the record of our birth among the hills of Galilee." (Letters to Albert Barnes).

William Williams: "I now hasten to reply that it is not the teaching of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary through its Professor of History, that the origin of Baptists is to be traced to the Church of Rome in the sixteenth century. . . . The Baptist Churches, in my opinion, are of divine origin, and originated in the first century under the preaching and founding of the Apostles of the Lord." (Quoted by Jarrell, *Baptist Church Perpetuity*, page 40).

S. E. Tull: "Now, we come to the Baptist denomination. Who organized the first Baptist Church? What was the date of its establishment? Who formulated its articles of faith? In answer to these questions, I assert that the first Baptist Church was organized by Jesus Christ, the Son of God, during His personal ministry on the earth." (*Denominationalism Put to the Test*, page 16).

J. H. Grime: "All true Baptist Churches are legitimate successors of the first church constituted by Christ Himself; just as every man now living is the legitimate successor of Adam, the first man." (*Catechism of Ecclesiastical History*, page 9).

J. L. Smith: "We have submitted the testimony of more than forty of the world's best historians — not one of them a Baptist — who expressly and clearly point out the movement of these Baptist people through the long centuries back to the apostolic days." (Quoted by Mason in *The Church That Jesus Built*, page 105).

R. B. Cook: "Baptists are able to trace their distinctive principles to the apostolic age. . . . When from the union of the church and state Christianity became generally corrupt, there still remained, in obscure places, churches and sects which maintained the pure doctrines and ordinances of Christ, and hence it is certain that these churches and sects held substantially the same principles which are now held as the distinctive views of the Baptists." (*Ibid*, page 105).

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"On My Way"

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What happened? God laid him on the shelf. God never used him again. He lived 350 years longer, and we have the balance of his life of 350 years in two simple verses. Listen:

"And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years."

And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died."—Gen. 9:28,29.

This tells us that he lived and that he died, and that is all we have. There is not one word said about God using him any further.

We have in the New Testament a passage of Scripture which corresponds to this. Listen:

"But I keep under my body, and

bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself SHOULD BE A CASTAWAY." —I Cor. 9:27.

What was Noah? He was a castaway. Not as to salvation, but as to his service. His service was ended, and for 350 years he lived, but his service amounted to nothing. He was a castaway in God's sight.

Beloved, I'm on my way to Glory, and I cannot be lost on the way, for the simple reason, that I have been born of an incorruptible seed.

VII

I'M ON MY WAY TO GLORY, AND I CANNOT BE LOST BECAUSE I AM PROMISED ETERNAL LIFE.

Let's notice some promises in the Bible about eternal life:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, HATH EVERLASTING LIFE, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."—John 5:24.

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will IN NO WISE CAST OUT."—John 6:37.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me HATH EVERLASTING LIFE."—John 6:47.

"And I give unto them eternal life: and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all: and NO MAN IS ABLE TO PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY FATHER'S HAND."—John 10:28,29.

Every time I read this I pause to bow my unworthy head and say, "Come on, old Splitfoot, and do your best. You can never take a saved man out of the hand of God. You can never cause a saved man to be lost on the way to Glory for the simple reason that when He saves us, He gives us the eternal life which He promises within His Word."

Notice again: "Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an ENDLESS LIFE."—Heb. 7:16.

What kind of a life do we have? We have an endless life. Oh, how I thank God for this verse of Scripture! It is talking about the salvation that we have, and it says that He made us "after the power of an endless life."

Somebody may say, "But Hebrews 6:6 says:

"If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."—Heb. 6:6.

Yes, that is right, and I want to emphasize this truth, that if a man could be lost after having been saved, it would be forever. If a man could be lost after having been saved, he never could be saved again, for this text says that if they fall away, it would be impossible to renew them again unto repentance.

I can't understand how an Arminian who believes in falling from grace, will cite this passage of Scripture, to prove that you can be lost after having been saved, and I ask him this question, "What comfort does it give you? What comfort can a man get out of falling from grace, because if he did fall, he could never again be saved." Listen:

"For it is IMPOSSIBLE for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, IF THEY SHALL FALL AWAY, TO RENEW THEM AGAIN unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."—Heb. 6:4-6.

This would tell us that if a person could fall away, he could never again be saved. God offers the

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supposition as to falling away, but how do we know that one cannot be lost? This Scripture goes on to say:

"But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak." Heb. 6:9.

God makes this supposition to show us that if one can be lost, after having been saved, he can never be saved again. Then He says, "But we are persuaded better things of you."

Oh, I thank God that when God saves a man, that man is saved for time and eternity, and I rejoice to say that I am on my way to glory, and I cannot be lost because I have been promised eternal life, and that life is mine in Christ Jesus.

VIII

I'M ON MY WAY TO GLORY AND I CAN NOT BE LOST, BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN CLEANS-ED FROM ALL SIN.

God's Word tells us that we have been cleansed from all sin. Listen:

"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having FORGIVEN YOU ALL TRESPASSES."—Col. 2:13.

"Who gave himself for us, that he might REDEEM US FROM ALL INIQUITY." —Titus 2:14.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son

CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN."—I John 1:7.

Isn't that precious that all trespasses, all iniquities, and all sin find forgiveness in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Somebody may say, "That sounds good, Brother Gilpin, but couldn't I fall off the Rock of Ages if I wanted to?" I will answer you like I answered a man down at the railroad car shops at Raceland, years ago. I stood up in one of their big wash basins and preached while the men ate. I poured out my heart for 30 minutes time proving that when God saves a man, He saves him forever. One of those falling-from-grace preachers that was working there in the shops came around at the close of the service and said, "I have a question I want to ask you. Couldn't a man crawl off the Rock of Ages if he wanted to?" I said, "Where did you ever see a man that was big enough fool to want to?" That would be my answer to you tonight.

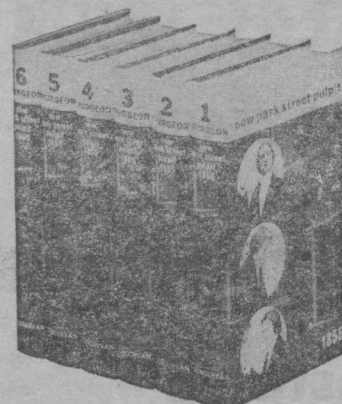
But suppose a man would want to crawl off, after he has been saved. What an impossibility even think it — but suppose a man would want to be lost after he was saved. Could he do it? Could a man take himself out of the hand of God and be lost the way to Glory? Could he, he so desired, actually take himself out of God's hand? Listen:

"And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that WILL NOT TURN AWAY FROM THEM, to do them good; but

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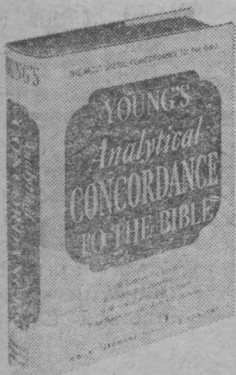
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A FEW OF THE GOD-DISHONORING HERESIES OF . . .

MORMONISM

ELDER ERNEST RUARK

"Mormonism," a common name for the doctrine of "The Church of the Latter Day Saints," rests upon a man and a book. The man is Joseph Smith, and the book is the "Book of Mormon." In a brief examination of the life and character of the man and the origin and claims of the book, let us see how the claims of Mormonism fall short of the truth of the Bible, the facts of history, and the requirements of common sense.

The Life And Character Of Joseph Smith

Born in Vermont in 1805, he began to have "visions" at the age of 15, as a result of which he established "The Church of the Latter Day Saints" in Fayette, New York, in 1830. Driven first to Ohio, then to Missouri, and finally to Illinois, he was shot to death by a mob in 1844. His death provided Mormonism with a martyr, without which it might eventually have withered away. However, a highly organized community life and an impassioned missionary zeal was developed on Smith's foundation and framework by his able and energetic successor, Brigham Young. Young led the Mormons to Utah, and there guided the infant steps of present-day Mormonism.

Joseph Smith claimed that between September 21 and 22, 1823, he was visited three times by the "Angel Moroni," who revealed the location of the plates of the "Book of Mormon," and that four years later he dug up these plates, and within two months had copied them. He further claims to have translated them during the next three years with the aid of an "Urim and Thummim" decoding device. As he was himself illiterate, the translation was written down by one Martin Cowdry. After the translation had been made, the original plates were supposed to have been taken back to Heaven—a very convenient explanation for skeptics who might ask to see the originals. Joseph Smith asserted that in May, 1829, John the Baptist appeared to him and conferred on him "The Priesthood of Aaron." Later, Peter, James, John, Moses, and Elijah are alleged to have appeared to him also.

In anticipation of Joseph Smith's angelic revelations, the Apostle Paul in Galatians 1:8 vehemently declares that even an angel from Heaven, if preaching any other Gospel, should be accursed. As to the priesthood of Aaron, it is the testimony and teaching of the Epistle to the Hebrews that the Old Testament system of sacrifice and priesthood has passed away forever, being succeeded by that of Christ, being newer and better.

Joseph Smith, whether we judge according to his own account or the accounts of his life and character given by his followers, would not today be a person whose characteristics would lead us to place faith in him as a man of God or a man of truth. He had none of the mental stamina and spiritual vigor of John Calvin, Martin Luther, or John Wesley. Had he lived in our day, he should at best, have been considered a fit subject for psychiatric investigation.

The "Origin" And Claims Of The Book Of Mormon

The Book of Mormon consists of 15 books, written in a style that poorly simulates Biblical style and language. The copy distributed in our community carries a mimeographed insert which states, "As the Bible is the history of God's people in Palestine, so the Book of Mormon is the history of God's dealings with His people in the American continent. The book tells how God guided a colony of people from Jerusalem for the Americas about 600 B.C. It records from their history the teachings of their prophets; a visit from Christ to this land; and their final destruction through war.

Those who survived in 421 A.D., became the ancestors of the American Indians."

The Book of Mormon claims there were two great migrations to America: the first was by the "Jaredites" from Babel around 2,000 B.C. The second was by part of the Ten Tribes of Israel after the Fall of Jerusalem under Nebuchadnezzar around 600 B.C. But the Ten Tribes disappeared from the scene after the Assyrian Conquest in 721 B.C., one hundred and twenty years before.

The Mormons boldly claim that the records in the Book of Mormon are authenticated by findings in early Indian ruins. But thus far, they have not advanced one shred of evidence supported by any reputable and impartial American archaeologist.

Although the original plates of the Book of Mormon are alleged to have been buried in Hill Cumorah, New York, around 400 A.D., every verse quoted from the Bible is in the exact wording of the King James Version, which was not finished until 1611 A.D., or 1211 years later!

As to the real origin of the Book of Mormon, there is considerable evidence that it was originally all or in part stolen from an unpublished manuscript of religious fiction entitled, "The Manuscript Found," written by one Solomon Spaulding.

So, it is upon the "visions" of a Joseph Smith whose mentality, trustworthiness, and character are historically open to question; and upon a book containing a "history" having no historical foundation—upon this man and upon this book that Mormonism rests!

Some Of The Teachings Of Mormonism

Large quantities of literature were distributed by Mormon missionaries in the community wherein I am a pastor. A careful examination of this literature brought to light many of the errors of their teaching, of which I will list but a few:

Regarding the American Indians' ancestors, they make four repeated, but unverified, statements:

1. They were of the House of Israel.
 2. They had a knowledge of early Bible history.
 3. They had a knowledge of the birth, life, and death of Christ.
 4. They practiced Christianity.
- They also constantly repeat four highly disputable, arbitrary, and unverified interpretations of Scripture:

1. That the "Bough of Joseph" in Genesis 49:22-26 refers to a migration to America around 600 B.C.
2. That the "Sealed Book" of Isaiah 29:4, 11-14 is the Book of Mormon.
3. That "The Stick of Israel" and "The Stick of Judah" in Isaiah 37:15-20 is the basis for the "God's People in Palestine—God's people in America" doctrine.
4. That the "other sheep" in John 10:16 are the "American Indian Lost Ten Tribes of Israel."

Constant reference is made to the 13 Articles of Faith. In them I find that these errors are present:

1. "That Mormonism believes that God today imparts truth outside His Word, through visions, special revelations, etc. These revelations are considered as authoritative as the Bible."
2. "That Mormonism not only questions our versions of the Bible, but flatly declares the Book of Mormon to be equally authoritative as the Bible," in spite of Revelation 22:18-19.
3. "That the Mormon church organization includes such officers as President, High Priest, Patriarchs, and the Council of Seventy." For a church claiming to be patterned after the New Testament church, it is strange to find in it "Patriarchs" (the last of whom died approximately 2000 B.C.); and "The Council of Sev-

enty" (which condemned Christ to death, and became the leading force in the persecution of the early church!).

Other errors constantly found appearing in this literature:

"That the true church disappeared soon after the first century, and did not reappear on earth until re-established by Joseph Smith in 1830." Therefore, all churches during that period, and all other churches today, are heretical and apostate. This would include all faithful martyrs, missionaries, evangelists, Bible teachers, and other Christians who faithfully lived and valiantly died in and with the Lord!

2. "That a Mormon who has loved ones who died outside Mormonism may be baptized in their place." They base this on the belief that baptism is necessary to salvation; and on the obscure reference to "Baptism for the Dead" in I Cor. 15:29. We answer by saying that Salvation is never apart from faith and grace; that baptism is always to follow personal faith (Acts 18:8); that the passage in I Cor. 15:29 refers to living believers being baptized, and thus filling up the ranks left vacant in the local church by those who have gone to be with Christ; that there is no second chance of any sort after death. We might further add that if Paul believed that a living person could be baptized to save a loved one who had already died, why then was he himself not baptized again and again in behalf of his fellow Israelites for whose salvation he so earnestly yearned in Romans 9:2-3 and 10:1?

3. "That a Mormon husband and wife who have been married in a Mormon secret temple (of which there are 8, not open to the general public) are married for eternity; that marriage relationship, in all its aspects, continues on in Heaven." This is in direct contradiction to our Lord's statement in Luke 20:35, and Paul's declaration in Romans 7:2.

Three Great New Testament Truths Which Mormonism Cannot Withstand

The Bible, as we have it, is God's only, complete, and written word. It is all we have or need to have for our faith and practice (II Timothy 3:16-17; Revelation 22:18-19).

Salvation is by Grace through Faith, entirely apart from Law or Works (Ephesians 2:8-9).

The death of Christ on the Cross as our Substitute is all we have or need for our salvation—nothing need or can be added to it, and we dare take nothing away from it (John 19:30 and Acts 4:12).

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ends up with that old reprobate wanting salvation more than anything else in all the world. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will (desire) and to do of His good pleasure," Phil. 2:13.

Now if we are going to contend that predestination is contingent upon God's foreknowledge, then let us be fair with our Lord, and with His precious Word. No one who believes there is a God denies that He foreknew all things. But surely the most devout Arminian in the world today would not say that the Bible says God knew who would believe, and because He knew who would believe, He chose them. He may say that this is implied in the Scriptures. If he does, may I remind him that Jno. 5:40 and Jno. 6:44 are not implied, but plainly stated? If he does say that his theology is implied, may I suggest that it could be that it is improvised rather than implied?

In our dealing with this Scripture, as with all others, we should strive to honor our Lord rather than man. And I ask you, in

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BRO. JACKSON WOULDN'T DO NEARLY SO MUCH FANCY TWISTING AND TURNING TO ESCAPE THE PLAIN TRUTH OF THE BIBLE AS TO ELECTION, IF HE WOULD ONLY STUDY BIBLE TRUTH AS TO . . .

"WHOSOEVER WILL," Etc.

Whenever the word "whosoever" is used it is always restricted by the text and context. For instance: "Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Rev. 20:15). No one is so foolish as to yank "whosoever" out of its setting here and demand that it means every one without exception; so why yank it out of other texts?

When "whosoever" is used with respect to salvation by Christ, the promise of blessing is always to the one who comes, believes, wills, etc., never to those who won't come, won't believe, won't will. It is "whosoever will," not "whosoever won't."

All general or indiscriminate invitations carry with them the description of the one who will be blessed. Hence, they are limited, though spoken to any number of people. If "whosoever will" were directed to 100 people and only two responded, only those two were blessed. There is no difference for the others, though "whosoever will" still is in effect.

all candor, which teaching concerning foreknowledge and predestination honors our Lord, and which honors man? If God knew that if I were left alone I would never come to Christ for salvation, and, on that basis, He dragged me to Christ, where is there any honor in it for me? There is none. To Him be all the glory. But, if He knew that I would come to Christ for salvation, and, on that basis, He chose me, where would there be any honor and glory for God? I would be the one who made all the decisions. I would be the star in the cast. And you and I both know the star is the one who gets the honor and glory. The old adamic nature hungers for honor and glory, and when we say our salvation is brought about by our decision, or by our coming to Christ, that old nature gets an overdose of honor and glory.

To sum it all up, the lost person will not come to Christ (Jno. 5:40), because he cannot come, Jno. 6:44. And he cannot come, because he is dead, Eph. 2:1. The person who is dead spiritually is just as helpless to do any spiritual thing as the man who was buried yesterday is to do any physical thing. If you go to that man's grave and kick his tombstone to pieces, he won't bat an eye. If you dig him up, take a blow torch and cut the metal casket from around him, and let the noonday summer sun shine in his eyes, he won't so much as twitch an eyelash. And if you put a stick of dynamite under his body and blow it to fragments, he still won't bat an eye, because he is dead. The spiritually dead sinner is just that helpless in the spiritual realm until God, without any help from that dead person, puts spiritual life into him. This He does through the preaching of the gospel. Our preaching the gospel does not put life into that sinner. God puts it there through our preaching the gospel. He quickens, or makes alive whom He will, Jno. 5:21. If I should say that God treats all alike—if I should say that He gives everyone the same chance to be saved, I sure would not go to Ex. 11 to prove it. You will please notice that verse 5 does not say that all the first born in the land of Egypt shall die unless they apply the blood to their door post. They are not even told to do that. Verse 7 tells us that this was done that the Israelites might know that the Lord put a difference between them and the Egyptians. Just who do we honor with our teaching, God, or man?

"On My Way"

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will put my fear in their hearts, that THEY SHALL NOT DEPART FROM ME."—Jer. 32:40.

Thank God, when we are saved, we are saved forever. I am on my way to Glory and I cannot be lost because I cannot depart from the Lord Jesus Christ. In view of that, I come to say:

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?"

Thank God for that firm foundation of the Lord!

I think of another song that says:

"I've found a Friend, oh, such a Friend!
He loved me ere I knew Him;
He drew me with the cords of love,
And thus He bound me to Him,
And 'round my heart still closely twine
Those ties which naught can sever,
For I am His, and He is mine,
Forever and forever."

How I thank God for this truth, that I am on my way to Glory and I cannot be lost on the way. I am frank to say that I don't live perfectly, just as no one lives perfectly. I am frank to say that as a child of God He chastens me when I sin. I am frank to say that as a child of God I cannot do wrong, and not expect to be chastened. But thank God, He deals with me as a child and not as an unbeliever. How I rejoice that I am on my way to Glory and I cannot be lost on the way.

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there is no salvation. When the Holy Spirit convicts a sinner, repentance and faith are sure to follow.

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:6.

Your conscience may convict you of sin, but it has no godly sorrow which worketh repentance to salvation. Read II Cor. 7:10.

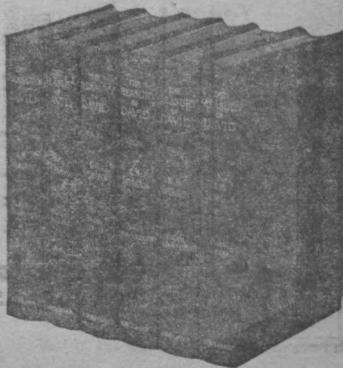
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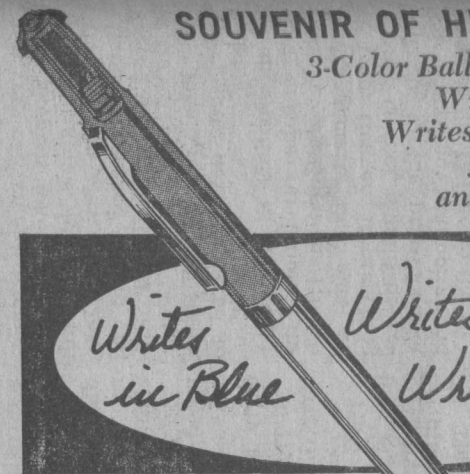
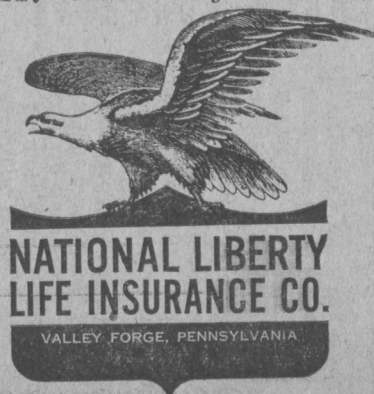
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