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

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Ky. Baptists Aping Other Denominations

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over him. She, the same as a pastor's wife, has certain qualifications—



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one such, being a wife, which, if for no other reason,

would disqualify her, from being a deacon.

Mrs. Williams, one of the women who was ordained, as mentioned above, said, according to the "Western Recorder," "Other denominations have women deacons, and some even have women ministers." It doesn't matter what other groups do, that should not be the criteria, for the conduct of Baptists.

Other groups, or denominations, as Mrs. Williams calls them, do a multiplicity of things—such as baptizing for salvation, sprinkling for baptism, confessing their sins to a priest, and think they have forgiveness. Some wear certain types, or makes of clothing, and preach all kinds of false doctrines, but that doesn't make them correct.

Are we, as the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, trying to ape those about us? Do we want to be like those, whom we are sure, are lost? Let others have their heresy, and their false doctrines, (Continued on page 8, column 5)

Say, Are You Ready For The World's Greatest Blackout?

By RAYMOND A. WAUGH
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You doubtless read some of the headlines this past winter regarding the snowed-in Eastern and Northeastern states. One paper had the words, "Snowstorm Cripples Northeast." Another headline read, "N.Y. — A Ghost City." Too, all of us were shocked by the tragedy of flooding waters which struck Southern California. These disasters tell us something of man's real helplessness, and remind us that just a few years ago in the "Great Blackout" of the Northeastern states more than one-sixth of all Americans were without electrical power for some ten hours.

Despite our supposed technological advances, it is obvious that we are not ready for major emergencies. We can put men in space, circle the moon, unite lovers by means of computers, travel 600 miles an hour on earth, 4,000 miles an hour in the atmosphere, and 25,000 miles an hour in space. We can get pictures from Mars some 35,000,000 miles away and see 10 billion light years into space, but we were not able to keep the lights burning in New York, the traffic moving on city streets, or houses on the hills in Southern California.

In an hour of disaster, modern conveniences were useless, modern conveyances were stalled, and millions of people were utterly helpless. A modern civilization was stymied.

History is full of emergencies

which found men to be unprepared and helpless!

Once, many thousands of years ago, man dwelt in the very presence of Almighty God, surrounded by the beauties of nature as subsequent generations have never known them. It was there that man experienced the first blackout



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out in history. That was the blackout of sin.

Man was not prepared even though he brought the problem upon himself. When the blackout came, man tried to hide from the wrath of the God whom he had offended, but he was incapable (Continued on page 4, column 4)

God Graciously Cared For Bro. Fred On His Motorcycle

By F. T. HALLIMAN
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roads for they are not roads by any stretch of the imagination and most anyone would agree with him. However, it is the nearest thing that we have to roads



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and since it is such an improvement over what we had when we first came out here we find ourselves unconsciously calling (Continued on page 5, column 4)

CALVARY'S BIBLE CONFERENCE IS BEING PLANNED

"We are also planning to attend the Conference again this year. Would you please reserve two rooms, for five people? We will bring a cot for the extra one. We will arrive Friday, late afternoon probably.

Thank you,

Mrs. Boone"
(Michigan)

This is a sample of our mail.

We are making plans with full steam ahead for our annual Bible Conference. We are happy to have reservations such as the above coming in relative to it. Don't forget, we will be happy to have yours, and especially to see you at our Conference over Labor Day weekend in September.

Please remember this: our Conference is held under the auspices of Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky, and we are happy to greet our friends from all over the nation whom God sends here to the (Continued on page 8, column 1)

God Blesses Those Who Bring Him Their Tithe

God promises to "open the windows of heaven" in blessing those who will obey Him by bringing His tenth to His house for His Work. He will punish us for not doing it, but bless us for doing it. He blesses us in numerous ways—spiritually, physically, financially, and so on. Here is His clear-cut promise:

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sake, and he shall not destroy the fruit of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts."—(Mal. 3:10,11).

Some try to spiritualize this promise into something meaningless, but it means what it says. God will prosper the tither. Who will question God's ability to do

all He promises? Certainly He can do it even in the worst depression. But you say this promise is in the Old Testament and refers to Israel. My friend, it is applicable to all . . . to us today. God says in the self-same passage, "For I am the LORD and I change not" (v. 6). Here is a New Testament passage which says the same, "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over" (Luke 6:30). Is not this promise of Jesus as full as that of Malachi? "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully" (2 Cor. 6:9). Again in Prov. 3:9, 10, we read, "Honor the LORD with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be FILLED with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

Here Is Bible Key to Prosperity

These passages and promises (Continued on page 7, column 4)

FAITHFUL TO GOD OR MAN?

Bishop Latimer once preached a searching sermon before King Henry VIII, a dissolute monarch. The bishop "pulled no punches" in his message. The monarch was greatly offended at the plainness of Latimer's discourse. In rage he ordered Bishop Latimer to preach again the next Sunday, and make public apology for his offense. The next Sunday, after reading his text, Bishop Latimer began his sermon thus:

"Hugh Latimer, dost thou know before whom thou art this day to speak? To the high and mighty monarch, the king's most excellent majesty, who can take away thy life if thou offendest? Therefore take heed that thou speakest not a word that may displease!" Continuing, Bishop Latimer said, "But then, Hugh, consider well. Dost thou not know from whom thou comest, upon (Continued on page 8, column 5)

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"UNSPEAKABLE"

"Thanks be unto God for his UNSPEAKABLE GIFT."—II Cor. 9:15.

"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with JOY UNSPEAKABLE and full of glory."—I Pet. 1:8.

"How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard UNSPEAKABLE WORDS, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." II Cor. 12:4.

You will notice from these three texts that there is an unspeakable gift, an unspeakable joy, and unspeakable words.

As I have studied this passage in II Corinthians 12:4, how that Paul was caught up into Heaven, I have often said that the things which Paul saw were such that he couldn't describe them, so that we could understand them. There wasn't any law against speaking about what he saw. God didn't forbid him to do so, but it was just so great—so out of this world, that we couldn't understand it, and therefore, Paul refers to it as seeing things and hearing unspeakable words. He couldn't give us the words that he heard in Heaven; we wouldn't understand them.

So, in each of these instances, the word "unspeakable," does not mean those things that cannot be spoken about, but rather, no matter how much you have said about them, they cannot be told out in all their fullness. If I don't say anything else to you, I have said enough already for you to rejoice over these three passages of Scripture, for these three passages tell us of things that cannot be told out in their entirety.

There is a gift that God gave us in Jesus Christ, and you cannot tell the fullness of that gift. (Continued on page 2, column 1)

GOD'S WAYS VS. MAN'S WAYS

The God of the Bible says: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord." Isaiah 55:8.

It is man's way to defend himself or to pity himself or to seek sympathy for himself. That isn't God's way. It is God's way to rejoice that you are counted worthy to suffer with Christ. The men with the mind of God did. Peter and John rejoiced "that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name." When the women among His disciples were weeping over Jesus, He said, "Don't weep for Me: weep for yourselves." Man covets the friendship and sympathy of the world, forgetting that friendship with the world is enmity with God. The 12 needed no sympathy when they were rejoicing that (Continued on page 8, column 5)

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There is a joy that we experience in Jesus Christ, and we cannot tell the fulness of that joy. There is a place beyond this life, and there are words that are spoken there, and we cannot tell of the fulness of that place.

So this evening, I want to talk to you about these three unspeakable things: an unspeakable gift, unspeakable joy, and unspeakable words.

I

UNSPEAKABLE GIFT.

When the Apostle Paul writes about this gift in II Corinthians 9:15, he is talking about the Lord Jesus Christ, and he refers to the Lord Jesus as a gift. He says: "Thanks be unto God for his UNSPEAKABLE GIFT."

I think one reason why Christ was an unspeakable gift was because He was a love gift. You can't measure a gift of love. John speaks of Him as a love gift, when he says:

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." — I John 4:9, 10.

So I say, one reason why Jesus was an unspeakable gift is because He was a gift of love.

I like the song that is sung so often:

"Could we, with ink, the ocean fill,
And were the sky of parchment made;
Were every blade of grass a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade
To write the love of God above,
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky."

Beloved, I tell you, it is impossible for us to measure the love of God, and this gift that Paul refers to as an unspeakable gift, was unspeakable because it was a gift of love, and you just can't measure any gift that is given you by love.

Jesus was an unspeakable gift because He was just what you needed.

The last time that I attended a Christmas celebration in a Baptist Church, Santa Claus came to town to the accompaniment of Jingle Bells, and he handed out the gifts. I shall never forget one parent who bought a gift for one of his children, for when the child opened it, he said, "Just what I needed!"

I have thought about that so many times through the years. Jesus Christ is just exactly what we need. Talk about an unspeakable gift, it is unspeakable because Jesus Christ is just exactly what you and I need.

I am reminded also that Jesus Christ is an unspeakable gift because as such, He is a gift of eternal life. We read:

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." — Rom. 6:23.

If you were to give anything to someone, it would be of a material nature. It would be perishable, and it would come to an end. But God doesn't give anything to us except that of an eternal nature. Therefore, when it says that the gift of life through Jesus Christ our Lord is an unspeakable gift, I give thanks unto our Lord for His gift.

I cannot tell you the fulness of this gift when I remember that this gift is a gift of eternal life. I have no conception of what eternity is like. You talk about a millionaire; can you tell me what it is like to be a millionaire? You have no conception of it. I have no idea what a million dollars is like.

You ask me what eternal life is like. Beloved, it is beyond my conception. I experience it; I enjoy it; I have it as a possession, but to tell you what eternal life is like, I turn to God. I just know this: it is unspeakable.

Another reason why this gift is unspeakable is because you can't buy it. The Word of God tells us about a man who tried to buy this gift, and we find that Peter said to Simon:

"Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money." — Acts 8:20.

Lots of people say, "Was Simon saved? Was he a saved man who just didn't understand?" Simon had been baptized at least, but that doesn't mean that he was saved. I don't know whether he was saved or not. Whether he was saved or wasn't saved, there is one thing certain: you don't buy the gift of God with money. You may go to church and put money in the collection plate, or you may go to the priest and pay him to pray for your relatives who have died and gone on to eternity, or you may try in some other way to pay for your sins by doing penance, but I will remind you that you don't get God's

gift by anything you do, or by anything whereby that you make payment.

I say then, this unspeakable gift is unspeakable because you can't buy it.

I am reminded also that it is unspeakable because that after you have it, there isn't any way to lose it. That is not true of any other gift that I can think of. Suppose you give me a watch; I can lose it. Suppose you give me a pocket knife; I can lose it. Suppose you give me a dollar bill; I can lose that. Anything that is material, we can lose, but you can't lose this gift that Paul says is unspeakable. Listen:

"For the gifts and calling of God are WITHOUT REPENTANCE." — Rom. 11:29.

When God gives you this gift, He never changes His mind. The word "repentance" means "a change of mind," and this text says the gifts of God are without repentance. When God gives you this unspeakable gift, He never does change His mind and ask you to give it back.

You have heard of those people who are spoken of as "Indian givers." They give you something today, and then they ask you to give it back tomorrow. The first time I ever had that brought home to me was years ago when I was just a boy preacher. I wanted a dog so badly, and there was a family living near to me that had a beautiful police dog, and I really wanted that dog. I always coveted that dog every time I saw it. As that dog grew up, he grew too big for an apartment. These people lived in an apartment, and naturally he was too big. I lived out where I could have the dog and take care of it. Finally, one day they volunteered to give me that dog because they couldn't take care of it. I took that dog home — the proudest person in this world over that one dog. The next morning, about 6:00 o'clock, I was called out of bed by a woman crying, "Brother Gilpin, will you please bring the dog back?" She had spent a sleepless, weeping night — crying over the dog. From then on, I referred to her as an "Indian giver." She gave the dog to me, and then asked for it back.

Beloved, God is not an Indian giver. God never gives you salvation and takes it away from you. So when we refer to Paul's text wherein he speaks about an unspeakable gift, we can say that Jesus Christ is truly an unspeakable gift because of the fact that when God gives us Jesus as our Saviour, He never takes Him away from us.

That is not saying that you always deserve to be saved after you are saved. That is not saying that you are always entitled to be saved after you are saved. The fact of the matter is, all of us have sinned so much since the time we were saved, that we don't deserve the gift of eternal salvation. If you put it on the basis of what we deserve, there isn't a one of us who deserves salvation, but thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift — it is so unspeakable because you can't lose it once you get it.

II

UNSPEAKABLE JOY.

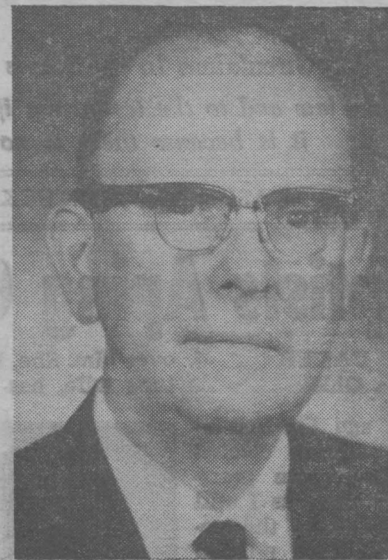
We not only have an unspeakable gift, but that gift brings us unspeakable joy. As Peter says:

"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with JOY UNSPEAKABLE and full of glory." — I Pet. 1:8.

It is good for a person to have joy in his life. I remember a lady years ago who always sang "Joy Bells." You could hear her going around any time of the day singing: "You may have the joy bells, ringing in your heart." Beloved, it is wonderful to have the joy of the Lord in your heart, but you can't have this unspeak-

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ELDER E. G. COOK

There are many reasons why I would like to attend this great Conference. One is that at this Conference a person is able to meet, and come to know personally many of the greatest preachers of our day. He can hear some of the greatest Bible preaching in all the world. And he can enjoy some of the sweetest Christian fellowship this side of Heaven.

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able joy unless first of all you have the unspeakable gift within your life. The Lord Jesus Christ said:

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." — John 15:11.

That joy that is unspeakable is a full joy. We are just full of it.

Listen again:

"The joy of the Lord is your strength." — Neh. 8:10.

This thrills my soul when I read it to know that the joy of our Lord is our strength. The fact that God has given us an unspeakable gift, which results in unspeakable joy to us, is that which gives us strength day by day. The joy of the Lord is our strength.

This joy is truly an unspeakable joy, because we read:

"Likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." — Luke 15:7.

When a man is saved, it starts Heaven rejoicing. If the salvation of a sinner causes Heaven to rejoice, how much more should

it cause us to rejoice down here. I am saying that when God saves a man — when the unspeakable gift becomes a reality, then we have a joy in our souls that is an unspeakable joy — the same kind of joy they have in Heaven.

Do you ever find yourself wondering about what the angels do? I know a few things that the Bible says about the angels but I don't know very much. However, I do know that the angels get some joy out of what takes place, and what transpires down here on earth. When there is a soul saved here on earth, there is joy among the angels of God in Heaven. I say you, it is an unspeakable joy that God gives to us, for it is a joy in us, and at the same time generates a joy yonder in Heaven, so that the angels of God in Heaven rejoice over the joy that you and I have as a result of the unspeakable gift.

Whenever I think about this unspeakable joy, I am reminded also of that text in which the joy of the Lord is spoken of in an unusual way, when it says:

"And there was GREAT JOY" (Continued on page 3, column 1)



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in that city."—Acts 8:8. That was a result of the ministry of Philip. I don't know whether Philip was ever an ordained preacher or not. All we know is that he was ordained as a deacon, but he did a lot of preaching. The Word of God tells us that Philip went to the city of Samaria and preached the Word of Christ to the people. People were saved, and it says that there was great joy in that city. Why? Because when people are saved, and the Devil is put out, and Jesus Christ is put into your life, it puts an unspeakable joy within your life. The fact of the matter is, the joy is so unspeakable, you can't begin to describe the joy that you know in Christ, and you never will.

When Jude prays, he says:

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with EXCEEDING JOY."—Jude 1:24.

When you get to Heaven, you are going to be presented with exceeding joy. Right now, in this world, if you are saved, you have an unspeakable joy, but you will never understand it until you stand in the presence of God.

I remember the time when I united with the church. I had been saved a little while previously. One night I made a confession of faith. The preacher preached from I John 1:7, which says:

"And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

I confessed my faith in Him, and I walked home some two miles out in the country on a moonlight night. As I walked along, I never saw the stars shining as brightly as they were that night. I never saw the moon as bright. I never walked with a lighter step. As I walked home that night, I will never forget the joy that was mine. I went out the next morning, and it was impossible for me to realize the joy that I had within my life, and I thought, "Now this can't last." But you know, that joy has not only lasted, but has grown sweeter and sweeter with each passing day, and month, and year, until now I know that I am saved, and kept saved, looking forward to

that day when I shall stand in His presence with unspeakable joy.

III

UNSPEAKABLE WORDS.

We read:

"How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard UNSPEAKABLE WORDS, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."—II Cor. 12:4.

Does the law prevent Paul from speaking about what he had heard in Heaven? No, it was just the fact that it was beyond us to understand it, and therefore Paul refers to it whereby he says that it was unlawful, or it wasn't allowed for man to understand or to hear the things that he had heard in Heaven.

I rather imagine if I were to guess where this took place that it was in connection with that passage of Scripture that is recorded in Acts 14:19. You remember they dragged Paul out of the city of Lystra, and left him for dead. They didn't quit stoning him because they were sorry for him, but they only quit because they thought he was dead. If they had known there was one more breath in that little Jew, they would have thrown another stone, but they thought he was dead. I suspect that it was at that time that Paul was caught up into Paradise and heard the words that he said were unspeakable, and not lawful for man to utter. It could have been at some other time, I don't know; nevertheless, Paul had this experience when he was literally caught up in Heaven, and he saw the inhabitants of it, and he heard the words that were spoken in Heaven, and he said they were unspeakable.

I want to tell you, beloved, if I were to preach to you the rest of my life on Heaven, and you were to read every book on earth about Heaven, when you die and get to Heaven, you would say, "Brother Gilpin, why didn't you ever tell me anything about Heaven?" Do you know why? Because all that I could tell you, and all you could read from the books that have been printed through the years, would never come to give to you a realization of how wonderful and marvelous that Heaven is. No wonder that Paul refers to it by saying that he heard unspeakable words.

I tell you, Heaven is really going to be something. You say, "Brother Gilpin, do you really think you are going to walk on streets of literal gold?" Yes, I do.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, do you think Heaven is going to be a big place?" Yes, I do. It is going to have to be a big place. All of God's elect are going to be there. Every man that God chose before the foundation of the world is going to be in Heaven. From the first man who was saved, who was Abel, down to the last man who shall ever be saved, they will all be there. It has to be a big place.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, do you think that Heaven is going to be a place where Baptists will have any prominence?" I surely do. I want to tell you, I am a Baptist, all the way from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet. I am like Brother T. T. Eaton, who years ago, was the editor of the WESTERN RECORDER, the state paper of Baptists. When somebody referred to Eaton as "a Baptist and a half," he said, "No, I am not a Baptist and a half. I am just a Baptist, because there is just one of me, but if there was another half, it would be Baptist too."

That is the way it is with me. If there was another half of me, it would be Baptist also. I am a Baptist all the way from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet, and I think it is going to mean something to have been a Baptist when you come down to the end of the way.

If you will read Revelation 21, you will find the story of that city that was inside the wall—that city that was measured off as 12,000 furlongs long, and broad, and high. That is the place for the bride. I believe in a Baptist bride. I don't believe there will be one single person in the bride of Christ who didn't have Baptist baptism. This 21st chapter of Revelation tells us about the place of the bride.

Then I look at that light within that city. Listen:

"And the Lamb is the light thereof."—Rev. 21:23.

Can you imagine how light the city is? A few years ago, the government was talking about building an airport near Cincinnati, and they said that it would be for the biggest planes. They said there would be so much electricity and light there that you could read a newspaper from the reflection two miles away.

Beloved, that is nothing compared to what the light of Heaven is going to be, because the Lamb is the light thereof.

Talk about Heaven as the place of unspeakable words, the Word of God says that the Lamb is the temple of it. We read:

"For the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it."—Rev. 21:22.

Here, when we want to worship, we go into some earthly edifice, but there, when we worship, we will go directly to the Lamb Himself.

Here within this world, in spite of ourselves, there is moral

filth and putridity, but up yonder, the Word of God says:

"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie."—Rev. 21:27.

Don't tell me it isn't unspeakable. What would you know if somebody tried to describe to you that which does not make a lie, and that which is not defileable, and that in which nothing unclean can enter? Could you understand it? It would be impossible. No wonder that Paul said he heard unspeakable words yonder in Glory. I tell you, Heaven is so great, and so grand, and so far beyond us that you and I could never understand anything about it. We will never understand it until God wipes away the filmy mist of doubt and fear that clouds our eyes, and then we will understand.

I know when I came to the Lord, I tried to the best of my ability to understand the love of God, but I couldn't. I tried to fathom it, but I found that it was too deep. I tried to take the wings of faith and fly away to it, but I found its height was too great. I tried to circumscribe it, and I found the love of God was too great in circumference for me to grasp it. Finally, I came to this conclusion, that I will never understand until God wipes away the filmy mist of doubt and fear that clouds my eyes, and then I will understand.

CONCLUSION

You can see, beloved, that Paul talks about an unspeakable gift; he talks about unspeakable joy; he also talks about unspeakable words.

May I say the unspeakable gift has been given us in the past, the unspeakable joy is ours to experience right now, and the unspeakable words and the unspeakable joys are out yonder for us to anticipate after a while.

Thank God for these three unspeakable things! I rejoice for the unspeakable gift. He is mine. I am saved because of the unspeakable gift. I rejoice for the unspeakable joy. It is mine. I have a joy within my soul. And I talk about the unspeakable words and experiences after a while—they are going to be mine too. Thank God for these three unspeakable things!



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"In Mt. 19:21, Jesus told the rich young ruler to come, follow him. Instead, he went away. Was Jesus defeated?"

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No, Jesus wasn't defeated. If I were Arminian in my theology I would have to hold that He was. I am persuaded that if the Arminian theory was correct the whole human race would be doomed for if man's will was supreme then every person would reject the Lord. In the case of the young ruler, he was invited to come and follow Christ, but he turned Him down and went on his way. That is what multitudes are doing today, and what all would do were it not for that irresistible call that God makes to his elect.

Am I wrong about this?

If the following Scriptures are so, I am not. In John 6:37 Jesus says, "All that the Father giveth me SHALL COME UNTO ME." Evidently the young ruler was not one of these.

John 6:65, "No man CAN come unto me, except it were given him of my Father."

It is commonly taught today that man's mighty will is supreme — that the Holy Spirit strives and strives, but just doesn't have the power to cause men to turn. Try to reconcile that view with the Scriptures just quoted, and see what a mess you get into.

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If we notice, there is nothing said in this Scripture, verses 16-22 about being born again. This rich young man is not interested in a free salvation. He wants to know what good thing he can do that would put him in position to inherit eternal life. Such things as mercy and grace are absolutely foreign to his way of thinking.

The expression "Come and follow me here in verse 21 is not a command, rather it is a condition. Our translation makes it look as if Jesus told this man to do something that He was not able to make him do. That is not the case at all. What Jesus is really saying to this man is, If you want to be perfect, that is, like God Himself, then sell what you have, give it to the poor and come and take the same road that I am taking. That road was the way of poverty. In II Cor. 8:9 Paul says, "that though He

was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor that ye through His poverty might be rich." And in Mt. 8:20 Jesus said Himself that He did not have a place to lay His head. In other words Jesus was saying if you want to be perfect like God, then do as God does.

On the surface it looks as if our Lord was saying, you will have treasure in heaven if you give what you have to the poor. But such a thought as that never once entered His mind. If we had all the wealth of all the politicians in the country, we still could not exchange it for treasure in heaven. Jesus was saying, "If you can attain perfection, that is, if you can become like God Himself, you will have treasure in heaven." And to be sure he would have that treasure if he could become as God. We would not need to be born again if we could, by our good deeds, become like God Himself. So our Lord was not offering this man treasure in heaven in exchange for his wealth. He was showing him the futility of his line of thinking.

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No, Jesus was not defeated. Let us make certain that we have the right conception of God. To even consider that He could fail is to blaspheme. Any time our interpretation of a passage of Scripture even implies that Christ failed or is defeated then our interpretation is wrong.

In order to find what was meant by this passage we must determine the lesson that He was giving us. Christ was not speaking of being saved in this passage. He was showing the man that he could not be perfect.

Notice the young man came with the thought in mind that he could do something good enough for salvation. "And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, WHAT GOOD THING SHALL I DO, that I may have eternal life?" (Matt. 19:16). Now, the Bible very clearly teaches us that there is nothing that we can do to obtain salvation. "For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; BUT NOT BEFORE GOD." (Rom. 4:2). "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us..." (Titus 3:5).

Christ begins by talking about that which the young man knew — the ten commandments. The young man said that he had kept the commandments from his youth up. He was probably sincere in his belief that he had,

but of course we know that he did not. Only Christ has ever kept the commandments perfectly. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (1 John 1:8). As you can see we sin but I Peter 2:21,22 tells us Christ did not. "For even hereunto were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps; who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth."

After the young man said he had kept the commandments, it was necessary to show him his failure. For this reason he told him to sell what he had, give it to the poor, and follow him. He was not saying that this was the way of salvation, He was showing him that he was not good enough to inherit eternal life from his own works.

He then went on to teach the disciples that it was hard for a rich man to be saved because of his material possessions — but He pointed out that it was possible. "... with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

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No, Jesus Christ as God manifested in the flesh has never been defeated.

The reason He has never been defeated is, because all things that come to pass, whether in Heaven or on earth, do so, because He worketh all things after the counsel of His own will. Read Eph. 1:11; Dan. 4:35.

In the lesson before us, Jesus was not defeated; rather the very purpose for which He was speaking to this young ruler was realized in its fullest sense. It is vitally important that we consider the context in order to find the purpose of the exhortation, "Come follow me."

In verse 16 we hear the young ruler ask Jesus, "What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" This verse reveals that this man wished to be saved by his goodness. In reply to his question the Lord said, "Keep the commandments." He still maintained his own ability to save himself by replying, "Which?" Jesus then enumerated six commandments closing with, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," which if one could do, he would save himself, by keeping the whole law.

"For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery; Thou shalt not kill; Thou shalt not steal; Thou shalt not bear false witness; thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Rom. 13:9.

It was at this time that the young man boasted that he had kept them all, and then asked another question, "What lack I yet?" It was in answer to this question that Jesus spoke verse 21. In His answer it shows forth the sovereignty of God rather than the defeat of Jesus.

He shows to this man, what his lack was, and that no amount of goodness can give one eternal life. The very thing on which he was trusting was in reality a farce. The Bible says "The soul that sinneth it shall die," but this young man did not know that he was a sinner; therefore, he thought that all one must do to be saved is to be good. There are many millions today who have the same belief, thinking that eternal life is theirs because of something within them-

selves. The truth of the matter is, that no amount of goodness can set aside the sentence of death — it must be carried out. "Without the shedding of blood (death) there is no remission." This young man was sure that he had kept all the commandments, including loving his neighbor as himself. In His answer to this question as to what he lacked, Jesus lays His finger on the very thing that he lacked, which was love for God and his neighbor, and the keeping of the law.

Let us listen as the Lord reveals this man's lack. He tells him to sell all his worldly possessions and give to the poor. This was a simple test to prove that he did not love his neighbor as himself, and his failure to keep the law. The first commandment reads:

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."—Ex. 20:3.

The god of this poor man (spiritually) was his love for his worldly possessions, which he esteemed more than he did God or his neighbor. His going away sorrowfully gives full proof that his money was his god, and that his boasted claims of keeping the law were false. May I point out that this was not godly sorrow that leads to repentance, rather it was sorrow of this world which worketh death. The Lord gave the exhortation, "Come follow Me," after He had put this man to the test. If this man was what he claimed to be, he would have sold his possessions and followed Jesus. No descendant of Adam could pass such a test, for no man loves God in the flesh, neither does any man love his neighbor as himself.

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." — Rom. 3:23.

The Lord did not fail. He was not defeated. That which He undertook to do, was completed, and that purpose was to teach that no man is saved by his own goodness, nor by keeping the law. The one who failed was the rich young ruler as have all the descendants of Adam.

Blackout

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of doing so. God found him. God drove him from the Garden of Eden, cast him into a world of brambles, toil and trouble. God further placed a flaming sword behind him to prevent man's ever returning as he had left.

Later in history there appeared a people which became known as the Romans. A few centuries later, the Roman Empire stood preeminent among the nations of men, as the world's leading and mightiest power. However, this great Empire was not ready for the moral, social, and defense blackout which came upon it. Therefore, late in the 5th century A.D., this Empire ceased to exist. History's most far-flung union of nations was enshrouded in darkness.

Though these blackouts were terrible, they and all others which men have experienced are but warnings of the GREAT BLACK-

OUT which will soon encompass the earth and the heavens. The BLACKOUT which is coming will make all others seem as nothing. Neither the goodness nor the badness of men can prevent for God will have His Judgment upon a sin-cursed earth of wicked men.

First, there will be a blackout of intelligence and good sense. Second, there will be a blackout in nature. Third, there will be a blackout of health. Fourth, there will be a blackout of human strength. Finally, there will be an economic blackout, a religious blackout, and a social blackout.

The Future of Man's Educational Programs

In II Thessalonians 2:8-12, read about a coming blackout of intelligence and good sense. One of the educational programs of this nation, and the programs of all other nations of earth, cannot prevent it. In that hour of intellectual blackout, men will be told a lie, and a lie, the truth even as some godless men are doing right now. It will not matter how many degrees they may have or how many colleges, graduate schools, or seminaries they may have attended. It will not matter how many books they may have read or written, or how much research they may have done. It will not matter how many learned societies they may have joined nor how much of a parent good they may have accomplished.

Men and women, who go in the GREAT BLACKOUT which is just ahead for the world will not be able to differentiate between truth and lies or right and wrong. They will call evil good and good evil. They will even suppose they are doing God a favor when they kill His faithful ones. God Himself will send them this great delusion, and yet He will laugh at their calamity (see II Thess. 2:11 and Prov. 1:26).

The Future of Man's Conservation Programs

Next we read in Revelation 7-12 and 16:3-4, that there will be a blackout in nature. Today we think of nature, or the things of nature, as something to be enjoyed. We think of the sun as a wonderful ball of fire to give us a good tan, keep us warm, help things grow. Today, the mountains and skies about us inspire us to paint, or to photograph, or to walk and hunt among nature's beauties.

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Great concern for the beauty of nature is being expressed by men in all walks of life and in all nations of earth. However, that hour when earth suffers the GREAT BLACKOUT, there will be no beauty in nature. The heavens will not bring normal comfort, the waters of earth will be (Continued on page 5, column

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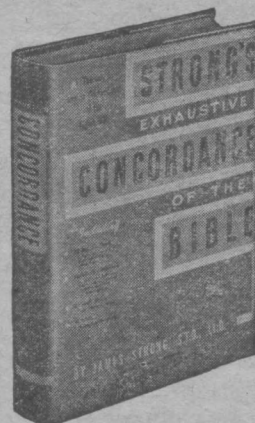
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Blackout

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deadly, and the greenery of earth will be a charred waste. Further, the beautiful creatures of earth which inspire so much art, poetry and prose will become a stench to the nostrils of men beyond that of any foul odors or pollution ever before experienced.

The Future of Man's Medical Programs

Third, there will be a blackout of health which will make man's present concern with physical well-being seem to have been foolishness beyond compare. Today there are thousands of hospitals of various sorts scattered about our great land and in other nations to help alleviate some of the suffering which all of us must endure at one time or another. There are multiplied thousands of doctors and even more thousands of nurses and aids whose lives are set apart for the dressing of our wounds and injuries

and the alleviation of our pains. In fact, untold billions of dollars are being expended for hospitals, medicines and medical research in order to preserve human bodies for a few days, weeks, months, or years at the most. But there is apparently very little concern among men for the eternal souls of men. Even most of the major religious denominations today expend the bulk of their monetary receipts upon either the gratification or the preservation of human flesh.

The folly of it all will be plain in that hour when the blackout of health comes upon the earth—even as the folly is clear to all who die today without saving faith in Christ. In that GREAT BLACKOUT of earth, there will be no hospitals to help men get well. In that hour there will be terrible pain, but there will be no "pain killers." Men will be suffering as they have never suffered, yet there will be no dedicated doctors and nurses to care for the human health needs. According to Revelation 9:6, the terror and pain of it all will be so great that men will try to die, but they will be incapable of doing so. Today, we have our medical policies and our medicare, but in that tragic hour there will be none of these which will do men any good.

The Future of Man's Strength

Next there will be a blackout of human strength such as men have never before known. We see this clearly in Revelation 9:15-19 and 19:17-18.

Today men periodically parade their strength of flesh and the might of their armaments, either to assure themselves, or to warn others. Physical culture clubs are in every city and promise both men and women better bodies and greater physical prowess.

However, in the blackout of strength which is just ahead, there will be no really strong men; there will be no mighty armaments; and there will be no conquering human armies. Men will be hopelessly and helplessly outclassed by the Armies of God, and by the Word which shall proceed as a sword from the mouth of the Lamb of God, even our Savior.

Today, some would like for us to suppose that God is a namby-pamby, wishy-washy "old gent" who is too full of feminine love to raise a finger against "poor humanity." In that hour of earth's GREAT BLACKOUT, God will manifest wrath and power which will make the heavens and the earth to shake.

The Future of Man's Society

Finally, in Revelation 18:2, 9-11 and 21-24, we see that there will be an economic, a religious, and a social blackout. These will be such that they must of necessity stagger the imaginations of all men, whether enlightened or utter fools.

Today, the minds of most men are concerned only with their security. The czars of industry and commerce strive to provide a financial climate in which they can make their millions while

the masses merely succeed in existing. Men keep their news photographers and reporters in all of the religious centers of the world in order to keep their fingers on the pulse of humanity. Men likewise keep their eyes on the fashion capitals of the earth just to determine whether they should manufacture tight dresses and suits, or loose ones; whether there should be more skin showing in latest fashions, or less. Even religious leaders keep their surveys and feelers out to find out whether they should preach fast or slow, whether their messages should be heavy or light, or whether their approaches should be hot, cold, or just lukewarm.

However, the hour is rapidly approaching in which there will be an economic blackout upon the earth. In that terrible time, the merchants of earth will cry because "no man buyeth their merchandise any more."

Likewise there is a religious blackout on the horizon. In that piteous hour, no candles will dramatize the stained glass windows or brighten the altars of the myriad structures which men call churches. There will be no pious, perfunctory priests or ministers behind ornate pulpits. The godless world of religion which rejected the prophets of God and which today declares literally, or in practice that "God is dead" will be under the awesome, definitive judgment of Almighty God.

In that tragic moment of hu-

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man history, there will come a social blackout beyond anything ever before experienced by mortal men. There will be no social teas, no ecumenical councils of supposed brethren, no afternoon book reviews for a pompous and spiritually depraved women's auxiliary, no ministerial breakfasts at which the "results" of the last Sunday's services or the latest jokes will be exchanged, no vacation-centered conventions, and no stag parties or local bars for fellowship over a glass of beer, a cocktail, or a jigger of whiskey. When God begins His Judgment in earth's GREAT BLACKOUT, there will be no marrying and giving in marriage, no busy factories, and zealous retailers. The jokesters, punsters, filthy-mouthed comedians before whom the world of men seemingly does obeisance today, and the spreaders of literary filth will no longer be in demand.

Conclusion

This terrible blackout which is just ahead for the world could begin today! Men will suppose they are wise, when in reality they will be utter fools—the greatest dunces the world has ever seen, even though education will doubtlessly have reached its highest peak. Men will be in such pain that they will cry to die, but they will be incapable of doing so in spite of their knowledge and technology. Men will be suffering such dread and fear that they will cry for the rocks and mountains, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb."

Their "prayers," however, will not be answered.

In II Peter 3:11, God asks a question which should be most meaningful just here, "Seeing, then, that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness...?" Since our educational, conservation, medical, strength, economic, religious, and social programs are all going to come to a screeching halt very soon, surely we should be able to see that the primary concern of God's people must be the salvation of the lost.

If you are not saved, you could be in that GREAT BLACKOUT. Even more, if you are not saved, you will die and go into the blackness and the darkness of hell, "Where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched... where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth;" no ending of anguish, no relief from sorrow, and no surcease from pain. How is it with you dear friend? Are you ready for the world's GREAT BLACKOUT? If you are, you are within the fold of God's love through faith in Christ Jesus—not dependent upon some religious ritual or affiliation.

Only those safe in the arms of Jesus had nothing to worry about in the blackouts throughout history. Only those safe in the fold of God's love—washed in the blood of the Lamb of God "which taketh away the sin of the world"—had nothing to worry about in the blackout which darkened the homes and businesses of one-sixth of the Americans in the Northeastern part of our country. And only those safe in the salvation which is provided in Christ Jesus—God's only begotten Son—will have nothing to fear in the world's blackout which is just ahead.

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them roads. Be as it may regarding the name, they are usually accessible to a tractor, four-wheel drive vehicle and/or a motorcycle—the latter can usually get over them when neither of the former can. These roads, or trails, are so rough that it takes constant maintenance on vehicles that travel over them and one is usually considered fortunate to have one vehicle out of the three ready for service at any time. At the time my wife got badly burned we had three vehicles on the Mission Station at that time and I had to have help

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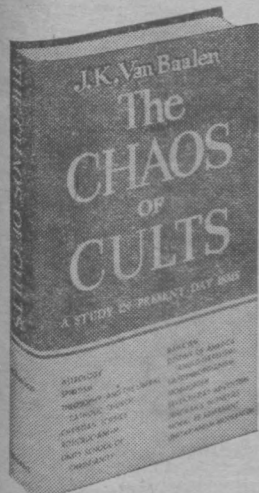
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Then another reason for buying a motorcycle is that many times you can reach places on it that you could not on anything else. For instance, this week I will be using the motorcycle for a mission patrol where the last time I was over these same roads they were in such a condition it was almost impossible to travel over them with a 4-wheel drive vehicle. I will have driven the motorcycle approximately 150 miles by the time I return, plus walking another 30 to 40 miles. So it will soon become apparent to all that a motorcycle plays a vital part in a place like this.

Now we will try to take you back to Lae and the time now is early on Thursday morning Feb. 27. As soon as I could get breakfast and get started I wanted to be on my way as I have driven over these same roads in a landrover and jeep three times previous

ious to this and I knew from previous trips that this would be no easy undertaking; however, it did offer some excitement and some personal satisfaction in that insofar as I could find out no one had ever before attempted to drive the 350 miles from Lae to Mt. Hagen on a motorcycle. Why was I attempting it? Well, for one thing I could buy the motorcycle cheaper in Lae than in Hagen and then I could drive it there for a small fraction of what it would cost me to go by plane. It cost me \$1.00 for gasoline to make the trip plus a night's lodging and it would have cost me about \$35.00 for plane fare.

Shortly after breakfast that morning I had my suitcase and a small bag secured to the luggage rack and I was on my way. I would have nearly 100 miles of flat level country to travel over before I came to the base of the mountains that lead into the highlands. It had been nearly five years since I had last been over these roads and in many ways I had many pleasant surprises ahead of me. The last time I was over the road was when I brought the landrover up from Lae to Hagen and at that time at least 50 per cent of the road was just poor track through tall grass lands that would have to be changed quite often due to deep ruts and boggy places. But now the road has been made into an all-weather road and is constantly traveled by heavy trucks carrying cargo from the coast to the Highlands as well as by regular cars. The road is constantly graded and is therefore quite good for New Guinea.

I had not gone many miles until I discovered that I was going to have problems with the dusty roads. It had not rained for a few days and every time I would

meet a truck, or one would pass me, I would have to almost stop for a couple of minutes. Another problem that I discovered that I was having was when I would get on the freshly graded roads I could not tell where the holes had been filled in with loose dirt and gravel. About 50 miles out from Lae I was following a grader and the road had several degrees of camber; I hit the loose gravel and experienced my first spill.

Other than the dusty roads the 100 miles through these flat grass lands was quite interesting. There are several plantations that grow peanuts, cocoa and coconuts. Several thousands of acres are used for cattle grazing. There are a few native trade stores along the road and occasionally you pass through a native village. I was averaging about 25 miles per hour in this lowland country and was finding the scenery quite amusing.

I had filled the gasoline tank to capacity before leaving and according to the way I had read the manual that came with the motorcycle I thought that a tank full of gasoline would almost take me to Mt. Hagen but just as I was coming to the foothills of the mountains I discovered that I had failed to take a few things into account for after a few sputters of the engine I knew that I was running low on fuel. I checked the speedometer and noted that I had come just about 100 miles, had a look at my gasoline and saw that the main tank was almost empty. I remembered that there was a reserve tank and it was supposed to take me another 60 miles. I switched on to the reserve and was on my way again but as I traveled along I got to thinking why had I run so low on gas when the manual said a tank full would take the motorcycle well over 250 miles. Then it dawned on me that the test had no doubt been made with the motorcycle sitting still raised up onto the stand and I remembered that it said this mileage was recorded at 24 miles per hour. Well I had been traveling at up to 35 m.p.h. under a load and it being new all this made it consume twice as much. I figured that it would be about another 60 miles before I would reach a place where I could buy gas but I was just now entering the mountains and had a 8,500 foot mountain pass to top before I would be starting down again. I knew my reserve tank would never get me there but I would be just as bad off to turn back for it was even further

the way I had come from to where gas could be bought.

I had not gone far as I was steadily climbing when I had to drop down from fourth to third gear then soon I had to drop down to second gear and occasionally I would have to take first gear. I began to talk to the Lord about the situation and I said in effect, Lord you have got me out of a lot of jams but this is one time, from a human standpoint, I can see no way out except to go as far as I can and then start walking. I knew if I had to do that I would never get out of this mountain range before night set in, and where would I spend the night. There are no native houses high up in these mountains due to the cold and that was what I was dreading.

I drove on some 5 miles farther and all the time trying to figure out my plight when I looked up ahead on the steep grade I was climbing and I saw what appeared to be a family having a picnic on the side of the road. When I got a little closer I noted that while the woman and some children were eating and drinking the man did not seem to be having much of a picnic. He was fretfully going in and out the back of a Volkswagen. I almost passed them up when suddenly I got an impulse to stop. I asked the man if he was having trouble or was just resting for a while and said yes he was having trouble — I offered to help and he said if I knew anything about a Volks carburetor he would appreciate my assistance. Very soon I saw that a screw had fallen out of the carburetor which was letting in too much air. After a search we found the screw, put it back and reassembled everything and after a couple of tries the car started and was running normally.

During our conversation we found that we had a lot in common. For one thing we were both Christians. Secondly it was discovered that we were both Americans, this family was from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Thirdly we both considered ourselves to be missionaries. He was a pilot for the Summer Institute of Linguistics (Better known to you folk as the Wyckliff Bible Translators). He had flown over our mission several times. He asked me how I was making it on the motorcycle and I said well fine up to a little while ago and then I discovered that I was running very low on gas, in fact I would not have enough to reach Kainantu where I could refuel. He said he thought he had enough to spare some and he would turn his car around so it would drain down to where we could get it out into the motorcycle. In a few minutes I was thanking the Lord for the improvised service station that He had provided, 5,000 feet up the side of this isolated mountain range.

How many of you preachers brethren have preached on, "How

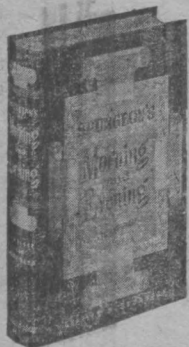
God fed Elijah by the raven while he was hid in the mountains?" Brethren, I have a new sermon for you. Try preaching on "How the Lord can furnish Brother Halliman with gasoline over half way to the top of the Kasam Mountain Pass."

After getting about a half gallon of gasoline it was not long until I was on my way and it was not too long until I was really on the mountain top. I read a sign which said, Kasam Pass 8,500 feet, A.S.L. Then something else told me inside that I was on the mountain top in spirit because the Lord had got me out of what appeared to be an impossible situation. The coastal area and the flat grasslands that I had been traveling in for several hours were hot and dusty but within an hour I discovered the temperature had dropped several degrees and there was no more dust. The driving was much better but I was getting quite cool as I only had on thin clothing. While the surface of the roads was better I found that they were much narrower and the roads were winding and very crooked. Several times I had to leave the road as a big truck would suddenly come around one of those sharp curves.

I had planned to go as far as Goroka that first day but by the time I reached Kainantu I was so cold I decided to spend the night there and dress heavier for the highland weather when I started out again. Besides that I could see the rain high up in the next mountain range that I would have to cross getting to Goroka.

About 7:30 the next morning I was on my way again and while I could make it all the way into Hagen that day if I wished I had to see about getting some parts for the tractor and the only place they were available was at a place called Banz about 40 miles from Hagen. So I set Banz as my goal for that day. I reached Goroka in a couple of hours and spent about a half hour there, then on into the Chimbu District I went. The Chimbu District is the heaviest populated area of New Guinea. Also it is the most colorful and fascinating of any area of the island. It is a mass of huge mountains and gorges, fast flowing rivers and waterfalls. It was in the Chimbu District that I thought the Lord was going to settle us, I even went so far as to stake out a piece of ground for a mission station but after I had returned to Bulolo and my wife and I prayed about it we felt that this was not the place. As you fly over the area in an aircraft you can see the tops of the ridges lined with villages. There are some 250,000 people living in this area which is quite small compared to most of the other Districts in New Guinea. As one would think of such a rough mountainous country you might wonder how the people ever grow

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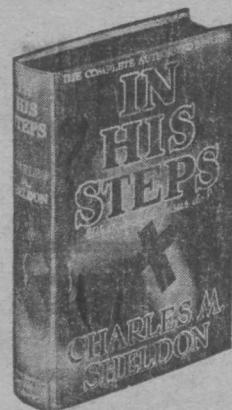
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ELECTION CONSISTENT

By ANDREW FULLER
(1754-1815)

Fuller "held the rope" for missionary William Carey. He was the author of a number of doctrinal and practical works.

(The following from Fuller's COMPLETE WORKS, pages 341, 342).

The doctrine of election, as it is taught in the Scriptures, is of humbling and holy tendency. The whole difference between the saved and the lost being ascribed to sovereign grace, the pride of man is abased.

Upon every other principle, it is the sinner that makes himself to differ; and who must, therefore, find whereof to glory. We may allow ourselves to be unable to repent and believe without the aids of the Holy Spirit; but while we maintain that these aids are afforded to sinners in common, and that faith, instead of being "the gift of God," is the effect of our having improved the help afforded, while others neglected it, if we think we do not ascribe the very turning point of salvation to our own virtue, we greatly deceive ourselves.

But election, while it places no bar in the way of any man which would not have been there without it resolves the salvation of the saved into mere grace: and if of grace, then it is no more of works; otherwise grace is no more grace.

Such a view of things tends to humble us in the dust. It is frequently the last point which a sinner yields to God; it is the giving up of every other claim and ground of hope from his own good endeavors, and falling into the arms of sovereign mercy. And having here found rest to his soul, he will not be less, but more attentive to the means of salvation than he was before. His endeavors will be more ardent, and directed to a better end. Then he was trying to serve himself; now he will serve the Lord.

Election and Means

But if election be viewed in certain connections, it will cease to be a doctrine according to godliness. If faith and works foreseen be connected with it as the effects, the interests of sobriety, righteousness, and godliness are relinquished. If we take our views of this great subject with simplicity from the word of God, we



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shall consider it, like other Divine purposes, not as a rule of conduct to us, but to Himself. We shall agonize through life that we may at last enter in at the strait gate, no less than if all was in itself uncertain. Nay, more so: for as Paul's assuring the mariners that there "should be no loss of any man's life" would, if believed, inspire them with hope; so our being predestinated to be conformed to the image of Christ furnishes encouragement to be pressing on towards the mark. And as they were told, nevertheless, that except certain means were used they "could not be saved," so we can have no evidence of our "election to salvation," but as being the subjects of "sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth!"

Thus, while the blessing itself is an antidote to despair, the means connected with it are a preservation from presumption. In short, we shall view the doctrine of election in much the same light as we do other Divine appointments concerning our lot in the present life. We are given to believe that what we enjoy in this life is so ordered by the will of God, and so much the effect of providence, that there is no ground whatever of boasting in any creature; yet we do not on this account neglect to plough or sow, or pursue the good and avoid the evil.

Believe the Word; Fret Not About "Consistency"

A "fleshly mind" may ask, How can these things be? How can predestination be made to comport with human agency and accountability? But a truly hum-

ble Christian, finding both in the Bible, will believe both, though he may be unable fully to conceive of their consistency! and will find in the one a motive to depend upon God, and in the other a caution against slothfulness and a presumptuous neglect of duty.

A Christian minister also, if he takes his views simply from the Scriptures, will find nothing in this doctrine to hinder the free use of warnings, invitations, and persuasions, either to the converted or to the unconverted. Not that he will found his hopes of success on the pliability of the human mind; but on the power and grace of God, who, while he prophesieth to the dry bones as he is commanded, is known to inspire many with the breath of life.

Thus, while the apostle, in the ninth, tenth, and eleventh chapters of his Epistle to the Romans, traces the Divine sovereignty in his calling some from among the Jews, and leaving the greater part of them to perish in unbelief; he nevertheless, so long as they were in the world, was deeply concerned for them. Even in his preaching to the Gentiles he had an eye to them, "if by any means he might provoke to emulation them that were his flesh, and might save some of them." And though he taught believers from among them to ascribe their salvation entirely to electing grace, and spoke of the rest as being blinded, yet he represents that blindness as being their own fault, to which they were judicially given up of God, Romans 11:7-10.

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enough to eat on such poor ground. But the truth of the matter is, those mountain and hill sides hold some of the richest ground to be found anywhere in the territory. Insofar as I know, any and all kinds of vegetables grow abundantly there. Several different types of sweet potato are prolific, and the best grades of coffee and the most of it comes from the Chimbu District.

As I cycled through this high mountainous area I was truly amazed at the handiwork of God. So beautiful were some of the sights unmarred by modern civilization, and just as they had been, no doubt, since God had made them. To see such beauties of the Lord makes one almost dread to see them disrupted by modernization. Several times as I drove along the top of those mountains I could look thousands of feet below me and see the narrow road winding its way down the mountain side occasionally to be broken by a rushing stream caused by a waterfall. You finally reach the bottom only to find that now you are looking up the mountain side as the narrow trail winds its way towards the top of another high ridge. Practically the whole day was spent in country like this and I got so carried away with the scenery at one time that I forgot to slow down as I was going around quite a sharp curve and I got into the loose gravel again and received my second spill of the trip. I pulled into Banz about 5 P.M. and secured a place to spend the night.

The next morning was Saturday and I located the place that was to have the tractor parts only to find that they did not have them — they would have to be ordered and sent up from Australia. That was on February 28, and I am still waiting for the parts.

I spent the week end in Mt. Hagen and on Monday morning set about to get the remainder of my supplies so that I could leave Tuesday morning for home.

I had had a most profitable trip and one that I shall long remember. I would not want to drive from Lae to Mt. Hagen often on a motorcycle but I was glad I had done it at least once. I noted that I had driven nearly 350 miles since I had left Lae, 250 miles of this was right across the top of the island.

Many folk thought that I would never get through as this is the rainy season for most of the highlands area and quite frequently the road is closed due to landslides, but while the road had been closed in two or three places just before I would get to these particular points and also there were slides behind me that closed the road, the Lord

they say, but God never! Thousands of Christians have tried this "Key to Prosperity," and found that it worked. All who have tithed as God commanded, and for holy purposes, have enjoyed blessings they had never known before. The "Windows of Heaven" were opened, and blessings showered upon them. Let me give you the testimony of some of them. First hear Mr. H. Z. Duke, who gladly gives this testimony:

A Tither Prospers

"(This personal experience is given to the public after numerous requests from brethren I have confidence in, with the hope that it may do some good and advance the Master's cause).

"I went into the mercantile business known as the 'five and ten-cent business' in Bowie, Texas, in 1894, and in January following, my pastor, Brother F. M. McConnell, and I agreed to tithe for one year. Before the year was out I said, 'This suits me, and I will tithe, not for one year only, but for life.' The business prospered from the start, although begun in a small way. Having only about \$700 capital, doing a strictly cash business, both in buying and in selling, of course our business was limited. Yet the first year our tenth was \$110; the second, \$154; third, \$360; fourth, \$388; fifth, \$330; sixth, \$662; seventh, \$566; eighth, \$250; ninth, \$566; tenth, \$1,040 eleventh, \$650; twelfth, \$1,233; thirteenth, \$1,221; fourteenth, \$1,143 fifteenth, \$2,472; sixteenth, \$3,378; seventeenth, \$1,604; eighteenth, \$2,390.

"I have tried the Lord in this business way and I would no more quit tithing than I would quit providing for my family."

—H. Z. Duke.

Newspaper Tells The Story

At the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Oklahoma City, Okla., in May of 1939, a Mr. J. H. Anderson gave his testimony on the blessings of tithing. The local newspaper—"The Daily Oklahoman"—was so impressed that they gave this story the center of the front page. The heading and story was as follows:

"BUSINESS MAN TELLS SUCCESS STORY"

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"He attributes his success entirely to the blessings which the Lord has showered upon him as a tither. He tells of some amazing instances when he apparently has been guided by a Power entirely outside of himself, to his profit. (Continued on page 8, column 1)

Tithe

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contain the BIBLE KEY THAT UNLOCKS HEAVEN'S STOREHOUSE TO PERSONAL AND CHURCH PROSPERITY. From these, and similar passages throughout the Bible, I received my subject for this series. Any open-minded reader can clearly see that God does give a definite plan for prosperity. He positively promises — guarantees — that this Divine Key will unlock Heaven's Door to great prosperity and blessings. Listen to His promise and challenge:

"Bring ye all (not a part) of the tithe into the storehouse . . . and PROVE ME now herewith . . . if I will not open up the windows of heaven, AND POUR YOU OUT A BLESSING." He just asks you to give Him a trial. Think of it! It is our duty to pay the tithe, for it belongs to God, and yet He asks us to be honest and TRY Him, and see that He will pour us out a blessing. Dear reader, can you reject such a clear-cut, gracious promise? Will you reject such a Divine challenge? You know that God has never broken any promise spoken. Men may fail to do what

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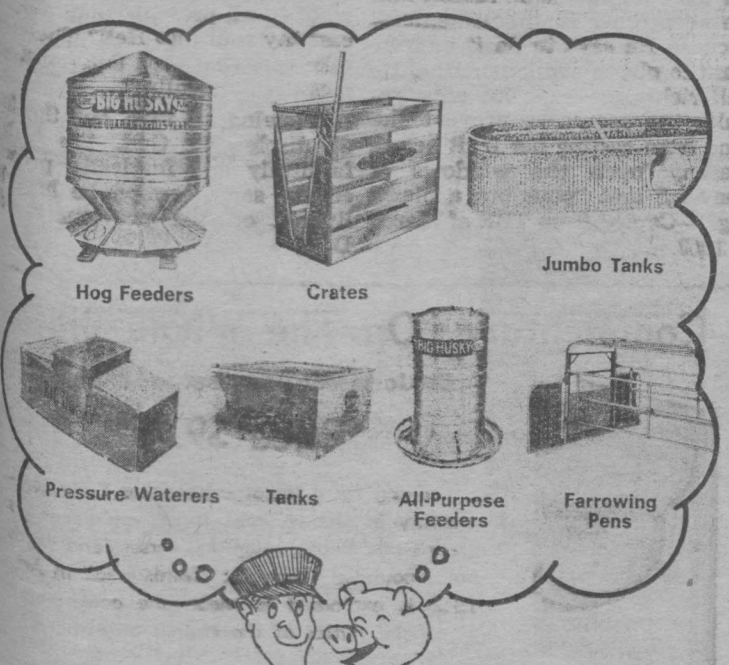
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Conference

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Conference. We have rented the facilities of Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky, again this year for our Conference, which means that we have the use of the splendid dining room, spacious auditorium, and most wonderful dormitories for our guests.

"Come thou with us, and we will do thee good."



Tithe

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Anderson, one of the leading laymen in the Southern Baptist Convention at the Municipal auditorium, cannot understand why more men don't heed the command to tithe, given in Malachi 3:10, and realize the fulfillment of the promise it gives!

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

"I live with the most comforting faith," he explained, "that I am in His keeping. It removes all fear."

"I stand amazed at the blessings which have been showered

upon me. Time after time things have been thrown in my lap. There is no room for doubt that the Lord is merely carrying out His part of the bargain."

"Anderson started tithing the first year he went into business, on borrowed capital, operating a little mercantile store in Hopkinsville, Ky. He was impressed by a tithing sermon. After careful consideration he set up an account in his books called 'The Lord's Account.'"

At the end of each month he credited the account with a tenth of the profits.

"In one of those early years," he recalled, "I was prevailed on to give \$1,000 toward a church building. I figured it would be more than my tithe for the year—but the Lord planned differently. I made \$11,000 that year."

"He once won a contract for 500 suits on a rather unusual material for an institution. He went to New York and tramped the streets trying to find the suits."

"You might think it was foolish to bother the Lord with a little thing like that," he said, "but I just closed my eyes and said a prayer, asking to be shown where I could get the suits. I walked aimlessly a few blocks past office after office of clothing firms. Finally I went into one. They had just what I needed at a better price than I'd hoped for."

"In 1907 with two others he started a department store in

Knoxville. They decided to operate a small jobbing business also. They set a date to go to New York. Just before they were to leave, the Knickerbocker Trust Co. in New York failed.

"Something told me to heed that warning," he said. "I prevailed on my partners to wait. Before the year was out, prices had tumbled. We were able to buy our goods and sell them at much lower prices than our competitors. Before we knew it, we had a \$7,000,000 jobbing business that first year. It put us on our feet."

"One night, Anderson awakened with a sudden thought that he must withdraw his money from a bank in Knoxville, thought to be one of the city's soundest firms. Deciding it was the Lord speaking to him, he wrote his secretary to take the money out. The bank failed a few days later."

"It no longer seems strange to me," he said. "I accept it gratefully and humbly."

Anderson hasn't kept a "Lord's Account" on his books for many years. Now, instead of giving just one-tenth to the Lord, he takes out what he needs to live on comfortably—and gives the rest to the Lord's work.

I can imagine some reader saying, "But Mr. Anderson is an exceptional case." I think not. God has promised to bless those who "bring all of the tithe into the storehouse," and I firmly believe He will do it in every case. There are thousands of other cases like the two just given. Colgate, the soap maker, gives the Lord's blessings through TITHING credit for his prosperity. If space permitted I could give scores of others whom I know who declare they have enjoyed greater prosperity, as well as other blessings, since they started tithing.

An Insurance Man

Since I have been writing on this book, Mr. Don Mott, an insurance man of Orlando, Fla., came to see me. When I told him what I was writing, he said, "I give Tithing credit for all of my blessings." Then he told me his story. Some few years ago he was out of work, and was worth less than \$25.00. He told God that he would give one-tenth of all he received if he would enable him to find work. He found work the next day, and has been working ever since. His salary has increased almost every month. He now owns an insurance agency worth thousands of dollars. The general sales manager of the company for whom he works told me that he didn't think he could make a go of the insurance business when he entered it, but that he was one of their top men now. "How he does it, I don't know"—the manager said. But Mott says he knows that it is God's blessing because of Tithing.

What God has done for those whose testimonies have been given He can do for you, dear reader. He has promised to bless you; He will POSITIVELY DO IT, IF YOU WILL "BRING OF THE TITHE INTO THE STOREHOUSE."

Not All Blessings in Money

Before leaving this point let me say a needed word here. Do not look for all of your blessings in dollars and cents. I believe God often opens the windows of heaven and pours out blessings to some tithers that are far greater than He could give to them through material prosperity. I doubt that God will make all tithers rich in dollars and cents, for this would be a curse, and not a blessing to multitudes. God knows the kinds of blessings that are the greatest for us, and will give the tither those kinds of blessings.

God blessed Anderson, Duke, Colgate, and thousands of others with great material gains. But He may have blessed other tithers even more than them though not in worldly riches. The greatest "prosperity" is in happiness,

health, home, children, and **SPIRITUAL PROSPERITY.** God has given to this tither a wife that he would not exchange for billions of dollars. To another he has given precious children with healthy bodies, minds, and souls—worth their weight in diamonds. To another He has given a happy outlook on life—a peace within—worth all of this world's riches. The material prosperity that He gives to tithers is among the least of His blessings to them. Let us learn that all prosperity is not in the possession of this world's goods.

Wrong Motives in Tithing

Let me warn you against selfish motives in tithing. One should not make tithing a mere investment. You know some read God's promises about tithing and say, "Well, I want to be prosperous,

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so I'll give a tenth. If I do get back tenfold I'll keep it up." Why, this is insulting to God. It is but an investment from which you expect great returns. Let us give the tithe because God's Word teaches it and "for Jesus' sake"—for the glory of God, rather than for personal gain, and God will see that the "windows of heaven are opened" upon us.

Other Duties Neglected

Others begin tithing, but fall down on other Christian duties. They feel to tithe will bring God's blessings though they live in adultery and other sins. When they find God's rod on their backs, they complain that they expected easy sailing when they tithed. **TITHING WILL NOT KEEP THE ROD OFF A REBELLIOUS CHRISTIAN'S BACK.** It does not release us from other Christian duties. Some one says, "Well, I sin in other ways, so I will not tithe for I will not get the blessing." Wrong again. Tithing will bring its share of blessings. Not to tithe will bring more woes and sufferings.

But God does promise that if we tithe for the same reason that we keep other commandments—because He says to do it and we want to please and honor Him, He will richly bless us; He will "rebuke the devourer, prevent the vine from casting her fruit before season, 'open the windows of heaven,' and 'pour out a blessing.'"—Copied from TBE of March 9, 1963.

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I love T.B.E. for many reasons. T.B.E. brings forth the Words of the Lord. T.B.E. tells me about the saints around the country. I hope and pray that Mrs. Gilpin is better and everyone is fine at Calvary Baptist Church.

Don W. Jernigan
(Ohio)

I want to thank you for all of the good articles I find in "The Baptist Examiner." I enjoy every issue of it so much and find it very encouraging and enlightening. You bring out sound Bible doctrine as no paper I've read ever has, and I love it.

Opal Sawhill
(Idaho)



God's Ways

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they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

We have lost the jubilant and joyous note of Christ and the apostles because of our miserable cowardice and self-pity. When the Master told them He was going to the cross, Peter said, "Pity yourself, Lord." That is what the world always thinks and does. The Master's answer was: "Get thee behind Me, Satan." Self-pity is always of the devil. And then the Master answered: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself (not pity himself—no grace nor Christ in self-pity) and take up his cross and follow me."

Man's thoughts and ways are self-pity and whining for sympathy; always playing the coward and thinking of self first. Jesus way was God first, and abiding joy and abounding peace, when it was the Father's will for Him to suffer shame for His Heavenly Father. Selah!—H. B. Taylor, Sr.



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and false, or so-called-Gospels, but as for Baptists, we are, and have always been "A people of the Book." Shall we continue to be like that until our Saviour comes after His own, and His espoused Bride?



Faithful?

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whose message thou art sent, even the great and mighty God, who is all-present, and able to cast thy soul into Hell? Therefore take care that thou deliverest thy message faithfully!"

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