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it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20

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WE CONTINUE WITH ANOTHER INSTALLMENT OF . . .

"PATROLLING BEHIND THE RANGES"

By F. T. HALLIMAN
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some people walking around and it appeared that they had seen us. I could see two women round-



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ing up the pigs to hide them, for by now it must have been quite evident to them they were about to get company. We decided to

pay the folk a visit and while the distance looked close through the field glasses, and as the crow flies it was not very far, but we had to go through a deep valley with jungle undergrowth and so it took us quite a while. When we reached the house we found one old man and two women there — we had services with them and learned there was another man that lived there but he was not at home. We left there in due time, moved on down the valley and across some small ridges and eventually came to quite a large river which we crossed and not too long after that found a place to make camp for the night," end quotation.

As we left our camp site on this day we were still on the trail that I had walked over the first time I was in the Poguiaia area. However, after about an (Continued on page 5, column 4)

It may surprise students of Evolution who do not know, to learn that in the closing days of his life Darwin returned to his faith in the Bible. Many a man, as he approaches the end and consequently comes more consciously into the presence of God and Eternity, has regretted both his views and his conduct. Such an one was Darwin.

The story is told by Lady Hope, of Northfield, England, a wonderful Christian woman who was often at his bedside before he died. She herself writes it, and not only is it interesting, it is most enlightening. Here it is in her own words:

It was one of these glorious autumn afternoons that we sometimes enjoy in England, when I was asked to go in and sit with the well-known professor, Charles Darwin. He was almost bedridden for some time before he died. I used to feel when I saw him that his fine presence would make a grand picture for our Royal Academy; but never did I think so more strongly than on this particular occasion.

He was sitting up in bed, wearing a soft embroidered dressing-gown of rather a rich purple shade. Propped up by pillows, he was gazing out on a far-stretching scene of woods and cornfields, which glowed in the light of a marvelous sunset. His

noble forehead and fine features seemed to be lit with pleasure as I entered the room.

He waved his hand toward the window as he pointed out the scene beyond, while in the other hand he held an open Bible, which he was always studying.

"What are you reading now?" I asked as I was seated by his bedside. "Hebrews," he answered—"still Hebrews. The Royal Book, I call it." Then placing his finger on certain passages, he commented on them.

I made some allusions to the strong opinions expressed by many persons on this history of the Creation, its grandeur, and then their treatment of the earlier chapters of the Book of Genesis.

He seemed greatly distressed, his fingers twitched nervously, and a look of agony came over his face as he said, "I was a young man with unformed ideas. I threw out queries, suggestions, wondering all the time over everything; and to my astonishment the ideas took like wildfire. People made a religion of them."

Then he paused, and after a few more sentences on "the holiness of God" and "the grandeur of this Book," looking at the Bible which he was holding tenderly all the time, he suddenly said, "I have a summerhouse in the garden which holds about thirty (Continued on page 3, column 1)

America Beware

By PASTOR CEBERT WHITE
Grafton, Ohio

(A warning from former President, Abraham Lincoln. Though he be dead — yet he speaketh).



Cebert White

"It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with the assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose GOD IS THE LORD: And insomuch as we know that by His divine law nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown;

but we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

(From a "Proclamation Appointing a National Fast Day" by the President of the United States of America, Abraham Lincoln, March 30, 1863).

This excerpt from a speech by Abraham Lincoln seems particularly fitting in the present. In a time of unrest, civil disobedience, lawlessness, guerrilla warfare tactics, anarchy, immorality, drunkenness, drug addiction, ju-

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"THE LORD IS MY BANKER"

"I am not a strong believer in dreams," the drummer remarked, as he drew his chair closer to the stove, "but I can tell you a little circumstance that happened a few years ago, which has remained a mystery to me to this day.

"I have been travelling for a large wholesale drug company in St. Louis for a number of years, and I have met all sorts of customers, and have had a varied experience with many of my patrons. On one of my runs in the southwest I had one very particular old friend whom I will call Brother Benton, because everybody in that section calls him by that name. He nearly always had an order for me; but whether he did or not, I always felt better after making my call, on account of his cheerful ways and pleasant words. I could see my customers only twice a year, at best, and I looked forward to my visit with this old customer as one of my best days.

"On one visit, I sold him a much larger bill than he had ever made before, but I did not hesitate to recommend the House to

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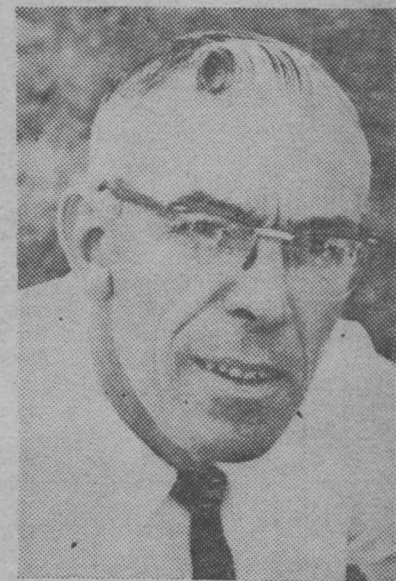
Is There Such A State As Being A Carnal Christian?

ELD. BOB NELSON
Saline, Michigan

I am more than certain that this brief article will draw some resounding bitter words of disapproval, nevertheless, hear me out to see if it is true. We are told by the Scofield Bible footnotes (concerning I Cor. 2:14) that all of mankind can be put into three classes of people, namely, SPIRITUAL, NATURAL, and CARNAL. The spiritual man is a renewed man who is walking in the Spirit in full communion with God. The Carnal man is a renewed man who is walking after the flesh. The Natural man may be learned, gentle, eloquent, fascinating, but the spiritual content of Scripture is absolutely hidden from him. Now I have no argument of classifying mankind into two classes of spiritual and natural which means saved and unsaved, but as for the carnal classification, I beg to differ on this category.

As these words are penned, I have before me several popular booklets which describe a carnal Christian as a born-again Christian who "has no desire for prayer

or Bible study, one who is disobedient to God, who is self-seeking, self-centered, and has dirty thoughts." This same group of writers say that carnal Christians are saved, but they are "saved by fire" and they will make it to heaven, but will "lose their rewards." Now if you believe in this doctrine you have a beautiful built-in excuse for every professor of salvation in your church



Eld. Bob Nelson

that says he is saved but lives like the devil. You need not be concerned as to whether this person is truly born of the Spirit, but rather, you will preach and pray that God might "fill him with the Holy Spirit"; or since he has accepted Jesus as his Savior now may he accept Him as his Lord; or perhaps this fellow needs to dedicate his life to Jesus, or make a decision at the Deeper Life Conference. Even the person who is guilty of professing salvation yet gives the evidence of the contrary need not be too concerned; after all, he will make it to Heaven and only lose a few rewards.

Now let me say that this is heresy! A faith that has not changed the life, has not saved the soul. Immediately I can hear some say, "Brother, don't you believe that a Christian can backslide, or that a Christian can be (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"PLAIN PROPHECIES FOR PLAIN PEOPLE"

"Write the vision, and MAKE IT PLAIN upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."—Hab. 2:2.

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."—Acts 10:43.

All the Bible definitely points to the Lord Jesus Christ. If you read in the Old Testament you will find it points forward to the coming of Christ, or if you read in the New Testament, it points backward to the Christ of prophecy and shadow and type as found in the Old Testament. I insist, beloved, there isn't one passage in all the Word of God that doesn't point either forward or backward to the Son of God Himself. In other words, Jesus Christ

is the sum, the center, and the circumference of every verse in the Bible, and Jesus Christ can be found in every verse of the Bible.

I want you to notice tonight a number of prophecies that definitely find their fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Himself.

THERE IS THE PROPHECY THAT CHRIST WAS TO BE BORN AS THE SEED OF THE WOMAN.

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and HER SEED; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."—Gen. 3:15.

Yesterday, He loved me, today He's the same; how long will this continue? . . . Forever . . . Praise His name.

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a babe in Christ and be immature? Don't you believe in eternal security?"

Certainly, every new Christian will struggle and stumble around but that Christian will basically be headed the right direction even though his walk will not always be so right. That babe in Christ will DESIRE (I Pet. 2:2) God's word even though at times his digestive tract may not always assimilate it. As for eternal security, I believe that real believers will endure to the end and that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors. (I Jn. 2:19). The Psalmist tells us that the righteous may fall (37:23) but they will not stay down. Now hear me out, this is not what most fundamentalist Baptist and interdenominationalist preachers are saying. They are saying that a person may make a decision for Christ, be led to the Lord, come to the altar and even follow the Lord in baptism; then go away, rarely ever to attend church, read the Bible, seek fellowship with Christ, never tithe, yet have the false notion that they are a Spirit-born child of God. Then to complicate matters, Christian workers will call on them, tell them they are saved and encourage them to live for Jesus. In order to shake them up, they will remind them that the wonderful blessings of a dedicated life can be theirs if they cease being a "carnal" Christian.

If there is such a STATE as this, that is being a carnal Christian, then several conclusions can be arrived at:

(1) It is possible for a person to experience spiritual rebirth when God implants new divine, eternal, qualitative life within a soul of a man, yet NEVER CHANGE a man outwardly. A man can have Christ dwelling within, yet feel at home in the realm of sin. I just can't believe the Scriptures teach this. (II Cor. 5:17).

(2) We can conclude that the HOLINESS OF LIFE IS NOT NECESSARY BUT AN OPTION-

AL matter. It really doesn't matter if a person desires to keep God's commands which is Biblical holiness, even though Hebrews 12:14 says, "without holiness no man shall see the Lord," (the context makes it very clear that it is speaking of personal living.)

(3) We can infer that a man can have divine ASSURANCE OF SALVATION WITHOUT OBE-DIENCE to the commands of God. This is not what I John 5:13 teaches. John says "These things" give us assurance that we are children of God. What are "These things"? The TESTS that John wrote of in that epistle, namely, (a) keeping God's commands . . . 2:35; (b) not loving the world and the things of the world . . . 2:15-17; (c) practicing righteousness . . . 2:29, 3:7; (d) loving the brethren . . . 3:10, 14-24; (e) loving God by obedience . . . 5:2. Don't you dare go around giving a man assurance of salvation when he is living a fleshly, worldly life, unless you have power to give him divine life. (John 3:27).

Here are some very clear passages of Scriptures that make it amply clear that there is no such state, as a carnal Christian. Read Romans 8:1-14 through and then tell me what you do with these obvious statements: vs. 6 "to be carnally-minded is death" not a loss of rewards, vs. 7 "the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be," in other words, you are an enemy fighting God and His rule over you. This is not a neutral or a passive position but open hostility towards God. Now at this point you may want to look up the word "flesh" or "carnal" in your Greek lexicon to find a way out. You'll be sorry because it gives you no comfort at all. The Greek word means "the opposite of spirit." Therefore, there is no middle ground to be a half-way Christian. Next, read Gal. 5:17-21. Here you find that people who practice the works of the flesh "shall not inherit the kingdom of God." It does not say they lose some rewards, nor that they are saved by fire; rather, they are clearly going to hell even though some preacher gives them false assurance.

There are more Scriptures to refer to, but space will not permit such. Let me now deal with your proof-text of I Cor. 2:14-3:1. Paul says that these Christians were acting as carnal, and as babes in Christ. Now how were they doing this? Was it because they were practicing adultery, sexual perversion, getting drunk, and etc.—the marks of people going to hell (6:9-11)? No, it says they had been saved from such sins. Our text 3:3 says they were acting as babes and fleshly ones when they WERE ARGUING OVER WHAT PREACHER HAD THE MOST EFFECTIVE MINISTRY. Paul deals with just one area of life! At least these people were debating over something of a spiritual nature. Now don't you dare to make this area to include any more than this. Now look at 3:15 which says "SAVED; YET SO BY FIRE." Paul is not talking about some loose-living Christians who live like the devil; no, he is speaking of preachers or Christian workers and their rewards. The context implies that unless we do God's work . . . His way . . . by His power . . . and for His glory we will get no rewards,

but nevertheless we are saved, but without rewards. Note the emphasis is on "WORK" not on ungodly living that is producing works of the flesh.

This teaching that a person can be a carnal Christian with no DESIRE for doing God's will and obvious DISOBEDIENCE to His commands is alarming. Jesus speaks of a group of folk who were probably fundamentalists who preached (prophesied), performed miracles, and did some wonderful works "in Jesus' name" yet went to hell (Mt. 7:21-23). Why? It was not because they didn't have some assurance; on the contrary, they were surprised when they knocked at Heaven's door. It was because they did not do "the will of my Father which is in heaven," and they did not know Him; that is, they did not have an acquaintance with the Sovereign Lord of glory. In the Gospel of John where the way of salvation is made so clear, we find that many people BELIEVED, but were lost and doomed for hell. Why? Their believing did not produce obedience. See 2:23, 24, 8:30, 31, 50, 12:42, 43. It was not saving faith.

Perhaps the reader of this article has been duped and deceived into thinking that he is a Christian when in reality he is a false Christian. Paul says, "examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own-selves" II Cor. 13:5. If your faith in Christ has not changed your life, then it has not saved your soul. By all means cry out to God now in mercy, that God may quicken your heart and give you faith to trust our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. Give all diligence to make your calling and election sure.

It is hoped that the reader does not conclude that this writer believes in "sinless perfection" or even denies that a Christian is without sin. Never! Both the Scriptures and the personal experience refute such. Halfway thru Paul's ministry he testified of the old nature perplexing him (Rom. 7:18) and at the end of his ministry he testified of not having this perfection (Phil. 2:12-14). Arminians who stress "sinless perfection" or some "deeper life Keswick experience" are trying to say it is possible to attain perfection this side of Christ's return, and to say they have eradicated the old Adamic nature. What I am trying to say is that a person who has no DESIRE for holiness has not experienced true conversion. Holiness is not some ecstatic emotional experience but is simply keeping God's commands. Thus a truly renewed, Sovereignly elected, child of God will have a bent towards keeping God's law.

Plain Prophecies

(Continued from page one) will be the seed of the woman, and we find that fulfillment in the Lord Jesus. Listen:

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, MADE OF A WOMAN, made under the law."—Gal. 4:4.

I say then, beloved, in this prophecy which is the first prophecy of the Bible which is the fountainhead of all prophecy, and out of which all other prophetic utterances flow, we find the fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ. As it was thus prophesied that He would be the seed of the woman alone, so Jesus Christ was born the seed of the woman.

II.

THE SECOND PROPHECY CONCERNING CHRIST IS THAT HE WAS TO BE BORN OF A VIRGIN.

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a VIRGIN shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."—Isa. 7:14.

The Dollar I Gave To God

Three thousand for my brand new car,
Five thousand for a piece of sod,
Ten thousand I paid to begin a house
A dollar I gave to God.

A tidy sum to entertain
My friends in pointless chatter,
And when the world goes crazy mad
I ask, 'Lord, what is the matter?'

Yet, there is one big question
For the answer I still search;
'With things so bad in this old world
What's holding back my church?'

This prophecy is very closely related to the first one of Genesis 3:15. Genesis 3:15 declared that Jesus would be born of a woman.

Isaiah 7:14 tells us what kind of a woman was to bear him. He was to be born of a virgin.

The Word of God tells us concerning the fulfillment of this second prophecy, for we read:

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost."—Mt. 1:18.

Matthew says that this was a fulfillment of the Old Testament Scripture, and he writes saying that all of this was done for the purpose of fulfilling the Old Testament prophecy. Listen:

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."—Mt. 1:23.

Here then is a prophecy in Isaiah that Jesus is going to be born of a virgin. Matthew I tells us that He was born of a virgin.

Some years ago I was talking with an individual who denied the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. He said that Jesus was born of a Jewish maiden and that His father was a Roman soldier who was quartered in the land of Palestine at that time, and that Jesus was more or less what we would call a "war baby." He said that he did not believe in any wise at all in a virgin birth. I asked him plain out if he were a modernist, and he admitted that he was. I asked him if he believed in evolution, and he said that he did. I asked him that since he believed in evolution, did he believe that the first amoeba got here without having either a father or a mother, and he said that he did. I said, "Do you mean to tell me that the first amoeba got here without having a father or a mother, yet you can't believe that the Lord Jesus Christ got here without a father?"

Now, beloved, that is certainly a strange freak of a man's imagination and mentality that he can believe that the first amoeba that started all civilization got here without having either a father or a mother, but he can't conceive

of how the Lord Jesus Christ got here without having a human father.

I tell you, beloved, it was prophesied — He was born of the Virgin Mary.

III.

THE NEXT PROPHECY WAS THAT HE WAS TO BE BORN IN THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM.

"But, thou, Bethlehem Ephraim, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been of old, from everlasting."—Micah 5:2.

It is rather interesting to notice that Micah even names the very place where the Son of God was to come to this earth. He tells us that Jesus Christ was to be born in the city of Bethlehem, and beloved, the Son of God was born in Bethlehem just like it was prophesied.

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed (and this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria). And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."—Luke 2:1-7.

Micah 5:2 says that He was to be born in Bethlehem; Luke 2:7 tells us that He was born in Bethlehem.

It is rather interesting to notice how his parents happened to be in Bethlehem at that time. They were living in Nazareth, which was quite a good distance away from the city of Bethlehem, and there went out a decree from Augustus Caesar that every individual was to be taxed. A special

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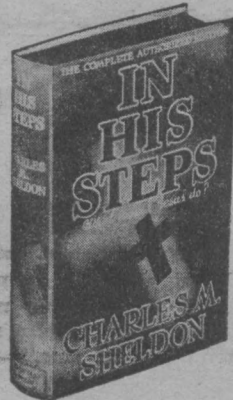
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people. It is over there," pointing through the open window. "I want you very much to speak there. I know you read the Bible in the villages. Tomorrow afternoon I should like the servants on the place, some tenants and a few of the neighbors to gather there. Will you speak to them?"

"What shall I speak about?" I asked.

"Christ Jesus," he replied in a clear emphatic voice, adding in a lower tone, "and His salvation. Is not that the best theme? And then I want you to sing some hymns with them. You lead on your small instrument, do you not?"

The wonderful look of brightness and animation on his face as he said this, I shall never forget, for he added, "If you take the meeting at three o'clock this window will be open, and you will know that I am joining in with the singing."

How I wished that I could have made a picture of the fine old man and his beautiful surroundings on that memorable day!

Was there ever a more dramatic scene? The very soul of tragedy is here exposed to us! Darwin, enthusiast for the Bible, speaking with glowing enthusiasm about "the grandeur of this Book," reminded of that modern revolutionary movement in theology which, linked with skeptical criticism, has become a blight in all the Churches and has destroyed Biblical faith in multitudes—Darwin, with a look of agony, deploring it all and declaring: "I was a young man with unformed ideas."

This remarkable picture of Darwin is a challenge to every Modernist. What an overwhelming criticism! The "unformed ideas" of the young man Darwin are the basis of modern evolutionary theology!

It is either Evolution or Christ. With Charles Darwin it was Christ. Which will it be with you? "Put your trust in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."

Plain Prophecies

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taxation was to be levied and it was necessary that every individual go to his home city to register, or to be assessed looking forward to a special taxation. Now since Joseph and also his wife Mary were from the city of Bethlehem, it was necessary that they make that hard, laborious trip back to Bethlehem, even at the time when the Baby Jesus was soon to be born. So they journeyed to Bethlehem in accordance with the edict that had gone out from this worldly man Cyrenius, the governor of that country, and the Word of God tells us that when they arrived there, Jesus Christ was thus born.

Listen, beloved, if it hadn't been that this Roman Emperor gave this edict that everybody had to be taxed at that particular time, Jesus Christ would have been

born in Nazareth and the Word of God would have been broken. Don't you see how that God ruled and over-ruled in the plans of this worldly monarch in order that His plans might be perfected and that the Scriptures might not be broken, but thus might be perfectly fulfilled?

IV.

GOD GIVES US A PROPHECY CONCERNING THE GIFTS THAT WERE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE SON OF GOD.

"The Kings of Tarshish and of the Isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts."—Psa. 72:10.

"The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord."—Isa. 60:6.

I haven't the time to enter into a detailed explanation of these verses and the context surrounding them, but we will find in passing that each of these verses are merely prophetic utterances that the Lord Jesus Christ was to have gifts presented to Him when He was born. If you will turn to the book of Matthew, you will find that this was fulfilled to the very letter. Listen:

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."—Mt. 2:11.

Those very gifts that were brought to the Son of God right after His birth were prophesied 700 years before, and they were named explicitly as being the gifts that were to be given to Him at the time of His birth.

V.

WE HAVE A PROPHECY AS TO THE SINLESS CHARACTER OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

"And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth."—Isa. 53:9.

The only one of whom it can be said was sinless was the Lord Jesus Christ. Here is a prophecy that tells us that He was to be born, and that He was never to do any violence and that there would never be any deceit in His mouth.

We have another statement of like nature:

"I was cast upon thee from the womb: THOU ART MY GOD FROM MY MOTHER'S BELLY."—Psa. 22:10.

This Scripture refers to no one else except the Lord Jesus Christ. You and I have been born depraved. You and I have been born into this world with a depraved nature. We have come from our mother's womb depraved in this life, but the Lord Jesus Christ could say, "Thou art my God even from the time of birth."

It was prophesied that He would have a sinless character, and, beloved, the Word of God tells us that He was the possessor of such, for in I Peter 1:19, He is spoken of "as a Lamb without

blemish and without spot." In Hebrews 7:26, we read of Him as "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens." In II Corinthians 5:21, we read of Him as one "who knew no sin."

I say then, beloved, as it was prophesied in the Old Testament that Jesus Christ would be the possessor of a sinless character, so the Son of God thus came and fulfilled the prophecy that was given of Him in the Old Testament.

VI

IT WAS ALSO PROPHESED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT THAT JESUS CHRIST WOULD BE HATED BY THE JEWS.

"They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head; they that would destroy me, being enemies wrongfully, are mighty; then I restored that which I took not away."—Ps. 69:4.

Can you imagine Jesus speaking 700 years before His birth and saying that He would have more enemies than He had hairs on his head? Scientists tell us that the average individual has approximately 120,000 hairs on his head. Jesus knows exactly how many hairs there are in your head and in mine. He knew exactly how many there were in His head, and He said before He was born, 700 years in advance of His birth, "I will have more enemies to hate me than I will have hairs in my head."

Was this prophecy fulfilled? Listen:

"If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, they hated me without a cause."—John 15:24,25.

In the Old Testament, it was said that He would be hated by the Jews. When he was born, He was hated by the Jews, and Jesus said that they hated Him without a cause for doing so.

VII.

ANOTHER PROPHECY WAS THAT JESUS CHRIST WAS GOING TO BE SOLD FOR MONEY.

"And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver."—Zech. 11:12.

Zechariah as one of the minor prophets thus told the price that Jesus was to be sold for—thirty pieces of silver. He gave this prophecy in the Old Testament 500 years before the Lord Jesus Christ was to be born. How did he get his information? Where did that information come from? Was it an unusual means whereby that information was given to Him? I tell you, beloved, it came to him by inspiration from God and a revelation from the Almighty, and thereby Zechariah knew that Jesus was going to be sold for thirty pieces of silver, or to be exact, \$15.95 in our American coinage.

This prophecy came to pass 500 years after it was thus spoken in prophecy. Listen:

"And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver."—Mt. 26:15.

The Word of God said that He would be sold for thirty pieces of silver, and He was sold for thirty pieces of silver. It was just like the Word of God had said.

VII

NOTICE ALSO THE PROPHECY THAT JESUS CHRIST WAS TO BE REJECTED.

"I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children."—Psa. 68:8.

What could be a more forceful statement than this, that Jesus

Christ was to be rejected—rejected to such an extent that He will be a stranger to His own brethren, and an alien unto His own mother's children! Was this prophecy fulfilled?

I say beloved, it was perfectly fulfilled, for we read:

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not."—John 1:11.

IX.

WE HAVE A PROPHECY AS TO THE INTENSITY OF JESUS' SUFFERINGS.

"I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death."—Psa. 22:14, 15.

Let's see how Jesus Christ perfectly, gloriously, and completely fulfilled this Scripture.

"And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."—Luke 22:24.

In the Old Testament He said that He would be dried up like a potsherd—like a broken piece of crockery. Beloved, He was dried up to the extent that in Gethsemane when He prayed, He didn't sweat drops of water like you and I, but rather, drops of blood poured from His face. How perfectly the Word of God is fulfilled in this particular!

X.

WE HAVE A PROPHECY THAT VINEGAR WAS GOING TO BE GIVEN HIM TO DRINK IN HIS AGONY.

"They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink."—Psa. 69:21.

You know a little bit, I suppose, what it means to be thirsty, yet I doubt if any of us has ever come to the place that we were actually suffering from the standpoint of thirst. No doubt you know what it is, in a slight measure, to be thirsty, but, beloved, can you imagine what it would be like when you are thirsty to have someone pour vinegar down your throat? Instead of slacking your thirst, it would merely intensify and augment the thirst that you had.

Thus, it was prophesied that the Lord Jesus Christ at the time of His sufferings would be given vinegar mingled with gall to drink. Was it fulfilled?

"They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink."—Mt. 27:34.

As it was written in prophecy, so was it fulfilled in history.

XI.

IT WAS PROPHESED THAT HIS SUFFERING WAS TO BE FOR OTHERS.

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned every

one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."—Isa. 53:4-6.

Why did Jesus suffer? Why was there a prophecy that He was going to suffer? Was it because of His sins? Nay, beloved. There is not one thought of sin in His life, but rather it was prophesied that He was going to suffer, not for His own sins, but for your sins and for mine. When Jesus Christ came to this world, He didn't suffer because of any wrong-doing on His part; rather He suffered for our sins.

We read:

"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."—Mt. 20:28.

Why did He suffer? Beloved, He suffered for the elect of God. As it was prophesied that He would suffer for others, so He did suffer for the elect of God that they might obtain salvation.

XII.

NOTICE ALSO THAT IT WAS PROPHESED THAT THEY WOULD GAMBLE FOR HIS CLOTHES.

"They part my garments among them, and CAST LOTS upon my vesture."—Psa. 22:18.

Somebody might think that this was an idle statement, but not so. Listen to me, beloved, there is no idle statement in the Word of God. Every passage within the Bible has a definite meaning and a definite purpose, and will be definitely fulfilled.

It was prophesied that they were going to part His garments among them. It said that they were going to roll the dice for His clothes. Did it come to pass? Listen:

"And they crucified Him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, they parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots."—Mt. 27:35.

Can you imagine any human being so depraved as to sit down beside the man that they crucified and to roll the dice on the ground to see which man was going to get the seamless coat that belonged to Jesus Christ? Why did they do it? They could not have given you a reason why they thus sat there and gambled. They could not have given you one reason as to why they rolled the dice for His clothes, but beloved, there was a reason. It had been prophesied, and they merely fulfilled the prophetic utterance of the Word of God.

XIII.

ANOTHER OF THESE PROPHECIES WAS THAT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WAS GOING TO BE PIERCED.

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn."—Zech. 12:10.

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"If a pastor resigns a church to accept another one and feels that he has made an honest mistake after all is over, what would be the proper procedure to take in explaining the case to the church he has accepted?"

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man who was called to a certain pastorate. Somebody asked a friend the question, "What's Bro. So and So going to do about his new call?" The answer was, "He's praying, and his wife is packing." That wife knew what they were going to do! Certainly there ought to be prayer, but not where a man has already made up his mind as to what he is going to do.

I think of a rather large church that became pastorless. The pulpit committee received nearly fifty letters from preachers. Most of them had engaged in "much prayer," and were convinced, so they said, that the Lord was leading them to that church. I don't think the Lord gets that badly mixed up, do you? Some pastors are simply not courageous enough to face up to problems, so they keep on the move. I know that a pastor can violate the will of God by leaving a church without divine sanction. I know, because I did that thing, and two or three years later I found myself called back to that church. I had a somewhat stormy ministry that time, but it was a ministry blessed of God. I came to the place where I decided that the size church didn't matter, the salary didn't matter, the kind of pastorium didn't matter, nothing mattered save one thing — THE WILL OF GOD. That led to my becoming pastor of a church that I served for thirty years, with the constant manifestation of the blessings of God. I am saying these things in the hope that some young preacher will be helped.

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He should of course be very sure that he is in the wrong place, and not depend upon a mere passing feeling or emotion. If he knows beyond question that he is out of the will of God, then there is only one thing to do and that is to seek to get back into that will. The honest thing would be to humbly state the facts to the church, preferably at the business meeting of the church. I think of a case where this very thing happened. The pastor resigned the church, and since the church he had left had not called a man, he got in touch with them and told them the circumstances. They had been very reluctant for him to leave, so they gladly recalled him, and he spent years with that church, indeed until the date of his death.

In this connection let me say that it is tremendously important that a pastor know the will of God before he takes a church. There is a lot of hypocritical malarkey about prayer and "much prayer" in connection with changes of pastorates. It reminds one of the old story about the

forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Eph. 4:31,32).

"Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created Him." (Col. 3:9,10).

When he resigns he would have to be kind and considerate — he could not stay for that would be the same as a lie. I say he would owe both churches an apology (or at least the church that called him).

Whatever he does should be done in the spirit of Col. 3:17.

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him."

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After much prayer and meditation on this matter, if the pastor still feels that he has made an honest mistake, the only procedure left open to him is to make his mistake known unto the church, which he has accepted.

"A time to keep silence, and a time to speak." Eccl. 3:7.

It is my belief that this would be a time to speak. The revealing of his error would be for the good of all concerned. This would also ease his own conscience for he knows that he could not fight the good fight of faith in a field where the Lord has not placed him. To remain on the field, and not reveal his mistake to the church would do more harm than good. To confess to the church his wrong would avert the judgment of God upon himself and the church.

"For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." I Cor. 11:31,32.

Though he has made an honest mistake, he does not have the liberty that he should have to work with, neither can he expect the blessing of God to fall upon him. He knows that the Lord, looking upon his heart, can see the insincerity — thus he could not expect God to bless him in his pretense. Read 2 Cor. 1:12. To continue with this church after receiving knowledge that he was mistaken would constitute a willful sin.

"For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries." — Heb. 10:26-27.

A willful sin cannot be committed unless one moves against knowledge. The pastor has knowledge of his mistake and to continue therein would bring upon him the fearful looking for of fiery indignation, which God visits upon His disobedient children.

I also believe that the church made the same mistake that the pastor made. If the pastor knows he made a mistake, then it remains that the church also moved without the leadership of the Spirit. Therefore neither one (church or pastor) can expect God to bless them until this error is rectified.

There is a Biblical example of what procedure should be taken when one finds that God did not move with him. It is the case of Israel after the fall of Jericho. Israel moved against the city of Ai only to meet defeat. After the sin was brought to light, confessed and then judged, Israel moved

forward with God's blessings upon them. Read Josh. Chapters 7 and 8. This pastor and church would surely meet defeat on the course they are on, for they like Israel would be moving without the guidance of God. The problem should be brought out in the open, confessed, judged and then resolved by the pastor apologizing to the church, and the church apologizing to the pastor. It is my firm belief that both have made an honest mistake.

They (pastor and church) should not part enemies, neither should there be ill feelings between them, one is as wrong as the other. They made the same mistake. There should be joy in their hearts that God has rectified the mistake and once more they can expect God's blessings to flow upon them.

"When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right." — Prov. 16:7,8.

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a spear through His side into His heart. They pierced the heart of the Son of God with a spear. They didn't treat the two thieves that way. The thieves didn't die with a pierced heart. At the same time, beloved, when they came to look at the bodies of the thieves, they broke their legs, but they didn't break the legs of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Can you tell me why it was that they broke the legs of the thieves and didn't break the legs of Jesus, and why it was that they pierced His heart but didn't pierce the hearts of the thieves? I can tell you, beloved, God said that not a bone in His Son's body was to be broken, and He said that the heart of His Son was to be pierced. It came to pass just like it was prophesied in the Word of God.

XIV.

IT WAS ALSO PROPHESED THAT JESUS CHRIST WAS GOING TO BE BURIED WITH THE RICH.

"And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth." — Isa. 53:9.

Can you imagine Jesus, a peasant, being buried with the rich? Can you imagine the Son of God being allowed a burial in a rich man's grave, yet, beloved, it was thus, and it came to pass just like God said it would in prophecy.

I see that man, Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy man, come to Pilate and ask for the permission of giving decent burial to the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. When he asked for that body, he took it and wound it about with linen and put the proper anointment upon His body and

took it away and buried the body of Jesus in his own tomb. If you will stand outside that tomb in the cemetery, you can read the inscription, "Sacred to the memory of the family of Joseph of Arimathea."

Beloved, why was Jesus buried in a rich man's tomb? Not that He had the wealth to be buried there, but because prophecy said that He would be buried with the rich in His death.

XV.

FINALLY, WE HAVE THE PROPHECY THAT JESUS WAS GOING TO BE RAISED FROM THE DEAD.

"For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." — Psa. 16:10.

God said that Jesus Christ was going to be raised. God said that that body of Jesus was not going to see corruption. God said that that body of His own Son was coming out of the grave, and, beloved, all Hell couldn't have kept the body of Jesus Christ inside that tomb of Joseph of Arimathea.

They stationed soldiers about the tomb and they did everything possible to see to it that there was no deception. They even rolled a stone against the door — a large boulder — so large that when the folk came to anoint His body, they wondered how they were going to get in, and who was going to roll the stone away from the door. There wasn't any chance taken that Jesus' body would be stolen away by the disciples. Though they locked the door of that tomb with a stone, though they put a Roman watch around that grave, and though they took every precaution to see that His body stayed inside that tomb, on the third day, seventy-two hours after He was buried, the Lord Jesus Christ came triumphant and victorious over death.

Beloved, it was thus because God said that it would be thus in prophecy.

CONCLUSION

If God has kept His promise in these fifteen prophecies that I have read to you, then, beloved, God will keep His promise in every place else that He has given it. If God makes promises fifteen times, and has kept all fifteen of those promises, that to me is plenty of evidence to cause me to believe that He will keep His word everytime He speaks to you and me.

Notice my text again: "To Him gave all the prophets witness that through His name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." If God has kept His word concerning these fifteen prophecies that I have read, then He will keep His promise when He says that "whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins."

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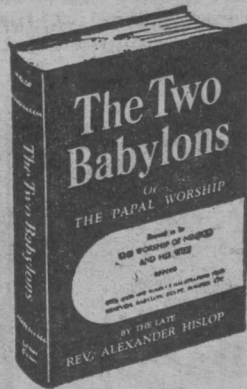
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New Guinea Photo Story

NOTE: Recently I have been sending in articles telling of our last patrol under the caption "PATROLLING BEHIND THE RANGES." We made several pictures while out on that patrol and since they have been returned from the photographers I will now start sharing a portion of them with you. Some of the events that are portrayed in the pictures that I am sending now have already been told about in my articles. I will be sending more later on as the events occur.



In my first article I told about the safari and the ultimate killing of a wild Boar that had taken the lives of two native men and had chewed another man's right arm about half way off. In this picture is the animal that caused all the excitement after he lay dead and sprawled out on the ground. All the weapons had been extracted when the picture was made but he was the worst butchered up animal that I have ever seen.



This picture shows our first campsite after we had entered the Pogaia area. Two and one half years before I had used this same campsite. When this picture was made we were just preparing to break camp early one morning. The fellow at the extreme right of the picture is one of our preachers and has also been trained to do medical work. He was hoisting his medical pack to his back when the picture was made.

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want to be saved tonight? Would you like to be a child of God? There is one way whereby you can be saved. God says, "Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins," and the same God that spoke these words is the God that spoke the prophecies that I have read and that have been fulfilled. If He has kept His word in one instance, He will keep His word in every other instance.

Would to God tonight that you might look to the Cross and might see this truth, that Jesus Christ has died on Calvary's Cross, and that He has died just like the prophets said that He would. He has fulfilled everything that the prophets said concerning Him. If He has fulfilled all that the prophets said about Him, then, beloved, He will fulfill everything else that is said within this Book relative to you and me, as to our salvation.

Oh, sinner friend, would you be saved tonight? There is a way. Look up to Calvary, repent of your sins, and believe the Gospel, and thank God for the salvation that is yours in the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless you!



America

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dicial negligence, and atheism at home, a time of warfare and tension abroad, a time when the world is crying "peace, peace, when there is no peace," the words of the Great Emancipator should be given serious consideration. It is high time that Americans who so loosely call themselves a Christian nation should pause, and in the words of Paul the Apostle, "examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves."

The New Morality of today is simply the Old Immorality of Sodom and Gomorrah with twentieth century trimmings. These ancient cities suffered the vengeance of an angry God. Can an equally guilty America hope to escape a similar judgment, when we continue to add sin unto sin? "Enticing words of men's wisdom" have replaced the Word of God. The Bible, the fount of wisdom, is being discredited, disregarded, and ridiculed to the extent that "the people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." The Lordship of Jesus Christ is being denied, as people by their actions are saying, "we will not have this man to rule over us." In ancient times God told a disobedient people, "Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat and have not enough; ye drink but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, CONSIDER YOUR WAYS." Can we not see in this a close resemblance to our times? Should we not "consider our ways?"

There is a remedy, as the former President has reminded us. We can find this in God's Word, "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sins and will heal their land." God help America to heed the admonition.

"Oh earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord" (Jer. 22: 29).

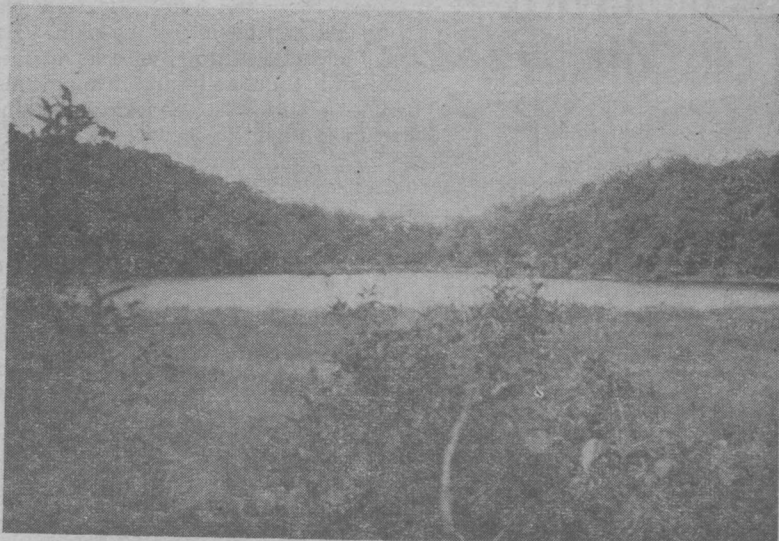
"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." (Psalms 9:17).

I humbly submit these words of warning in obedience to the command of God — "Show my people their transgressions."

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This is the most gentle and serene looking place that we saw on the entire trip. To look at the Pogaia area from the air or from atop one of the tall mountain peaks, one would never think such a beautiful lake would be hidden away in that dense jungle area. This is the lake I spoke of that we saw through the field glasses atop the 15,000 foot mountain. The only visible life near it was a few wild ducks peacefully swimming along and numerous tadpoles in the water. We walked up to waters edge and the water was as clear as any you would drink and for a long way out we could see the bottom; then suddenly it dropped off until there appeared to be no bottom. How long the lake has been there and its origin will always be a mystery to man.



In this picture can be seen something of the rugged country that we were traversing. Here is thick, dense mountain forest and tall grass when the trees play out, and of course before any mountain top can be reached one must first cross the valley. Sometimes these valleys can prove to be worse than climbing the mountains as they are covered with thick jungle growth and strewn with numerous fast flowing rivers. Here our line of cargo boys were sitting down resting a while after a hard work up the mountain trail.

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hour of walking we left the old trail and went in a slightly different direction for a while. We found many things that interested us when we came to the house where the old man and two women were. We talked to the old man for a while and learned that he had lived in this particular area all of his life. He would have been perhaps 70 years old and did not appear to have many more days left here upon this earth. He said if he was able and had the opportunity he would not want to leave there for this was the only home he had ever known and he wanted to die there. He listened with apparent interest while I preached the gospel to (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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Recently I found it necessary to visit a doctor at the far end of the island at a place called Buka Passage. It has this name because of the fact that the north-northern end of the Bougainville sub-district is really a separate island called Buka. Between Buka Island and Bougainville Island is a narrow channel of water perhaps one-eighth of a mile wide which is usually running either east or west at a furious rate depending on the tide. There is another tiny island at the western end of the passage called Sohano on which the medical officer holds sway. To get to see him required a trip in a launch. At that time the tide was running at about 8 knots



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and the launch was making about 9 knots against the tide so that the result was that we were crawling slowly toward the island, at about one nautical mile per hour.

This was typical south seas scenery. Very blue water, an azure blue sky with many fat fleecy white clouds lazily drifting along with the trade wind. Off to the west of Bougainville and Buka were many small islands — some with coconut trees clustered on them and others with dense jungle. Along the shore line of the latter were mangrove trees with their fat arm like roots reaching down into the water. Looking over the side of the launch one could see at least 50 feet down into the crystal clear water where hundreds of multi-colored fish swam lazily about. Occasionally along the shore of Buka Island one could see the rusty remains of a landing barge beached by Japanese forces during World War II. Arriving at Sohano Island I was startled to see that it was quite small — just about the size of a

city block. The launch, run by natives for the Administration found its berth simply by running head on into the ancient pier and then swinging around with the tide and smacking its side up against the decaying wood of the wharf. The battle scars on both pier and boat were obvious. This was not the first time the launch had terminated its trip with a bang and a thump.

My stay on Sohano was not long and after a fearful ride back in the launch which now was being swept with the tide almost sideways down the passage we banged into the pier at the town of Buka Passage. There are 3 Chinese trade stores at Buka Passage and I made my way into the largest of the group run by Wong You. The Wong You trade stores are at several native villages along the coast. There is no hotel at most coastal villages but there sometimes was a "Guest House" where one could get a bed and mosquito net and sometimes a meal or two thrown in. This was the case here so I carried my one little bag into the establishment, picked out a room and decided on which one of the 4 beds would be mine and tossed my hat on it. The other 4 rooms were deserted — the "hotel" was all mine. Seeing no dining room and noting that the sun was beginning to set I went to the store next door and said, "Kaikai i-stap We?" which means "Where is the dinner?" It seems a little odd when a Chinese speaks pidgin, although I guess much of the pidgin came from China as a trade language many years ago. His answer was to point, "Maski yu stap long haus. Baimbai kaikai i-kamap long ka-a." Which freely translated meant "Don't get shook-up mate. Wait at the hotel and the boy will bring you your dinner in a truck." Shortly after a native appeared and set up a table on the porch, laid a dirty tablecloth on it, threw some silverware on the table and headed back to the truck arriving back shortly with an extremely large plate of the inevitable mutton stew — as greasy a mess as you will find anywhere! (I have been told by some that it is very good for waterproofing boots!) Bread and tea completed the meal. The bread was quite fresh as Wong You runs a bread bakery behind his store. There is another native trade store in Siwai where a native makes 6 loaves of bread at a time and peddles them when he can to a missionary or to the Administration. (Some one told me that his bread was "untouched by human hands" and then went on to explain that he kneaded it with his feet!)

After my meal I took a walk down the one road and looked in the other two trade stores. When you have seen one, you have seen them all. The merchant buys a case or two of several items and sets them out. You are startled by the few items he has for sale. Bars of soap 14 inches

long, lengths of red or blue cloth cut about 3 one-half feet long — Laplap it is called — and is the main article of dress for both men and women as well as pikininis. It is wrapped carelessly around the waist and somehow seems to maintain the position. On Bougainville children up to school age do not wear a stitch. Because the schools insist they wear a laplap in school, I see them often going to and from school taking the laplap off and putting it on as they walk along. Sort of jungle strippers, I guess. Girls in school wear a blouse. When they grow up and get out of school and have more need than ever before for a blouse they remove their blouses and simply wear a laplap around the waist! But when they go to the Lotu (church building) they all appear in dresses!

Other trade store "goodies" are such things as "Drippings" which

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apparently is beef fat used in cooking, or greasing axles! The usual collection of bush knives adorns one wall. (No self-respecting man would appear in public without his bush knife.) Then there is the protein department of the trade store. Here we are introduced to "Issue" quality food. It took me a little while to figure out what "issue" meant and since I have found out I always avoid anything in that category. It seems that Australia is a little lax on pure food laws such as we have in the U. S. and almost anything goes in the food line. I have a feeling that food that is destined for the tail end of the New Guinea Territory which is Bougainville, by the way, has different labels put on the cans than that which is destined for other spots. It is quite an experience the first time one opens a can labeled "Steak and Onions" to find out he has a vile sticky mess which most resembles canned dog food of the cheaper sort . . . the kind that has lots of some sort of cereal for a filler to help hold the grease together. There is not a single solitary snitzle of solid meat in the whole can. You have been taken, but on Bougainville there is nothing you can do about it. But "issue" goods refer to the kind which the plantations distribute or "issue" to their "boys" as they call the natives who work on their plantation. "Issue" food is the very lowest type of junk that they figure a starving man might eat. For example tea is relatively expensive in the U. S. but in this area good tea can be bought for about 70 cents a pound. Issue tea costs just 26 cents a pound. "Issue tea" is, I am told, the floor sweepings taken up once a year from a tea warehouse!

A short time back some one wrote me that when they read my articles they could almost see Bougainville and many times they felt they were right here on the island. Well, I don't want to disillusion anyone so I think you are entitled to all of the details found in this article too.

Wending my way back from my tour of the Buka Passage trade stores I noted that there was a European type sitting on the porch of the guest house. He was surrounded by empty beer bottles and downing the contents of another one as I went up the steps. As he put the empty bottle down he pointed a long finger at me and asked, "Which one of the three M's are you?" I didn't have the foggiest idea what he was talking about and must have looked sort of blank so he explained, "Missionary, Mercenary, or Mis-fit?"

"Well," I said, "I guess I am in the first category," adding, "Where do you fit in the 3 M's?"

"Well Sport," he says, "I certainly am not a missionary," and I don't make enough money to be classified as a Mercenary so I guess I am one of the Misfits!" And then he says, "You don't talk like one of those idiots from Australia. Where are you from?"

I told him that most recently I was from Oregon, whereupon he jumped out of his chair and cried, "Comrade, you and I are almost 'Won-toks', I'm from British Columbia just over the line from you." He was so genuinely overjoyed too, as he said "Meet a Yank from the Pacific Northwest," that I thought he was fixing to hug me so I got the table between him and me until his enthusiasm cooled down a little! Thus did I meet the Malaria Control Officer for the island of Bougainville. His job I found out was to make surveys of the country and sample the mosquitoes and run a spray crew who methodically went to every single village on the island and sprayed the walls, floors and roofs of every single house on the island whether the inhabitants liked it or not. I sez, "How are the mosquitoes?" and he sez, "Thriving, they seem to multiply with our insecticides!" (I did find out quite quickly that he was a bit of a comedian.) (By the way, if some of you are wondering what a "won-tok" is, this is a pidgin expression meaning "One language" the idiom indicating that both are from the same village.)

As I had to stay that night and part of the next day at Buka Passage before I could get a plane out I was glad to have some one to talk to. Seeing that I was a stranger and interested in the ins and outs of Bougainville he spent a good deal of his waking hours that night filling me in on the details and the history of the country.

The next morning he began to ply me with questions of a religious nature, first assuring me that he was a dyed in the wool atheist. We had a fine discussion and when it was all over he said, "But I'm still an atheist, and I'll take my chances."

"Well," I said, "Are you a gambling man by any chance?"

"Why, yes," he says, sort of enthusiastically, "I have been known to wager a few quid now and then. Why do you ask?"

"Well," I answered, "Do you like your bets straight across the board with the odds one to one, or would you rather have 2 to 1 odds?"

"Two to one, Sport, is always better than a straight bet," he says.

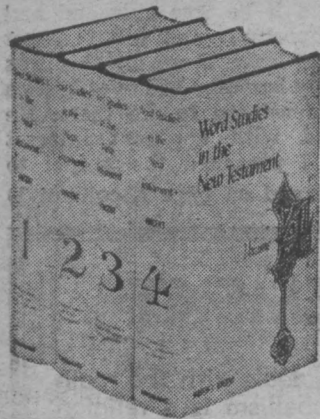
"In that case" I said, "let me give you something to think about. If you are right and the God I speak about is only a figment of my imagination and this universe just happened by a set of fortuitous circumstances, and all of the order we see about us in the universe is just a happenstance, then my believing in a Supreme Being and trusting in a (Continued on page 8, column 5)

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While there we looked through the glasses across several ridges and had quite a good view of the surrounding country. We saw several houses in the distance, perhaps at least a day's walk from where we were and we could see the general area where we were lost and without food, when we were through this rugged country before. What before seemed to be the very jaws of death now looked so quiet and peaceful from where we were standing. We decided not to go across the ridges to investigate these houses as we wanted to go into the opposite direction and investigate several garden spots we had located through the glasses. After we had preached we left these folk and walked back towards a large mountain and before long, after we had entered a thickly wooded area, we saw two women running through the jungle. They had seen us and were afraid so were trying to escape. One of the young lads that was with us began to call to them and it was only after several minutes of chasing them through the jungle, that he convinced them we would do them no harm, that they came back and talked to us for a while. They told us of some more people and of a likely place where we could make camp not too far from there; they also promised to come and bring some food and stay for a preaching service if we made camp somewhere near by.

We walked on in the direction they told us to go and not very far from there we came to quite a large and fast flowing river. This was a mountain river filled with large boulders and the water came cascading down at a terrific rate of speed and with such a roar that it was frightening. At first it seemed impossible to get across this river for in places it would be utterly impossible to try to walk through it for the water was so swift it would have swept us away and dashed us to pieces within seconds. We saw a few men on the other side and they directed us to a place where by hopping from one large bould-

er to another we could finally work ourselves to a place where the river narrowed to about 20 feet in width. So having reached this point we noted a log about eight or ten inches thick that had got caught behind a boulder, so we finally managed, after much difficulty, to get the log across the stream and all of us walked across on the log. This was no easy task as the water was rushing by only about a foot underneath. All of us took a deep sigh when the last man greeted us and led the way to a clearing where they proposed that we make camp for the night. This was about the only place in the whole area that a camp could be made but we found this place so full of stones it was difficult to place our tent poles. In due time we had our camp made and a few more men came and the two women we had talked to earlier so after buying a small amount of food we held a preaching service, Brother Roberts doing the preaching.

Among those that came just before service time we noted a young man that had elephantitis in one leg. I will not go into the details of what this looks like now as I will be sending a picture of this fellow. We asked the fellow if he would like to go out for medical treatment and after conferring with the tribal elders he came and said that he would go with us. Most of the people in this area were elderly folk and they desired that we would stay with them for two or three days but we felt that our food supplies would not permit us staying that long. The rains soon began to fall and it was not long until we were having to figure out how we were going to keep dry for the night. We managed by putting up a small tent on the inside of that one just over our beds in such a way that it drained the water just clear of the beds. So the ninth day ended.

March 27. D.Q. "The rain fell most of the night last night and the trail was wet and muddy as we started out this morning. There were three old men there to see us off and they entreated us once again to stay longer with them. They watched us as far as they could but it was not too long before we were lost to them in the jungle bush. We wanted to go straight across the mountain but were told there was no trail so instead we went sort of on an angle up the mountain and about noon we had reached a very high

peak. We tried to look down and across but could not see very far for the clouds and as we looked down we could not see any bottom. We were told by our guide that we would be going down to the bottom of this valley. We rested for a few minutes as we had been steadily climbing for four hours and shortly after we got under way again it started raining. We soon discovered that the mountain side was extremely steep and the rain added to the hazards of descending. Several hours later we came to the bottom of the mountain and a short time later came to a clearing in the jungle where we noted a couple of houses with a few people so here we decided to spend the night," end quotation.

Before we left that morning we held another preaching service and as we walked at quite a brisk pace down the muddy jungle trail and looking back at the old men waving to us, I wondered if in this world or the world to come whether or not I would ever see any of them again. We do know that the Lord definitely had a purpose in directing our steps to be present with them on those two particular days and preach the gospel to them, and I could leave them knowing only one thing — I had fulfilled God's purpose in being there.

We argued all morning with our guide about going straight across the mountain instead of the way we were going, but to no avail. We felt and still do that on the other side of that mountain there are people that have never had contact but no amount of arguing could persuade the guide to try to find us a trail that went up and over. That morning's walk was very tiresome and when we finally reached the top about midday we were ready for a rest. We waited around for several minutes hoping the clouds would lift so we could get a good look but we could not see very far and had no idea what we were in for when we were told that we would be going to the bottom of the valley. About noon we started off again and had not been under way very long when it began to pour rain. We decided to get under some thick trees for a while until the rain passed over but to our dismay it did not stop and in a very short time we were soaked and decided it would be just as well to walk on.

As we progressed down the (Continued on page 8, column 1)

New Guinea Photo Story



As mentioned under one of the other pictures, the valleys are strewn with numerous fast flowing rivers and these pictures will speak louder than words. Also the three pictures portray as many different rivers that we had to cross and at least two of them we had to cross several times in the same day. The picture where I am sitting down was made one morning about 9:00 o'clock and was a short way before we diverted to go to visit the lake. We crossed this river a number of times. The picture where Brother Roberts is standing on the large boulder afforded no small problem when we tried to find a place to cross. We also had to cross this river several times. The river where I am standing in the middle of caused the natives as well as Brother Roberts and myself no small anxiety. We managed not to get in over waist deep but the water was flowing at such a terrific speed it was near impossible to stand up in it. More pictures next week.

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mountain side it seemed to get steeper and by now the wet slick rocks and muddy trail had become treacherous. Brother Roberts had fallen a couple of times but had in both cases managed to get hold of a small tree or bush and check himself. Suddenly I heard a great noise behind me and discovered that it was Brother Roberts falling again but noted that this time there was nothing for him to grab hold of. About two feet in front of me I noted a tree root just above the ground so quickly I dug my boot spikes into this root as far as they would go and sort of set back and just had time to stick out my left hand as he was going sailing by. He grabbed hold of my hand and the anchor held and so did my strength and his preventing him from falling far down the mountain side. We looked at each other, at what was below us where

he was headed for, thanked God for predestinating that root to be there, Brother Roberts graciously thanked me and we were off again. The next several yards were spent in discovering ways of descending a steep mountain with the least amount of danger of falling.

Down, down, down we went and after about half way down we reached a loose rock area. For a few hundred yards we had to go down over large loose rocks and we had to slow down the line of carriers behind us until we could get down and out of the way of the falling rocks. Quite frequently rocks the size of a man's head would start rolling down and in many cases that would start a chain reaction. We were glad indeed to get out of this spot. Three and one-half hours from the time we had left the top we finally reached the bottom and all that time it had been pouring rain. I estimated that we had descended no less

than 5,000 feet, one of the longest and hardest descents that I have made in any of my mission patrols. It was raining so hard by now that water was running out of our clothing like coming off the top of a house. We could not stop more than a few minutes at the time for when we would stop we would get very cold.

After about another half-hour we came to the clearing in the jungle and saw two new houses that had just only recently been built. Two or three people were there and some of them started running off in the bush but the guide called them back and shortly after we got there we started to try to set up camp — it was still raining. By the time we got our tarpaulin set up the mud and water was six inches deep inside where we were to sleep. We threw some split saplings on the ground to put our patrol box and some of our gear on, hung the rest up on the poles that formed the frame for our beds and was glad to be under a shelter once again. We soon got into some dry clothes and had a camp fire going before long and cooked our evening meal.

Our tarpaulin having been soaked for the last two nights previously was in a bad way by now and the water soon began to drip through. Brother Roberts had a sleeping bag that was supposed to be water proof and this was going to be the night to prove it. My sleeping bag was not waterproof and too by now the water was coming in bad on my side, so I took the small tent and just spread it over me and we attempted to sleep that way. Sometime during the night the water ran in under my sleeping bag and it got quite wet but we made it through the night somehow. So ended the tenth day of our patrol.

Lord... Banker

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fill the order. I had learned that he was universally loved and respected in his town as a sincere Christian. He would not keep ardent spirits, nor would he hear for one moment of giving space in his house to tobacco in any shape. 'My Bible,' said he 'condemns both whiskey and tobacco, and I will have nothing to do with them.' No amount of persuading or liberal discounts could induce him to deviate from his rule.

"About six months after I had sold him the large bill, I was notified by the House that the bill was unpaid, and that I should call as soon as possible and collect it. I hastened over my territory and called in person to look after the matter. I found a new face behind the counter, and I learned that a short time after I sold that bill, my old friend had taken the smallpox and he and his family had been under quarantine for a long time. His sickness had lasted for several months and he was still confined to his home. I did not see him but he sent me word that the matter would come out all right in the end.

"He had suffered more losses than he thought, and six months went by and the bill was still unpaid. I wrote the House and told them the condition of things, and they were holding up all proceedings against him. Six months went by again, and I was ordered to go at once and collect the bill or enter suit. I had but one thing to do though I confess I had some rebellious thoughts. The night before I arrived at his town I spent several weary hours rolling and tossing on my bed trying to contrive some plan to avoid closing out my old friend. He lived eight miles from the railroad, and I must see him on the morrow. I

knew that if I brought suit, in all probability others would do the same, and a good man would go to the wall for no fault of his own. While tossing on my bed, I must have fallen asleep. I thought I had called on my old friend, and we were sitting in his family room, with all his family around him. He turned to me and said, 'We are just about to have our morning prayers, and we shall be glad to have you join with us.' I replied, 'With pleasure.' He said, 'we will read the 23rd Psalm.' He began to read but I was astonished at the words I heard. I had learned that psalm in Sunday School when a boy, and while I had not read my Bible as much as I should have done, still I will never forget that 'The Lord is my shepherd.'

"The words were read in a clear voice, and my heart rejoiced, though I had never heard it that way before. He read: 'The Lord is my banker; I shall not fail. He maketh me to lie down in gold mines; He giveth me the combination of His tills. He restoreth my credit; He showeth me how to avoid lawsuits for His Name's sake. Yea, though I walk in the very shadow of debt, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me; Thy silver and Thy gold they rescue me. Thou preparest a way for me in the presence of the collector; Thou fillest my barrels with oil; my measure runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will do business in the name of the Lord.'

"Having read this Scripture, he knelt down and prayed. I thought I had never heard such a prayer in all my life. He fairly took my breath from me when he asked his Heavenly Father to bless me, his friend.

"With his 'amen!' I awoke with a start. I concluded that I would call on my old friend early in the morning at his own home. I arose in time to procure a team, and was knocking at his door just as the sun was coming above the eastern horizon.

"He met me at the door with a hearty handshake and said: 'Come in, come right in; we are just going to have morning prayers, and we will be glad to have you join with us. He took me into the room and introduced me to his wife and children. He took up his Bible and said, 'We will read the 23rd psalm.' He read it in a clear voice, but read it as it is written in the Book. I cannot tell you my feelings and thoughts as he read. We then knelt in prayer, and humbly made known his wishes, but it did not sound like the one I had heard in my dreams, though he appeared to go over the same thoughts. He told the Lord he owed some money, and that it was past due, and he asked Him that a way might open to pay it that same day. He then prayed for me; and while on my knees I resolved that for one time in life I would disobey orders.

"After prayers we both went

directly to the drug store, and just as we entered the door, a young man met us, saying 'Brother Benton, father sent me over here this morning to tell you that he would take the house and lot you spoke to him about some days ago. He told me to hand you this money, and that he would pay the balance on the delivery of the deed.'

"The old man took the roll of bills, and tears began to roll down his cheeks as he turned away. He wrote the young man a receipt for the money and gave it to him. He then turned to his ledger and began to figure. He turned to me and said, 'Will you kindly receipt this bill?' I saw that he had added all the interest on the bill. I told him I was ordered by the House to remit the interest. He declined to receive it, and said he desired to pay all his just debts. I took the money and sent it in.

"The House wrote him a very complimentary letter, thanking him for the remittance. In a great measure my dreams had come true.

"At the time I was tossing on my bed, my old friend was on his knees in his closet, pleading with his Banker for a loan. I am very much gratified to know that he got it, and ever since, in all my discouragements, I apply the 23rd Psalm as the remedy."—The Gideon.

Ralph A. Doty

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His Son Jesus Christ as my Saviour leaves me in the same circumstance that you claim to be in and I have the same chance as you have, isn't that right?"

"Why yes, mate," he says, "that puts us both in the same boat."

"Consider this, then, my friend," I said, "If your athiesm is right I am no worse off than you are. My chances are the same as yours. But if I am right about God and His Son Jesus Christ, then YOU are in TROUBLE. You have one chance that your athiesm is right, which if it is leaves me in no worse shape than you. But if I am right then I have salvation in Christ Jesus and my future is assured by the promises of God while your future is that Hell we spoke about and the lake of fire. So you have your one chance that athiesm is right and there is no Hell, but I also, according to you have that same chance, but in addition I also have what you might call an additional chance in my salvation in Christ Jesus. Thus I have two chances to your one, according to your own way of reasoning, isn't that right?"

A curious look came on his face and as I turned to leave to catch my plane for Buin I left him mumbling softly to himself, "Two chances to one, two chances to one."

(Note my use of the word "chance" in my discussion was merely an accommodation to his thinking as to me, salvation in Christ Jesus is not a "chance" kind of thing at all.)



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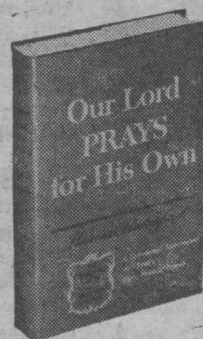
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