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Strange Choices Of A Sovereign God

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"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called; But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are; That no flesh should glory in his presence."—I Cor. 1:26-29.

Verses 18-25 of this chapter tell us what God does often seems foolish in the eyes of men. Verses 26-31 illustrates this truth, and shows us that God in His sovereign choice often makes choices that are strange and foolish in the eyes of men.

Salvation originates in the election of God. God's Word says: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world."—Eph. 1:4.

The "all spiritual" blessings of verse 3, some of which are enumerated in verses 4-14, had their source in the election of verse 4. Man's salvation does not originate in himself. It does not originate in the desire of man. Man's desires are contrary to God, and until he is drawn and made alive by the Holy Spirit of God, no man ever has the least hunger, or thirst, or desire for God's salvation. Man is satisfied and delights in sin and filth. He wallows in sin. He loves his sin, and he has not the least desire for God's salvation, until operated on by the Holy Spirit of God. It does not begin in the will of man; it does not begin

in the actions that men perform, but our salvation originates in the desire of God. God has an eternal desire for the salvation of His elect people.

Oh, the wonder that a thrice-holy God would desire fellowship and eternal relationship with us of the earth! I cannot explain why God was not content to let a world go to Hell. I cannot understand what the Shepherd saw in the little sheep, and what the little sheep added to the hazards of the Shepherd, that made Him go to such awful length to bring His elect to Himself. But I know that our salvation has its origin in the heart of God — in the desire of God, that we be saved.

It has its origin in the will of God. God purposed before the World began to save people, and our salvation started then. It has its origin in the acts of God — in the death of Christ on Calvary, and in the effectual working of the Holy Spirit. So we'll never understand, and we'll never properly appreciate salvation until we go back to that hour when we were saved and regenerated — back into the everlasting covenant and see that our salvation began not on a certain night in time, but began in the everlasting covenant when the Father, and the Son, and the Spirit covenanted together to accomplish the salvation of God's people.

This doctrine of election is a Bible doctrine. It is not hid away in some obscure corner of the Bible, but over, and over, and over again the glorious truth of God's unconditional election of His people shines forth in the precious Word of God.

"Ye have not chosen me, but I HAVE CHOSEN you." — John 15:16.

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning CHOSEN YOU to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." — II Thess. 2:13.

Sound Baptists have always, and still do, and always will stand for the doctrines of sovereign grace. The man that does not stand for them, and the church that does not stand on these truths, has lost its right to wear that blood-spattered name of Baptists; and they are going traitor to the flag that they fly, and they have stolen the name that has been worn proudly through the years of human history. Certainly, it is a name they do not deserve. Election is a Baptist doctrine.

God, electing to salvation, did not choose on human principles. Man always chooses, or elects, on condition, because of what he sees in the object of his choice, or what he hopes to get out of the object of his choice, but God's election is sovereign and unconditional.

"I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy."—Rom. 9:15. Apart from any consideration of the worthiness or unworthiness of its object, God's election moves. God does not even take into



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consideration our merit, but He chooses according to His own sovereign will. So then it is not him that winneth or him that runneth, but of God that is pleased to have mercy.

God's choice often seems strange to man. Young girls gather at a wedding, and watch the lucky girl go forward to be married to the fellow, that they had hoped to get, and they say, "What does he see in her?" Well, that is the way it is in election — what does God see in him. Oftentimes when we see the object of God's saving grace, we wonder, and are amazed — what did God see in him, or her, that before the world began He made that one the ob-

The Absolute Importance Of Preaching The Word Of God

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"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." — I Cor. 1:18.

In the preceding verses of I Corinthians 1, Paul pointed out many different doctrines. In the entire first chapter, Paul spoke about sanctification. He spoke about effectual calling. He spoke about the believer's standing in grace. He spoke about the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He spoke about the perseverance of the saints. He spoke of the need of unity. He spoke about preaching the gospel. He spoke about baptism. He spoke about salvation. He spoke about the power of God. He spoke about the wisdom of God. He spoke about election. He spoke about the doctrine of righteousness. He spoke about the doctrine of redemption. If we are going to consider the Word of God, truly we could consider I Corinthians 1 as the Word of God. It contains so many doctrines that are taught throughout the Word of God, and are such a blessing to us.

First of all, Paul started out by pointing out to the Corinthian believers their standing in grace in general. He pointed out the grace of God that had been bestowed upon them.

Then Paul went on to rebuke the Corinthian people for their

division. He said:

"I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided?"—I Cor. 1:13.

Paul was endeavoring to point out to the believers in Christ that they were not to be a divided body — that the believers in the



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Lord Jesus were to stick together, and be unified.

That is the only way that any individual who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, can effectively serve God. That is the only way he can effectively bring people to

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ject of His everlasting love? and the subject of His saving grace. Strange choice of a sovereign God!

Jacob

Jacob was one of those. Jacob came from the womb holding to the heel of his brother Esau, and he got the name Jacob, which means "heel-snatcher." That characterized him through life as "heel-snatcher" — constantly deceiving and tripping up.

His life was characterized when he lied to his dad, and stole the blessing. He didn't have to do that. He didn't get the blessing because of Rebecca and his deceit. God had purposed before the world began to give Jacob that blessing, but he was characterized by that. Certainly Esau was as deserving, if not more so, yet God in His sovereignty said:

"Esau have I hated."—Rom. 9:13.

God hated him from all eternity, and He will hate him through all eternity. He didn't hate Esau because Esau was worse than Jacob. In His sovereignty He passed over Esau and left him to go to an eternal Hell, and picked out Jacob, who was undeserving and unworthy, and made him the object of His everlasting love

Naaman

Naaman was an example of a strange choice of God. Naaman, in Syria, was a great man in the eyes of the world. He was a military leader, but he was a leper. All of his natural goodness was spoiled by his disease of leprosy.

"And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet, and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian."—Luke 4:27.

There were many lepers that were as deserving as Naaman, and they were perhaps poorer and more needy than Naaman, yet God passed by the lepers in Israel, and went to Syria and picked an undeserving leper, and made him the object of His saving grace.

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SAY, ARE YOU GOD'S WIFE?

The following touching incident which drew tears from my eyes, was related to me by a dear friend who heard it from an eyewitness. It occurred in the great city of New York, on one of the cold days in February.

A little boy about ten years old was standing before a shoe-store on Broadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold.

A lady riding up the street in a beautiful carriage, drawn by horses finely caparisoned, observed the little fellow in his forlorn condition, and immediately ordered the driver to draw up and stop in front of the store. The lady richly dressed in silk, alighted from her carriage, went quickly to the boy and said:

"My little fellow, why are you looking so earnestly in that window?"

"I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes," was the reply.

The lady took him by the hand and went into the store, and asked the proprietor if he would allow one of his clerks to go and buy half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. He readily assented. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel.

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The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"PARTAKERS"

"For we are made partakers of Christ."—Heb. 3:14.

I have been impressed in my study of the Word of God by the number of dislocated disciples we find in the Bible. By that, I mean those who love the Lord, but who got out of step, and harmony and fellowship with our Lord. I like to call them dislocated disciples.

For example, in the very early chapters of Genesis you will find Adam and Eve banished from the Garden of Eden. They lost their fellowship with God by eating of the forbidden fruit. When we find them outside of Eden's Garden, or even before they were put out of Eden's Garden — when

they were hiding from the Lord, you can say that they were dislocated disciples.

Then Abraham and Sarah, in a time of famine, left the land of Canaan and went down into the land of Egypt. There isn't a question in my mind that they were outside of the will of God. When Abraham left the land of the Ur of the Chaldees, he was told to follow God wherever God led him, and God led him to Canaan. God didn't lead him down into Egypt. He went into Egypt because there was a famine in the land of Canaan. He should have stayed in the promised land whither God had led him, and God would have taken

care of him. God never leads any man any place without God taking care of him. I look upon Abraham and Sarah in the land of Egypt as dislocated disciples.

Then I see Lot in the city of Sodom, sitting in the gate of the city carrying on the business of the city. He had no business there. The Bible says that Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the plains of the Jordan that they were well watered and fertile, and said, "Abraham, if it doesn't make any difference to you, I'll take the plains of the Jordan and that will leave you the hill section." The next few verses say that Lot lifted up his eyes and

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pitched his tent toward Sodom.

Now, beloved, there wasn't a thing wrong with Lot living in Sodom, but the wrong was that Sodom got to living in Lot. There is not anything wrong with Calvary Baptist Church being in Ashland, but the wrong is when Ashland gets to living in Calvary Baptist Church. When Lot got over into the city of Sodom and became a big man in the city, the Word of God tells us that his testimony didn't amount to anything. He barely got out of the city with his life, when judgment fell upon the city. As I look upon Lot and his wife there in the city of Sodom, I certainly look upon Lot as a dislocated disciple.

Then I think about Ruth's mother-in-law, Naomi. I think about how she and her husband and their two sons left the land of Canaan at the time of a famine, trusting the arm of the flesh, and went out into the foreign country of Moab, depending on what they could see and what they could hope to gain, because they thought there was food there, instead of staying in the land of Canaan, and trusting God. By and by we find that Naomi's husband died and the two sons died. She is left a widow with two daughters-in-law that likewise are widows. I think the Word of God would indicate that all three of those deaths came because Naomi and her husband were out of the place where God put them. They were dislocated disciples. When she is left a widow, the two daughters-in-law are likewise widows—I think we can say that all this is an indication that Naomi was definitely a dislocated disciple.

I might tell you about Samson who laid his head over in the lap of Delilah. I might tell you how he got a haircut. I might tell you how his head was shaved. I might tell you how as a

result of this experience that he not only lost his vision and became a slave to the Philistines, but later on he lost his life as a prisoner of the Philistines. When I look at Samson with his new haircut, and when I see Delilah who must have thought of herself as quite a success in that she had conquered this man of God, I think of Samson grinding at the mill and I say surely he was a dislocated disciple.

See old Samson as he goes round and round and round at the sweep of the mill. Hear the chains as they clank. Look at him and say, "Who is that old blind fellow they are using in place of a steer to pull this mill?"—that is Samson, "Do you mean that this is the man that picked up the jawbone of an ass and killed a thousand Philistines?" That is the same man. "Do you mean that this is the man who because of his strength and physical ability, was able to pick up the city gate, and pull the posts of the gate out of the ground and carry it all six miles on his back and set them down on the pinnacle of the topmost hill and shout back to the Philistines and say, 'Here they are; come on and get them!'" That is the same man. He is now blind and grinding at the mill—for one reason. Samson is a dislocated disciple.

I see Elijah sitting down under a juniper tree, and he has lost his courage. The day before he was a rather courageous preacher. He stood up in the presence of the king and queen, 850 false preachers, and a whole congregation on a mountainside, and defied them all in the name of his God. But I see him now as he sets down there in the wilderness under that juniper tree and says, "Lord, let me die." He didn't mean it. He didn't want to die. He could have stayed where he was. Jezebel would have accommodated him. She would have taken care of that little matter for him. If he had really wanted to die, he didn't have to run. He could have stayed where he was, and Jezebel would have seen to it that his head would have rolled off, just like he himself rolled off the heads of 850 false preachers. He didn't mean it, but he said it anyway, just like you and I say things when we are discouraged, and out of fellowship with the Lord. I look at Elijah, and think of him there under the juniper tree, as a picture of discouragement, a victim of despair, and I say he is another dislocated disciple.

I see Jonah running away from God, and running directly into the arms of God. When I see Jonah running from duty and getting closer to duty all the time—when I see Jonah fleeing, but instead of getting away from the task that God had laid out for him, he gets into the task that God has for him—when I see that prophet when the fish found he had something in his stomach that he couldn't digest, I can understand how it was that that fish had to vomit him. Beloved, a Hardshell Baptist preacher that didn't want to

preach to the lost is enough to make a fish sick at his stomach. It makes me sick to meet up with anybody that doesn't want to preach to the lost. I can see that old fish as he said, "My, I am going to have to watch my food after this: I can't stand this one," and old Jonah came tumbling out not too far from the city of Ninevah, right where God wanted him. Beloved, I look at him when he is on that ship, and I look at him when he is in the belly of the fish, and I say that he was surely a dislocated disciple. He wasn't where God wanted him then, but God put him where He wanted him, by way of the fish.

I have mentioned all this (and I could have mentioned dozens of others) that are spoken of in the Bible, which show us how people can be dislocated, and out of fellowship, and become thereby dislocated disciples. This morning I want to tell you some things that you and I have partaken of, that I trust will be the means of keeping you from ever being a dislocated disciple.

I. WE HAVE PARTAKEN OF DIVINE NATURE.

We read: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE."—II Pet. 1:4.

Am I to understand from this that every man who is a believer in Jesus Christ has partaken of the divine nature—that he has something of God on the inside of him?

That is why I say if a man is saved, and has partaken of the divine nature, he can never be lost—he can never go to Hell, and he can never lose his salvation. If a man who is saved and has partaken of divine nature were to go to Hell, then something of God would have to go to Hell, because that man that is saved is a partaker of divine nature.

That is why I insist that if a person is saved, he ought to live a different kind of life to what he has lived before. He has something of God inside him. Beloved, a saved man ought to talk a little bit like God, he ought to walk a little bit like God, he ought to act a little bit like God, and the world ought to be able to see something of God in his life, because after all, he has God inside him—he is a partaker of divine nature. I contend that if you are not going to become a dislocated disciple, one thing that will keep you from becoming such, is a realization that you have something of God inside you—a divine nature that has come from God.

II. WE ARE PARTAKERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

I believe that every saved man is only saved because the Holy Spirit has taken up His residence within his life. I don't believe God saves a man like the Campbellites teach. I don't believe God saves a man like the Catholics say. I don't believe God saves a man as the majority of the Protestant churches teach—by obedience. Instead, I believe every man that is saved is a partaker of the Holy Spirit. Listen: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were MADE PARTAKERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."—Heb. 6:4.

I have heard preachers do a lot of laboring and arguing so far as this verse of Scripture is concerned. I heard one a short time ago that really labored and sweated. He had a hard time with this verse of Scripture trying to say that it only indicated that these Hebrews to whom Paul was

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PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS. Before our Lord in sovereign grace saved me out of a life of sin, I became very familiar with these brash words, for they were spoken often by my gambling buddies. It is possible to learn some things, even from the world. Jesus said, "for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." Luke 16:8b. "Put your money where your mouth is" simply means that if you truly think something is a winner, and say so, you will support your words with monetary evidence (namely, money).

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HENRY C. HALL
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writing had just been under conviction, and hadn't really been saved, that instead of having partaken of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit had just gone along with them.

Now, beloved, that was what the preacher said. It is not what God said. God says they were made partakers of the Holy Spirit. I contend this morning that everybody that is saved has partaken of the Holy Spirit, and if you have the Holy Spirit inside you, surely you are a child of God. One thing that will keep a man working for the Lord, and living for the Lord, is the fact that he knows he is a partaker of the Holy Spirit.

Do you realize if you are saved, you have the Holy Spirit within you? Oh, what sins we

humiliate the Holy Spirit by! Every time we commit sin, we humiliate the Holy Spirit because He observes and sees the things that we do.

I made a statement like that once years ago, and I said that every time you go into one of these filthy, lascivious movie houses, you force the Holy Spirit to sit through that same movie that you see." A woman said to me, "No, Brother Gilpin, that isn't so. The Holy Spirit leaves you when you go inside. He stays on the outside." Beloved, that is not so. We are a partaker of the Holy Spirit. He becomes a part of you, and you partake of him, and every time you sin you force the Holy Spirit to witness that

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I say beloved that ought to keep each of us walking mighty close to the Lord. That ought to cause each of us to attempt to live that we are not to become a dislocated disciple. We are to fall back on this truth—if the Holy Spirit is within us we partake of Him.

III.

WE ARE PARTAKERS OF HIS HOLINESS.

Does an unsaved man have any holiness? Nothing to brag about, though most people do brag about their holiness. The majority of unsaved people, especially religious leaders, do a lot of bragging about their righteousness and their holiness, but actually their righteousness and their holiness is only their own idea. It is only a self-righteousness. Listen:

"And all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."—Isa. 64:6.

Even the things we boast about—the good things we think we do, in the sight of God are just as filthy rags.

When a man is saved, he partakes of the holiness, or the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen:

"For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure: but he for our profit, that we might be PARTAKERS OF HIS HOLINESS."—Heb. 12:10.

"For he hath made him who knew no sin to be sin for us; that we might be made the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD in him."—II Cor. 5:21.

Two thousand years ago at Calvary, God took my sins, and your sins, and the sins of all of God's elect, all the way along to the last man that will ever be saved, and God put those sins over on Jesus Christ, so that Jesus died with imputed sins—not actual sins, but imputed sins. Now that we are saved, God takes the righteousness of Jesus Christ and puts it over on every one of us so that we are clothed in His righteousness, or His holiness, so when God sees us today, He sees us not as the depraved, disgusting sinners that we are, but He sees us clothed in the righteousness of His Son. Jesus Christ got my sins at the cross, and I got His righteousness the day that I believed, and I am thereby a partaker of His holiness.

Isn't it wonderful to know that you have on Jesus' clothes—that you are clothed in His righteousness? Years ago, after I preached one night, a man came out of the building rather furiously irritated, and said, "I'll not go to Heaven in another man's coat." I said, "Brother, if you ever go there, you'll go in another man's coat, for you'll go there clothed in the righteousness of the Son of God. You'll not go there clothed in your own righteousness."

Yes, beloved, we have been made a partaker of the divine nature, a partaker of the Holy Spirit, and a partaker of His holiness.

IV.

WE ARE PARTAKERS OF HIS SUFFERINGS.

We read:

"But rejoice, inasmuch as ye

are PARTAKERS OF CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS."—I Pet. 4:13.

As the song says:

"Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the
prize,
And sailed thro' bloody seas?

Sure I must fight, if I would
reign;
Increase my courage, Lord;
I'll bear the toil, endure the
pain,
Supported by Thy word."

If you are a saved person, you can expect to be a partaker of the sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Don't expect to have an easy time in life. When I was a boy I used to hear preachers say, "Just come to Jesus Christ, and be saved, and you'll never have anything to worry you from now on." Beloved, if those preachers told the truth, I am an unsaved man, because every since I was saved, I have been like the Jews, travelling from Egypt to Canaan—God has been leading me through the wilderness. I say, I just believe those preachers lied. I don't think they told the truth.

I see the Jews when they came out of the land of Egypt, and went across the Red Sea, over into the wilderness. It took them 40 years to get out of the wilderness. Finally, they crossed over the Jordan River, and into the land of Canaan. Beloved, God could have led them in just a few days' time to Canaan, but He didn't do it. Instead, He led them in the wilderness for 40 years.

When God saved us, He could have knocked us in the head, and taken us on to Glory, and He would have done us a tremendous favor if He had. But He doesn't do it. He led the children of Israel out of Egypt. They were baptized in the Red Sea. They wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Then they finally crossed the Jordan into Canaan. Likewise, God leads us out of the Egypt of this world. We are properly and scripturally baptized at the hands of His church. He leads us through the wilderness. We suffer along through the wilderness for a lifetime, and then we cross over the chilly waters of the Jordan, even death itself, to be in an eternal, everlasting Canaan with Him. Beloved, the most of our lives are given over to suffering. That is what Peter is talking about—we are partakers of His sufferings.

I turn to the words of the Lord Jesus Christ when He said:

"And ye shall be HATED OF ALL MEN for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. But when they PERSECUTE YOU in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, HOW MUCH MORE shall they call them of his household?"—Mt. 10:22-25.

Don't be surprised, beloved, if the world calls you a devil. They called Jesus a devil. The "Master

of the house" had a hard time, and you can expect a hard time too. Our Lord suffered. Our Lord went through difficulties, and you and I can expect them too because we are made partakers of His sufferings.

It is good for us that we have such experiences. Wouldn't you and I be about the worst Christians in the world if everything went right with us—if everything moved smoothly and worked out just like we would like for it to? When I have a few day's time when everything just goes smoothly (of course, smooth for me would be rough for most people), I say, "Lord, I must not be living right. I must not be doing the right thing. I wonder what is wrong." I tell you, you and I need to remember that we have been made partakers of His sufferings, and we needn't be surprised if we have to suffer a little for the cause of Christ.

I'll say this: I think the future holds some suffering in store for the man who is going to stand up for the Word of God. I ask, is there one bit of difference between me taking a black jack, and hitting you in the head, and stealing your money, than for the Roman Catholic Church to coerce and force representatives and senators of the United States to hand over money in behalf of parochial schools? I don't see one bit of difference. I am not saying what I plan to do, and I am not saying what others will do, but I have in mind there will be some preachers that will stand up for the Word of God to the extent that there will be some suffering in the next few years before they pay taxes for such a thing.

I am saying to you, brother, sister, you needn't be surprised if you are called on to suffer some. It is so much easier to go along with the world. It is so much easier to keep still about the Romanists and let them run over everybody, and steal our country. It is so much easier to do that. Beloved, I am going to have to stand in the presence of my God some of these days, and give an account to Him, and when I do, I want to be sure that I have partaken of His sufferings.

V

WE ARE PARTAKERS OF HIS CHASTISEMENTS.

We read:

"But if ye be without CHASTISEMENT, WHEREOF ALL ARE PARTAKERS then are ye bastards, and not sons."—Heb. 12:8.

This would tell us if you are a saved person, God is going to chasten you. Here is a church member who lives his life and is never chastened. What does it say about him? He is a bastard, a spiritual illegitimate—he has never been born of the Spirit of God.

I think of individuals that I have known intimately through the years—some of them church members—but they don't love the Lord. They don't live for the Lord. They don't contend for His Word. And God doesn't whip them. They have a whole lot easier time than I have, and whole lot easier time than you have. I ask, why does this fellow live for the world and never have any trouble? He is a Baptist preacher,

and he still has no trouble like I have. Then I come back to this text, and I read where God says that such individuals are spiritual illegimates—they have never been born of the Spirit of God.

Yes, beloved, when we are saved, we are made partakers of His chastisements.

Let's look at that church at Corinth. There were some saved people in that church. How do we know it? They couldn't abuse the Lord's Supper without getting whipped. They didn't stop, and finally God had to lay some of them low, and put them in the grave. Why? Because they abused the Lord's Supper. Yet Baptist Churches all over America (or Baptist Churches in name) go on observing the Lord's Supper just exactly like they did back there at Corinth and nothing ever happens to them. Why? Somebody says God has changed His plans—God has changed His methods of dealing. No, no, beloved, I'll tell you why: because there is not a saved person within such a church. If there were, God would treat them exactly like God treated the people at Corinth.

I dare say there is many and many a so-called Baptist Church today that has a Baptist preacher in the pulpit that is an unsaved man, where the deacons are unsaved, where the teachers are unsaved, and that there is not one single saved person within the church. I tell you, God will not tolerate the abuse of the Lord's table. He didn't pass it by at Corinth. If He didn't pass it by back there, you needn't think He is going to pass it by today when a church practices communion like they did in Corinth.

Yes, beloved, we are partakers of His chastisements.

VI

WE ARE PARTAKERS OF HIS CONSOLATION.

Our Lord consoles us in times of difficulty. Isn't it wonderful to know—

"Never a heartache, and never a groan,
Never a teardrop, and never a moan;
Never a danger but there on the throne,
Moment by moment He thinks of His own."

I tell you, beloved, He consoles us.

We read:

"And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as ye are PARTAKERS of the sufferings SO SHALL YE BE ALSO OF THE CONSOLATION."—II Cor. 1:7.

Doesn't God console His people? Doesn't God console you when you have your troubles? You get sick, you get in the hospital, you have all kinds of aches and pains and financial worries, and you say, "Why does God let me—?" Beloved, don't say it. Don't even think it. A sovereign God is controlling your life, and that sovereign God has brought you to this position in order that you might be a partaker of His consolation.

Romans 8:28 still means today exactly what it meant in the days of the Apostle Paul, for it says:

"And we know that ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD to them that love

God to them who are the called according to his purpose."

I read again:

"In EVERY THING give thanks; for THIS is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."—I Thess. 5:18.

Notice, it doesn't say in all the good things, but it says, "In every thing give thanks."

I know sometimes things get mighty rough, and I think I have had just about my share of problems so far as this world is concerned. I think about some of the problems we have had in the last few years, and I say I could not stand that—I couldn't live under that. But who am I to complain? We have a sovereign God who controls all things, and if He calls us to partake of His sufferings, there'll also be some consolation that He will allow us to partake of. I say, we are partakers of His consolation.

VII

WE ARE GOING TO BE PARTAKERS OF THE GLORY.

We read:

"The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a PARTAKER OF THE GLORY that shall be revealed."—I Pet. 5:1.

Some of these days I am going to live in a mansion. Jesus Himself said:

"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."—John 14:2.

Jesus said there are many mansions over there, and every saved person has a mansion waiting for him. Some of these days I am going to live in a mansion. Some of these days I am going to walk on streets made of gold. While some people pride themselves about concrete highways in this world, some of them are going to walk on highways of fire in the future, but I am going to walk on streets paved with gold.

We worry a lot about the devaluation of the quarter. Every time somebody hands me a quarter in change today, I feel like I am getting robbed. I feel like I am not getting back a quarter. We talk about the gold standard—on the gold standard, off the gold standard; and we talk about the disappearance of the gold. What is happening to it? Beloved, I am not worried one particle about it because I am only going to be in this world for a little while. But some of these days, I am going to walk on streets that are made of gold, and it won't be made out of a single bar they have at Fort Knox. They can keep every bit of it at Fort Knox and I am still going to walk on streets made with gold.

I am also going to have angel's food for my dinner. Everybody that knows me knows I like to eat. Everybody that looks at me knows I have done a lot of it too. I tell you, there's been many a chicken that has entered the ministry by way of this preacher. I love to eat. But some of these days I am going to eat angel's

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"Are the people we know today as Jews, God's chosen people — the Israel people of the Bible? Can we equate our Saviour with the anti-Christ elements who surround us today known as Jews?"

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"There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer who shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. For this is MY COVENANT with them, when I shall take away their sins."

If the ten tribes were lost James didn't know it, for he addresses his epistle to "the twelve tribes scattered abroad" (Jas. 1:1) and he was not speaking about Englishmen either!

I have known from the time I first began to read the Bible that God would restore the Jews (Israel) to their own land but I didn't know that I would see it happen. It has happened before our very eyes. When the new Jewish state was formed what did they call it? They called it ISRAEL. God saw to it that that name was given to it. I made a trip to Palestine to see what had happened with my own eyes. I found a restored nation made up of people from more than sixty countries of the world. The development of Palestine has been phenomenal. Much that was malarial marsh has been transformed into lovely farms, and as predicted "the waste place" has been made to "bloom and blossom as the rose."

God is fulfilling His word in the most astonishing manner in connection with the Jewish people. They have miraculously won three wars that was waged against them by vastly superior numbers. Jesus said (Luke 21) that the Jews would be carried away captive into all nations, and that Jerusalem should be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. Although they had been restored to Palestine, when I was there, the old part of Jerusalem, was still being trodden down by the Gentiles, but what has happened? A bit over a year ago, the Jews conquered and took over ALL of Jerusalem. This has to mean that the times of the Gentiles has come to an end. We are headed for some astonishing times.

The questioner wants to know if we can "equate our Saviour with the anti-Christ elements who surround us today known as Jews?" The answer is, we can certainly identify our Saviour with the Jewish race. He was thus identified when he was crucified for God saw to it that a sign was placed over his head reading "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS." (Matt. 27:37). True, many Jews of today are anti-Christ in attitude, and they have been foremost among the disturbers of this world. For this, they shall receive adequate punishment. A terrible time is ahead for the Christ rejecting Jews. They shall be prime sufferers during the Great Tribulation that is ahead, but the Messiah shall return, and they shall turn to him and receive him, and shall come to enjoy the blessings promised by the prophets. If you want

to get the picture more fully, turn to Zechariah and read chapters 12 and 13.

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Yes, the people we know today as the Jews, are God's chosen nation among the nations of this world. They (Jews) are the descendants of Jacob; thus they are the Israel of the Bible. It was to these Jews (Israel) that God promised perpetuity.

"And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the Lord their God. But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the Lord." Lev. 26:44-45.

In these two verses there is revealed God's promise of perpetuity, not only the promise but also the reason why they are to be perpetuated, and that reason was because of the covenant God made with their ancestors. God has kept His promise to the ancestors of the Jews; thus they have been preserved in every century. There has not been a time since the time of Jacob that Israel has ceased to exist. In fact Christ tells us that the Jews are not to pass away.

"Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." Matt. 24:34.

Thus they (Israel) whom God chose from among the nations of the earth, are the people we know today as the Jew, or the Israel of the Bible. They were chosen by God as a nation, not as to individual salvation, for we read:

"For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly: neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh; But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." Rom. 2:28-29.

Among those whom God chose as a nation are a number that He has chosen to be His children. There are many who make up physical Israel who are not among those who make up spiritual Israel. Therefore we cannot equate our Saviour among those who make up physical Israel any more than we can equate Him with those, whom He walked among while on earth. To the leaders of physical Israel He said:

"Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, you make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves." Matt. 23:15.

He was not associated with those among Israel whom he called the children of hell in His first advent, neither can we associate Him now with the same group who are anti-Christ in spirit.

When our Saviour comes to Israel, as King of Kings, the anti-Christ elements will have been destroyed in the judgments of the Tribulation Period, and those who remain will have been quickened by the Spirit, and new hearts and new spirits placed within them; with these, His children He will be associated forevermore.

Therefore the people we know

today as Jews are the physical Israel of the Bible, whom God chose as a nation among the nations.

In the book of Ezra we read of King Cyrus saying, "Who is there among you of all his people? His God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel, (He is the God) which is in Jerusalem." (Ezra 1:3).

Later in the same book we read of the people working on the restoration and word was sent to King Artaxerxes about it.

"Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up

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from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city." (Ezra 4:12).

I have quoted these two portions in order to show that the Jews of the Bible are the chosen people of God known as the Israelites.

The chosen nation has the promise of God that she will always be.

"... and I will establish my covenant with him (Isaac) for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him." (Gen. 18:19). Isaiah 49:5 and 6 speaks of preserving and restoring Israel. From all the Scriptures that teach this, plus the fact that if God chooses a person or a nation, it is an eternal choosing.

As to equating Christ with anyone is absurd. We cannot equal Christ. There is none equal to Christ. We can say that the Jews — who do not believe in Christ are still God's chosen nation. Each individual Jew must be saved first as individual Gentiles must be saved. Even so as a nation it is preserved.

Jeremiah speaks of them as lost and scattered sheep, but nevertheless still sheep. (Chapter 50). The day will come when Israel will turn to God and worship Christ as King.

Yes, the Jews we know today are the children of Israel, and as such they are God's people in the sense that they are His chosen nation of people. The children of Israel never were His chosen people in the sense that they were all born-again saints. But they were His nation of people in that His dealings with mankind was limited exclusively to them for many centuries. The Gentile nations were simply passed by, and to a great extent, permitted to go their own pernicious ways. Ar-

minians today would call that "showing partiality," but in reality God was just being God and doing as it pleased Him to do. That's the way He does it today. The term "Jew" originally

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meant an inhabitant of Judah. Upon the death of Solomon the nation was divided into two nations, Israel and Judah. So a Jew was one who lived in Judah. But, after the children of Israel were scattered over the earth, the term "Jew" is used to distinguish the children of Israel from the Gentiles.

However, the Jews today are in Ezekiel's valley of very dry bones spiritually speaking. In Ezek. 37:11 God says, "These bones are the whole house of Israel." And in verse 12 He tells them, "I will cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel." This looks like a resurrection scene, but it is not. In I Thes. 4:16-17 we see the dead in Christ being raised and caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, but here the Jews are brought into the land of Israel. So the graves here in Ezek. 37:12 are the nations of the earth in which the Jews are enclosed by restrictive laws.

In Hos. 6:1-2 we hear the Jews as they say, "Come, and let us return unto the Lord; for He hath torn, and He will heal us: He hath smitten, and He will bind us up. After two days (2,000 years, see II Pet. 3:8) He will revive us: in the third day (the millennium) He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight." But let us remember, they do all this, because the Lord has given them the desire to come to Him, and also the ability to come to Him.

I have no more trouble equating our Saviour with the anti-Christ Jews of today than I do with the children of Israel in Egypt, or in the wilderness. The Jews, like the Gentiles, are a totally and spiritually dead people in their natural state. And they will remain that way throughout all eternity unless our Lord, in His infinite mercy and grace, sees fit to quicken them. There is not a Jew living on this earth today who hates our Saviour any more than did Saul of Tarsus as he walked that road toward Damascus that day.

There is a lot of misconception as to why God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt and into the land of Canaan. Many people seem to think that He did it because they were worshipping and serving Him. But Joshua told these people in Josh. 24:14 some (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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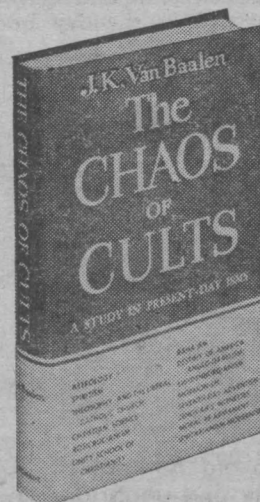
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sixty years after they had come out of Egypt to "put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood (should be river), and in Egypt." Not only is Joshua saying their fathers served idol gods in Egypt, but he is saying that they are still dragging those old gods along with them, else why does he tell them to put away these gods?

In Ezek. 20:6-8 God tells us that the children of Israel rebelled against Him and refused to forsake the idols of Egypt. And, furthermore, in Ex. 14:12 they told Moses to "Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians." They did not even want to leave Egypt until God gave them that desire. So why would God deliver people who were serving idol gods, and who did not even want to be delivered?

We find in Gen. 15:13 that God said unto Abram, "know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them: and they shall afflict them four hundred years." Then in verse 16 He says, "But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again." God did not say I hope they will come hither (that is, back to Canaan) again. He said they shall come HITHER again. So, in Ex. 2:24 we are told that God remembered His covenant with Abraham. And in Ezek.

33:9 He says, "I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they were." He had said that after these people had been afflicted four hundred years they SHALL come hither again. He had also said that it would be in the fourth generation. Now the four hundred years of affliction had ended, and the fourth generation (Levi, Kohath, Amram and Moses) had come on the scene. So now God must bring the children of Israel back to Canaan even though they were serving idol gods and did not want to leave Egypt. If He did not do so His word would fail and His name would be forever ruined.

That is exactly why God will restore the Jews to Israel and sign over them. In Ezek. 36:24 He says, "I will take you from among the heathen (nations), and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land." And in Ezek. 37: He says, "I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen (nations), whither they have gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land." Then in verse 21 He says, "And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David (Jesus Christ) shall be their prince for ever." Please note, God does not say I will if they will. He says I will, and that makes it binding upon Him. Even though the Jews are anti-

Christ today, still God must do all these wonderful things for them. If He does not do what He has said He would do, His precious Word will fail, and His great name will be polluted before the heathen among whom they dwell. You see, beloved, if the Jews were not anti-Christ they just might feel that they should share with our Lord the credit for what He plans to do for them. But in that wonderful coming day the Jew will be forced to join in with Paul of old and say, "By the grace of God I am what I am." The Jew of today is not one whit more anti-Christ than Paul was when he started for Damascus that day.



Preaching The Word

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the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that anyone who is a true Christian could testify to the fact that one of the greatest troubles in this day and time is the disunity of the churches — the bickering and the quarreling — trying to get rid of the pastor, and the pastor trying to get rid of the members. We don't find too much unity, but we find that it is taught in the Word of God, that we should be unified as a body of Christ, and should not be split up, because when a house is divided against itself, it cannot stand. The Lord Jesus Christ spoke forth for this stand.

Foolishness Of The Cross

Paul stated that the preaching of the cross of Christ was foolishness to those that are perishing. As we witness to people in our day and time, as we testify unto them of their need of the Lord Jesus Christ, as we point out to them that they are lost sinners regardless of their moral standing in this life, they think that the preaching of the cross is foolishness. They will not laugh in your face, but when you turn your back, they will laugh about your preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. They will laugh about the blood atonement.

Paul said it was no different in his day. The people of his day thought it was foolishness — that it was a stumbling block unto the Jews, and was foolishness unto the Greeks. We find that it is still true in our day, and that people consider the gospel of Jesus Christ, the cross, His burial and His resurrection to be foolishness.

I want you to notice some Biblical recordings that sounded foolish in their day. In Genesis 3:1-7, God had made man, and made man a mate, and placed them in the Garden of Eden to dress the garden. We find that God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden. When the serpent came to Eve, he said, "Eve, can you not eat of every tree in the garden?" She said, "We can eat of every tree in the garden except the tree in the midst of the garden — the tree of knowledge of good and evil, because God told us the day in

which we ate of this tree, we would die." Then Satan spoke forth and said, "You shall not die, but God knows when you eat of this, you shall become gods in yourself. You will be able to decide between good and evil." Then the Word of God tells us:

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened." — Gen. 3:6, 7.

That may have sounded foolish to Eve why God would make a beautiful garden like the Garden of Eden, would furnish trees throughout that garden, would supply that garden with many different rivers to water the garden, and then would plant a tree there, and tell Adam and Eve not to eat of that fruit. Though it may have sounded foolish to her, when she ate of that fruit, and when Adam ate of that fruit, what God had said would happen, came to pass. God meant exactly what He said.

Preach The Word

God still means what He said, in our day, and we are to preach the Word.

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his

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kingdom; PREACH THE WORD; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." — II Tim. 4:1-5.

Notice that Paul said to Timothy, "Watch thou in all things."

This is something that we ministers are not doing in our day. We are trying to preach the Word and are not watching in all things.

He said to endure affliction and do the work of an evangelist, and to make full proof of your ministry, for the preaching of the cross is unto those that are perishing, foolishness.

Someone has made the statement that the Bible contains the Word of God. No, the Bible is the Word of God.

We need a revival of the doctrines of grace, and we need a revival of the preaching of church truth. Even though we need a revival of these, we cannot have an unbalanced ministry. We must be well balanced in our ministry. We must be evangelical in the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Any man or woman, boy or girl that says he is a Christian and believes the doctrines of

grace, and does not believe in witnessing, is a liar. The only people that really believe the doctrines of grace are people that believe that God has means and ways to bring His elect unto salvation.

I love the doctrines of grace, and if everyone of you deny them, I would not, because they are the Word of God. I cannot deny the Word of God. I can deny myself, but not the Word of God.

The Bible says:

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." — Mark 16:15.

"Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word." — Acts 8:4.

God help us to believe the doctrines of grace and preach them, and believe church truth and preach that, and not change every time someone comes into our presence. God wants us to stand up for what we believe, and preach it, and have a well-balanced ministry of preaching the Word of God in its entirety.

Strange Choices

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Manasseh

Manasseh is another such example. He has been called the prodigal son of the Old Testament. Manasseh's father, Hezekiah, was one of the greatest kings that Judah ever had. However Manasseh built again the idols that his father tore down, and built idol gods to the host of heaven, and set them up in the courtyard, and the house of God. Manasseh made Israel to sin so that their sins were worse than the heathen around them. Who would have thought that Manasseh's name was in the Lamb's book of life? Who would have dreamed that such a wretch was the object of God's everlasting love? Ah, but when the appointed time came, God worked with sovereign, and effectual, and irresistible power; and the proud king was dragged from his throne and he fell in the dust and humbled himself and called on God, and went back home. They said, "Manasseh has been saved," and I am sure it was hard to believe; but he came home a changed person, seeking to live for God for the remainder of his days.

Matthew

Another example is Matthew, the publican. Oh, how the orthodox Jew would almost spit when he would say "publican." Those

despised people who sold their souls to the Romans for filthy lucre and collected taxes from their kinsmen according to the flesh, and who, because their wealth was ill-gotten and because of the corruption that goes with ill-gotten wealth, usually were wicked men. Surely there were some decent upstanding citizens of Jerusalem to be the disciples of Jesus Christ. But our Lord passed by the Sanhedrin, and the Sadducees, and the Pharisees, and came to a fisherman and a lowly publican, and called them. Who would have thought Matthew was among the elect? Ah, but at the appointed time, Jesus came by and said, "Matthew." He didn't say it twice. He didn't send a long invitation and beg him to come. He said, "Matthew, it is your time to come," and Matthew came.

An Unnamed Woman

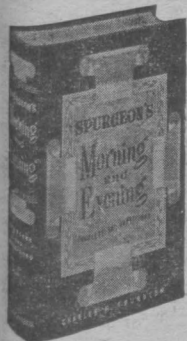
I think of a woman who was a sinner. In Luke 7, we read that when Jesus was eating in the home of a Pharisee, there came a woman of the street—a woman as low as womankind can go. She came in and stood beside Jesus, and her tears fell upon His feet, and she took her hair and wiped away those tears and kept on kissing His feet. I don't know when it happened, but sometime previous to that, I am sure our Lord had found this outcast woman of the streets, and had lifted her out of the gutter of sin, and saved her by His grace. When she passed by the Pharisee's house and saw the one whom she loved at dinner in the Pharisee's home, she could contain herself no longer, and she ran in and wept, and kissed His feet.

Many respectable women were passed by. Many of the outstanding leaders in the society of the city were passed by. God went down in the gutter and got a fallen woman of the street, and saved her by His grace. A strange choice of a sovereign God!

The Thief On The Cross

Then I think of the thief on the cross. His was a life lived in sin, and he was just a few hours away from the burning flames of Hell. There was no time for baptism, no time for church membership, no time for good works; it is either grace, or Hell. But that man, who spent his life in crime was an object of God's grace.

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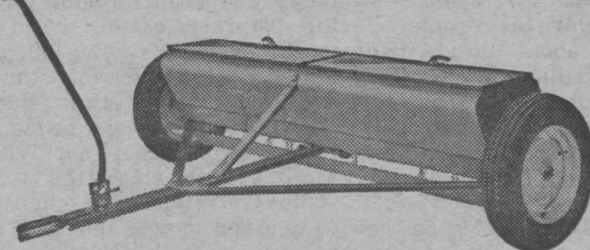
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HERE'S ANOTHER LETTER FROM BOUGAINVILLE

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Brethren write and ask all sorts of questions about how I make out in the jungle with no facilities and few comforts of home. Well, it isn't easy sometimes, but in some ways it is better than in some so-called civilized areas controlled by the Australians. For example, the last time I was in a hotel and decided to take a shower I found after getting well lathered with soap that the hot water had run out and all that was left was ice water. At 5,000 feet at Mt. Hagen, cold water is practically ice water! Back in the jungle in my sak sak shack I fill a special bucket with cold water and then pour in some boiling water and stir it around and soon it is just right. Then I haul this contraption up on a rope to a pole tied to the roof of my shower room. In the bottom of the bucket is a shower head with a off-on valve and by careful adjustment one can get a trickle of warm water for up to five minutes. I find this much more satisfactory than cold water in high priced hotels.

One sister wanted to know what I did when I needed a hair cut. Well, the thing to do when you need a hair cut is to cut your hair. So I get out my pair of sheep shears and start hacking. I had a mirror when I first got here, but the humidity got to it and the silver all fell off the back. Since getting the motorcycle, I find that by squatting down in just the right position, I can see myself in the rear vision mirror on the handle bars and do a pretty fair job. Fortunately, I can't see myself all day so I don't really know what a horrible sight I might be after one of these hack jobs. I will always remember what Bro. Bob Wilson, a member of O. C. Harris' church in Citrus Heights, California, said one day as he was trying his hand at shearing my wooly locks, "Bro. Doty, do you know what the difference between a bad hair cut and a good haircut is?" I had to confess that I did not, so he gleefully told me. "Two weeks!" Now this is just about right. After one of my chopping sprees with the sheep shears, it looks pretty ragged and rough but after about two weeks it looks pretty good again. I am not alone in this respect as the other four men in the Siwai area sometimes look like they had come out second best in a hair pulling contest too!

Whenever I get out of the jungle in a civilized area I have to be especially careful not to make some boo boo in etiquette — like eating everything on the plate with the spoon. But really, I don't think etiquette is anything that the Australians or New Zealand people worry about. Emily Post would turn six different colors if she ever saw the average Aus-

sie performing at the dinner table. Being as charitable as I can be, I would have to say that the folk from down under eat "differently" than Americans. I have already related some of the gastronomic monstrosities they serve up with all the aplomb of the Waldorf Astoria main dining room. It sounds good on the menu, "Roast Sirloin of Beef au jus" but when it gets to your table and you attempt to eat it you find out that this fancy name was just decoration and really you are getting a tough slice of the rolled up side of an old grass-fed heifer whose milk producing days have long since vanished. The gravy, in spite of the highfalutin name, tastes suspiciously



RALPH A. DOTY

like sheep dip. Actually all gravy in the Australian-run hotels tastes the same. It makes no difference whether it is roast beef gravy, chicken gravy, it all tastes identical. There is something they season it with that pretty well messes it up.

But when an Australian picks up his tools and starts to eat, the writers of etiquette books throw up their hands in horror. The knife is grabbed up in the right hand and never relinquished until the last morsel of desert is completely finished. The fork is a tool for the left hand. It matters not whether one is right-handed or left-handed, all Aussies eat in the same manner — with two hands. Bro. Halliman says he rather likes the way they do it. They get by with eating with both hands, something Fred was never allowed to do at home in Tennessee! The fork in the left hand is held with the tines pointing downward. One never slides the fork under a bite of food. You cannot eat a bite of meat and then a bite of mashed potatoes and then some peas or string beans. Everything has to be jammed together to make it adhere to the upside-down fork. The knife in the right hand is used for cutting and plastering.

The complete process of eating is something akin to building a brick house as near as I can make



New Canaan Baptist Church, pastored by one of Bro. Doty's students, in the Bougainville school.

out. First a bit of meat is jabbed hard with the fork. Experts always jab the meat so that most of it sticks out at the front of the fork forming a sort of shelf. The knife is now brought into play sort of the way a mason uses a trowel to smear cement on a brick. Mashed potatoes and gravy are very popular as they are usually the consistency of a good sticky mortar. The knife wielder rakes a trowel load of mashed potatoes onto the shelf mentioned above and then goes back for a few string beans which are dragged across the plate and slapped into the potato mortar. Then if there happens to be some turnips handy, a bit of this is piled on the shelf, too. The final touch is given with a smoothing-out of the whole gob with more mortar — I mean potatoes and this mess is quickly jammed into the mouth. Without a moment's hesitation, the right hand starts hacking off another chunk of meat and the troweling of mashed potatoes and peas begins again. The left hand is brought smartly downward and stabs either another piece of meat or a slice of fried potato. (Both fried and mashed potatoes are served at the same time). The bricklayer — I mean diner — now continues his meal by deftly piling all sorts of things together on the back of the fork. A bit of yam, 6 peas, a mound of cabbage, a slice of beet, a bit of chopped carrot, finishing off this boat load with the usual mortar of mashed potatoes. Carefully troweling on potatoes like a journeyman bricklayer, this bodacious bite is quickly hoisted to mouth level and unceremoniously shoved inside. Now, this is all taking place at a furious speed as though there was fear that someone might come along and steal his lunch. Just why the unseemly haste I don't know, but an expert operator, either male or female, can put away a rather large meal in two or three minutes flat. As one looks around the dining room he sees the same scene at every table. A picture of frantic haste... shoveling and plastering as though their life depended on getting it all down in the shortest possible time.

Some operators are more accomplished than others. I had the privilege once of seeing a planter from New Ireland who seemed to be a pastmaster-mason — I mean a pastmaster eater who in a spirit of bravado left the peas on his plate until last. With no mortar, I couldn't see how he could possibly accomplish his purpose. I glanced around the room and noted that several other diners who had completed their orgy were also watching to see what he would do. Apparently it means a severe loss of status to turn the fork over in its normal position and scoop up the peas. This is too easy. Checking to see if he had the undivided

attention of everyone on that side of the dining room, he commenced. Adroitly jabbing with the left hand, he succeeded in impaling 4 peas on the tines of his fork. This did not make much of a shelf, and such a predicament would have unnerved a lesser man, but this expert swiftly swung his trowel — I mean knife — propelling green spheres across the plate following them with the knife and mashing them deftly into the tines of his fork. Further quick movements not too different from the darting tongue of a snake and he had succeeded in getting every pea on the plate perched on the back of his fork. With no lost motion, he raised the fork high so that all other diners could see his great accomplishment and then plunged this mess into his mouth. Bringing both hands down smartly to the table he sat back smiling broadly and still clutching his tools in his two hands. I have seen others try this who were not so adept and the result took a few seconds longer. A rank amateur would chase elusive peas around and around the plate making desperate slaps now and then catching a few peas unaware and getting them stuck in the fork. Sometimes the experts, using a swatting backhand motion, propel the peas up in the air and ingeniously catch them on the fork. This sometimes looks more like a tennis game than a luncheon. As you can imagine the slapping of the trowel — I mean knife — against the fork by every patron in a large dining room can become quite a din. But nothing daunts the intrepid Australian eater; he eats fast and furiously. I have been told that a nine-course dinner can, if the waiters are properly trained and have had sufficient practice, be completely consumed in 4.8 minutes flat!

Since we seem to be talking about food today perhaps I had better say a few words about what I eat. I have related how sorry Australian food is and some brethren got the idea that I was

starving to death. Well now, I am losing weight, but this is because the doctors have ordered me, in no uncertain terms, to do so. I have discovered that if one can buy food in the bulk state before the Aussies can get their hands on it, that it is usually fit to eat. I now have the use of a refrigerator and have had some meat flown in. Each time I pass through one of the larger towns I purchase a few boxes of food, usually canned kinds. I have found that most products from England, Germany, Japan or Ireland are usually quite good. One just has to be careful not to get any Australian junk.

Some dear souls back in America have sent me food from time to time and although I am deeply touched by their kindness I usually suggest that they not repeat the gesture, especially those who sent the goods via airmail. One dear sister sent me a one meal serving of instant oatmeal. I enjoyed it very much. It reminded me of my childhood days and I really appreciate it but when I noticed how much postage she had to pay I almost had indigestion. Brethren, if you send food to New Guinea airmail, it will cost more than it does in a Pullman dining car — and that is saying a lot! Others have sent food via surface mail and it certainly is a more reasonable rate. But it takes three months at a minimum to get here and the last few thousand miles is in an area where the humidity is very high so anything that can be spoiled by moisture is usually a soggy mass of nothing. Also I have a theory that ships that carry mail overseas must regularly carry circus animals along with the mail and the elephants sleep on the mail bags on the way over because anything not in a steel safe in the regular mail is smashed flat before it gets here! I recently opened a shoe box full of goodies that some young people sent me and as I fished around inside I found a plastic sack full of cracker crumbs — the kind you ladies fry croquettes in. I thought for a minute that this was a sort of a strange thing to send overseas and then I found an aerosol can of cheddar cheese and I realized that the bag of cracker crumbs had been a bag of crackers before the elephants had slept on it! It brought tears to my eyes to think of the thoughtfulness of the people involved who wanted to make my stay in the jungle seem a little less arduous by providing some luxuries to remind me of America. I thank the Lord for their generosity and thoughtfulness. However, I guess that mailing anything in that line is a pretty hard problem. I have since been able to get crackers of a sort flown in from New Britain. All I have to do when I get them is rebake them so they will be crispy again and then store them in a sealed tin with silica gel dryer to keep them fresh. I do my baking in an old kerosene

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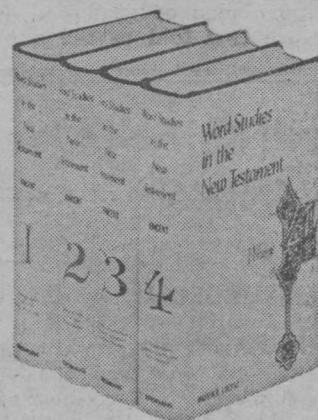
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EVOLUTION--FACT OR FICTION?

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I believe that anything that is taught to our children in our schools should receive careful, thoughtful consideration. And since evolution is taught in our schools, we should seriously, and wholeheartedly investigate all the facts connected with this subject. Furthermore, we should do this investigating with an open mind. No investigation has ever been worth the trouble if those who are doing the investigating have a closed mind when they begin the investigation. So then, with an open mind, let us investigate this great subject. And, if the facts are there to prove evolution to be true teaching, I beg of you to join with me in contending for the teaching of evolution with all your might. On the other hand, if our investigation fails to produce any hard, cold facts to back up this teaching, I beg of you to join with me in contending for the truth concerning evolution with all your might. Who can say this is an unfair proposition? And since there is so much that I do not know about this great subject of evolution, much of this investigation will

The angler fish (so called because of their built-in fishing pole) may grow to weigh as much as seventy pounds. They are very poor swimmers, but they can waddle up to a rock or other object and change their color to coincide with that object. When these fish get hungry their fishing pole protrudes from their mouth. On the end of this fishing pole there is a delicious looking live bait. And when some unsuspecting fish swallows this bait he is immediately sucked into the angler fish's big mouth like dust and lint into a vacuum cleaner. Now, since this fish is too slow and too awkward and clumsy for him to catch his food as other fish do, will some one tell us how he survived all those millions of years while he was developing his fishing pole?

The duckbilled platypus (flatfoot) of Australia has a bill that looks like a duck's bill, but it is soft and pliable, and very sensitive. It has a tail like a beaver's tail, and lays eggs like a snake or turtle. But it is warm blooded and feeds its young by means of milk from the mother. Though Mrs. Platypus feeds her young by means of milk from her own body, you cannot really call her a mammal because she lays eggs like a reptile. And though she lays eggs like a reptile, you cannot call her a reptile because she is a warm blooded creature. Will some one please explain just how evolution got so mixed up in this case?

Some evolutionists tell us that their most infallible proof of evolution is that found in the case of the horse. They begin this proof with Eohippus Borealis which means the northern dawn-horse. This distinguished Mr. Eohippus Borealis they tell us was the beginning of our modern day horse. And, if you have the glowing imagination of a three year old child, you just might find some few resemblances between them. The fossil remains of this little cat like animal some thirteen inches tall is found in the stratum known as the Eocene age. But the amazing thing about it is that alongside the first fossil remains of Eohippus Borealis there are the fossil remains of the fully developed horse. They show up at the same time, grazing in the same pasture, so to speak. And, since that is true, how can anyone say with a straight face that one of them evolved from the other? Where is the proof? Why does your evolution teacher not tell you that the horse was already there when the first Eohippus Borealis was found? Can it be that he had rather you did not know the truth about it? If the horse had not shown up in the fossil remains until a later stratum, we would not have so much proof that this teaching is the fabrication of a frustrated mind.

The mallee fowl, one species of the megapodes of Australia and New Guinea, presents another problem to me. The male of this "brush turkey" digs a fifteen foot hole in the ground some three or four feet deep in his arid, semi-desert habitat. The female lays her eggs in this hole. They are covered over with dirt and fermented vegetable matter and are hatched by means of the heat generated by this fermented, or rotting vegetable matter. But here where the climate is very dry, the leaves do not ferment naturally. So Mr. Mallee Fowl digs the hole in the fall. And during the winter he gathers leaves and puts them in this hole. Then in early spring he covers these leaves with about two feet of dirt. This causes the leaves to rot. About a month later the eggs are laid and the hole filled up with dirt. And though the temperature in this part of the world varies as much as 80 to 90 degrees while the eggs are hatching, Mr. Mallee Fowl never allows the temperature of those eggs to

change. He keeps them at 92 degrees at all times until they are hatched. This he does by removing some of the dirt if there is danger of the eggs getting too warm, or by putting on more dirt if there is danger that the eggs may get too cool. Now the thing that puzzles me no little is, how did the mallee fowl get the eggs to hatch while he was learning how big and how deep to dig that hole, while he was learning how to make leaves rot in a dry climate and, and while he was learning how to determine the exact temperature of those eggs some three or four feet down in the ground? Please remember, he had to get them to hatch some way or the mallee fowl would have become extinct long ago. And, if he was able to get them to hatch without all that trouble, why did he change to this troublesome and laborious way?

Evolutionist teachers tell us that changes come about by what is called the survival of the fittest, that is, that the stronger members of a species survive while the weaker ones die out. Now this sounds reasonable. And in the main we can all subscribe to that teaching. But there are instances when this teaching is not true. For instance, the Amazon ants are unable to feed themselves, build their nests, or care for their young. They cannot even take their own bath. In other words, these ants are completely helpless. An entomologist ran an experiment to see if this were really true. He took 30 of these Amazon ants and put them in a glassed-in box in which he had placed plenty of soil and plenty of food. In less than two days half these ants died, none of them had eaten a bite of food nor attempted to build a nest. The entomologist then put one slave ant in the box. This slave ant hurriedly fed the hungry ants and soon had everything in order. These slave ants have been known to kill their own queen thereby dooming the life of their colony in order that they might be more able to serve the Amazon ants. We would have to say this is the survival of the helpless at the expense of the fittest. Please remember, evolution is not a charitable institution. So how can this be made to fit in with the teaching of evolution?

Charles Darwin, whom evolutionists seem to worship, said, "This ant is absolutely dependent on its slaves; without their aid, the species would certainly become extinct in a single year." (Origin of Species P.255).

If space would permit in a small tract, I would like to go into detail concerning the futile efforts that have been made by evolutionists in their mad scramble to try to find their so-called missing link between the ape and man. There is the Nebraska man which was created from just one little old tooth that later turned out to be the tooth of a wild pig. Then there is the Java man that was formed from three or four bones one of which they thought was part of this prehistoric man's skull. It later turned out that this poor fellow's skull was only a part of an elephant's knee cap. There are others just as disgusting to intelligent people.

Your evolution teacher knows full well that it is utterly impossible for acquired characteristics to be transmitted to the next generation. They know that if a man gets a leg cut off in an accident his children will still be born with two legs. They know that if you cut a dog's tail off, his puppies will still be born with tails. There is just no way under the sun for a change that takes place in man or beast after they are born to be passed on to the next generation. A cat

can only give birth to kittens. A dog can only give birth to puppies. And an ape, believe it or not, can only give birth to little apes. That being true, the only way for an ape to produce a man would be to create one, and even Judy on Daktari does not have sense enough to do that.

So, boys and girls, there is absolutely no way under the sun to bridge the gap between the ape and man. The chromosome make-up of their somatic cells are different. So is the chromosome make up of their reproductive cells. And though the evolutionists try to argue that the chromosome count has nothing to do with reproduction, we challenge them to cross breed any of the animals with a different number of them. The gorilla has 48 chromosomes and the barbary ape has 42. If the number of chromosomes have nothing to do with reproduction why do they not present us with a half gorilla and half barbary ape to prove it?

And since man has 46 chromosomes and the gorilla has 48 it is self-evident that there can be no cross breeding between them. The evolutionist cannot deny that fact. The evolutionists of the world would give a million dollars for a creature half man and half ape any day in the year. They know evolution is an utter impossibility. They are not fools, but sometimes it looks as if they thought our boys and girls are. Then, since they know evolution is an utter impossibility, why do they continue to hold to such teaching?

If I were to tell you why they do it, you would not believe it. So let us go to them for the answer. Sir Arthur Keith says, "Evolution is unproved and unprovable. We believe it because the only alternative is special creation, and that is unthinkable." Professor D.M.S. Watson of the University of London said, "Evolution itself is accepted by zoologists, not because it has been observed to occur or can be proved by logical coherent evidence to be true, but because the only alternative, special creation, is clearly incredible." What all these highfalutin words mean, boys and girls, is that they know that evolution can never be proved, in fact, that it is impossible. But they must either hold on to this impossible thing or else accept the fact that God made all things that were made just as He said He did. And they are just too smart to believe that. So they are just too smart.

In Charles Darwin's last days he said to his good friend, Lady Hope of Northfield, England concerning his earlier writings on evolution, "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 wild fire. People made a religion of them."

When Lady Hope went in that day to see her old friend he was lying in bed reading the Bible. When she asked him what he was reading he said, "Still Hebrews. The Royal Book, I call it." When these evolutionists split hell wide open they may be somewhat surprised when they fail to find their little god, Charles Darwin, there to discuss evolution with them. For the young, healthy, God-hating and Bible-denying evolutionist, evolution may be a pretty good thing to live by, but it sure is an awful thing to die by. As for me, I prefer to believe that "From (or in) the beginning of the creation God made them male and female," Mk. 10:6. That is absolutely the only way man could possibly get here. So please remember, boys and girls, the thing the evolutionist hates most about the creation is the Creator Himself.

any hope for Saul." It took a lot of convincing to prove that truly this man was the object of God's grace. It was such a strange choice they could hardly get used to it.

You and Me

Beloved, I mention two more strange choices—you and me. I sat that night between two unsaved friends, and the Lord said, "Joe, it is your time," and I came. I was glad to come. I was (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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nom, and how, and when, He exercises His saving power. Sometimes he is snatched like a brand from a burning fire. The devil may have thought, "Here's one of God's elect; I'll get him." He may almost have him, but God will save, even at the last moment. His elect, and take them to His Glory.

Woman At The Well

I think of that woman in John 4 that had five husbands and was then living with a man who was not her husband. She was so reputable that other women had nothing to do with her. Going

alone to that well, she knew not what awaited her there. Had she known what was going to happen, she would have run the other way, for she had no desire for saving grace. Her life was full of sin, and her heart was given over to sin. She went to get a drink of water, not knowing that just a few minutes away, and a few steps down the road, God's sovereign grace waits for her. But she was an object of God's election, and the election of God had necessitated that the Son of God must needs go through Samaria.

I know not where the lost sheep are, but I know that the seeking Shepherd must needs go wherever they are, and find the last one and bring him safe to

the fold. The Jews usually crossed the Jordan and went through Peraea and back across the Jordan River, thereby missing Samaria, but this was one of God's elect, and the time of His power had come, and Jesus went there and made her willing, in the day of His power. He went this way, and saved her by His grace.

Paul

I think of Paul—what a religious bigot, self-righteous moralist, murderous persecutor he was, but after he was saved, he said, "I am the chief of sinners." He never got over the wonder of saving grace. God did something for him that day, and Paul never could get quite used to it. It

always made him wonder—"Can it be true that I, who once walked the road of bloody persecution, am now a child of grace?" When he wrapped the robes of his self-righteousness around him, and went on the road to Damascus, with murder in his heart, who would have thought when they saw him leave that day that he was an object of God's electing grace? But a little way down the road, the appointed time came, and God acted in irresistible power, and Saul the bigot was saved, and the murderer was changed by God's grace, and made a new creature in Christ. It is no wonder that Ananias said, "Are you sure that he is saved? I didn't think there was

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Some Appreciated Letters From Appreciated Friends

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I'm sending a check to help with TBE, as I have said before, and repeat, I don't know of another paper like it. I have enjoyed it so much ever since I first received it. When I think about so many people receiving it, it makes me glad to know the Word of the Lord is going forth in such a great way.

L. L. Beacham
(Texas)

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Each week I consider TBE as a light out of the darkness.

C. W. Auer
(California)

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Brother Gilpin, I hope some day the Lord makes it possible for you and me to meet, and have a real good time of fellowship together. You asked some time back to tell you a little bit about myself, but have been so busy I have neglected to write you a line or two, to tell you that I have been saved 31 years. My father was pastor of two Independent Baptist Churches here in the city of Denver. So I'm a P. K. (preacher's kid), but

not much of a kid anymore, as I'm 54 years (young) now.

In my younger days, I used to pick up TBE from Dad's desk and read it. Then later on, I subscribed for it and you have been sending it to me now for many years. I thank the Lord for you and TBE for it has been a real help to me in the study of His Word. If all born again Christians would rightly divide the Word, they would all be Independent Missionary Baptists, preaching salvation by (all of) grace and baptism in water by the authority of the local church.

Someone evidently had sent Dad's name in to TBE years ago, and it was through this medium that I became acquainted with your work at Calvary Baptist Church and TBE.

Yours in Christ,
Warren Clark
(Colo.)

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

We do earnestly pray for you and your work in the publishing of your good paper. I sure did enjoy the paper about the Conference and was glad to read some of the messages, and let us trust the Lord that you will have

a good one in 1969. I still do enjoy your fine paper so much. May God continue to give the strength and provisions that it will be published always.

J. P. Morgan
(West Virginia)

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an object of God's elective grace. So far as I know, these two individuals have never yet been saved. They didn't want to get saved, and I didn't want to get saved. They were wicked sinners enjoying their sins, and so was I. I have never understood why God passed by those two and said, "Joe, you come." I say, you and I are outstanding illustrations of the strange choice of a sovereign God.

There are others who are no more undeserving than we are. God does not pass by reprobate men because they are more wicked than we are. There are some in Hell who never stained their lives with as vile deeds as some who shall sing the praise of God eternally. Beloved, it is not of works, but it is by the free and sovereign elective grace of God that we are saved.

I say that these strange choices of a sovereign God prove that God is sovereign in salvation. Why is it that many times He passes by the self-righteous, and the moral, and the upright decent citizens of society, and leaves them clinging to the filthy rags of their self-righteousness, and goes down to the gutter, and the mud, and the mire, and gets some of the most filthy of mankind, and washes them in His precious blood, lifts them from their sin, and makes them eternal show-cases of His saving grace? He does it to show that He saves whom it pleases Him to save, and that it is not because of anything in you and me that He saves us.

I say this to you, because God doesn't act according to human reasoning in the matter of salvation, then there is hope for any sinner out of Hell, in the gospel of sovereign grace. Sometimes we almost quit praying for that loved one that has gone far in sin. Sometimes we almost quit hoping that maybe someday God will save our wayward loved ones. There is hope in the doctrine of sovereign grace, and no matter how far one might go, it may be that one is the object of God's election. Let us pray, and witness, and maybe someday the time will come when that one will be made the subject of effectual grace.

I say to the sinner, there is no hope for sinners in ritual, and there is no hope for the sinner in works. How cheerless and how dull is this gospel of salvation by works and ritual. There is no hope there. There is no hope for the sinner in free will. If a sinner could but see his lost condition, he would flee from the doctrine of free will, knowing that there is no hope there. There is not the least possibility that any sinner will ever be saved by the so-called gospel of free-willism. A man could as easily be saved by keeping the Ten Commandments, as he could by repentance and faith in the flesh. I could as easily be saved by my own works, as I could believe on Jesus apart from the Spirit of God. I say to you, God foredooms the human race to an eternal Hell, but the gospel of the sovereign grace — the gospel of God's strange choice, means that it may be even yet you will be saved. You may be the object of His grace. It may be that even yet you'll be brought to know Him as your Lord and Saviour, and the only hope that you ever will have is in the sovereignty of



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God.

In closing, I'll say that this is the gospel that gives all the glory to God. That is why men hate it, and that is why they fight it with all their might because man just will have something wherein he might boast. But this truth that I preach to you tonight takes all the honor, and all the credit, and all the glory, and gives it to God, and that is where it belongs.

that we are partakers of His chastisements and His consolation. Then just remember that some of these days we are going to be made partakers of His glory.

May God help you that this will be the means of prodding you on, and stirring you up to live for Him so that you shall never become a dislocated disciple.

May God bless you.

"Partakers"

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food. I am going to be with my Lord eternally. I am going to be a partaker of His glory.

When Paul wrote to the church at Rome, he said:

"For I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."—Rom. 8:18.

That word "reckon," we use so loosely. We say, "I reckon I'll do so-and-so," and we mean that we guess we will. But that is not the way the Bible said, "I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." He said, "I have counted it. I have made it a mathematical formula. I have reckoned it just like you put down a row of figures and add them." In other words, he said, "I have reckoned — I have counted — I have come to this conclusion — that the sufferings now can't be compared with the glory that we are going to have after while."

Yes, beloved, we are going to be partakers of His glory.

CONCLUSION

Oh, how I thank God that we are partakers with Christ. I come back to my text and my introduction and I think of those individuals that I referred to as dislocated disciples, and I think how easy it is for every one of us to be dislocated, and out of place. I think how easy it is for every one of us to get away from the place the Lord would have us. I say to you, just remember we have been made a partaker of the divine nature and of the Holy Spirit. Just remember we are partakers of His holiness and His sufferings. Just remember

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tin with a hole in the side which I lay on top of my kerosene wick-type stove. The kerosene stove is new and works very well, but it annoys me to think that it came from Communist China. But it was all that was available at the trade store.

In many ways life on Bougainville is hard, but I feel that teaching these preachers is important and I am willing to be inconvenienced for the sake of their education. You brethren back in America just continue to do as you have been doing — reminding the Lord to look out for Bro. Doty on Bougainville and the Hallimans on New Guinea island and we will make out all right down here.

God's Wife?

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and he replied: "Certainly," and quickly brought them to her.

She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet and dried them with the towel.

By this time the young man had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon his feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes, and tying up the remaining pairs of socks gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, "No doubt, my little fellow, you feel more comfortable now?"

As she turned to go the astonished lad caught her by the hand, and looking up in her face, with tears in his eyes, answered her question with these words, "Are you God's wife?" — Maranatha

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