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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20

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HERE IS THE LAST INSTALLMENT OF . . .

## "PATROLLING BEHIND THE RANGES"

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In this article we would like to give a summation of the patrol and give some details that we have never undertaken in a report like this before. First of all, why a patrol like this. While I was back home this past year several individuals asked me, why do you make those long patrols? Do you really think it is necessary? What do you accomplish by so doing? Doesn't it cost a lot of money to make a patrol like this? Do you think it really worth the money spent? Perhaps, for the benefit of all, I might comment on each of the questions.

Why do I make these long patrols? Let me assure you as looking at it from the physical point of view I could readily answer, it is not because I want to. Physically, this is the hardest work

that I have ever done and I have worked in various kinds of factories plus 20 years of farm life



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(when there were no tractors and modern conveniences). Any kind of work that will take off 15 pounds in the first 10 days, I

would not consider easy. If I did it just to have something to do, well that would be silly for I can't find time to do all that needs to be done as it is. If I followed the example of nearly all the other missionaries over here I would not make any patrols once I got a mission station established. One fellow from Alabama, that is doing mission work not too far from Mount Hagen, told me about 4 years ago, "I don't have to go out in the bush at all anymore." I asked him how he ever got any mission work done and he replied, "Simple, I just hire a lot of the natives that are looking for work and tell them to go out and preach so I let them do the hard work and I stay at home."

I go on these patrols because I cannot do mission work by remote control. **"Moreover it is re-** (Continued on page 5, column 4)

## What Cornelius Was Saved From, And Unto, In Acts 10

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In the matter relative to the conversion of Cornelius, there are basically two views. One side holds that he was a lost man who was saved as a result of Peter's preaching to him. The other sees Cornelius a believer, but in need of further instruction.

We must realize that the account of Cornelius and his household reveals to us the beginning of gospel preaching to the Gentiles. It is not primarily given to teach the way of salvation. Since, however, many are found in disagreement concerning the spiritual status of this centurion, we should examine this Scripture account.

"There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always." Acts 10:1-2.

In regards to the view which deems Cornelius a lost man, we might explain these verses as a description of a lost religious man. Many moralists are church members who give to the poor and pray even as the scribes and Pharisees did. Yet we are made to question this view when God's Word clearly states that he feared God. We find in Romans 3:10-

18 God's description of a dead, alienated sinner. The picture includes man as having no fear of God before his eyes. If Cornelius was a dead, alienated sinner, how could he fear God?

This leads us on to examine the prayers of Cornelius. We can emphatically state that the Lord



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does not hear the prayers of sinners. See John 9:31. Did the Lord hear the prayers of Cornelius?

"And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I (Continued on page 6, column 3)

## One May Be Blameless, But Not Sinlessly Perfect

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We have a large and growing group of people who profess holiness. Since they are all around us, we should look into their claims and into what the



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able says about holiness.

### THEIR CLAIMS

The holiness people claim that subsequent to conversion, one is agonize at an altar, and "be prayed for" and finally can re-

ceive a second work of grace such that they become "wholly sanctified." They teach that the old Adamic nature is eradicated and that they can now live a sinless life. There are several things wrong about these claims, as follows:

1—The Bible does not teach a "second work of grace."

2—It does not teach the eradication of the old nature. In Romans 7 Paul describes the struggle of the two natures of the believer. There would be no struggle if the old Adam were eradicated.

3—The Bible does not tell — It does not give any directions — for getting in this alleged holiness state. No mention is made of agonizing at an "altar."

4—The lives of those who profess the "second work of grace" do not measure up to the claim of sinlessness. We simply do not encounter sinless people in our contacts, that's all.

### WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

God's ideal for us is holiness of life. (Note 2 Tim. 1:9; Coloss. (Continued on page 7, column 1)

## IS GOD A RESPECTER OF PERSONS?

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"For there is no respect of persons with God." Rom. 2:11

One of the essential rules of correct Bible interpretation is the rule of harmony. Some portions of Scripture admit, within themselves, of two or more interpretations. The true interpretation is that which harmonizes with the immediate context, the remote context, and all that the Bible says on the subject. How foolish it would be to adopt out of two or more possible interpretations that one which was contrary to the rest of the Word of God, and, yet, this is the source of much heresy in the world today.

The Bible, clearly, emphatically, and repeatedly teaches that God is not a respecter of persons. Any doctrine that contradicts this clear statement cannot be a true doctrine. The enemies of the doctrines of grace say that those doctrines contradict the truth that God is not a respecter of per- (Continued on page 7, column 4)

## Missionary Experiences On The Island Of Bougainville

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In previous articles I have told the readers of TBE of the weird goings on in the Satanic worship that takes place in these parts. Every so often the men gather together in these idol temples (the women are excluded and not allowed to enter the Kapos or drum house), and there the men "grease Satan" or worship Satan. After over 50 years of some sort of at least nominal Christians on the island of Bougainville the worship of Satan still goes on its heathen way. The Catholic and Methodists on the island seem to have the attitude that the worship and sacrifices made to Satan at the drum houses are part of the "native culture" and so nothing is ever said about it . . . it is politely ignored.

Everything goes along smoothly until a Baptist comes along and starts "rocking the boat" and "making waves" and disturbing the "live and let live" policy of the established religions. Since being on the island I have want-

ed to get a picture made at night of the actual pig sacrifices going on but I have had some camera troubles and the camera that uses the flash-gun is not working just now. I am using another camera but I am un-



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able to take pictures at night. I recently made a short patrol around the Siwai area and took some pictures of these Satanic (Continued on page 7, column 3)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

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.

"What Is Going To Happen When Jesus Comes."

"That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ."—1 Tim. 6:14.

Recently, I preached to you on the subject, "Someone Is Coming." I tried from the study of God's Word to show you that the Someone of whom I was speaking was the Lord Jesus Christ, and that He is definitely coming back to this world some of these days. I'd like tonight by God's grace to continue that message, showing you more, relative to His coming.

I might say at the very outset that for six thousand years the

echo of His footfall has been resounding through the corridors of time. For six thousand years the prophets of God have all spoken of His coming. We have their message given to us over and over again in the Bible. We read:

"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.

This is the first prophecy of the Bible. It is the first foregleam of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Most people see in it only that Jesus Christ is coming in His first advent; but we have here the second coming pre-

sented just the same as we have the first coming, for the Word of God says concerning the seed of the woman that "it shall bruise thy head." That is to say, the seed of the woman, the Lord Jesus Christ, is going to bruise the head of the serpent, the Devil.

We know that did not take place at the first coming of the Lord Jesus. We know from a study of the Bible that it shall take place when He comes back a second time. When Jesus was here the first time, the old serpent bit mightily deeply into the heel of the Son of God. However, some of these days Jesus is com- (Continued on page 2, column 1)

### How To Get Rid Of Your Pastor

1. Look him straight in the eye while he is preaching and say "Amen." He will preach himself to death.

2. Give him a raise. He has probably been on starvation wages for so long, he will eat himself to death.

3. Tell him you are tired of seeing every one else doing all the work and you want a job to do. The shock will be too much. He will have a heart attack.

4. Pat him on the back from time to time and encourage him. Tell him what a good job he is doing. He will work himself to death.

5. Help him to grow in Grace and to get better and better and another church will be sure to gobble him up.

### Spurgeon's Advice To Preachers

"Go out and teach His Word! All out the doctrines of grace He has given you ability. Hold Christ before the eyes of men, and you will be the means in His hand of bringing them to believe in Him, and so the church shall be built up and one. Do not sit down and scheme and plot and plan how this denomination may melt into other; leave that alone. Your business now is to go and: Tell to sinners round about that a dear Saviour you have found. That is God's way of using you to complete the unity of His church."



The heights of happiness and holiness are precisely the same slopes.

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Although this announcement was only made of recent date, immediately in the mails, came an order from Brother H. C. Barker of Covington, Kentucky, and Brother Noble Hunt of Fort Worth, Texas. Who will be next!

## Plain Prophecies

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ing again and He is then going to bruise completely the head of the serpent.

Let's notice another prophecy as to His coming:

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots; And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."—Isa. 11:1-9.

This tells us about the ancestry of the Lord Jesus Christ. It tells us of the power and the spirit that shall rest upon Him. It tells of the character of His reign. It tells us of the quality

of His kingdom. Then in describing the quality of the kingdom, He contrasts the cow and the bear, the leopard and the kid, the lion and the ox. He holds them up in definite contrast and shows how the nature of each shall be changed, and how the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth like the waters today cover the sea.

We know, beloved, this is referring to the second coming—to His glorious appearing. We know beyond a shadow of a doubt that nothing like this has ever taken place and that the knowledge of the Lord certainly does not cover the earth today like the waters cover the sea. Therefore, it can only refer to the second coming of the Lord Jesus.

Then we find the prophet Zechariah saying:

"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 his firstborn." — Zech. 12:10.

If you will read the preceding verses you will find that the prophet is talking about the time when our Lord returns to this world. When He comes back, it is then that the Jews who rejected Jesus Christ when He was here at His first advent, shall look on Him whom they have pierced, and they shall be grieved as a result, and shall mourn for him as a man might mourn for his only son.

I say, beloved, verse after verse like this could be presented to show you how for the past six thousand years the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ has been in anticipation. The people of the earth have been looking for His coming. The prophets of God of the Old Testament, the apostles of the New, and even the preachers of the truth down through the days since the writing of the Word of God, have all foretold and preached concerning the return of Jesus Christ unto this world.

I say, beloved, someone is coming, and I want to show you what He is going to do when He comes.

I

### THE EARTH.

When Jesus comes, is He going to do anything with this physical world in which we live? We have the answer given in God's own Word, for we read:

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose."—Isa. 35:1.

If you will turn to the book of Genesis and read the story of the Garden of Eden and the entrance of sin into the human family, you will find that one of the curses that fell upon Adam and Eve and upon all their posterity, and upon this physical world was that the earth was to bring forth thorns and thistles. You will find that the earth was cursed as a result of the entrance of sin into the human family. Beloved, when Jesus Christ comes back, that curse is going to be lifted to the extent that even the wilderness, and the solitary place, and the desert shall be nothing less than the most beautiful rose garden that you and I can imagine.

I have often thought of some of these deserts, these wastelands, and these solitary places in the earth, as to what they are going to be like when Jesus comes again. I have driven over the northern section of Mexico and have seen thousands and thousands of acres of wasteland producing nothing of any value, with scarcely a sprig of grass to be seen any place. I have often thought, what is this going to be like when Jesus Christ comes back again? Beloved, the wasteland, the deserts, and the solitary places are going to be just like our rose gardens are today.

I have often thought of the badlands of the Dakotas. I have often thought of the Sahara Des-

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Elder Wayne Cox will be with Brother Dan Phillips of the New Testament Baptist Church in Bristol, Tennessee, for a week's revival meeting beginning July 22.

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ert. I have often thought of the desert places where there is nothing that can grow, and where there is absolutely no vegetation and no life at all. I have often thought as to what it is going to be like when Jesus comes back to this world a second time. I tell you, beloved, as the world suffered because of the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, so this earth is going to be blessed by the return of the Son of God back to this world again.

You know how it is that a woman will take pride in her roses, and how she will spend time looking after them — pruning them and spraying them, and caring for them. You know how beautiful a rose garden can become. My Lord says that when Jesus Christ comes back to this world a second time, the most solitary places of today will be as beautiful then as a rose garden itself.

If that be true of the deserts, and of the wasteland, and of the places where vegetation cannot grow today, then I ask you, what will it be like in other places where now there is vegetation and trees and grass? What a beautiful place this world is bound to be! I tell you, I want to walk in this world. I want to see the grass and the trees and the flowers. I want to see the beauty of our Lord's creation when Jesus comes again.

II

### THE JEW

When Jesus comes, what is going to happen so far as the Jews are concerned? I'll say this, that God never has changed His purposes and His purposes remain the same relative to the Jew. We read:

"Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel."—Ex. 19:5, 6.

This was at the time when God gave the law of the Ten Commandments. God made it clear that day that the Jew was definitely His people. Beloved, God has never at all rejected them from being His people. They are His people today, even though they are not walking as they should. They are His people today, even though they stand as having rejected the Lord Jesus Christ. They are still His people, even though they are living in rebellion, but some of these days God is going to re-gather the Jews from the four corners of the earth, and He is going to bless the world through the Jews. Listen:

"That then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee." — Deut. 30:3.

"Who hath heard such a thing?

who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed she brought forth her children."—Isa. 66:8.

Isaiah 66:8 would lead us to believe that a nation (the Jewish nation) is going to be born (that is, born again) in one day's time. Those who have been in rebellion against Him and in opposition to Him, when Jesus Christ comes back to this world a second time, are going to receive Him in one single day.

We read:

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, the Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land."—Jer. 23:5-8.

Hitler talked about putting the Jew off on the island of Madagascar. Others talk of them being scattered to the four corners of the earth. I tell you, beloved, the day is coming when God is going to gather them from all the four corners of the earth to which they have been driven, and He

is going to take them back to Palestine, to dwell in their own land.

When is this going to take place? The context shows us that it is at the time of His second coming.

Notice again:

"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, The Lord is my God."—Zech. 13:8, 9.

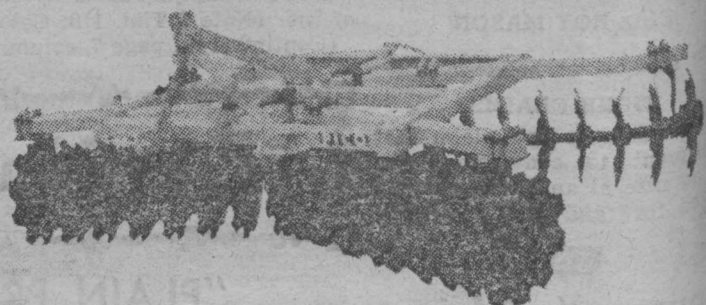
What a day for a nation! It looks as if in that day all the nation of the Jews shall be cut off. Actually, this would take place only for the fact that our Lord intervenes; and when He intervenes and fights against the enemies of the Jews one-third of them (all that are left) see Him in all of His glory, and they cry and say, "The Lord is my God." God looks down on the third of the Jewish population that is left and says, "It is my people."

Listen again:

"And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles."—Is. 66:19.

This verse hasn't been fulfilled. (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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## Plain Prophecies

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filled yet. Any individual who reads it knows that he is reading unfulfilled prophecy. Beloved, the Jews aren't interested today in telling Gentiles about the glory of God. They are interested today in merchandise; they are interested in buying and selling; they are interested in anything and everything other than the Gospel of the Son of God. But, beloved, there is a day coming when Jesus comes again that the Jew is going forth as a missionary. God is going to send missionaries to Tarsish, to Javan, and to Tubal. He is going to send missionaries to the whole world. They shall tell of His glory to the Gentiles of the world.

### III FALSE CHURCHES.

I don't make any apology when I say there are more false churches in the world than there are true churches. I don't apologize when I say that I think the majority of the churches in the world today are heretical and false and cannot lay claim at all to being the true churches of the Lord Jesus Christ. What is going to happen to these false churches—these Arminian organizations that talk in terms of a man's free will and speak boldly of one losing his salvation? I ask, what is going to happen when Jesus Christ comes back? Listen:

"But he answered and said, Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up."—Mt. 15:13.

"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire."—Rev. 17:16.

I dare say that the majority of the people are thinking that somehow the Pope is right next door to God. I am satisfied that the majority of folk

feel that surely the Pope is nearer God than anybody else in all the world, yet I tell you God says the Pope and his church organization shall be completely destroyed. When you read this seventeenth chapter of Revelation which tells us about the destruction of the old whore and her harlot daughters, you have in that picture of the destruction of Roman Catholicism and all the Protestant churches that have come out of Rome. Beloved, our Lord says that they are going to be destroyed. How much so? Even to the extent of being desolate, naked and burned with fire.

Now I am satisfied when this appears in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER that my batting average will drop considerably with a lot of people. Actually, I am sure there will be a lot of people that will be highly incensed at what I have to say. Beloved, I believe this Book, and I am as positive as can be that when Jesus Christ said "I will build my church," He was talking in terms of one church and one only; and I am as positive as can be that the church that He built was a Baptist church, and that all of these Arminian churches of today are false churches that are going to be destroyed when the old whore and her harlot daughters go up in smoke.

When is it going to take place? You know as well as I that it hasn't taken place yet. I have often said that if Cardinal Spellman in New York City even gets a sniffle, the newspaper puts his picture on the front page. They are riding in the saddle. They are eating high on the hog today. They have the news media behind them and they appear most gloriously. I am satisfied that the Catholics want an "old" pope. I am satisfied that they want him to be sick. I am satisfied that when they select a new one they will select one that is almost dead. The reason of it is that it gives them lots of publicity when

he is sick. It gives them lots of publicity when they elect a successor. It keeps them in the eyes of the world. But there is a day coming—a different day to this in which we live.

I know the majority of people think that I certainly am a candidate for the "bughouse" when I say that Catholicism and the Protestant churches that have come out of Rome are prefigured by this seventeenth chapter of Revelation, and that they are all going to be destroyed. Beloved, I am willing to stake my life. I am

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willing to stake my influence, I am willing to stake my future testimony—in fact, I am willing to stake everything on my interpretation of this portion of God's Book. I expect the day to come when we are going to see the false churches destroyed. When? When Jesus Christ comes back a second time.

### IV

#### HIS CHURCH.

Is there a possibility that the church that Jesus built has apostatized and has completely disappeared from the world? Is it possible, in view of the fact that

there are so many Baptist churches that have gone completely after the Catholics and the Protestants? We often wonder and say, "Surely His church has gone for good." Even though there are lots of imperfections in the majority of Baptist churches today, I am satisfied of this fact, that the church that Jesus built will be right here when the Son of God comes back. Listen:

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—Mt. 16:18.

Beloved, there is one institution that will never be destroyed and that is the church that Jesus built.

The Apostle Paul said:

"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end."—Eph. 3:21.

How long is His church going to last? This Scripture tells us that it is going to last throughout all ages.

Sometimes it looks like we might just as well give up. I recognize the fact that the majority of times it looks like we are fighting a losing battle. The Catholics are in the saddle. All the Protestant churches, and all the Modernists in the world today are prostrating, and yielding, and nodding and bowing, and scraping before the Catholics, and it looks like the church that Jesus built is completely forgotten. But, beloved, we have a promise here that there is going to be glory gotten for God, by His people through the church, world without end.

I turn to the book of Revelation and I find the greatest picture so far as to what is going to happen when He comes relative to His church. Listen:

"I know thy works; behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not

denied my name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."—Rev. 3:8-10.

This is a promise made primarily to the church at Philadelphia. It is a promise, I think, that carries through with all His churches to the end of the age. It says that He is going to make this church to continue, and that He is going to keep them through the hour of temptation, and ultimately the enemies of the true church will worship before the feet of that church.

There came an hour of temptation when the Moslems overran the land. There came an hour of temptation when Catholicism swept over the land. That church at Philadelphia still remains intact down to this very day. Beloved, I believe we have a promise and a prophecy here as to what is going to take place, when He said, "I will make them of the synagogue of Satan to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee."

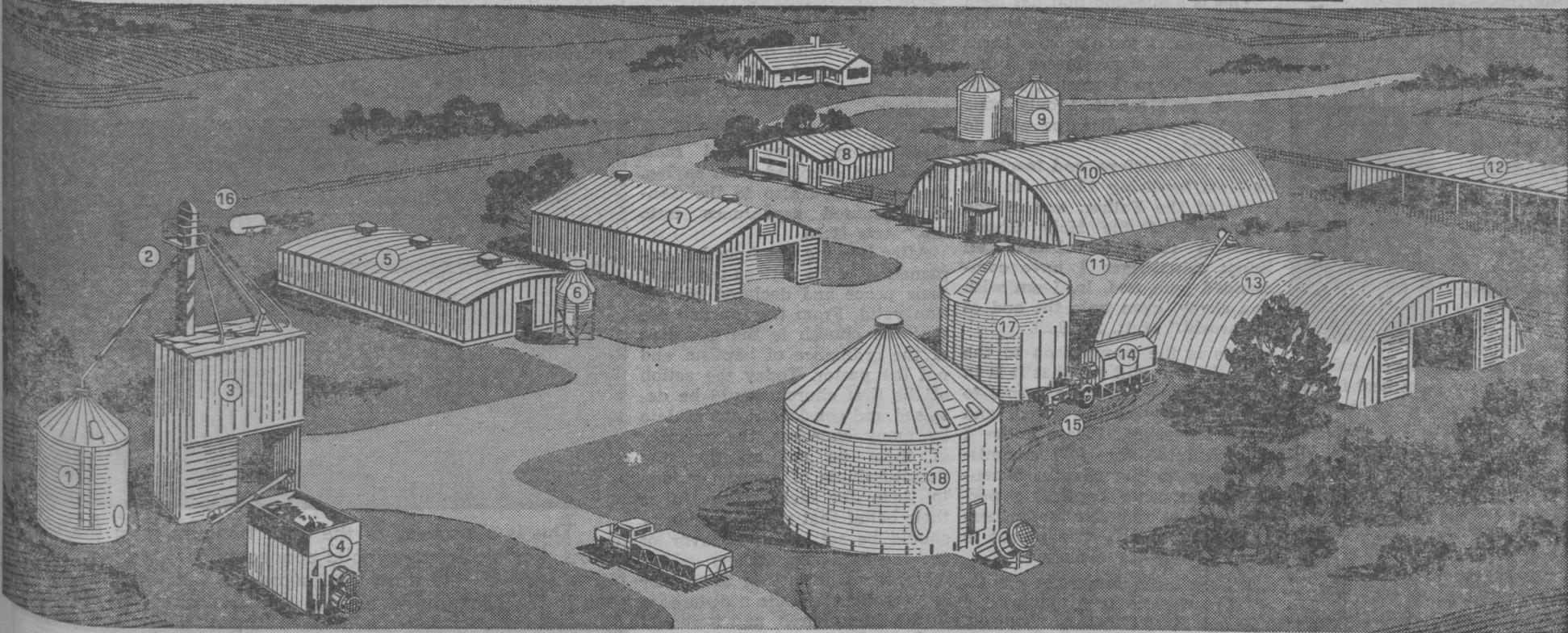
I tell you, beloved, I am looking forward not to tomorrow, but I have a long view ahead. I am looking forward to that time when the church that Jesus built is going to emerge triumphantly. I am looking forward to that day and hour when the church that the Son of God built is going to be completely victorious, to the extent that all these who are now members of the synagogue (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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"Is it Scriptural for any preacher other than the pastor of the church to baptize any of the candidates?"

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It seems that this is a case of "I am of Paul; and I am of Apollos" situation. And I am persuaded that this church may have misused her God-given authority. I believe that our motive for doing a certain thing may very well be more important in the sight of Almighty God than the thing we do. We may do a very commendable thing, but if our motive for doing this good deed is wrong, it nullifies the good deed itself.

Until I am able to see differently I must contend that it is the church that does the baptizing. And if there is a need for it, a church most certainly has the authority to authorize someone other than the pastor to administer the ordinance of baptism. If the pastor is unable to administer the ordinance due to his physical condition, or for any other reason, the church has the right to authorize someone else to do it. But the church should beware of her motive when she does authorize someone else other than her pastor. In I Cor. 4:5 we read in the Williams translation "He will bring to light the secrets hidden in the dark and will make known the motives of men's hearts."

The motive we have for doing what we do is so important. And I am fearful that this church had the wrong motive. When a church tries to buy faithfulness on the part of unfaithful members, it is like trying to buy friends. You pay an exorbitant price, and end up with nothing.

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While as a general rule, it would certainly seem best for the pastor of a church to do the baptizing, I believe that it is entirely Scriptural for a church to authorize another minister to baptize where there is warrant for such. I am moved to this belief because of the following considerations:

### 1. The Proper Authority To Baptize Is Vested in a Church.

I have known a few instances where a preacher was asked to baptize a person who didn't want to take membership, but who just wanted to "be baptized and turned loose." Such baptism was not worth five cents. A couple who had been so baptized by a free-lance evangelist, asked admission to a church where I was pastor on the basis of that baptism. The church refused to receive them, and rightly so. Personally, when I baptize, I always say, "Upon the authority of this church I baptize you, etc."

### 2. In New Testament Times

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### There Seems To Have Been a Plurality of Elders or Ministers.

In Acts 13:1 we have mentioned a number of "prophets and teachers" and from these Saul and Barnabas were sent out as missionaries.

What about Ananias (Acts 9:10)? He is spoken of as a "certain disciple," and he baptized Saul. It is safe to assume that he baptized him on the authority of the church at Damascus, but I don't find that he is even mentioned as being a minister.

What about Philip? He was a deacon of the Jerusalem church who went to preaching. Was he still a deacon at the time he baptized the eunuch (Acts 8:36-39)? He must have been preaching and baptizing under the authority of the Jerusalem church.

Often today there are several ministers who have been chosen by a church to minister in different avenues of service. I believe that any of these ordained men could be properly authorized to baptize. In my own case I once had an assistant pastor and while I was away from the church there was an instance in which a convert wanted to be baptized immediately. The church authorized my assistant to baptize the candidate. I repeat, it is the church that has the authority to baptize.

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This is a question that has been the subject of some very heated discussions. I know that there will be some of my brethren disagree with me. However, I must answer as I see it. I only hope that those who disagree will do so in love.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19,20.

This is the commission to the Church. You will see that it is in three parts. Preach the gospel to the lost, baptize the saved, and teach the saved. Please notice I said that the threefold commission was to the church. Whenever a preacher baptizes a person, he does so under the authority of the church. The person is baptized into the church.

If the church authorizes a visiting preacher to baptize someone THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE BAPTISM. Some have objected, saying that a church should not authorize a preacher who is not a member of the church to do the baptizing. I contend that if that is wrong it would also be wrong for a church to authorize someone to preach a revival or to teach in a special meeting. It would also be just as wrong for a church to support a missionary who is not a member of the church. (Most missionaries go out from a church and organize missions into churches and baptize yet are members of the church that sent them out).

Please note, I believe that a church should have a visiting evangelist and support a missionary to help the church fulfill the

first of the commission. I believe that a church should invite a visiting preacher to teach the church on anything that is needed. I also believe that a church can authorize a visiting preacher to baptize for them if they desire. A preacher cannot baptize if he does not have the authorization of the church even if he is a member.

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Yes. The authority to baptize was not given to the pastor or preachers, rather it was given to the church founded by our Lord. In giving to His church the authority to administer baptism, He makes it clear that He is not speaking to the pastor, but to the church which He promised to perpetuate to the end.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Matt. 28:19.

In this verse He was authorizing baptism, but not as individuals, yet as a church. The reason I know that He was speaking to them as a church is He promised to be with them unto the end of the age. We know that those to whom He was speaking did not endure unto the end; they soon died, but His church is still in existence and will be unto the end, and with her lies the right to administer baptism.

Therefore it would be Scriptural for any sound preacher to administer baptism providing the church authorized it. Those who baptize are baptizing for the church, thus they must have church authority before they can act for the church.

There are many Biblical examples where individuals were baptized by some one other than the pastor. We find in Acts 10 the Apostle Peter baptizing those who believed in the household of Cornelius. Now I am aware that he was under the direct leadership of the Spirit, yet the church convened and called him forward to give reasons why he baptized.

"When they (the church) heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life." Acts 11:18.

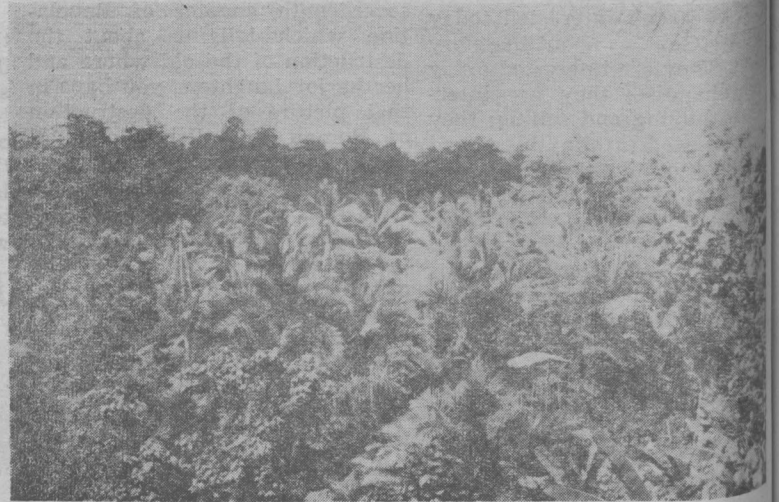
After hearing the Apostles' explanation of his actions they held their peace and declared his action valid. From this we can see that the church is the guardian of the ordinance of baptism and not the pastor. Today the action of the first church would be despised and considered out of date by many churches, the majority of them do not question the Scripturalness of anyone coming to them for membership. It is their belief that church authority should be set aside in favor of the more popular theory which advocates authority of the pastor or preacher. It made a difference to the first church, and it should make a difference with us.

Another Biblical example of preachers baptizing who were not pastors is found in the ministry of the Apostle Paul. After studying his missionary journeys, it becomes apparent that Paul did very little baptizing; others did the baptizing, and he did the preaching.

"I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name." I Cor. 1:14-15.

Paul is telling us through the leadership of the Spirit that no man can baptize in his own name, or that a preacher, pastor or apostle does not have authority to administer the ordinances of (Continued on page 5, column 5)

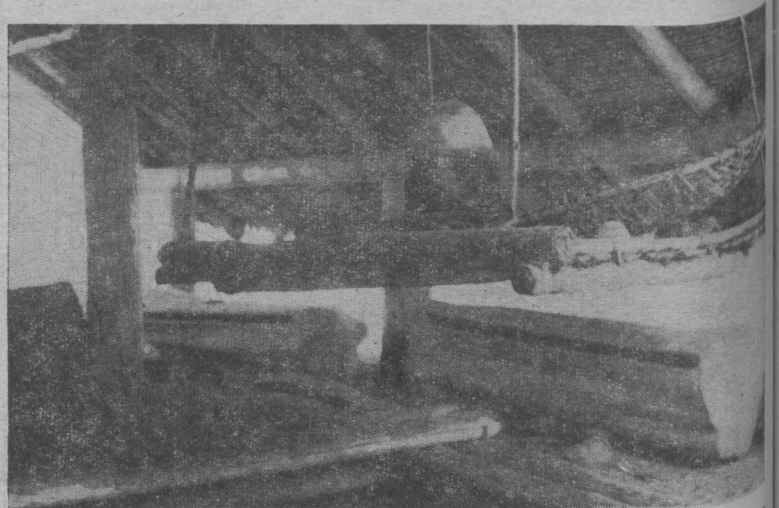
## Pix Of Satanic Worship On The Island Of Bougainville



Here is a general view of the jungle that is typical of all of Bougainville — thick almost impenetrable jungle, as far as the eye can see, big trees with vines hanging from them all entwined together to make an almost solid mass of steamy dark vegetation, swarming with mosquitoes and other insects. Large bats can be seen in the day time hanging upside down from the topmost branches. Brilliant white cockatoos flit back and forth uttering, not a pleasant tune as you might expect, but instead a raucous squawk something like a mad crow might screech when disturbed. A broiling sun beats down on the scene from a cloudless sky cooking the whole area into a hot vaporous mess. During World War II Marines who came ashore just north of here said that Guadalcanal was like a well kept park compared to the jungles of Bougainville.



This is the outside of the Kapos or Satanic temple. It probably does not look like what most readers would imagine an idol temple to look like but as we move in closer you will begin to see that this apparently innocent looking native building has been dedicated to Satan and the "greasing" or bribing of Satan, to allow the soul of a professing Methodist or Catholic native to enter the sacred lake area in the mountains behind Siwai.



This is a close-up of the altar hanging from the ceiling beams. Certain paraphernalia connected with worshipping Satan is seen on the altar and some 10 foot long drums are seen in the background.

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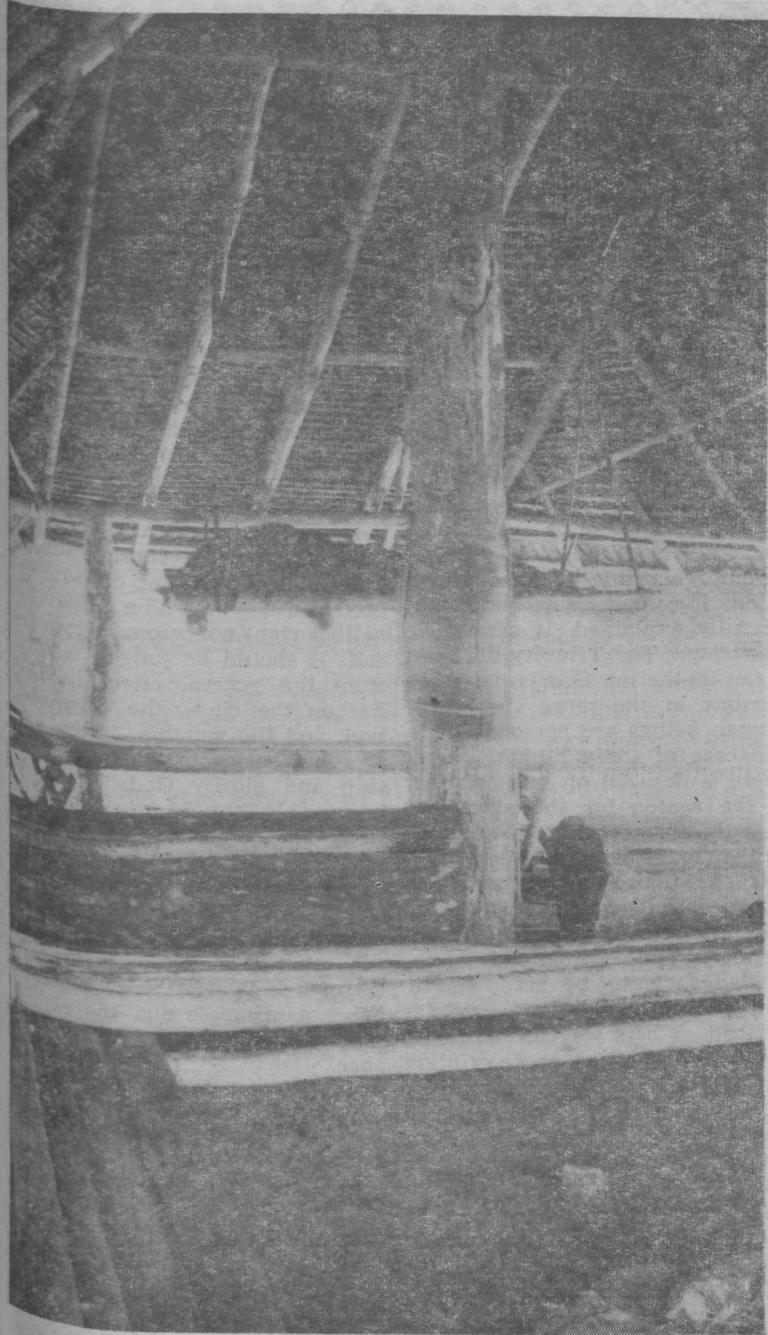
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This shows part of the inside of the temple with the various drums around the outside and the hanging altar in the background. In this picture you can see the grinning, leering, face of some Satanic being looking down on this hellish scene.

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 ogues of Satan are going to bow in the presence of the true believers of the Lord Jesus Christ to acknowledge that God has been right, and God's church has been right, and the people of God have done the right thing in standing for, and contending for, the faith down through the ages. I tell you, beloved, I am looking forward to His coming.

I know there isn't much in store for you and me so far as this world is concerned. There is mighty little in store for us today. If you take your stand for what is right, and what is true, you know you are certainly going to be exceedingly unpopular with those with whom you come in contact. It is not going to enhance your popularity in the least if you tell people the truth concerning the Word of God. Beloved, I am not looking forward

to anything in this world, but I am looking forward to that time when Jesus Christ comes back to this world to live.

### CONCLUSION.

Yes, I say Someone is coming. Jesus is coming. He is going to change the physical world. He is going to complete His work with the Jews. He is going to complete His work with the false churches. He is going to complete His work so far as the true church that He established when He was here in the days of His flesh.

Ofttimes in preaching, I will refer to the finished work of Christ, and it is true that when He went to Calvary He finished salvation. That portion of His work was finished. But there is some unfinished work on the part of Jesus. There is some unfinished work that the Son of God has yet to do and He is going to do it, beloved. The day is coming when He is coming back, and then He is going to make this world over. The day is coming when He comes back, and then He is going to send the Jews out as missionaries to the ends of the earth. The day is coming when He is going to destroy these false churches, and His true church is going to shine out in all her glory, to be recognized as having stood for the faith and the truth of God down

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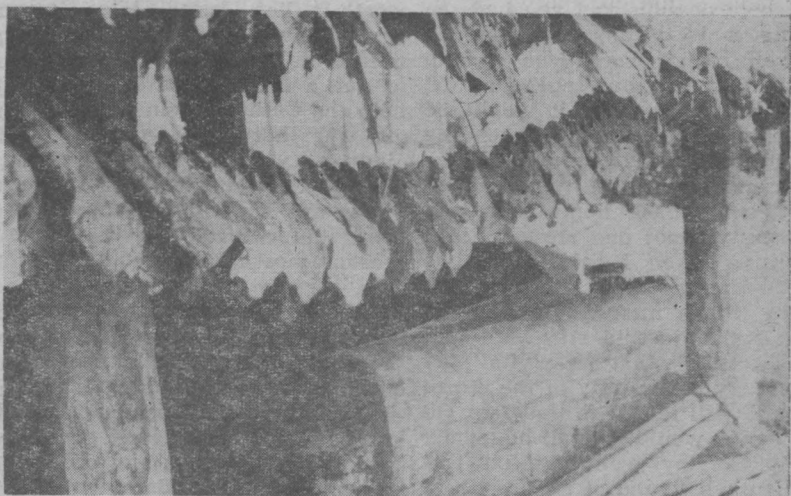
through the years. Beloved, I thank God for the finished work that Jesus Christ wrought at Calvary, and I am looking forward with thankfulness likewise to the unfinished work that He is going to finish some of these days.

Let me ask you a question in closing. Do you know Him in the full aspect of His finished work? Do you know Him as your Saviour—the One who died for your sins and who finished the plan of salvation so far as you are concerned? If so, thank God for the finished work of Jesus. If you don't know Him, may you receive Him, believe Him, and realize that He died for your sins—that He died to finish salvation in your behalf; and may God help you to look forward to that blessed day when He comes back to finish His work that is unfinished here within this world.

May God bless you!



Here, we are looking into one of the temples. Elder Jesse Pakahe, one of my preacher students, is standing in the picture so that you can get some idea of how large these log drums are. There is a small one in the foreground while behind it is one that is 4 or 5 feet in diameter and over 7 feet long. The long narrow slot is the drum mouth but all of the inside of the log has been hollowed out and the sound that comes forth when the drum is struck in a very loud dull boom, boom.



This picture is a close-up taken from outside the idol temple. Part of the sak sak eaves of the house can be seen at the very top of the picture. At the bottom of the picture you can see one of the long log drums, but across the middle of the picture is a long row of grisly pig jaws. Only the lower jaws have been preserved and hung up to indicate, I suppose, how many times Satan has been "greased" or worshipped at that particular temple. I counted over 50 lower jaw bones at this one temple. Just how many of these Kapos or idol temples there are in just the Siwai area is unknown. Joshua Montoru tells me that there are 66 Methodist villages and each of them has an idol temple. Just how many there would be counting the Catholic villages too, we do not know, but Siawi is just one district taking up only a small part of this island and the temples dedicated to the worship of Satan are to be seen everywhere.

I don't know just how successful I will be in getting a flash picture of a native priest in action sacrificing a pig to Satan but I am going to try when I get my camera fixed. I can see where the Satan worshipping priest might not like to have his picture taken on Saturday night — after all most of them, I am told, "double in brass" as Methodist Preachers on Sunday!

I hope these pictures have in some way served to show you how Satan still deceives professing Christians into bowing down to him and worshipping him rather than the true God who deserves all of our worship and praise. Remember the work on Bougainville as well as the work in the highlands as you approach our God's throne of grace.

## Fred T. Halliman

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quired in stewards, that a man be found faithful." I Cor. 4:2.

I go on these long patrols because, a dispensation of the gospel has been committed unto me. "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me: yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! I Cor. 9:16. I go on these long patrols because I want to receive my rewards as a missionary. "For if I do this willingly, I have a reward," I Cor. 9:17a. I go on these long patrols and preach the gospel because God's elect in their lost unquicken state have no desire to come to hear the gospel. The shepherd's duty is to seek out the lost sheep, the sheep never tries to find the shepherd. I go on these long patrols because, a multitude of folk back in America are sacrificially supporting this work and I feel a responsibility to do what churches and individuals expect a foreign missionary to do. I go on these long patrols because, I have a burning desire to see lost people saved. But I go on these long

patrols mostly because, I have a calling to preach the gospel, a commission to fulfill, and authority to do so by the church that Jesus built, therefore I want to glorify my Lord and Master. "Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end." Eph. 3:21.

Do you really think it is necessary? Yes I feel that it is abso-

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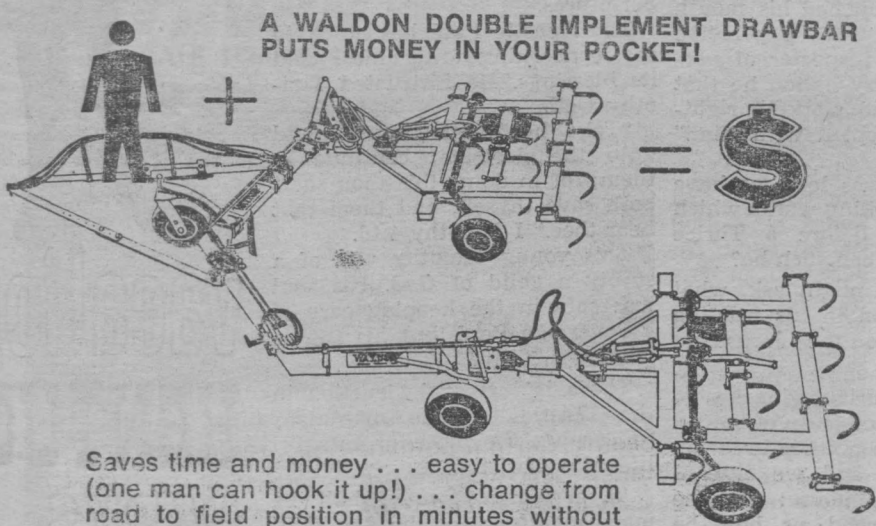
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God in his own name. In this verse we see a happy man — happy that he had not baptized very many, yet under his leadership there were many churches established with believers who had been baptized by others. This should be ample proof that one can baptize though he is not pastor of the church.

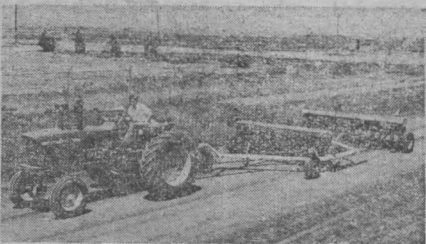
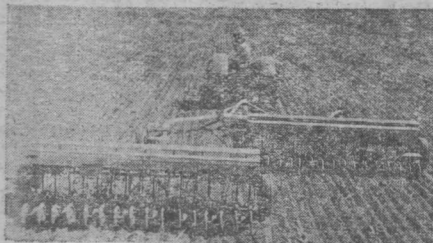
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lutely necessary. Without the gospel none will be saved, for "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to all that believe." If I did not feel that it was necessary I would not be making these trips.

What do you accomplish by these patrols? I do not know just how much is accomplished other than I know that I am fulfilling what God told me to do and so I leave the results to Him. One thing I know I accomplish and that is I have a peace of mind knowing that when I have preached to the folk God will save whom He pleases as a result of it.

Doesn't it cost a lot of money to make these patrols? Yes, it most certainly does cost a lot of money. Some of the details as to the cost will follow shortly.

Do you really think it worth the money spent? I might answer that by asking you a question. If it were possible and you had the opportunity to buy your way out of hell, what would you give in exchange for your soul? Or, just what do you think it would be worth for you to miss spending eternity in hell? The above question was asked me by more people while back home than any other, yet not one answer did I receive when I asked the two following questions. Beloved, Job said that a man would give all he owned just to stay well and the hospitals that are a vital part of every community of the entire world will testify to that fact. So if a man would give all he owned just to stay well here on this earth, what kind of a price could he set on keeping himself out of hell for all eternity? There have been thousands of dollars spent on this mission work to date and if every cent that has been spent could only count for one individual being saved, saved for time and eternity, I believe it would be worth it. Yes, it costs a lot

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of money to do mission work in this kind of country, and it is worth it. The United States Government is spending well over a million dollars a day just to try to get a few people killed and help the Catholics win the religious war that is being fought in Vietnam (yes, that is what I said, a religious war directed by the Pope), and while some people oppose it for mostly sentimental reasons, most folk, including Baptists, think it is the thing to do. All the while the Catholics are laughing up their sleeve because they have the greatest nation on earth duped into thinking it is a war against communism. So, beloved, why should we mind spending a few thousand dollars knowing that by so doing we are "Holding forth the Word of life."

Now I would like to give you some facts and figures concerning a month's patrol.

Most of the time on this patrol I used 20 native carriers, and part of the time while Brother Roberts was with me we used 30.

Besides the carriers there was one interpreter and one medical orderly that went along with us to take care of the sick when necessary. As has been mentioned in an earlier article I walked on two days ahead but Brother Roberts came later with the Landrover bringing some supplies along with him. Below is the itemized cost in dollars and cents.

An average of 20 carriers per day at \$5.00 per month per carrier	\$100.00
1 Interpreter at \$6.00 per month	6.00
1 Medical Orderly at \$7.00 per month	7.00
Food for carrier line for 1 month	70.00
Gasoline for car	15.00
Minimum total for month—this is Australian equivalent	198.00
Minimum total in American dollars	225.00

When I mentioned "minimum total" by that I mean this is the actual outlay of cash. This does not include any of our food, a pair of boots that I wore out, and several others things, which if they were counted would run well over \$300.00, maximum total.

During the month we held 46 regular preaching services, preached to about 4,900 people or an average of about 106 people for every service. We figure it cost an average of \$4.89 per service or 3½ cents per person. I walked an estimated 300 miles during the month. When we all get to eternity I will be able to tell you whether or not anyone was saved on this month's patrol. Beloved, where could you get that much preaching done in any given month for that price? So ends our series of articles on "PATROLLING BEHIND THE RANGES."

## Cornelius

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prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, and said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God." Acts 10:30-31.

Not only was his prayer heard, but his alms were also accepted. Yet we know that if Cornelius was a lost man, he could have done nothing to please the Lord.

"They that are in the flesh cannot please God." Romans 8:8.

We see it is evident that this centurion pleased the Lord in what he had done.

"Then Peter opened his mouth and said Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him." Acts 10:34-35.

If Cornelius was lost, we have a dead man working works which are acceptable before a Thrice Holy God. How can such be?

But, someone might ask, what does Peter mean in his relating the incident to the Jerusalem Baptist Church.

"And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover, these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house: and he (Cornelius) shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter, who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved." Acts 11:12-14.

We would ask in reply, what kind of salvation is being referred to here? Let us keep in mind that the words salvation and regeneration are not always synonymous. Salvation sometimes takes in physical deliverance, as did it in reference to Israel. Sometimes it takes in various

## "I Should Like to Know"

### 1. Where in the Bible can I find the Trinity?

Trinity means tri-unity or three-oneness. The divine nature consists of one essence, and thus there is unity. But in that one essence there are three eternal distinctions, which distinctions are presented to us under the figure of persons. Thus there is tri-unity. God is not three in the sense that He is one, and He is not one in the sense that He is three. Thus there is no contradiction. The Trinity of God is incomprehensible to the human mind. It cannot be reasoned out or fully explained. It cannot be illustrated. The Triunity does not mean tri-theism. God is not three persons in the sense that three human beings are persons, for in the case of three human beings there is division of essence. That is the reason for the statement that the three eternal distinctions in the Godhead are presented under the figure of persons. The above definition is as near as we can approach to a meaning of the Trinity. The Trinity is a revealed fact, to be accepted by faith; and then defined and described as best we can, knowing that any definition or description must utterly fail to eliminate the mystery of the Godhead. The three persons of the Godhead can be found associated together in the following passages: Matt. 3:16, 17; 28:19; II Cor. 13:14. In many passages each member of the Trinity is distinguished from one or both of the others.

### 2. Will all denominations be in the rapture?

The New Testament teaches a total rapture of all the saved at the appearance of Christ in the air. I Thess. 4:14-17.

### 3. What do you think of the use of robes for members of a church

phases of our redemption, such as, regeneration, and the future hope of glorification. Whereas regeneration is the new birth or the initial act of our salvation. If this passage is referring to initial salvation, we have a terrible monster who doesn't fit into the totally depraved condition that God's Word places all men. He is praying, working works of righteousness, and fearful of God. Hence, this salvation must find its meaning elsewhere in the Scriptures.

The Apostle Paul has much to say concerning faithfulness and its blessings. He instructed Timothy well.

"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." I Timothy 4:16.

This young Timothy was of a surety a child of God. His soul was safe in the keeping care of a Sovereign Lord, but his life — what of his life?

There is further instruction in the Epistle to the Corinthians concerning the more meaningful life of a Christian.

"Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." I Corinthians 3:13-15.

Cornelius would have, had it not been for the message Peter preached to him, been saved, but so as by fire.

Being a Baptist is certainly nothing to be ashamed of, for we believe that faithful Baptists will make up the Bride of Christ. Cornelius was told church truths whereby he was added to a local church, being baptized under the (Continued on page 7, column 1)

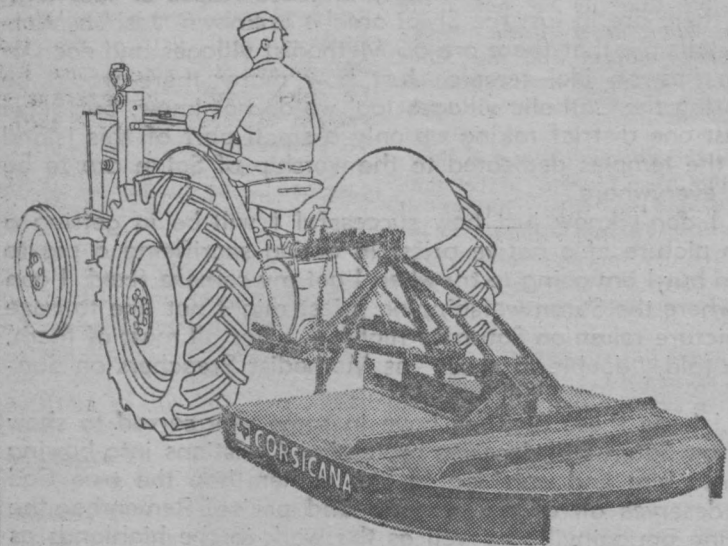
Personally, while I am not a believer in formalism, yet I think there are instances where some good may result from the use of choir robes. For instance, it gives a poor girl who can't afford clothes as nice as those of other members of the choir an opportunity to sing without the least embarrassment. It may also serve to keep the minds of the congregation entirely off what members of the choir are wearing. Aside from these considerations, I think it is a matter of taste or preference — a thing that is neither right nor wrong within itself. It should be judged wholly from the general effect that it has on the choir, the congregation, and the worship. If the use of robes seems to promote worship and glorify God, let them be used. If they do otherwise, let them not be used. Let churches who feel led to use robes use them. Let those who do not care for robes not use them. And let not either group presume to judge the other. Let us learn to distinguish between things that involve a principle and those that merely involve taste or preference.

### 4. Are the non-elect sinners? If so, Christ died for them (I Tim. 1:15).

Yes, the non-elect are sinners. But I Tim. 1:15 does not prove that Christ died for the non-elect. It says He came to save sinners. If that meant all sinners, then no one would go to Hell.

### 5. Does not Heb. 2:9 teach that Jesus tasted death for every man?

No. The word man is not in the Greek, and we are not bound to understand that this refers to every descendant of Adam. Jesus tasted death for every one, but every one of whom? The context answers: Every one of the many sons that God brings to glory, of whose salvation Christ is the captain or author.



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authority of the Jerusalem Baptist Church. Hence, Peter told him words, whereby he could be saved. Church membership, we must remember, is no guarantee of being a part of the Bride, but faithfulness to a local church will give us the confidence Paul spoke so much about. So by being faithful to the Baptist Church where we hold our membership enables us to save our life in His service. May our prayers be for grace to be faithful.

#### Sinlessly Perfect

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3:12; I Pet. 1:15.) He would not set for us an imperfect standard, but in our human weakness we fall below this standard. Then what? Here is the answer: I John 2:1. We are warned against the claim of sinlessness. I John 1:10. It is the will of God that we be sanctified. (I Thess. 4:3.) But what is sanctification? Not sinlessness — but set-apartness. We are set apart as God's property forever, the moment we receive Christ as Saviour. (See Heb. 10:10.) In practical experience we should as we continue in the Christian life, become more and more set apart unto the service of God. Only when we stand with the redeemed in glory will we be fully and completely sanctified, and all that we should be.

Christians can live "blameless"

lives, and should do it. Such was the prayer of Paul for some Christians. (I Thess. 5:23) To live blameless lives is to live with the constant motive of pleasing God and doing His will. But there is an immense difference between being blameless and being perfect.

Christians can live with no known sin unrepented of and unconfessed. This is the way that each Christian should live. When we discover that we have sinned, we have a remedy given us in the Scriptures. (See I John 1:9).

Undoubtedly the average Christian lives on too low a level. Sin is regarded too lightly, and too little emphasis is placed on practical holiness. But it is a serious error to assume that one is living without sin when that very claim in itself calls God a liar. The truth is, the closer one lives to the Lord and the more nearly he does His will, the more glaring will be his sin. The closer to the light we draw, the more glaring the grease spots on our garments. The persons who so loudly profess their holiness, are usually the ones who don't see their own sinfulness.

In talking with people along the line of holiness, we have often said, "Live just as holy a life as you can, but do not deceive yourself into thinking that you are sinless." Jesus taught us to pray, "forgive us our trespasses." Such instruction would be amiss if we could reach perfection. Paul, one of the greatest Christians that ever lived said that he was not perfect. (Phil. 3:13). He was pressing toward

the goal. Had he reached perfection, there would have been no goal ahead, he would have already been there.



#### Ralph A. Doty

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places. Paul reminded the Corinthians in his first letter in chapter eight that an "idol is nothing in the world and that there is none other God but one," but let me remind you again that these heathen are not worshipping IDOLS. They are worshipping SATAN. I refer to the Kapos as the idol's temple for lack of a better descriptive name but one does not see idols as such in these places, although in one of the pictures you will perhaps see a figure looking down at you from one of the main posts of the temple. They don't make an idol and set it up to represent Satan, as far as I know, but they make no bones about worshipping Satan himself. My personal opinions regarding demon possession is that demons like any one else like to be where they are appreciated. We hear of demon possession more in India and China and certain parts of South America such as in Brazil where missionaries tell me of the "Macumba" demon worship and so I think it is understandable that this island has its own share of Demons. I don't believe that Satan has the power to be omnipresent as God does; i.e. Satan can't be in every place at the same time, but the rest of the

fallen angels or demons (if they are something else) apparently roam the earth at will. But I think a demon would have tough sledding in Texas where every 7th person is a Baptist. Also things would be a little discouraging for him around most Baptists who seem to like preaching and praying and spiritual singing so much. I would say that a demon would have "slim pickin's," say, at Calvary's Bible Conference in Ashland, Kentucky! Nobody at a Bible Conference would give a poor little demon so much as a second look. Demons like to be where they are appreciated and since they WORSHIP Satan on Bougainville I suspect that this island has a large demon population.

On several occasions I have gone into these temples and they are weird places. Oddly enough, although they always appear to be deserted in the day time, soon after I arrive someone always come slinking around eyeing me suspiciously as though they thought I might be fixing to do something they wouldn't like. (In fact I just thought of something they really wouldn't like!) Anyway one somehow gets the impression that he is not quite alone when he is inside of one of these temples and one finds himself looking over his shoulder ever so often! I have no doubt but that there are many demons perched around in the following pictures. I seem to remember from the fifth chapter of Mark that demons have a certain affinity for pigs so it seems quite natural for them to hang around places where pigs are regularly sacrificed to their master Satan. These pictures may serve to give you some idea of what the two Baptist churches on Bougainville are up against as they war "not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world."

#### God... Respector?

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sons. The purpose of this article is to examine this charge of our enemies, to refute the charge, and then to turn it upon themselves, and show that Arminians teach that God is a respecter of persons.

There are two great divisions in the religious world in respect to what the Bible teaches about God's saving of sinners. These two systems have come to be identified by the names of Arminianism and Calvinism, though men in these divisions certainly do not believe all that Arminius or Calvin taught. These terms have become commonly accepted nicknames to refer to certain doctrinal systems. It is certainly foolish to accuse a man of believing all Calvin taught, or of believing because of Calvin, when he calls himself a "Calvinist." These two divisions revolve around five doctrinal positions that have come to be known as "The Five Points of Calvinism." The writer is a five pointer without reserve, apology, or compromise. These five points may be

remembered by taking the word "tulip" and letting each letter of the word stand for one of the five points.

The position of Calvinism on this subject is as follows:

1. **Total Depravity.** Man is totally depraved from birth in all his being and all his faculties. This depraved being, insofar as God and spiritual things are concerned, is totally and utterly dead and unable to do anything toward his own salvation.

2. **Unconditional election.** Out of this totality of depraved mankind, God sovereignly and unconditionally elects a multitude that no man can number to be the objects of His saving grace. Those thus unconditionally elected, God predestinates to be the recipients of present and eternal salvation.

3. **Limited Atonement.** This is, that Christ died for the elect of God. His death completely settles for their sins, and purchases their eternal salvation. Christ did not thus die for any except the elect of God.

4. **Irresistible Grace.** The Holy Spirit will effectually call all those elected by the Father and redeemed by the Son. The Holy Spirit will enable and cause them to repent of sin and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit will not try to do this. He will not fail in a single case. All the elect will be effectually brought to repentance and faith.

5. **Perseverance.** All those elected by the Father, redeemed by the Son, and called by the Spirit will be enabled and caused by the Spirit to persevere in faith. They are eternally secure, and are kept by the power of God; so that not one of them will ever be lost. All those elected in eternity past will be called and justified in time, and will be glorified in eternity future.

The position of the Arminian on salvation is as follows:

1. **Partial depravity or total depravity plus common grace.** Arminians teach either that man is only partially depraved or that he is totally depraved; and God in common grace raises all men out of total depravity into a position where they are able to reject or respond to the gospel invitation, and then, leaves it entirely up to man. This doctrine of common grace is an invention pure and simple. There is not a particle of Scriptural proof of such a doctrine. It was invented by man to get around the necessary and Scriptural results of total depravity. Thus the Arminian teaches that man is able of himself to repent and believe in Christ. Arminianism absolutely denies or seeks to evade the Biblical doctrine of total depravity. Beloved, no man can believe what the Bible teaches about the depraved condition of man, without going on to believe in all the doctrines of grace.

2. **Conditional Election.** The Arminian teaches that God foresees who among mankind will use this ability that they have and repent and believe in Christ, (Continued on page 8, column 1)



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and elects them to salvation on the condition of that foreknown faith. In other words, God elects them to be saved because He knows that they are going to be saved. Who cannot see how foolish this is, and how it reduces the glorious doctrine of election to nothingness! The Bible traces our salvation to election as the source of all our blessings. Arminianism makes nothing at all of election and only retains the term because it is forced to by the usage of Scripture. Arminians do not believe in election, but use the term to make their systems look Biblical, and thus deceive.

3. Unlimited Atonement. They say that Christ died for every person who ever lived, or will live. That he died as much for one as for another. What blasphemy is this! How dishonoring to the blood of Christ! this doctrine makes the precious blood of

Christ of no more power to save than that of bulls and goats. This doctrine makes God an unjust tyrant who punished Christ on the cross at the same time he was punishing the rich man in Hell for the same sins. This doctrine lowers the value of the precious blood of Christ, and makes it at best a contributing factor to salvation. These people ought to tear "Amazing Grace" and "Jesus Paid it All" out of their song books for they certainly do not believe what they sing.

4. Resistible Grace. Arminianism teaches that the Holy Spirit tries His best to save everyone who ever lives. That He does all that He can do, but that many resist the best efforts of the Holy Spirit and go to Hell anyway. Brethren, is this blasphemy? Who is the Holy Spirit? Is He not God? How can puny man, a worm of the earth resist the omnipotent power of God Almighty? To such absurd lengths will man go in his determined effort to leave

the flesh something in which to boast. I pause here to say that all the efforts of man to oppose the doctrines of God's grace have their origin in man's desire to boast in the flesh.

5. Falling from grace. The Arminian teaches that, as man must work to get saved, he must work to stay saved, and that it is possible for one to lose his salvation—that one can be a child of God, and yet lose out, and go to Hell. More blasphemy! More of glorying in the flesh! If this be true, man is his own Saviour, and all Heaven will ring with the praises of man. But further, if this be true, there will be no one in heaven. Man cannot start, carry on, or complete this work of salvation. It is, in its totality, a



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work of Divine power and sovereign grace. So the Arminian is guilty of heresy on every point.

There are among us today a large group who call themselves "Modified Calvinists." These mutilated half-breeds agree with the Arminian on the first four points and then cross over and agree with the Calvinist on the last point. I told a theology professor in one of their schools that this sounded more like "mutilated" than "modified." The truth is that there is an unpleasant order about Arminianism which they wish to avoid. Calvinism has an honorable history in which they wish to share. So they hold on to the name "Calvinism," while they reject what it stands for in order not to be counted as the heretics they really are. This classification includes most professed Baptist schools, preachers, and churches today. These men are dishonest men in their representation before the world. They fly one flag, while they fight for another.

Actually, the heart of the controversy revolves around election. If a man believes in sovereign and unconditional election, I will accept him as a Calvinist though he might be inconsistently and foolishly off on some of the other points. If a man conditions election on anything in man or done by man, I would not count him any kind of a Calvinist no matter what else he believes. I am satisfied this has been the historical treatment of these terms.

Now what does "respect of persons," mean? In Acts 10:34, 35, we learn that God does not save a person because he is a Jew or a Gentile—that He does not thus show respect of persons. In James 2:1-4 we learn that we are not to treat the rich better than, or differently from, the poor in our assembly, and thus show respect of persons. Webster says a respecter of persons is "One whose behavior toward people is influenced by their social status, prestige, etc."

Therefore: to show respect of persons is to treat them differently because of something in or about them. Respect of persons has nothing at all to do with treating men differently, but with the reason for so doing. That God treats men differently, all must

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admit. He treated, does treat, and will treat the Jew differently from the Gentile. He treats men differently with respect to physical and material things. He treats men differently with respect to eternity. All must admit this. This has nothing to do with respect of persons. Respect of persons has to do with why God treats men differently. The Calvinist says that in this different treatment, God does not show respect of persons - does not treat differently because of something in or about man - but exercises His sovereignty. The Arminian says that God shows respect of persons and treats men differently because of something in them or something they do.

Arminianism denies the common ground of Total Depravity upon which all mankind stands. The Arminian teaches that there is something in man for God to show respect to. They teach that God in election, is a respecter of persons, and elects because of something in man. Thus, beloved, Arminianism teaches that the acts of man are the deciding factor in his salvation. They rob God of the glory that is His due, in salvation, and give it to man. Arminianism is one of the most God dishonoring, man glorifying heresies abroad today.

Calvinism teaches that all mankind stands on the common ground of total depravity, and that there is no difference in man, for God to show respect to. Calvinism cannot be properly charged with teaching that God is a respecter of persons, for one of the basic beliefs of Calvinism is that there is nothing in man that God could show respect to, even if He wanted to. God does not elect because He foreknows what man will do, but in spite of what He knows man will never do, unless effectually called by the Holy Spirit. . . . Yes, God foreknows all about us. He foreknew that we would be vile, filthy, depraved sinners that would not repent and believe of ourselves, and He elected a multitude in spite of that, and predestinated them to partake of His saving grace. The Calvinist teaches that, in election, God is not a respecter of persons, but that God elects unconditionally according to His sovereign Will. The Calvinist sees unconditional election as the only hope that any will ever be saved, for he knows that if God placed conditions on election, no depraved sinner would ever meet these conditions, and all would go to Hell. Calvinism gives all the glory for time and eternity to God, in the matter of salvation. And Brethren, that is where it belongs. God bless you all.

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