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"Saved To The Uttermost"

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Hebrews 7:1-3 "For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being interpreted King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of Peace. Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually."

Heb. 7:11-17 "If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the law received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be consecrated after the order of Aaron? The priesthood being changed, of necessity a

change also of the law. For he of whom these things are spoken



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pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance

at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident; for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest. Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

Heb. 7:23-28 "And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death; but this man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to made intercession for them. For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up

From My Son In Heaven

I would not have you grieve for me today
Nor weep beside my vacant chair.
Could you but know my daily portion here
You would not, could not, wish me there.

I know now why He said, "Ear hath not heard."
I have no words, no alphabet,
Or, even if I had, I dare not tell,
Because you could not bear it yet.

So, only this — I am the same, though changed.
Like Him! A joy more rich and strong,
Than I had dreamed that any heart could hold,
And all my life is one glad song.

Sometimes when you are talking to our Lord
He turns and speaks to me — dear heart,
In that rare moment you and I are just
The distance of a word apart!

And so, my loved ones, do not grieve for me
Around the family board today;
Instead, rejoice, for we are one in Him,
And so I am not far away.

sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's; for this He did once, when He offered up Himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for ever more."

INTRODUCTION:

These passages introduce us to the superior priesthood of Jesus

Christ and show us that the priesthood of Jesus Christ was in itself unchangeable and continuous. It was related to that priesthood of Melchisedec, who was without a predecessor or any following after. Melchisedec was unique in that he had no one before him in the priesthood nor did he have any who followed him in the priesthood. In the fullness (Continued on page 2, column 1)

What Women Can, And Cannot Do In A Mixed Church Meeting Of Any Type

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Although women are not to be in public prayer where men are present, they can and are commanded to pray silently in their hearts to the Lord while a leader leads the assembly aloud (I Cor. 14:15; Acts 1:14; 12:5, 12:12; 1 Cor. 11:5). Women as well as men are commanded to maintain private and secret prayer.

Women are not to pray with heads uncovered, since the uncovered head was the sign of an unchaste woman. "And any man who prays or prophesies with his head uncovered dishonors his head." (I Cor. 11:5 Williams Translation).

A woman in a church service is to wear a head-covering as a sign of submission to her husband. The head covering (I Cor. 11:15), is to wear a veil or hat of natural covering. "For if a man will not wear (a head) covering, then she should cut off her hair too." (I Cor. 11:6 Amplified Version). For her to come to a public worship service uncovered indicated her rebellion against her husband and unfaithfulness. In Moses' time a suspected wife had her head uncovered by the priest (Num. 5:18).

The weaker vessels are commanded to dress in modest (not ornate) attire, lest they be identified with the women of the world.

Identify the women, on their part, by becomingly, that is, modestly and sensibly, not adorning themselves with braided hair and expensive dresses (I Cor. 11:30) and gold or pearls or costly attire, for this is appropriate for the woman who profess to be pious" (I Cor. 11:30 Williams Translation). I gave similar instructions: "adorn yourselves with braided hair, and of wearing of gold, or putting on of apparel; but be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a quiet spirit, which is of great price in the sight of God of great glory." (Col. 3:12)

inhibitions on women in public worship. Perhaps some dear ladies with a warm head and a bold heart are beginning to say "Well, according to what you are saying, women might as well stay at home on Sunday." Therefore before I become as unpopular as Christ at Calvary, I hasten to speak of a woman's privileges.

A woman has the right to teach women and children in the church (Titus 2:3-5). Women and children make up three quarters of earth's population, thus women have a large field of work. A female has the right to teach a man in a personal way. Priscilla as well as Aquilla taught Apollos "The way of God more perfectly" in their home (Acts 18:26).

The Christian woman has the right to vote in the business matters of the church. The whole church (which included the women) participated in the choice of Matthias to the apostolic office (Acts 1:15-26). In the Corinthian church it was the "many" (the whole assembled church) who inflicted discipline (II Cor.

2:6). She is not permitted to make (Continued on page 8, column 5)

GENUINE NEW GUINEA NATIVE



PAUL WAYNE ROBERTS

If you are interested in knowing what a New Guinea native (Continued on page 8, column 5)

Readers From Many States Appreciate TBE's Message

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The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST"

"And, behold, I come quickly." Rev. 22:12.

Perhaps to some it might seem that this verse is out of place, for some might think that the Lord Jesus' coming has certainly not been a quick coming. But may I remind you that it has only been about nineteen hundred years since the Lord Jesus spoke these words, and the Bible declares that a day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years is as a day. So, in reality, it has only been about two days since our Lord said, "Behold, I come quickly."

It seems from the reading of the Word of God, and reading

after men today, that there is a lot of difference between the philosophies of men and the statements that are given to us within the Word of God. For example, it has been rather interesting to notice of recent date that our President, in most of his speeches, has propounded a Four-Point goal: (1) the total abolition of war, (2) the conquering of all disease, (3) the abolishment of poverty, and (4) the lengthening of men's lives to 100, or even 200 years, by the time he goes out of office. I used to read the Bible, and when I read about Heaven, I had in mind that I wanted to go there; but when I read his Four-

Point Program of recent date, it sort of changed my mind about Heaven—I don't know whether there is any need in going to Heaven or not. After all, if we are going to have Heaven here on earth within the next four year's time, why worry about leaving this world?

Seriously, though, let's analyze this Four-Point Program. He said first that he believed in, and would work for the total abolition of war, right down to the time when the Son of God puts in His appearance the second time.

In the second place, Mr. Johnson talks about the conquering of (Continued on page 4, column 5)

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Saved ... Uttermost

(Continued from page one)
of time when the Levitical priesthood was set up, men only from the Tribe of Levi were allowed to serve the altar. Yet men from this tribe could only continue as high priest for a few years and then at their death they had to be

replaced by another successor. When a high priest died there existed a vacancy for a period of time until a new priest could be selected and ordained and until this was done the nation of Israel was without a high priest and there was none to perform the high priestly office and make intercession for the people. But with Jesus Christ as our high priest the believer has One who is unchangeable and who ever lives to make intercession for His people.

In particular I would draw your attention to Verse 25 which tells us that Christ is "able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." The word translated "able" in our English versions means "powerful" and the transliterated Greek word was used by the inventor of a high explosive, Dynamite, as the name of his product. Thus we see Jesus as an all powerful "dynamite" Savior rather than the diminutive type of gods some people have. Being saved to the uttermost has always been a Baptist, as well as a Bible doctrine. There are however many false churches that teach otherwise and deny the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit in Regeneration and deny every aspect of this glorious and assuring doctrine. The purpose of this message will be to show that those who are saved by Jesus Christ are saved to the uttermost. Consider first:

I. THE MEANING OF BEING SAVED TO THE UTMOST.

A. The word uttermost means "the farthest point, fully, totally, perfectly, literally all the way." "Being saved to the uttermost" therefore does not mean that one is partially saved and then left to shift for himself. Jesus is described in Heb. 12:2 as "the Author and the Finisher of our faith." By this I understand that not only are we saved by grace but we are also kept by grace. "He that hath begun a good work in you will continue it unto the day of Jesus Christ." "Tis grace that brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home."

B. We might further ask what is included in being saved to the uttermost?

First we see the salvation of the individual in the PAST, in the PRESENT and in the FUTURE. In 2 Corinthians 1:10 Paul tells his readers that our trust is in God, "Who delivered us from so great a death (in the past tense) and doth deliver us (right now in the present tense) and in whom we trust that He will yet deliver us" (in the future). We are saved in the past from the penalty of sin by the death of Christ. We are being saved in the present from the power of sin. This present salvation is our progressive sanctification as seen from our viewpoint. From God's side sanctification is instantaneous yet Paul in writing to the churches of Rome explained it as a present, progressive, unfolding action of Romans 6:6-16 "Knowing this that our old man IS crucified with Him, in order that the

body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ we believe that we shall also live with Him. Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him. For in that He died, He died unto sin once; but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God." (Paul is here laying down the facts as he presents his major premise that since Christ has once died, then death hath no further dominion over Him.) Paul now continues in vs. 11 with some practical admonitions to the child of God: "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin," (Here Paul is urging his readers to first consider their old man dead. And if it is dead then there is no need to make any provisions for the flesh. We are dead to sin yet we are alive unto God). Paul says, "Let not sin reign" or "allow not sin to reign" and in this expression we see that sanctification, although instantaneous from God's side, is a progressive work from our viewpoint. We are NOT to allow sin to have the rule or Dominion over us. We are not

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to yield ourselves unto sin. Instead Paul continues in the later part of verse 13 "But yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and yield your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." Paul makes it clear that we are not to submit to the lusts of the flesh but that we are to make this old body subservient to the new nature. Paul continues in vs. 14 "For sin shall not have dominion over you; for ye are not under law but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under law but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness?" All of this has to do with our present condition and our present salvation. The more we yield our members unto sin the more backslidden we become. On the other hand the more we heed Paul's admonishment and yield our members as instruments of righteousness unto God the further we are progressing in our sanctification. As we progress in sanctification we WILL NOT become more pleasing to ourselves. Instead we will see more and more sin in our lives and are very likely to cry out "Oh wretched man that I am." There will be an increasing hatred for sin. It is like the old illustration of the farmer who was working on his broken down tractor out in the field. It grew darker and darker as he worked and finally he could not see well enough to continue. He headed for the back porch where a single electric light hung, wiping the dirt and grease from his hands and face as he came. At first he thought he had got-

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ten most of the grime off but he found that the nearer he came to the light the more dirt and grease he saw on himself. I believe that this is true in the spiritual realm too. The nearer we get to the Light the more grime and corruption we will see in our own lives.

In the future at the resurrection or translation "we shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump" and then we shall be saved from the very presence of sin. At the resurrection the last phase of salvation is completed as the body is raised incorruptible.

Secondly, we see that being saved to the uttermost must include the idea of the protection and preservation of believers until they are presented faultless in the Heavenly Kingdom. Jude writes in verse 24 of Him "that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." Being saved to the uttermost means that we shall not fail to reach Heaven. TEXT "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Consider now:

II. THE POWER OF BEING SAVED TO THE UTMOST.

We have discussed the Greek word "Dynamai" from which the word "able" is translated and we have seen its transliterated form in the word Dynamite . . . Big Power. In the case of our Lord He is omnipotent: All powerful. Thus He has the ability to save to the uttermost.

Just before His ascension Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

God further promises to keep those Jesus has died for. In Peter 1:4-5 we find these words "To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." So we see we are "kept by the power of God."

In Philippians 3:20-21 Paul writes that "Our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall change our vile body, that it be fashioned like unto His glorious body according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself." God's omnipotence make it very clear that our being saved to the uttermost must mean that we are saved forever.

Consider now:

III. THE HOW OF BEING SAVED TO THE UTMOST.

Our text says, "Wherefore He is able to SAVE them" of Himself. Cf. Heb. 9:26-27 "For the must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world, but once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed unto man once to die and after this the judgment; So Christ was offered to bear the sins of many, and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 14 "For by one offering He has perfected for ever them that are sanctified." Jesus came and took the form of man in order that He might take the place of many in death. The wrath of God due our sin was (Continued on page 3, column

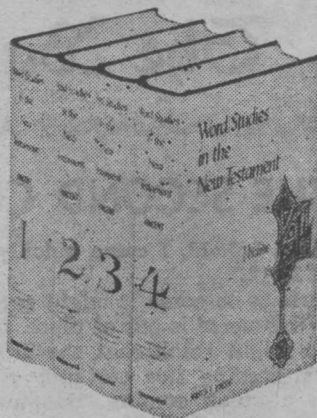


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Whom heaven's angelic host adores,
Was slaughter'd for our sins;
The guilt, O Lord, was wholly ours,
The punishment was thine;
Our God in flesh, to set us free,
Was manifested here;
And meekly bore our sins, that we
His righteousness might wear.

Imputatively guilty then
Our substitute was made,
That we the blessings might obtain
For which His blood was shed;
Himself He offer'd on the cross,
Our sorrows to remove;
And all He suffered was for us,
And all He did was love.

In Him we have a righteousness,
By God Himself approv'd
Our rock, our sure foundation this,
Which never can be mov'd.
The inward man, the scriptures say
Is growing stronger every day.
Then how can I be growing old
When safe within my Saviour's fold?

Our ransom by His death He paid,
For all His people giv'n,
The law He perfectly obey'd
That they might enter heav'n.

As all, when Adam sinn'd alone,
In his transgression died,
So by the righteousness of one,
Are sinners justify'd,
We to thy merit, gracious Lord,
With humblest joy submit,
Again to Paradise restor'd,
In thee alone complete.

Our souls His watchful love retrieves,
Nor lets them go astray,
His righteousness to us He gives,
And takes our sins away;
We claim salvation in His right,
Adopted and forgiv'n,
His merit is our robe of light,
His death the gate of Heaven."
—August Toplady

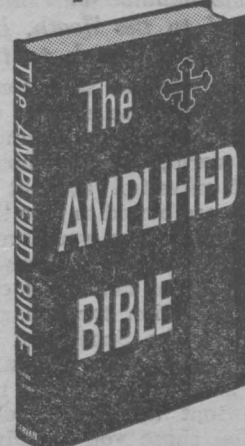
many apples in a basket but the fact he has many implies that he does not have all. I believe that Christ died particularly for sinners; i. e. certain individual sinners and not sinners in a collective mass. Much preaching done today make God look like a weakling and the Holy Spirit look powerless. Men are pleaded with, begged, propositioned and in every way talked into allowing God to save them. Such preaching low-rates God to a position somewhat lower than men or Satan and implies that the only time a person can possibly be saved is when both the Devil and the individual will "let" God do it. If the purpose of Christ's death was to save every single individual without exception we will have to conclude that He died in vain and was a failure. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS A FAILURE. I must conclude that He died for all men without distinction — as to nationality, class, position, etc., that is He died for all kinds of men — the Elect, whoever they may be.

I find myself preaching more and more on the doctrine of Depravity for unless one understands this important truth nothing else will ever be very clear. I have never met a man who believed in falling from grace who even faintly understood depravity. Men believe that Christ died to "establish a ground," they say, whereby any man who in freewill will "make a decision" for Christ will be saved. The main thing wrong with this idea is that it is foreign to the Scriptures. My Bible says nothing about Christ dying to establish a ground whereby dead men shall save themselves and make themselves spiritually alive. Those who preach such foolishness are at least consistent in that believing that man's salvation is wholly dependent on man. They also believe that his keeping saved is also dependent on man. All of such heresy comes about because of an ignorance of the facts of depravity. The Bible says that men are "dead in trespasses and sin" and that they must be "quickened" or made alive by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit and then, and only then, will they repent and trust Christ as Saviour.

As all old Baptist confessions have so clearly stated "Repentance and faith are the fruits of regeneration." The Bible tells men how to be saved but IT DOES NOT TELL THEM HOW TO BE REGENERATED. (You might not agree with me, but when I get through you will know what I believe anyway.)

Some people quote I John 5:1 as proof that one must believe in order to be born again. Is this what it says? "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." The Greek for "is born of God" really says "Hath been begotten of God." Thus we have: "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God." The identical expressions found in I John 4:7 "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth IS BORN OF GOD, and knoweth God." Now, I have never heard anyone teach that one had to LOVE in order to be born of God but to be consistent those who use I John 5:1 to try to prove one must believe in order to be born of God, ought to use this passage and say that one must love in order to be born of God. But neither passage really says what they want it to say. I John 4:7 says that "love is of God and everyone that loveth HAS BEEN BEGOTTEN of God." This is the proof of the matter. Everyone who has already been born of God loves the brethren, is the thought in I John 4:7, and everyone who has already been born of God believes that Jesus is the Christ, is the thought of I John

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5:1. When Jesus talked to Nicodemus He emphasized the NEED for the new birth but Jesus nowhere told Nicodemus HOW to be born again. The reason being that BIRTH is not the prerogative of the one being born. Jesus made this clear in the spiritual realm by pointing out "the wind bloweth where it listeth (the wind blows where it wants to blow), and thou hearest the sound thereof; but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth, SO IS EVERYONE THAT IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT." No human controls the wind . . . thus no human causes or controls the new birth. Sinners are told to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Those who are quickened by the Holy Spirit or born again will believe on Jesus. When the Holy Spirit does His work in connection with the preached Word man will be born again and enabled to trust on Jesus Christ. This makes salvation of God and not of man.

The Arminian teaches that "Christ died to establish a ground" whereby man in freewill can decide apart from God to believe in Jesus. So he claims to get himself saved, works steadily in order to stay saved, worries about falling from grace all his life, wonders if he has enough good works to keep himself saved and then dies and goes to Hell as he never was saved in the first place. This is salvation by man. But my Bible tells me that "Salvation is of the Lord."

We are saved to the utter-

most because His presence is with us forever to perfect that which He has promised and undertaken for us. Cf. Phil. 1:6 "He that hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

We are saved to the uttermost because of His intercessory work continually in our behalf. TEXT: "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." As our great High Priest Jesus stands at the right hand of God pleading our case to God, He is our lawyer, our advocate and He ever liveth to make intercession for us.

Lastly, let us consider:

IV. THE CONDITION OF BEING SAVED TO THE UTTERMOST.

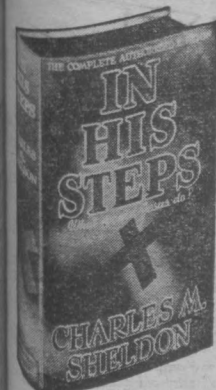
Our text says, "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost, that COME UNTO GOD BY HIM." Therefore we gather that the condition is that they "Come unto God by Him." Cf. John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way the truth and the life; No man cometh unto the Father but by me." Coming unto the Father is only thru Jesus Christ. Only those who have come to see themselves as ungodly, hell deserving sinners are going to have any interest in having Jesus as their Saviour. Only self-confessed Hell bound sinners will have anything to do with Jesus Christ. Coming unto Jesus and trusting Him as your

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mercy of God might be ex-
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with the idea that some
Christians have that

Christ died for all men without exception. The verse just quoted states that Jesus "was once offered to bear the sins of many." Now the word "many" has the sense of exclusiveness about it. "All" sometimes means "all without exception" but other times "all" means "some" or "few" or a great number or perhaps all without distinction but on the other hand the word "many" always, invariably means LESS THAN ALL. A man may have



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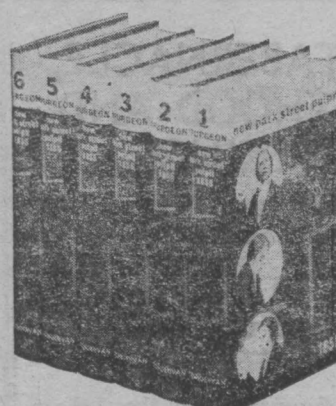
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member two ways of salvation. Remember, He chose all who would be saved before the foundation of the world, and He chose the way of salvation at that time. "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of our Lord Jesus Christ." (II Thess. 2:13, 14). You will notice, please, that this verse tells us that God chose you to salvation and that it was through the work of the Spirit and belief of the truth. The truth being the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In case there are some of you who wonder if the Old Testament saints knew of Jesus Christ, let me direct you to another passage of Scripture. "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (II Tim. 3:14, 15) Paul points out to Timothy that he has known the Scriptures which were able to make him wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Now my friends most of the New Testament had not been written until about the same time as this book of Timothy. When Timothy was a child the only Scriptures that he had was the Old Testament. His mother taught him of Jesus Christ from the Old Testament.

When Philip met the Ethiopian eunuch on the road from Jerusalem, the eunuch was reading from Isaiah 53. When Philip asked him if he understood what he was reading he said, "... How can I, except some man should guide me?" (Acts 8:31) and "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus." (Vs. 35). The Scripture goes on to say that he believed that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He preached Jesus from Isaiah 53. John 12:41 says, "These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him." When did Isaiah see the Lord in His glory? In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple." (Isaiah 6:1). Please note, Isaiah saw the Lord, was cleansed, and went to serve the Lord. (see vs 1-8).

Adam saw Jesus in the garments that God placed on him. Abraham saw Jesus in the substitute ram for Isaac. David saw Jesus as the shepherd (Ps. 23). We could go on and on, but this

is enough to show you that the Old Testament teaches of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 12:1 says we are compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses. Who are the cloud of witnesses? The Old Testament saints mentioned in Chapter 11. So you see there are many saved and they were saved through faith in Christ Jesus.

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To be sure there were people saved before Calvary. Would God have patiently listened to Abraham's prayer for Sodom, and would He have graciously granted his petitions had Abraham been a lost man? Would the angels have literally dragged Lot out of Sodom had he been a lost man like all the others in Sodom? Would God have used lost men to write His precious Book? And would God have taken Enoch and Elijah into heaven alive had they still been in their lost and undone condition? I believe the answers to the above questions are obvious to all Bible believers. David, that man after God's own heart, had much to say about the quickening of the Lord. In Ps. 119:50 he says, "This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy Word hath quickened me." Then in Ps. 71:20 he said "Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again." Paul said to the Ephesians (2:1) "You hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." David, who had been dead in trespasses and sins, had already been quickened (made alive) according to Ps. 119:50, now in 71:20 he said that God would quicken him again. You cannot quicken someone again who has never been quickened before. He says that when God quickens him again He will bring up again from the depths of the earth. This quickening again speaks of the resurrection of the body at the coming again of our Lord.

And to be sure, those in Old Testament times were saved just as you and I were saved. God quickened them and gave them faith with which to believe that the promised One would come and pay their sin debt. When they used that God-given faith and believed that Christ would come and pay that debt, they were justified. And when Christ came and paid their sin debt, and ascended back to the Father, He carried their spirits with Him into heaven itself. There today they are basking in the sunlight of God's love along with Peter, James and John, Paul, your loved ones and mine who have gone on to be with the Lord.

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Yes, God's elect who lived and died before the cross were saved, even though the sacrifice of God's Son had not yet come to pass in time. I know that no man is saved until a sacrifice has been made for his sin, and that sacrifice must be the perfect One which is Jesus Christ. To the people before Calvary the offering up of the body of Jesus Christ was prophecy, but in the mind

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and purpose of God it was history. The reason for this is, that in the mind of God, Christ was His Lamb slain for sin even before sin entered.

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."—Rev. 13:8.

When sin entered, God did not have to wait until Calvary to save His people. He simply brought forward that which pictures Calvary, an innocent one shedding its blood, giving its life in order to cover the nakedness of sinners.

The spiritual condition of man before Calvary was the same as man today. Men were spiritually dead, corrupted by inherited sin, unable to resurrect themselves from their state of hopelessness and helplessness. The same Spirit that resurrected us from the dead, resurrected them; the same Spirit through the preaching of the gospel brought them into the glorious light and liberty which is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall nations be blessed." Gal. 3:8.

I do not know the manner in which God preached the gospel unto Abraham. To me the manner is not important, the important part is that the gospel was preached to him, and this was before Calvary. The gospel is not the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, rather it is the declaration of it.

"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Mark 1:1.

In this verse it was not the beginning of the declaration of His death, burial and resurrection. Paul says, "lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ." I Cor. 9:12. No one hindered the death of Christ, many did hinder the declaration of that death.

God in preaching the gospel unto Abraham preached to him, or declared to him, how that Christ died for his sin, was buried and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. Read I Cor. 15:1-4. Abraham was saved before Calvary. Thus he was quickened by the Holy Spirit, given hearing ears and seeing eyes (Prov. 20:12), so that he could hear the gospel and understand what the Lord was saying to him. There is no doubt in my mind but that Abraham knew he was a saved man and this knowledge came through the preaching of the gospel, though He who is the central theme of the gospel had not yet died on Calvary.

In Hebrews 11 we read of a number of men who lived before Calvary, whose faith was so great that God recorded it in His book for the whole world to read. God does not give faith to dead men, that is men who are dead spiritually. Faith is a gift from God to His people. These men had the God-given faith—thus they were saved, and that before Calvary. Their faith looked forward to Calvary, whereas ours looks back to the same Christ, hanging on the cursed tree for our sins.

The people before Calvary had the same kind of faith that we

have, but some of them put to shame when it comes to showing forth their faith. To them no sacrifice was considered so great if it brought honor and glory to Him, in whom they trusted. Today, this side of Calvary, it is very hard to find a man who will spend, or be spent for the cause of Christ. There are not many men today with faith like Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Isaiah or Jeremiah. These men were all saved men, and that before Calvary.

I have saved one other Old Testament saint until the last prove that men were saved before Calvary. This man was called Elijah. He was a man of great faith, whom God took to Heaven in a chariot of fire. Approximately a thousand years later the Lord returned him to earth to prove he was saved and saved. All of this happened before Calvary, therefore I can definitely say that Elijah was saved before Calvary, so were all the ones of God, though Christ had not yet died.

The Second Coming

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disease, yet in Matthew 24, the Lord Jesus Christ says there will be pestilences and famines that shall continue to the end of the age.

Mr. Johnson talks about the abolition of poverty, so there will be no more poverty so far as the world is concerned, yet the Lord Jesus said, "The poor you have with you always."

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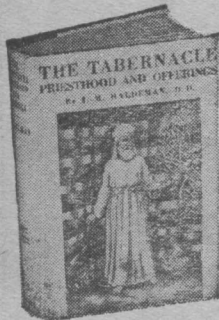
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It is doubtful whether one can be good, without being good for something.

Sin

*Man calls sin an accident;
God calls it an abomination.
Man calls sin a blunder;
God calls it blindness.
Man calls sin a chance;
God calls it a cancer.*

*Man calls sin a defect;
God calls it a disease.
Man calls sin an error;
God calls it enmity.
Man calls sin fascination;
God calls it a fatality.*

*Man calls sin infirmity;
God calls it iniquity.
Man calls sin luxury;
God calls it leprosy.
Man calls sin liberty;
God calls it lawlessness.*

*Man calls sin a trifle;
God calls it a tragedy.
Man calls sin a mistake;
God calls it madness.
Man calls sin a weakness;
God calls it wickedness.*

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Second Coming

in the distance.

UNPRECEDENTED INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE.

We read:

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."—Dan. 12:4.

If ever there were a time of unprecedented increase in knowledge, it is today. Do you realize that since the year 1900 the world has made more progress from the standpoint of knowledge than it had made in all the six thousand years of its previous history? Do you realize that there has been great scientific advance in every field of endeavor within the last fifty years' time? Even in the field of farming, the modern farmer is so unlike the farmer of fifty years ago, that if the farmer of 50 years ago were to come back to this world, he would hardly recognize a modern farmer.

Also, there has been a marvelous advance in the last fifty years in the realm of printing. I read sometime ago about the world's largest printing press. I wonder if I were to ask you who owns it, who would you say? New York Times? Life, or Look, or Fortune, or some of those world renowned magazines? Well, I tell you that printing press is owned by the Russellites, and it is capable of producing 500 booklets every second. Surely we can say that so far as the increase of knowledge in printing, it is vastly different to what it was fifty years ago.

ferent to what it was fifty years ago.

Then I think about the computers. I saw one working a short time ago. You probably have seen them on television how they project the answer even from a very vague amount of information. Well, I saw one of those computers work not too long ago and I tell you, it is phenomenal and fantastic the knowledge that man has arrived at within the last fifty years.

Then, of course, we would certainly say that this space race, which we have on today between the United States and Russia, would surely show the tremendous phenomenal, unprecedented increase in knowledge.

I say, beloved, one of the signs of His coming is that knowledge shall be increased.

II

WIDESPREAD TRAVEL.

We read:

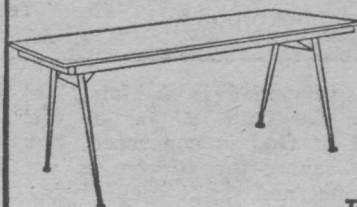
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We certainly have been running to and fro today.

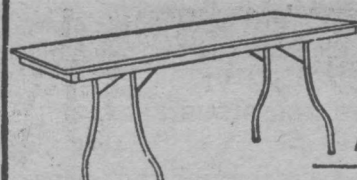
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III

THE MORAL SIGN.

We read:

"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."—Mt. 24:12.

Can you deny the fact that there is plenty of iniquity in the world today? When you look at the crime, and the violence, and the immorality, and the lust, and the lawlessness, and the dishonesty that goes on today, can you deny that this Scripture is being rapidly fulfilled before our very eyes? Surely we can see the moral signs of the time being fulfilled all about us every day.

Everybody I think in the country was shocked of recent day when 100 cadets at the Air Force Academy in Colorado, who were supposed to have been screened to be the outstanding men of the country, were expelled from the academy because of the offense of cheating.

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date, when those three preachers in Los Angeles, one of whom is an assistant to Bishop Pike — when those three preachers put on a banquet for a group of sexual perverts, which was attended by three hundred of these individuals. Imagine three preachers sponsoring a banquet for a group of sexual perverts, and three hundred homosexuals attending that banquet. I say to you, it certainly is an indication to us as to the moral condition of our country today. Our Lord said that iniquity shall abound, and surely we are living in a day when such is abounding.

You'll notice He likewise says that because iniquity does abound, the love of many wax cold.

Beloved, it should have just the opposite effect on us, for when we see iniquity all about us, it ought to cause us to love the Lord more, and it ought to cause us to stand more firmly and truly for His Word. However, the Word of God says that because iniquity abounds, the love of many shall wax cold.

IV

THE WORLDLY LIVING SIGN.

We read:

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took all away: so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."—Mt. 24:37-39.

Notice what characterized the days of Noah, and notice what He says will characterize this day in which we live. He said in the days of Noah they were eating and drinking. Beloved, isn't that certainly a characteristic of America today—eating and drinking? Eating places are multiplying almost as fast as new houses are being built. Drinking places and taverns are multiplying day by day.

I was reading recently that in the city of Washington, D. C., the capitol of our country, there were over 1700 taverns and bars where you can buy alcoholic drinks. Our Lord said worldly living, eating and drinking would characterize the last days.

Also He said there would be marrying and giving in marriage. Beloved, it certainly is being multiplied greatly today, especially when you recognize the fact that

some people marry two and three and four times. I read recently of an individual who had already had his eleventh wife and was beginning to look for his twelfth. Can you imagine the words of our Lord Jesus Christ being thus fulfilled when He said there would be eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage?

One grandmother said to her granddaughter, "When I was your age, I waited until I found the right man and I married him." The granddaughter said, "Well, Grandmother, I expect to keep right on marrying them until I find him."

Well, that is about the relationship between the days of a hundred years ago and the days of today. Then, a woman waited until she found the right person and married him, and now she keeps right on marrying until she finds him.

Mark it down, beloved, we are certainly living in a day when we have this worldly living sign being fulfilled all about us, day by day.

V

THE GOSPEL PREACHING SIGN.

We read:

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come."—Mt. 24:14.

Beloved, this is taking place right now. So far as we are concerned, the Word of God, the Gospel, is being preached unto all the world.

Somebody says, "Isn't the Lord trying to convert the world?" Beloved, God never tries to do anything—He just does what He wants to do. God isn't trying to convert the world, and He never did try to convert the world. The fact of the matter is, the Word of God indicates that God's program for His church is that we shall preach the Word of God, and God is to take out of the world His elect children. Listen:

"And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, TO TAKE OUT OF THEM A PEOPLE FOR HIS NAME. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and (Continued on page 6, column 2)

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It wasn't long before half the town
Had left its idols of wood and stone.

And the work's not ended yet, my friend,
You started something that ne'er shall end
When you sent the money across the sea
That bought a Bible for young Lew-Chee.

Saved . . . Uttermost

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own Saviour, believing that He died in your place, and that the wrath of God due YOUR sin was poured out on Him means that you will no longer look to yourself nor to any other person to save you. Jesus IS the Saviour. He alone can save. You must abandon your self-help programs, abandon your self-righteousness, recognize yourself for what you really are — a sinner, a bad sinner, a Hell-bound, Hell deserving sinner. Only such as see themselves in this condition can be saved. The moment you find grace in your heart and the willingness to trust on Jesus and the moment you do trust on Him you will find that He will save you. He will save you to the uttermost and your future will be in His hands. It will be up to Him to safely get you to Heaven. He has not lost a single one who has depended on Him as their Saviour. Lastly consider:

V. THE ALL INCLUSIVENESS OF THE OFFER TO SAVE TO THE UTMOST.

"Them that come unto God by Him" means ALL that do come unto God by Him. The limitation is not that some will not come but it is LIMITED to those who do come. John 1:11-13 makes it clear who will come. "He (Jesus) came unto His own, (National Israel) and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, BUT (BORN) OF GOD." This limits those who will be willing to come to Jesus to those who have been born of God . . . i.e. those whom the Holy Spirit regenerates. They are of course the ones God has given

to the Son. Cf. John 6:37 "All that the Father giveth me shall come unto me, and him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." But since we do not know who are the ones God will regenerate and since He has commanded it we will preach to all men knowing that the Holy Spirit will un-erringly do His work in quickening the elect. But my invitation is open to all who will come unto Him. Will you come to Jesus?

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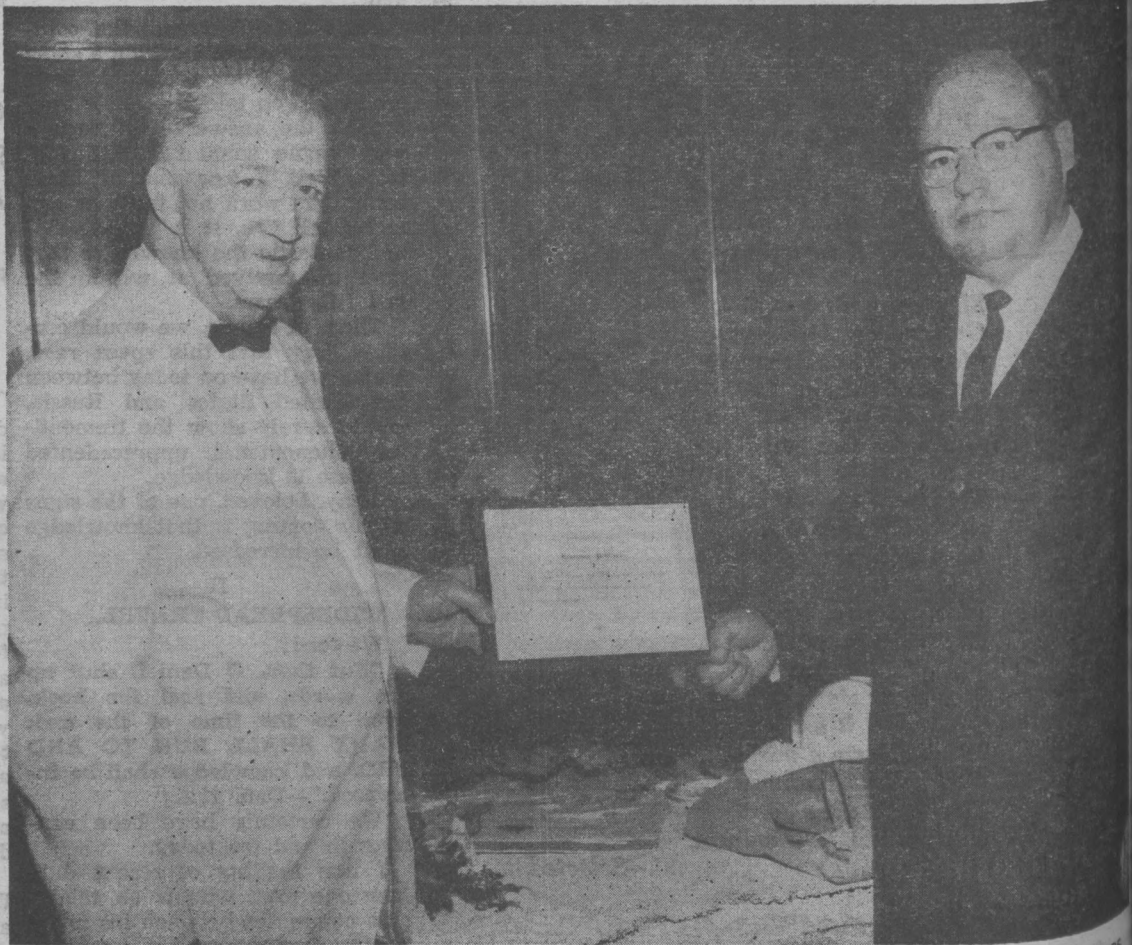
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all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, said the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world." —Acts 15:13-18.

Notice, God is not trying to convert the world, but God is calling His elect from the world whereby they shall be saved.

Beloved, what is going on at the present time while God is calling out His elect? The Gospel preaching sign is being fulfilled, for thousands on top of thousands of missionaries of all denominations are going into the world as missionaries, millions of tracts are being printed and distributed; and preaching is being done by radio and television. Russellites are using phonograph records that they might preach to you in your home, and give to you what they call a message from Jehovah. All this preaching, expedited by modern roads, and by modern means of communication, and by speedy transportation, has resulted, and is resulting, in the Gospel being preached completely around the world.

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VI THE RELIGIOUS SIGN.

When I speak of the religious sign, I mean the sign of religious declension within the world. Listen:

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a FALLING AWAY first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." —II Thess. 2:3.

Beloved, before the son of perdition, who is the Anti-Christ, comes, there has to be a falling away. Is that falling away to be found in this present day? Regardless of what church you may be a member of, do you see signs of revival in your church? Do you see signs in your community where you live that there is a revival in the hearts of people? You know as well as I that if there is any sign, it is a sign of falling away so far as even church people are concerned.

Listen again:

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall DEPART FROM THE FAITH, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." —I Tim. 4:1-3.

This tells us that in the latter times men are going to depart from the faith. Surely it is true today that men are departing from the faith. I couldn't begin to tell you how many people to my own personal knowledge who once stood for the Word of God

have completely turned from it, and have departed from the faith, within the past few years. Beloved, the Word of God says that in the latter days they will depart from the faith.

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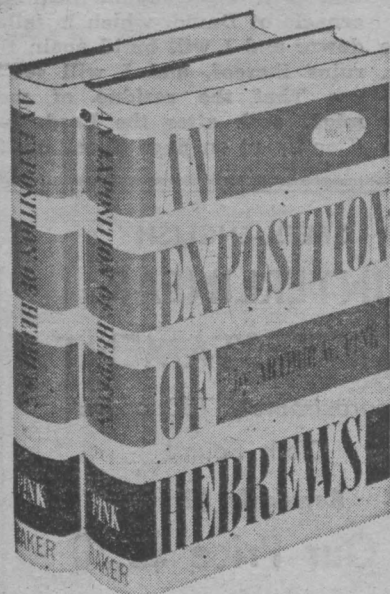
"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when THEY WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." —II Tim. 4:1-4.

Aren't we living in that time now when men are turning from the truth, and are turning to men who will just scratch their itching ears—just give them something that will make them feel good—just give them something that will sort of tickle their fancy, or tickle their ears? In view of the fact that that day is coming,

the Word of God admonishes that we should preach the Word, be instant in season and out of season, as long as humanly possible, because the day will come when men will not endure sound doctrine.

Now I refer to this as the religious sign—the fact that religiously, the world is turning from the things of God. I'd like to throw in, in this respect a word relative to the Ecumenical Council. So far as I am concerned, the Ecumenical Council that we have been hearing about the last couple of years is nothing but a smoke mirage or a camouflage that has been laid down back of the Catholics in order to deceive unwary Protestants into coming back into Rome. Beloved, having a very, very good effect because that Ecumenical Council has resulted in a great number of people being herded into the tentacles of Romanism. I am saying it is just a part of the religious sign that men are turning away from the Word of God—they are departing from faith, and they are getting ther from the things of God in the Bible.

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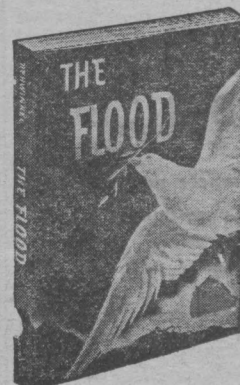
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Seeing Him Who Is Invisible

With my eyes upon the Saviour
I can walk the sea of life
With its waves and billows 'round me,
With its tempests, storms and strife.

Should I look upon another,
Look at self or turn my gaze
On life's problems and temptations,
I would sink beneath the waves.

Saviour, let me walk beside Thee,
Let me feel my hand in Thine;
Let me know the joy of walking
In Thy strength and not in mine.

Second Coming

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VII

THE JEWISH SIGN.

Now learn a parable of the fig tree: When his branch is yet bare, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see these things, know that it is even at the doors."—Mt. 24:32.

The fig tree is a type of the Jewish nation. Jesus said that the Jewish nation shows its life, like a tree puts forth leaves, you can know it is nigh. Beloved, the Jewish nation came into existence in 1948. In the time that has passed since 1948, it has come to a place that it has a population of three million people. What has happened? The Jews of all over America, and all the world are pouring their backs into Palestine for the home of the Jews. They are doing that very thing today. Now they have complete possession of Jerusalem for the time since the days of Jesus. Lord said that it is just like budding of the tree, that you can see a fig tree bud, and know that summer is near and whenever you see the nation showing signs of it, you can know that the second coming of Christ is nigh, even at the doors.

I say to you, every time I see

a Jew walking the streets of Ashland, I am reminded of the fact that my Jesus' coming cannot be far hence, because the Jews as a nation are "budding"—they are putting forth their leaves, and they are beginning as a nation to take their place among the nations of the world once again.

VIII

THE REVIVAL OF NATIONALISM AMONG GENTILE NATIONS.

We read:

"And he spake to them a parable: Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."—Luke 21:29-31.

The fig tree, representing the Jewish race, is going to put forth its leaves, and it is a sign to us that the coming of Jesus Christ is nigh; but this text says, "the fig tree, and all the trees." In other words, there is to be a revival of nationalism from the Gentile nations of the world before the Son of God comes back. Beloved, we certainly have it in this present time, for there are literally scores of African and Asian nations that have obtained independence within the last ten years' time.

About ten years ago, I sat down one day to order a globe, but it came to my mind, as I was reading the literature, that the globe was going to be changed before long. The company an-

nounced that if you placed your order, they would hold the order for a few weeks until the changes were made. So I didn't order the globe. I thought I would just wait until the new ones came out with the world as it was at that time. Do you know, beloved, that I haven't yet ordered that globe, because they have been changing the globe from month to month, and there isn't a globe that was printed a month ago that is up to date today.

I say, literally scores of African and Asian nations have attained nationality within the last ten years' time. Ancient nations such as Iran, and Iraq, and Syria, and Egypt—these four in particular of the ancient nations have now put forth their leaves, thus indicating the rising of nationalism. I say to you, this rise of nationalism among the Gentiles, as well as the rise of the Jewish nation is an indication to me of the nearness of the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

IX

THE PERSECUTION SIGN.

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake."—Mt. 24:9.

Are you having an easy time in the preaching of the Word of God? Are you having an easy time in the service of the Lord at the present time? Well, I tell you, if you are standing for the



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Word of God, you can expect some persecution in the days to come. Whether you are a preacher or whether you are a layman, makes no difference, for the man who dares to stand for the teachings of God's Book is going to have a difficult time in the days to come. Our Lord said it, and I believe it according to His Word.

I'll tell you, beloved, who is having an easy time—it is the fellow who talks in terms of the universal church; it is the fellow who goes along with the world; it is the fellow who runs with the lions, and feeds with the elks, and flies with the eagles, and chases along with the buzzards—he is a member of all the fraternal organizations of the world. That man can expect to have an easy time, but the man who stays close to the Book, and tries to feed the sheep out of the Word of God, needn't expect anything but persecution in the days to come.

If you don't want a hard time, don't join Calvary Baptist Church. If you don't want a hard time get away from us, and don't believe the things that I believe. If you don't want to have a hard time, I'd say to you, never come to church with us, never unite with us, and never attempt to be a member here. Beloved, the man who dares to stand for the things that we stand for, can expect in the days to come, to have a hard time.

X

THE GODLESS SIGN.

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder,

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and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision."—Psa. 2:1-4.

This tells us that the kings of the earth and the people of this world are going to set themselves up against Almighty God, and they are going to take counsel against the Lord, and they are going to say, "Let's break the bands of God asunder."

I ask you, what are they doing so far as Russia is concerned today? What are they doing in other atheistic, and communistic, and godless countries? You know as well as I that their attitude is to break the bands of God asunder.

I saw a cartoon many years ago of a Russian peasant climbing up a ladder into the ethereal spaces. As he was climbing, he had a sickle and mallet in his hand, and he was saying, "Now that we have finished with the earthly czars, we'll tackle the heavenly ones." The implication of this cartoon was that as they had overthrown the czar of Russia—they had gotten rid of earthly rulers, they now were ready to tackle God, and get rid of God as a Heavenly czar.

I tell you, beloved, that is the age in which we are living. Communism and atheism are enemies of Almighty God, and it is what we find true today. I could tell you of incident after incident on the part of even so-called religious people. These incidents would indicate the godlessness and the communistic tendencies on the part of even the religious leaders of our country. I say to you, it is a sign of the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

XI

THE POLITICAL SIGN.

We read:

"And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of

the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay."—Dan. 2:40-43.

Daniel is interpreting a vision that the king had seen in his dream—a head of gold, a chest and arms of silver, body and thighs of brass, legs of iron, and feet of iron and miry clay. Daniel said, "Nebuchadnezzar, thou art the head of gold. That chest and arms of silver represent the divided, and yet united, country of Media and Persia. As the two arms are joined to the body, so are Media and Persia united as one nation. The belly and thighs represent Greece, under Alexander the Great. The legs of iron represent Rome divided into the eastern and western divisions of the holy Roman Empire. Those feet, with the ten toes, represent the ten nations of Europe which are going to be partly strong and partly weak—mingled, yet not exactly cohering; at the same time, they'll be together just the same as iron and clay might be mixed together.

What was it that was suggested a few years ago by one of the so-called statesmen of Europe? An European common market. Everybody thought of it as something of a passing fancy—something that wasn't to be taken too seriously. Now the European common market, with the ten nations agreeing to it, is already in existence. I would suggest that you keep your eye on De Gaulle, or De Gaulle's successor, for in my humble opinion the country of France under either De Gaulle or De Gaulle's successor is going to head up that ten kingdom federation. I wouldn't be a bit surprised but that it results in these ten nations that are pictured by the ten toes, just before the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ back (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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No man has ever hurt his eyesight by looking on the bright side of life.

The Second Coming

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to this world.

XII INTERNATIONAL TENSION SIGN.

We read:

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not TROUBLED: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For NATION SHALL RISE AGAINST NATION, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places."—Mt. 24:6, 7.

In spite of President Johnson's Four Point Program, war and tension are going to come to pass. Tension — international tension! The world is jittery, not knowing what to do. Why! Just one reason: no nation knows what the other nation is going to do. It is a sign of international tension.

XIII THE RACE SIGN.

We read:

"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."—Gen. 1:28.

This was the assignment that God gave the world. Just like a school teacher hands out an assignment to a class, of the lesson that is to be accomplished, God gave His assignment to Adam and Eve, with five details enunciated thereby.

First, He said to be fruitful. Beloved, we have been fruitful to the extent that the population explosion has gotten to the place that it is dangerous. We have been fruitful and multiplied to the extent that now the nations are beginning to talk in terms

of compulsory and arbitrary birth control, whether people want to practice it or not. The only place in the world where the population is not almost beyond control is the North Pole or the South Pole where it is impossible for anything, or anybody, to live. Other than that, the population of the world has now reached, and gone beyond the saturation point. I say, beloved, man has fulfilled this first assignment that God gave.

The second assignment that God gave to man was to subdue the earth. Has man done it? Is there a mountain peak that man hasn't climbed? I tell you, man has succeeded in scaling every mountain peak within the world, the highest of them. How about the oceans? Man has gone to the bottom of the oceans. Man has conquered, by flying the atmosphere. Man has broken the sound barrier. Now man has orbited the earth and has gone into outer space. God said to subdue the earth. I say, man has more than completed this assignment.

The third assignment was to have dominion over the fish of the sea. Poor old Adam, what an impossible task he had before him—to have dominion over the fish of the sea! With power driven ships, with submarines, and with diving bells, there isn't a spot in the ocean that man isn't able to chart at the present time.

The fish of the sea—does man have dominion over them? Man conquers the greatest of all fish of the ocean—the whale. And whale oil has long since been a common commodity. The oysters and the herring and the fish and all the edible things of the ocean have been brought up by man. God said for man to have dominion over the fish of the sea, and I say that man has more than conquered this portion of the assignment.

God said by way of a fourth assignment, to have dominion over the fowl of the air. Ornithologists have studied the birds until they have gotten to the place that they have thousands upon thousands of species that have been catalogued, to the extent that man can tell you the migration of birds almost to the second when it is going to begin. Man can tell you about the flight of birds, where it is going to start, and when it is going to start; where it is going to end, and when it is going to end. Man can tell you about the phenomenal endurance of birds—how they fly, at what speed they fly, and the endurance that they have to fly great distances. I tell you, there isn't anything you want to know about birds or the fowl of the air that you can't get the answer.

The last part of the assignment given to Adam by God was to have dominion over every living thing that liveth upon the earth. Does man have dominion over the earth? Man knows all about atoms and molecules. Man knows all about viruses and Protozoa and Metazoa. Man knows all about the vertebrates and the invertebrates.

Does man know anything about this earth? Believe me when I say that man has charted all the continents. There isn't a continent that man hasn't a chart of. Man knows virtually every square mile of earth's surface, even including the jungles of the Amazon Valley. The Sahara Desert, once supposed to be the conquerer of man, has now been conquered by man, and has been charted to the extent that there is not a space on that desert but that the exact condition is known to man. Multiplied thousands upon thousands of islands, large and small, in the oceans are all known by man as to exactly where they are. Man has taken pictures of the Andes and the Himalayas and the Rockies, to the extent that there is not a mountain peak in the world that man doesn't know

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exactly where it is, its height, and all there is to be known about it.

I'll go further and say that man has located the main sources of the earth's metals and the mineral wealth. There isn't any metal nor mineral wealth in the whole world that man doesn't know the exact source of it.

I ask you, hasn't man just about fulfilled what God gave him to do? God said to be fruitful, and man has done it, to the place now that it is dangerous from the standpoint of the population of the world. God said to subdue the earth, and man has done it. God said to have dominion over the sea, and over the air, and over the earth, and man has done it. I am saying that I believe that this assignment God gave to Adam and Eve, which seemed so impossible to them, is virtually fulfilled today.

We are looking forward now to a graduation when man is going to live for a thousand years and when a babe will die a hundred years of age in the Millennium. What is it going to be like then? Man has had this assignment, knowing that he is going to only live seventy or eighty years at best. What is it going to be like then when a babe lives to be a hundred years of age—when God puts in postgraduate work and gives us a new assignment in the Millennium? I tell you, I am looking forward to that day. I say the signs of the times have nearly indicated the return of our Lord.

CONCLUSION

We read:

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."—Luke 21:28.

Beloved, don't look around this world, but look up. Man's assignment for this world is just about completed. Your redemption draweth nigh. Some of these days our Lord is coming back again. I am ready for His coming, and I pray God to make you ready—that you might look to Calvary, to the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for your sins, that you might be ready when He comes.

I have no other hope for any man. I have nothing else to offer. I don't tell people to join this church. I don't tell them to be baptized. I don't tell them to let me baptize them. I don't tell them to turn over a new leaf. I tell them there is only one hope, and

that is:

"Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."—John 1:29.

May God help you to look to Jesus Christ on the cross, and may God help you to be saved is my prayer as we look forward to the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ back to this world again.

May God bless you!

Readers Appreciate

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you in the center of His Will. Bro. Gilpin, I want to say to you have been a pastor to me the last two years. You will never know how much you and Ted have meant to me, also the wonderful sermons that you preach and the great job of editing the paper. I would like to sit down and talk for hours with you. I can only speak for myself and Grace Baptist Church of Rome, Ohio, but I am sure that brethren all over the USA will have to say the same things. May God continue to use you in a mighty way.

Elder John L. Stepp

Women Speaking

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motions in conference. Singing in public worship is the duty of both men and women (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Ex. 15:22). It seems that Deborah and Barak sang what we might term "a special song" together (Judges 5:1-2).

New Guinea Native

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baby looks like, just take a look at Paul Roberts, the son of Elder and Mrs. Fred Roberts, New Guinea missionaries.

I guess I am right in calling him a New Guinea native since he was born there. Brother Roberts said that he thinks that he should eat and drink something of every thing they eat and drink, and that he is developing fast, for which we thank God.

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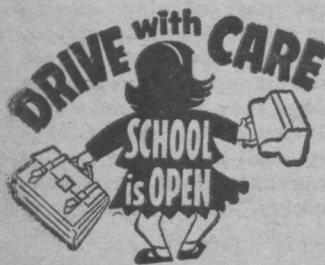
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