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## "I Want To Live!"

Yes, I truly want to live!

There have been times in my life when I didn't want to live—when I felt that my life was no longer needed. But today, things are different.

I AM GLAD to be the editor of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I think you well know that it is America's outstanding Baptist weekly. Many are the letters that we receive from day to day, telling us of the value of TBE. These letters truly thrill my soul when I realize that we are reaching hundreds of people each week with the truth and that we offer a spiritual "shot in the arm" to encourage many to stand steadfast for the Word of God.

I AM GLAD to be the pastor of Fred T. Halliman and Bill Burket. These men are doing a good

job — each in his own way, and seemingly, God is blessing them in a very wonderful manner. Who wouldn't be glad to be the pastor of two such noble servants of our Lord!

I AM GLAD for our annual Baptist Conference. Just read the impressions as they appear in this issue and see how people all over America, who attended the Conference, were blessed greatly thereby. As has been said many times, it's "the next thing to the Rapture."

I AM GLAD to be pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. We are not large numerically, but I am truly grateful to be her pastor. I feel that God has honored Calvary Baptist Church far beyond what we deserve. He could have chosen some other church to edit THE

BAPTIST EXAMINER. He could have chosen some other church to work with Brother Halliman and Brother Burket. He could have chosen some other church to sponsor our annual Bible Conference. I say He could have —



JOHN R. GILPIN

## Scriptural Study Of Man's Helpless, Lost Condition

PREACHED AT CALVARY'S 1968 CONFERENCE

JIM EVERMAN

South Shore, Kentucky

Man was created in righteousness. When God created him, He gave him everything that he needed, but He told him that there was one tree that he was not to eat of.

"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."—Gen. 2:16, 17.

We know that man ate of that fruit and that he did die spiritually. He wasn't half dead, nor 99% dead, but he was 100% dead spiritually. He was absolutely and completely away from God.

When we say that he is dead spiritually, we do not mean that he is dead physically or naturally to sin. He is alive to sin. He is alive to everything that is evil and to everything that is opposed to God, but he is dead towards God, and everything good.

We hear people say, "That man has never been saved, but he has a good heart." The Scripture teaches us:

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the

earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."—Gen. 6:5.

As we look upon these individuals, I know that people think they sometimes have good thoughts or good ideas. Actually, they cannot do anything good. Their hearts are set in them to do evil continually.

That doesn't mean maybe every twenty-four hours, or once a week, but it means every second of every hour of the day. It is a continual wickedness that lies in the heart of every lost individual. He cannot do anything good. His heart is not good, and he does not want to do anything good. He will not do anything good, for he is depraved, and his mind is against God and against everything good.

"THE HEART IS DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"—Jer. 17:9.

Many people think they know their heart, but that heart is so wicked — so incurably wicked that you do not know your own heart. Many of you think you are better than you really are, because your heart is deceitful. It will fool you and will make you

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but He didn't. He chose us and honored us. For this, I am grateful.

I want to live a long time, if it please the Lord, that we might continue to edit the paper, sponsor a great missionary program, and take care of our annual Bible Conference. This is enough to make any man want to live.

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## Report On Mission Patrol To Papua-Poguaia Area

FRED T. HALLIMAN  
(New Guinea Missionary)

Dear Pastor and Church:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to write to you and tell you all of the latest mission patrols that I have made. I do not know as yet just how many articles it will take to complete the series on this mission patrol, but this is the beginning of them. I had been making some mental plans for a patrol into the Poguaia area for three or four months, and had thought that it would take place about the last week in September, and extend through part of October, but other things developed that set the date ahead several weeks.

The Poguaia area lies immediately east of the Strickland River and we sometimes refer to this area as the Strickland area. Insofar as I am able to find out it is still the least known area in Papua-New Guinea. To date I have made three patrols into the area, two more than any other white man. Each time I have covered portions of the same areas where I had been before, and each time I have blazed some new trails, penetrating deeper into these unexplored jungles each time with the result that I have found some new people that had

not been contacted before.

It had been over a year since I was last in this area and some reports had come from various parts of this vast jungle area that were not exactly encouraging. To mention two of them, they are as follows:

One night I was listening to the news from Port Moresby and heard that somewhere in this general area along the Strickland River, there had been a cannibal raid on one of the villages and the government was going to send in a patrol to investigate the raid, and try to round up the killers. It was never learned how they made out. Then one day one of the men from our mission, who is doing mission work at the edge of the Poguaia area, came to the Mission Station and said that almost all of the folk he had been preaching to had been taken to the patrol post at Lake Kepiage, and put in jail. I asked what had happened that most all of the people had to go in jail, and he said that a man had been eaten, and all had taken part in the affair.

However, if one waits for encouraging reports from areas like this it would be seldom if ever that he went. I try to go to these places, as time permits, and the Lord leads, regardless of what I

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## Idolatry, Many Baptists Are Surely Guilty Of

DUKE WATSON

Glen Burnie, Maryland

Once upon a time a Baptist woman and a Roman Catholic woman were talking in a Baptist book store, near a preacher. At this meeting, the Roman Catholic was heard to say, "I come in here to look around very often. In fact, not long ago I bought a picture of Jesus' head for my home. I just loved the sweet look that was on his face. We use pictures and statues a lot you know. The way you all are using pictures I don't think it will be long before you start coming to our store, and buying statues."

"Oh, I don't think we'll do that," the Baptist feebly laughed. "But we do like to use pictures. In our church we have a picture in almost every department of the Sunday School. The teachers have draped them with beautiful velvet and turned lights on them. The boys and girls like them so much. It adds so much to the worship, you know."

"Yes, I know. I don't feel like I have been to church unless I see a statue or a picture of Jesus. It makes me feel so good all over. I just love him. You Baptists are such Bible students

so if you don't see anything wrong in pictures, there must not be."

"We wouldn't use them if they were wrong," the Baptist said. The two women left and the preacher looked around at all the pictures and thought of the many he had seen in churches and homes of Baptists. Were they wrong? Do we have a right to condemn statues and use pictures? Are we hypocrites?

He went home and sat down with a Bible in his hands and almost immediately turned to Exodus 20:4 and read: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything . . ." He stopped and thought. We don't make statues, but a picture is certainly a likeness. It is an image even though it is not a graven image. We break the Ten Commandments everytime we use a picture to help us worship, he concluded in surprise. God is not going to bless a people who sin against Him!

He read on and saw in the fifth verse that we must not bow down to them. Oh well, he thought, as long as we do not bow before them we do not really sin. With relief he closed his Bible and prepared to go to bed for the night.

In the quietness of the darkened room, he remembered something that Jesus said in the Ser-

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## Editor To Preach In Indianapolis Area

On October 31, November 1 and 2, it is our plan to be with the Fall Creek Baptist Church of Noblesville, Indiana, for services. Brother Richard Farnham, whom we have known for the last several years is the consecrated pastor and we are anticipating a great season of joy with him and his wife, and the church of which he is pastor.

We have a number of folk on the mailing list of TBE who live in and around Indianapolis and in the area of Noblesville. It certainly is our desire that God puts it in the hearts of these people to come to the services and have fellowship with us this weekend. We would certainly request the prayers of all of God's people for these special services, even if you can't attend in person.

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "THE EVERLASTING HILLS"

"The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills."—Gen. 49:26.

I want you to notice particularly these last three words, "the everlasting hills."

I might say that I love the mountains and the hills. It always seems to me whenever I have taken a trip into some of the western states, and I pass through long stretches where there are no hills nor mountains — just level land stretching out before me for miles and miles and miles — it seems to me that this is so monotonous, and I get so tired

from traveling over this level land. I love the mountains and the hills. They mean so much to me. I think I can easily understand the West Virginia song:

"Oh, the West Virginia hills!  
How majestic and how grand  
With their summits bathed in glory,  
Like our Prince Immanuel's land!  
Is it any wonder then,  
That my heart with rapture thrills,  
As I stand once more with loved ones  
On those West Virginia hills?"

O the hills, beautiful hills,

How I love those West Virginia hills;  
If o'er sea or land I roam  
Still I'll think of happy home,  
And the friends among the West Virginia hills."

I think I can understand how that people from West Virginia might appreciate this song. I guess there are some folk who listen to "The Tennessee Waltz," or to the "Yellow Rose of Texas," or to "Beautiful Ohio," or to the "West Virginia Hills," and it probably means much to them. However, I feel sorry for them if they can't bust a button off their shirt with pride when they

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## Briefs From Spurgeon

They used in old times to catch pigeons and send them out with sweet unguents on their wings; other pigeons followed them into the dovecote for the sake of their perfume, and so were captured. I would that everyone of us had the heavenly anointing on our wings, the divine perfumes of peace and joy and rest; for then others would be fascinated to Jesus, allured to heaven.

Certain neighbors of mine laugh at me for being a teetotaler, and I might well laugh at them for being drunken, only I feel more inclined to cry that they should be such fools.

If my Lord should say to me, "From this hour I will always answer your prayer just as you

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## The Everlasting Hills

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sing "My Old Kentucky Home." I can understand why that folk from West Virginia have prided themselves on their hills, and why they refer to it as the "Switzerland of America." Regardless of where you enter West Virginia, you will see a sign that says, "You are now entering the Switzerland of America."

As I say, the mountains and the hills have always meant a lot to me. I will never forget the first time I saw Pike's Peak towering above Denver, Colorado, always, eternally, everlastingly snow-capped. I will never forget the first time I saw that tremendously big mountain that towers over Mexico City, with snow always on top of it — the last place you would expect snow to be in the summertime. Yet in spite of the heat, here is that mountain that is always snow-capped.

As I say, the mountains and the hills have always appealed to me, and when I come to read this text which speaks about the everlasting hills, I am reminded of the fact that Palestine is, in the main, a country of hills. If I were to take time, you would be amazed if I were to tell you about the number of mountains that are spoken of in the Bible. I will not even begin to try to mention each of them, but I will recall the fact that the ark came to rest upon Mount Ararat. I will remind you of Mount Bashan, Bethel, Carthage, Ebal, Ephraim, Gerizim, and Gilboa. I will remind you of Gilead and Hebron and also Nebo, in which Moses was buried. I will remind you of Mount Pisgah. I will remind you of Mount Olivet from whence our Lord ascended to Heaven, and to which He will come back to this earth. I will remind you of Mount Seir, and I will remind you of Mount Sinai and Tabor. These are only a few of them. In fact, I could say that the writers of literature have referred to Palestine as the highlands of Asia.

Of course, the two mountains

that stand out the most in Palestine, are Mount Sinai and Mount Calvary. Truly, you can go to Mount Sinai, and you will find that it was there that God gave the law, and if you would go on several years to Mount Calvary, you will find that it was there that Jesus Christ died for our sins. I am sure that those two mountains — Mount Sinai, from which our moral code of conduct was given to us, and Mount Calvary, from whence the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, because we could not keep the moral code of Mount Sinai — I am sure that these two mountains mean much to every person, especially if he is saved.

I was particularly impressed when I noticed from God's Word that the mountains are actually to give praise to God. Listen:

"Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created. He hath also established them for ever and ever . . . mountains, and all hills" Psalms 148:5,6,9.

You will notice in this Scripture that actually the hills and the mountains are for the purpose of giving praise unto God.

With this as an introduction, let me turn immediately and give you some of the things that the mountains teach us.

### I GOD WAS HERE BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS.

"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BROUGHT FORTH, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."—Psalms 90:1,2.

This would tell us that before the mountains were here, God was already here.

I travel along the road sometimes, down in the valley, and I look up at a mountain, and it seems I can see the top of it. Presently, as I climb this mountain, I look on and the top will be beyond my sight.

Sometimes you climb a mountain for miles and miles, and still you are not even near the top

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of it — you haven't even been able to see the top of it. As I look at that big towering mass of stone and earth, I think that before it was ever there, God was already here.

I tell you, beloved, whenever I think of these mountains and hills that are all around us, I am reminded of the fact that God was here even before these mountains were here. How it blesses my soul that God had already made plans for your life, and for my life, and that God had already made plans for His church. God had already made plans that affects every one of us, before God ever brought one single mountain into existence.

### II GOD MADE THE MOUNTAINS.

We read:  
"For, lo, HE THAT FORMETH the mountains."—Amos 4:13.

Notice, it says that God was

## Louisiana Pastor Invites Readers To Worship With Him

Elder Hiram Lumpkin of Leesville, Louisiana, would like to invite any one stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana to attend



HIRAM LUMPKIN

services at the church of which he is pastor. That church is:

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416 Bradley Street  
Leesville, Louisiana

Brother Lumpkin lives at 414 Bradley Street in Leesville. His telephone number is 239-4364. If any of our readers are stationed at Fort Polk, I am sure that the individual would be blessed by worshipping with Brother Lumpkin and at the church of which he is pastor. I say this in view of the fact that Brother Lumpkin is a good sound preacher for which we are most grateful.

the one who formed the mountains.

When I was in school I was taught in my geology class that this earth had come about through an evolutionary process, and that it was because of upheavals inside the earth that we have mountains, and because of those same reasons we have seas and oceans. I understand that it is commonly taught in school today that we have mountains and the seas and the oceans because of an internal upheaval within the earth. I want to tell you, God made the mountains. If I took time, I could also read in this Bible that God made the seas and the oceans. I want you to see that these mountains did not come about by an evolutionary process of any sort, but rather, the mountains are here because God made them.

God made them with the height that they are today. I remember reading sometime ago about a certain group of mountains, that they were "worn-down mountains" — they had been worn by civilization. The earth was so old, so the writers said, that the tops of the mountains had been worn off.

There is not a word of truth to it, beloved. Those mountains are just as they were when God formed them. I would have you to see that God was not only here before the mountains, but that it was God who formed the mountains.

### III GOD IS BIG ENOUGH TO WEIGH THE MOUNTAINS.

We read:  
"Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and WEIGHED THE MOUNTAINS in scales, and the hills in a balance?"—Isaiah 40:12.

This is a reference to Almighty God to show that God is big enough, that He can weigh the

mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance.

You recognize the fact that justice is often described as a pair of scales — in a sense, a pair of balances. Well, beloved, it says that God is able to take a balance, or a pair of scales in His hand, and He is big enough that He can pile the mountains onto that balance, and He can then weigh the mountains in scales.

Can you imagine a pair of scales big enough that you could put the Cumberland mountains into it? Can you imagine after you have done so, that you could get all the Appalachian mountains and put them into the same scales? Then go out into the west and pick up the Rockies and pile them into the same scales, and go to Europe, and pick up the Pyrenees and all the balance of the mountains of the world and pile them onto the scales. God, beloved, can take up those scales, and weigh the mountains, and tell exactly what those mountains of the world weigh.

That is the God that we are preaching to you today. I am not talking about a God that you can put into a peanut shell, and open it up, and take a look at Him every once in a while, but I am talking to you about a God that is sovereign and big enough, that He can weigh the mountains of the world in a pair of scales, and tell you at a glance what the mountains of the world weigh.

### IV GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER THE MOUNTAINS.

We read:  
"The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth."—Psalms 97:5.

This text speaks of God, not only as the Lord, but as the Lord of the whole earth. Some people don't think of the Lord as being the Lord God omnipotent of the whole earth, but the Psalmist says that He is not only the Lord, but He is the Lord of the whole earth in which we live, and that the hills melted like wax at His presence. Talk about the sovereignty of God, you have it whenever you think about the mountains and the hills of this world, for the mountains and the hills melt like wax at His presence.

Every once in a while I read about a volcano eruption, and I wonder about the ashes from that volcano. Near Mexico City are sacrificial grounds where they used to sacrifice people by the hundreds and the thousands, as living sacrifices to their heathen gods, in the days when the Aztecs and the Toltec Indians were reigning supremely in Mexico, before the time of the conquest by Cortes when the Spaniards took over Mexico. God finally put an end to all that heathen worship by a volcanic eruption, whereby the entire sacrificial ground in all the temples for miles and miles around, were covered over with ashes. Beloved, it was God who melted the hills and made molten lava and ashes out of them, and it was God who caused the earth to belch forth that lava that covered over the pyramids to the sun and the moon, and all the balance of the pyramids of Mexico. It was God that caused it, because God melts the hills like wax at His presence.

ence. I tell you, God is sovereign. Sometime ago, I re-read the story of the destruction of Pompeii when, by the eruption of a volcano, the city was completely covered over with lava. I read how when they made an excavation many years later, that they found soldiers standing at their post of duty with their weapons in their hands; they found teachers at their desks — that had been covered over with the volcanic eruption; they found one woman who had dropped, apparently, a bag of gold, and she was reaching back to pick up the gold when the volcanic lava had flowed down, and had solidified her body. I tell you, when I think about that, I would remind you that it is God who makes the hills to melt like wax at His presence. He is sovereign over the mountains.

### V GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER THE CATTLE AND THE FOWL OF THE MOUNTAINS.

We read:  
"For every BEAST of the forest is mine, and the CATTLE upon a thousand hills. I know all the FOWLS of the mountains; and the WILD BEASTS of the field are mine."—Psalms 50:10,11.

I sat down of recent date and I thought about the number of groundhogs that I have on my farm, which have been the pests of the worst type this last year. I thought about the deer that we can see every morning feeding about a couple of hundred yards from my cabin. I was up in the hills, and a little grouse flew out from under my feet. I thought about my cattle, but they are not mine; I am only stewards of them, for He says that the cattle upon a thousand hills belong to Him. I thought about these things, and I said to myself, God is not only sovereign over the mountains, but God is sovereign over everything that inhabits the mountains. The cattle upon a thousand hills, the beasts of the forests, the fowls of the mountains, and all the wild beasts of the field are His.

### VI THE MOUNTAINS TEACH US ABOUT WORLD-WIDE MISSIONARY ENDEAVOR.

We read:  
"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth."—Isaiah 52:7.

If you will turn to the tenth chapter of Romans, you will find that Paul quotes this passage of Scripture when he is talking about missions. As I read it this past week, I thought about our Brother Halliman and his family, and about the trips that he makes in the mountains in New Guinea, and the number of miles that he has walked. Of recent date, we had a letter from him in which he tried to estimate the number of miles that he has walked since he has been in New Guinea, in the preaching of the Word of God, and I think of this Scripture, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings."

Humanly speaking, I dare say there are natives in New Guinea today who are saved, who were lost heathen when

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## The Everlasting Hills

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Brother Halliman went there, and would have died and gone to Hell if he had not gone to preach there—I dare say that there are folk there today who are saved, who are thankful to God enough that they would kiss the feet of Brother Halliman, and would talk about how beautiful are the feet of the white man of God, who came to them to preach the gospel of peace unto their souls.

I tell you, beloved, the mountains tell us something about missionary endeavor.

### VII

#### THE MOUNTAINS TEACH US ABOUT SECURITY.

We read:

"They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever."—Psa. 125:1,2.

What a mighty passage of Scripture is this. It tells us that we who are saved are just as secure in the Lord as we can be—that we cannot be removed—that we are just like mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever.

Then the Psalmist goes a little further, to say that "as the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever."

If you were to take a map and look at Jerusalem, you would find that Jerusalem itself is located on a mountain, and in addition to that, there are mountains all the way around Jerusalem. The only part of the city that is inclined to flatten out toward the plains is the northern part, which is the part the Word of God tells us that the Anti-Christ is going to enter, at the time when Jerusalem is going to be completely destroyed. If you will notice, on the east of Jerusalem there is mount Olivet which rises some 200 feet higher than the mountain upon which Jerusalem itself is built. But all the rest of the way around the city, are mountains, to the extent that it is almost an impossibility for Jerusalem at any time to be conquered by an enemy.

It was said that when Titus

would destroy the city of Jerusalem in the year 70 A.D., he told his army to throw up a bulwark all the way around the mountains—not only around the city of Jerusalem, but around the mountains themselves, so that the inhabitants would not be able to escape. The only way he could conquer the city was by so doing.

I tell you, beloved, the mountains round about the city of Jerusalem are there as a reminder that as the mountains are about the city of Jerusalem, so God is round about His people forever.

Aren't you glad that you have a God that is round about you—that surrounds you? Aren't you glad that you have a God that surrounds you today, just like Jerusalem is surrounded by the mountains, and is protected from all harm thereby?

I never read this passage of Scripture but that my soul is thrilled. I never read it but that my soul is satisfied indeed when I think there is nothing that can happen to me. There is no trouble that can ever arise—there is no problem that can ever come into my life but that God knows all about it, and I am surrounded by the Lord Jesus, like Jerusalem is surrounded by the hills, whereby the inhabitants of Jerusalem are defended from all harm.

Aren't you glad that you serve a God like that? Aren't you happy when you have your aches and pains, that God is all around you, just like the hills surround the city of Jerusalem? Aren't you glad when you have your financial problems—aren't you glad when you have distress in life—aren't you glad when you have problems here in this world that look like they are just beyond you in every respect—aren't you glad to know that God surrounds you just the same as the mountains surround the city of Jerusalem? I tell you, beloved, there is nothing that can ever happen to us—there is nothing that can ever come to us, but that God is bigger than the problem itself.

There may be somebody here that is worrying about what is going to happen tomorrow. You may be all upset about what you are going to do tomorrow, or what you are not going to do. Maybe you are wondering about how you are going to feel tomorrow. Maybe you are wondering about the problems that you have out before you. I tell you, be-

loved, we have a God that is round about us just the same as the mountains are roundabout the city of Jerusalem.

Notice again:

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."—Heb. 13:5,6.

Thank God, He has promised never to leave us.

Isn't it wonderful that you have a God that is bigger than all the problems, who protects us, just like the mountains around about the city of Jerusalem protect the city? How we ought to thank God that we have a God that is bigger than our problems today.

### VIII

#### THE MOUNTAINS TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT STRENGTH.

We read:

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence COMETH

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MY HELP. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."—Psa. 121:1,2.

I suppose there is no verse of Scripture that is more misunderstood than this. It says first of all, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." It looks like he is saying that we get our help from the hills, but he is not. Actually, there is a period after the word "hills." Then the Psalmist asks, "From whence cometh my help," which should be followed by a question mark. He is asking a question, "Where am I going to get my help?" and his answer is in the next verse which says, "My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

The Psalmist looks round about and sees the hills and he says, "These are the very synonym of strength. Where am I going to get my strength? There is something greater than the strength of the hills, and that is the strength of God Himself. He is the one that will provide my strength."

### IX

#### MOUNT OLIVET.

We read:

"And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of

the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."—Zech. 14:4.

Let me say that Mount Olivet is the only mountain in Palestine that is higher than the mountain on which the city of Jerusalem is built. It extends approximately 200 feet higher than the mountain which Jerusalem is located. Mount Olivet is the mountain from which the Lord Jesus Christ took His departure when He went back to Heaven. On the day that He went out from the city to mount Olivet and stood there, He suddenly began to lift Himself up until He was lost as a speck in the skies. The disciples stood, shielding their eyes, gazing up after Him. When He went into the skies, and as they stood there, the angels of God said:

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall SO COME IN LIKE MANNER as ye have seen him go into heaven."—Acts 1:11.

Now, beloved, when is He coming back? I don't know. I can't tell you. But I know He is going to return, and when He returns, He is going to come back to the same spot that He left from. In other words, He ascended into the skies from mount Olivet, and when He comes back, the first place that His feet are going to touch will be mount Olivet, for the Word of God says, "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives." (Zech. 14:4).

This would tell us that when Jesus Christ comes back to this world again, He is going to stand on mount Olivet. The very last place that His feet were when He was here in this world was mount Olivet, and the very first place that His feet are going to touch when He comes back is mount Olivet, and when He stands there, that mountain is going to split in half. Half of it is going north, and half of it is going south, to allow a stream of fresh water to flow into the Dead Sea. That Dead Sea is some 1200 feet below sea level. In addition to that, it is some 1300 feet deep, so that the bottom of the Dead Sea is about 2500 feet below sea level. The Word of God says that when Jesus comes again, He is

going to stand on mount Olivet and that mountain is going to split in half, and the Dead Sea is going to be made fresh water as a result thereof.

An Arab man whom I know said that he liked to go back to Palestine, and to the Arab countries quite often. The last time I saw him he was going to Mecca to make a religious pilgrimage and then, he was going on to Jerusalem. He said, "Every time I go, I like to stand there at Jerusalem, for I like to look out toward mount Olivet, and if it is still there, I know that He hasn't come."

Beloved, that man knew exactly the meaning of this passage of Scripture. As long as mount Olivet stands, Jesus Christ has not returned to this world, but when the day comes that Jesus returns to this world, his feet are going to step on mount Olivet and the mountain is going to burst asunder, and half of it is going to move to the north and half of it to the south, and God is going to make the Dead Sea to become alive, and it will be a veritable Garden of Eden—the richest spot in all the world.

Beloved, I say to you, you and I need to study what the Bible says about the mountains.

### X

#### ROME IN COMPARISON WITH JERUSALEM.

We read concerning the city of Rome:

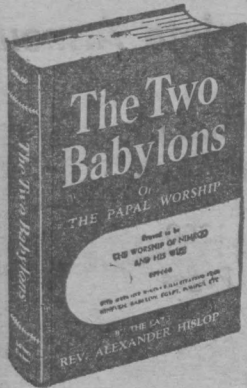
"And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth."—Rev. 17:9.

I won't take time to enter into a detailed discussion of this, except to say that it is a picture of Rome. This says that Rome is built on seven hills. God describes it as such.

People refer to Rome as "the eternal city." I remember during World War II when the United States was bombing Italy, that they were most cautious to issue warnings to all the aviators, and the pilots, and the gunners that rode the planes, not to drop a bomb on Rome, because it was said that Rome was the eternal city. I want you to listen to what God says:

"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall

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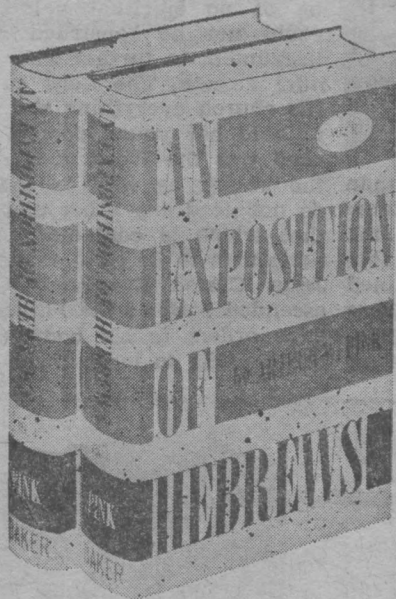
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# The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"Once, dancing was confined to houses of ill fame. Then it invaded the parlor. Now it has found its way into 'Baptist Church' and 'Baptist Colleges.'"

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that way you knew their self respect had taken its flight. But today this damnable thing that incites the lust of the flesh to the extent that the world is being flooded with illegitimate children for the taxpayers to feed has been made very popular.

It would seem that when old Satan succeeded in moving his "hell-hole" of dancing into the churches, seminaries and colleges he had achieved complete success. But we find that he did not reach the pinnacle of his success until he was able to send a man and a woman (two of his co-horts) dancing across the floor of a Baptist Church in New York in the nude, and that with the approval of the pastor. I believe this to be the utmost height to which he can attain. Now his next endeavor will be to make this, his crowning success, popular. This he will, no doubt, be able to do with the help of totally depraved mankind from whom God seems to have removed all moral restraint.

Mankind has always been totally depraved but God gave these totally depraved people some moral restraint. Now it seems that He is removing that restraint in order that they might sink to the very scum of the sink-hole of iniquity. And now that they have reached that depth, may it please our dear Lord to come and literally deliver us from this old present evil world.

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It is a sad state of affairs when a church thinks she must introduce into her program a worldly and fleshly amusement such as dancing, to hold, as they claim, their young people. The Lord tells us very emphatically that His people are not of the world.

"They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." John 17:16.

Our young people who are saved are not a part of the world of darkness, and thus, worldly amusement in the church would be of no spiritual value, and could not be construed as an instrument to further their spiritual growth. The Lord gave to His church everything she needs to hold her young people. That need was the Word of God and the young, as well as the old, do not need any other diet than that which is contained in the Scriptures to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Ere Jesus Christ ascended back to the Father, He gave orders to his body (Baptist church) to teach them (dis-

ciples-learners) the all things whatsoever He had commanded them.

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Amen. Matt. 28:20.

I am positive that dancing was not one of the all things that Jesus commanded His church to teach the learners; therefore, we have no authority to introduce into our program that which is worldly, and foreign, to the Word of God, or that which caters to the flesh rather than the spirit.

We are commanded to keep ourselves unspotted from the world yet the commands of God's Word are set aside, in favor of the words of a man. They argue we are losing our young people, and we need something new, such as dancing in the church building, to instill within them new interest.

They argue further that worship service is boring to the teenager. Perhaps in some churches they are boring. These churches have a half-hour of singing, and the tempo of their songs is the same as rock and roll, then a half-hour of committee reports, such as entertainment committee, social activity committee, and many other such things, and then to round the evening out, they listen to a 15 minute sermonette on current events. After listening to the 15 minute talk it makes me wonder if the preacher didn't miss his calling, for he would have made a good news reporter. Because of these deplorable conditions in the churches, the young people have lost the respect and admiration they once held for the church, but praise God they are not all like that church. There are some who still contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints.

I have found in my ministry that the young people want all the facts spoken as God laid them down—not watered down, or varnished with the thinking of man. The great things that God has done for us is interesting to both young and old. When these great truths are preached, you will not have to bring in the dance to hold the young people, they will be established in the truth, and nothing else is needed.

Furthermore, some take God's money (tithes and offering) and build him a house, and then like Solomon in dedicating the temple, dedicate it (house) to the Lord, and then use it as a place of worldly amusement such as dancing, bingo, and parties to satisfy the flesh. The Lord said, "My house shall be called the house of prayer but you have made it a den of thieves."

His words describe many churches in this age. Read Matt. 21:13.

To you who are now supporting dancing in your church, and things that satisfy the fleshly man may it please the Holy Spirit to illuminate your minds so that your tithes are put into a church where the Lord's work is being done, not man's.

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Before I make comments on dancing there are a couple of verses of Scripture that every child of God ought to read. "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way . . ." (Ps. 101:2) Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there

be any praise think on these things." (Phil. 4:8).

There are several things in this world that are questionable by some people. Dancing is one. Some say, "What is wrong with dancing?" Let me ask, what's good in it? Does the dance strengthen the soul to resist temptation? "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." (I Cor. 10:13) Does the dance help you see the way of escape or does it instead introduce new temptations? Does the dance lead to a clearer conception of God and duty? "I opened my mouth, and panted; for I longed for thy commandments." (Ps. 119:131) Does the dance cause you to pant after God's commandments or does it cause you to pant after your companion? Does the dance in any way bring glory to God? "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD" (I Cor. 10:31).

You know as well as I do that sex is the basis of the pleasure of dancing. Look at the clothing worn at a full-dress (?) affair—or should it be called a half-dress or undressed affair? Instead of low necked dresses they are no-necked. The clothes that are worn are two sizes too small. I once read a story about a young girl who had been out walking when a young man spoke to her disrespectfully. Her father said that he knew she was not an immoral girl but he asked her how could the young man know. She had worn a dress that revealed her figure and even accented it. Her dress was a low cut one that exposed a large part of her shoulders and breasts. The skirt revealed a lot of her legs and some above her knees. Her father concluded by saying that since the young man was a stranger, how could he know she was a moral girl since she dressed to attract attention. When you attend dances and you rub yourself against your partner or you move in suggestive ways, how can you claim to have pure thoughts or actions? "But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." (Matt. 5:28)

Often people will say that they don't approve of some dances, but they don't mind folk dancing. Let me remind you that the alcoholic did not begin with hard liquor. He started out on beer or just a little taste of liquor. It is just as true with dancing. An evangelist said that he heard a man say that he was in favor of clean dancing. The evangelist answered and said that he was in favor of sweet smelling skunks, but where can you find them. Try having a

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dance with the requirement that every man must dance with his own wife only and see what happens. They will either not come at all or will leave early.

If you were to ask people to stay at church as long as they stay at a dance they would become very angry. The dance is guilty of killing modesty, virtue, morals, and Christian influence. One man said that a dancing foot and a praying knee will not grow on the same leg. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." (Col. 3:17)

You say that the dance has invaded some "Baptist" churches and "Baptist" colleges. My friends, these institutions may bear the name "Baptist," but if they have dances in them they will also be guilty of not standing for the truths or principles and do not deserve the name of Baptist. A true, sound Baptist will not condone such practices in his church.

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hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire."—Rev. 17:16.

This doesn't sound like Rome is an eternal city to me, but I will tell you what city is the eternal city. Listen:

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts: It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts: In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you."—Zech. 8:20-23.

I read to you about Jerusalem that is to be the religious center of the earth. The Romanists have pulled the wool over the eyes of the people of this world, and they have made everybody to believe that Rome is the eternal city, that Rome cannot be destroyed. Beloved, God has taught us in Revelation 17 that Rome is going to be burned and completely destroyed. (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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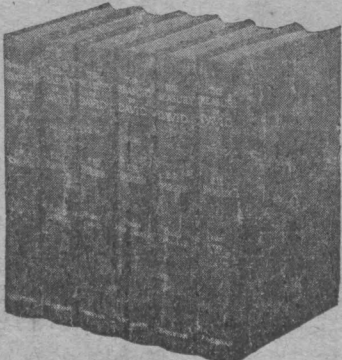
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ly destroyed, and God has also told us that the eternal city is Jerusalem. He says that ten men are going to take hold of the skirt of a Jew at one time, saying, "Tell us about your Lord. We want you to tell us because we know that God is with you."

The Jews couldn't do that today, as they are mainly in ignorance of Him. There are going to be some miracles take place whereby that the Jews are going to be saved — an entire nation in a day. When that takes place, then the Jews will be able to tell men about Jesus, and men out of all nations are going to take hold of a Jew, even ten at a time, and say, "We are going with you, for we have heard that God is with you."

Beloved, when you talk about the eternal city, you are not talking about Rome. Don't allow any Roman Catholic to deceive you, and make you think that Rome is an eternal city. I tell you, the Pope is an imposter and Roman Catholicism is a religion of deception. There is no truth in Romanism. Thank God, there is truth in this Word of God, for this Bible tells us that Jerusalem is the eternal city, and that eventually men are going to come into the city of Jerusalem from all over the world, to hear the Word of God, and that out from Jerusalem shall go forth the teachings of the Lord.

XI

### THE UNSAVED

Let me say to those of you who are unsaved, that which I wish I didn't have to say. Let me tell you that there is actually coming a time when men are going to call upon the mountains to fall on them and grind them into powder. Today those mountains would remind you of God and His sovereignty. They would tell us a great many things that I haven't been able to discuss with you this morning. But there is a day coming when the mountains, instead of reminding you of the sovereignty of God, are going to teach you that God has been sovereign over you. Listen:

"And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." — Rev. 6:16.

Brother, sister, I believe in an old-fashioned Hell. I wish that I didn't have to, but if I believe the Bible, I have to believe in an old-fashioned Hell.

I have to believe in a Hell of fire and brimstone because it is described in the Word of God. But even before Hell becomes a reality — even before the unsaved are cast into Hell, there is going to come a time of punishment here within this world when the unsaved will suffer to such an extent that they will cry out to the mountains and the hills to fall on them and grind them into powder, and hide them from the wrath of the Lamb.

Oh, man, woman, listen to me, if a man in this world would cry to the hills to grind him into powder — if a man or woman in

this life would rather die at the hands of the mountains falling on them and grinding them into powder, then pray tell me what will Hell be like?

This does not in any wise at all describe the horrors of Hell. Hell is to be dreaded. It is to be shunned. It is to be feared. Even men in this life are going to fear God to the extent that while they are yet alive, they are going to pray that the hills will fall on them and grind them into powder, and if that takes place while you are yet in this life, what is it going to be like when your soul leaves your body, and you stand in the presence of a thrice-holy God to be judged, and to be cast into Hell?

I thank God that I can turn from this and I can say that there is a way out, there is a way of escape, and that is through the Lord Jesus Christ. How I thank my God, and how I praise Him that there is a way out. You don't have to call on the hills to grind you into pieces. You don't have to go to Hell. You can trust Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and become a child of God and be saved. Jesus said:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." — John 14:6.

Might it please God this morning to help somebody here to realize that he is lost, and that the only way of salvation is in Jesus Christ, and may you turn to Him and be saved today, and become a child of God, for Jesus' sake.

May God bless you!



### "I Want To Live"

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I realize sometimes that I am getting older every day and that I am not as strong physically as I once was. I realize that I have had lots of sickness, and lots of aches and pains, with the result that I am physically far from the man that I once was. Having lived to be permitted to read my own obituary on one occasion and having had lots of illnesses through the years, I can truly say, as the man of God of old once said, "I was spared." I truly hope He spares me a long time to carry on the work He has called me to do.

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of me, and that makes my work so hard. As I say, I want to live to edit this paper for a long time. Humanly speaking, you could help us in this respect, if only you would assist us financially.

TBE is the packhorse for Bro. Halliman and Bro. Burket. We are happy to be such. It is indeed surprising though that some of our readers will send offerings for Bro. Halliman and Bro. Burket, but never once send an offering for TBE. I would ask: Don't you think the packhorse deserves a special handout too?

Yes, I say again, I want to live, and live a long time. I want to send forth this paper in the mails for many years to come. I want it to be used to further the work of Brother Halliman and Brother Burket and to sponsor the annual Bible Conference until Jesus comes again. Please remember that we can only do this through your help and your support.

If I could, I'd like to take each of you by the hand, look you in the eye, and tell you how much we need your help just now. Since this is impossible, I ask you to go back and read this article. It is from the heart. I hope it touches your heart, and it, in turn, will touch your pocketbook, and that we might have a worthy offering from you by return mail. I assure you that it is needed and needed badly.



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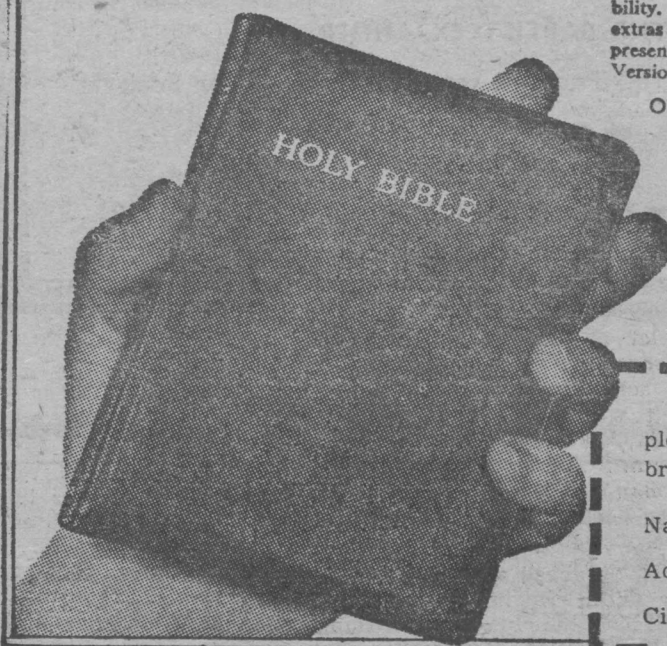
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may, or may not, have heard about the place.

I am sure that this patrol was definitely of the Lord, as the devil tried so hard to keep me out. Therefore, I am more than glad that I made it. I had been talking of making the patrol for about two weeks and thought, as usual, when the time came to go I would have many more men wanting to go than I would need. Since there has been so much rain in the last few months I had not planned to take the Landrover, although I would normally drive it about 35 miles saving nearly two days walk. The last time I had driven over this road I almost did not get through.

About four days before I was to leave, no one had come around saying he wanted to go with me, to carry cargo, so I began to ask for men, and to my surprise only 5 men that I had working around the mission, said they would go, whereas I would need at least 20 — maybe more. I was determined not to be outdone as I felt definitely led of the Lord to make

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the trip at this time, so I decided to send the 5 men on with some of the supplies and take the rest in the Landrover, and get a line of cargo carriers, where I would have to leave the vehicle.

I had decided to leave on Sunday, August 10, and while I do not try to keep a diary on most of my patrols, so far I have always kept a day-by-day diary whenever making this patrol. There-



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fore, as usual, I will use my diary as a basis and background for these articles. Also in previous reports on patrols into this area when beginning a quote from my diary I will use this symbol "D.Q." for diary quotation and when finished with the quotation this symbol "end D.Q." will appear.

AUGUST 10. "D.Q." Left the Mission Station about noon today after holding the morning service there. Made excellent time—no trouble at all. Arrived at Haginda about 2:30 P. M. Saw our missionary—talked of services for tomorrow, "end D.Q."

I had worked on Saturday night

until almost midnight getting the car loaded so that I could leave immediately after the morning services here on the Mission Station. By 12:00 noon we had finished, and within about 20 minutes I was under way. The road was bad in a few places but we got through and made good time all the way. In two hours, we were at a place called Haginda where we had planned to spend the night. We have a preaching point at Haginda that I had never visited, and I planned to spend Monday with the folk there so upon arrival the missionary and some of the folk were at the road to meet me. We talked for a while about the services for Monday. Then we drove on up to the government rest house (this is a house built of native materials and is used by the government officers when they are out on patrol), and unloaded our supplies — we would have a couple of nights to spend here.

AUGUST 11. "D.Q." Had good day in the Lord's services. Visited new preaching place for the first time—building for worship service complete and house for missionary almost complete. Held two services today. Late this afternoon had a long talk with the Apostolic missionary, "end D.Q."

While we have known the folk in this area ever since the government opened it up to missionaries, and while I have preached to the folk in general several times, it has not been until the last few months that we have had an established preaching point among any of the folk here. Mainly the area is a Catholic stronghold with a few places where the

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Apostolics preach. However, it appears that the Lord has a few elect there, and not too long ago, some of the folk wanted to put up a building and have a Baptist missionary come and minister to them.

This being on a Monday all the locals were due to work on the road, so we only had the folk that had been attending the services previously and there are only a few of them. We held a morning and afternoon service, and knowing the heresy that these folk had been exposed to for the past few years, the messages were calculated to set forth Christ only as the Saviour of God's elect.

Late that afternoon after we had returned to the rest house, and I was cooking my evening meal, the local missionary from the Apostolic mission came to talk to me. His trouble was, some of the folk that had been going to his services were now attending the Baptist services and he had more-or-less come to reclaim at least a portion of them. He wanted me to tell them to go back to the Apostolic services, especially since some of them had already been baptized? Needless to say, this opened up a door to me to preach to the fellow. Our missionary had told the folk that any and all that wanted to attend the Baptist services were welcome but any that had been baptized, so called, by these other groups would have to have baptism upon the authority of a Baptist church before they would become Baptists. It was this that had the fellow disturbed the most. He just could not understand why they would have to be baptized again. I do not say that I converted the fellow but he went away saying that he was going to have a talk with his superiors about why they had never told him the Apostolics had no authority to baptize anyone.

AUGUST 12. "D.Q." Left Haginda this morning and drove about 1½ miles where we were to leave the car and spent just short of four hours walking on a sloppy bush track. Upon reaching Haiwi about 200 people were present

—held a service about mid-afternoon, "end D.Q."

Two of the cargo boys that went on ahead and were waiting for us at Haginda were to be sent back to help look after things at the Mission Station. This left me only three, and one of them had become sick. I had quite a few supplies to move, and had expected to collect enough men at Haginda to move my cargo, but the head man there said all the fellows had to work on the road and none would be available. I had to send to the next area for help, but finally got enough together with some fellows from Haiwi that had come by.

When we got to the place where we were to leave the car, everything was unloaded. I have a tarpaulin that I use to cover the car when I leave it for a few days or weeks on the road. After all was secure we got under way and with leaving this place, we would leave all signs of civilization for three weeks. The track was hot and sloppy but we made excellent time, stopping only briefly once or twice during the next four hours. It had only been about three weeks since my family and I had visited Haiwi and I did not expect to find many people there to meet us when we arrived, but shortly after we had arrived about midnight nearly 200 people were there, and after a short rest, we held a preaching service after which food was brought, and we got settled in for a couple of days there.

All the times that I have been to Haiwi I have never preached at any of the out stations in that area as all the people would always come to the church there on the station for services. The last time I was there I told them when I came back I would visit the preaching place in the outlying areas. There are four of these, so we made plans accordingly to visit some of them the next day.

AUGUST 13. "D.Q." Today has mainly been spent in preaching, three services at as many different places. Getting gear ready to move out tomorrow, "end D.Q."

I had planned to preach at two of these places on this date and

then visit the other two on my way back, so as two of them lie in the same general direction, one being much farther than the other one, I set out fairly early in the morning and held one service — then went on to the other place, and held another service. I had quite a surprise when I went inside the building at this last place as it had seats, quite primitively constructed, yet seats, in it. In nearly 50 places where we hold services this building is the only one that even attempts to have seats in it. I noted, however, that on the side where the men sit, the seats were about 6 inches higher than they were on the women's side. There was quite a large congregation of people here at this last place—much more than I had expected to find.

After services were finished here at this place, I went to inspect some lumber that was being prepared for some buildings there on the Haiwi Mission Station. There is almost an unlimited source of untapped virgin timber in that area. It was disappointing to find that the fellows I had on the pit saw had little or no knowledge of how to cut timber straight and I had to shut the line down until I can find someone else that has had experience in pit sawing. Later that afternoon we held another service at the Haiwi Baptist Church and then began to prepare for our departure the next morning. This takes us through the fourth day of the patrol. We will have more to report on the trip next week.—F.T.H.

### Man's Lost Condition

(Continued from page one) think that you are what you are not. There is no good in any individual.

The things you do come from this wicked and deceitful heart, so that you can think of nothing but evil and sin continually. It is incurably wicked. You cannot cure it. There is no cure that this world can provide that will cure this wicked heart. Our leaders try to set up different things for the environment of children to make them better, but it will never change the heart of that natural individual. It is beyond the help of all people of this world, and all nations, to change one's heart or cause one's heart to be better.

"Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others."—Eph. 2:3.

We, in our minds and conscience, fulfill the desires of our hearts. Our mind is depraved and our conscience is depraved, and they are wicked.

Many people say, "I know we ought to just follow our consci-

ence." That conscience is a deceitful conscience, and it will lead you to Hell. You are not to follow your conscience. The Word of God is what you should follow.

"Unto the pure all things are pure; but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled."—Titus 1:15.

God's Word teaches us that everything about man is defiled. There is nothing good about him. There is nothing to recommend him to God. He is altogether lost, sinful and unprofitable, and there is nothing he can do, or will do that is good.

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."—Rom. 8:7.

Notice, the carnal mind is enmity against God. Then would you tell me that man in the natural flesh can do anything

be saved. He is helpless, lost, and separated from God. He is condemned to Hell and there is nothing he can do.

But you say, "There is something that he can do. He can come to Christ. He can believe on Him when we preach the gospel." There is not a preacher that can preach a message that will bring that sinner to Christ in the message itself. There are many people today who say, "He is such a good preacher. He can bring such a good message, and he can make it so plain that anyone can understand."

But the lost cannot understand it, because the natural mind cannot understand the things of God. No man can make him to understand the things of God. At his best preaching, he will never win one soul to Christ through what he does. He will never convince one sinner to turn from his sins and trust Christ. There is nothing that anyone can do. Jesus said:

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him."—John 6:44.

Notice, Jesus says, "No man can come to me." Man in himself cannot come to God, and he will not come to God except he be drawn or pulled. He is in a helpless condition, and although men might try to drag him, they are just dragging him closer to Hell.

There are people who during a revival meeting go back and try to drag someone up to the front to make a profession. They had better leave them alone, because they are only dragging them closer to Hell, and making them a fit subject for Hell more than before. God's Word says that no man can come to Him except he be drawn. No man can do this. He must be drawn by the Father.

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots; then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil."—Jer. 13:23.

This teaches us that it is impossible for one to do good. You cannot and will not. You have to be drawn into that.

"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins."—Eph. 2:1.

Man is dead in trespasses and sins. He needs spiritual life, and that only come from God. It can come no other way. It takes the power of God to save a sinner.

There are people today who are just like the Pharisees in their day: "Lord, show us a sign; show us a miracle." But every time that a sinner is saved, it is just as great a miracle worked as there was when the world was created. It takes the power of God to save a sinner, the same as it did to create this world.

What can a dead sinner do? What good would it do to tell a sinner to pray? What good would it do to tell a sinner to get up and walk or do something good? He is dead. He is a corpse. He is rotten. In the eyes of God, he is black and filthy and

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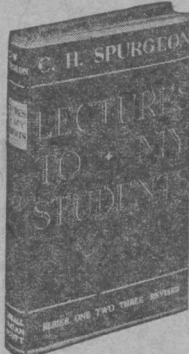
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to please God? He is at enmity with God. He is not going to do anything to help his enemy, which is God.

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way; they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes."—Rom. 3:10-18.

This is a description of man's nature after the fall. He is sinful from the top of his head to the sole of his feet. His eyes are looking for evil. His ears are listening for evil. His mouth speaks it. His tongue, his hands, and his feet are swift to run in the way of sin and of evil. That is a description that God gives us of the natural man in the flesh.

What can he do to redeem himself? He is helpless. By nature, there is not one thing he can do. There is nothing that man can do to help himself to



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## Man's Lost Condition

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When some will say, "He can give himself to God." What is someone giving himself—

filthy, corruptible, fleshly—to God? Even then, that is His by creation. You pay God with something already His. If you had the gold in the world it wouldn't help you, because God said, "The gold is mine, and silver is mine and the catkins on a thousand hills." You don't take that which belongs to the individual that owns it, but pay him with that which is

who are you to try to pay? You are filthy and corruptible in the eyes of God. You stink, you stink, and you are not to live. There isn't one of you, if you got justice, but you would go to Hell. If you have mercy, you have gotten grace of God that has been poured upon you. You were in trespasses and sins, but

He quickened you. It is God that quickens.

All you have to do to go to Hell is for God to let you alone—just let you go on your way and you will land in Hell. But God had a plan to save His elect. He didn't come upon this plan all of a sudden, or when He ran out of something to do, or after He had tried everything else, but in His mind from all eternity He had a way and a plan fixed whereby He could save individuals. He chose to save some; He didn't choose to save all.

"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 that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." — Eph. 1:4, 5.

God has, in His infinite mind and wisdom, chosen some from before the foundation of the world, in His Son, Jesus Christ. All spiritual blessings—everything that you need spiritually that you didn't have—He has supplied through the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Verily verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." — John 5:25.

This is speaking of the spiritual dead. The dead that are in the grave will hear the voice one day and they will come forth. It takes just as much power to raise a dead sinner as it does to raise that dead body out there in the grave that is corrupted and turned back to dust, and only God can do that through the Lord Jesus Christ.

"For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will." — John 5:21.

The word "quickeneth" means "make alive." He makes alive whom He will. Man is in a helpless condition—too helpless to do anything for himself. It is God that does it, and not man.

"And as many AS WERE ORDAINED to eternal life BELIEVED." — Acts 13:48.

It wasn't those who were changing their minds, but God in His purpose had called them, and "as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."

"Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified." — Rom. 8:30.

In Ephesians, it tells us that He did choose us in eternity, that He did foreknow us; here it tells us that these that He foreknew, He called. It is an effectual call of God that calls a sinner from his dead condition to life, and as he is called from his condition, just like Lazarus was called out of the grave when he was dead, he has to come. He cannot stay when God has called. He cannot be held back, but he must come out.

There are those who say, "I had the call, and I was convicted, but I turned it down and now God doesn't call me."

Let me tell you, they were not called of God. When God begins a work in you, He will finish it until the day of Jesus Christ. When He calls, you will run after Him. You cannot keep back. You cannot help yourself. Those whom He calls, He justifies, and whom He justifies, He also glorifies. It is God from beginning to end. Man has nothing to do with his salvation.

In this day in which we live, we hear many preachers say to lost sinners, "Will you accept the Lord Jesus Christ? Why not accept Him tonight?" A sinner cannot accept the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not, "Will you accept Christ?" but "Will He accept you?"

What would keep any individual from accepting Christ? He is sinless, He is perfect, He came and lived in this world and was tempted and tried, spit upon, whipped, beaten, crucified, was buried and rose again, and sits at the right hand of God. What would keep anyone from accepting Christ? Man in his condition will never accept Him, and God will never accept man in his condition either.

"To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." — Eph. 1:6.

He has made us accepted in the beloved. He has made us so that we are acceptable to Him. Not in our righteousness—not in anything that we do, but clothed

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in His righteousness, we are acceptable to God, and it is God that calls us and clothes us in the righteousness of His Son and makes us acceptable before Almighty God.

I ask you, are you acceptable to God? Are you in Christ? Are you depending on Him, or are you depending on something you can do, or have done, in order to save yourself? Christ has done it all. He finished the work and He didn't leave anything for you to do. You couldn't have done it, and you wouldn't have done it in your condition.

"So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy." — Rom. 9:16.

Man doesn't will these things. It is God that shows mercy, and if God didn't show this mercy, there would be none saved.

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." — I Cor. 2:14.

Man cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God, and will not receive them. It is God that intervenes, and quickens, and makes alive before any individual will ever believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. He must have life before he can do anything. Life comes by the preaching of the gospel, accompanied by the Holy Spirit of God, that quickens and makes alive those that are dead in trespasses and sin.

There is a call that goes out to every individual. Many turn that down, but there is a call that goes out to God's elect that is irresistible. God calls everyone of His elect, and He brings them unto Himself.

Some may think they know a lot about the Bible and the grace of God, but they will never learn it all in this life. But throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity, God will be teaching His

elect of His mercy and grace and kindness that He has bestowed upon you through the Lord Jesus Christ. They will be learning forever, and praising God forever, throughout eternity.

It makes me rejoice when I realize what we were, and what we are now in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead. Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us." — II Cor. 1:9, 10.

We can thank God that when the sentence of death was upon us, God intervened, and we are not trusting in ourselves even after we are saved. Many people think, "I am grown now. I have gotten so strong I can quit." If God would just withdraw His power from you one second, you would fall. We are kept by the power of God, ready to be revealed in the last days. You were nothing and you were helpless before you were saved, and you are just as helpless after, without His help. Thanks be to God, we were under the sentence of death in ourselves, "that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead."

In whom are you trusting? "Who delivered us from so great a death." He has already delivered us from that death, and doth deliver. He is keeping me today, and in whom we trust, will yet deliver us.

We need to trust in God and not in ourselves. Man is helplessly lost without God, and unless God intervenes, there is nothing we can do. But thanks be to God, He did intervene, and He does intervene, and He is going to save each and everyone of His elect. He has the power to do it. He promised to do it. He will keep His promise.

## Idolatry

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mon on the Mount. He said that the look of lust was adultery. Now, if the look of lust was adultery, the look of adoration at a picture was idolatry. One did not have to bow down before a picture to commit sin. Every time a person looked at a picture and said to himself that it was Jesus, he sinned.

The preacher could not fall asleep. He himself was guilty of the sin of idolatry and he was guilty of leading others to sin in his church. He sat up on the side of his bed and asked God's forgiveness. He prayed for wisdom and insight and courage. As he prayed, the Holy Spirit reminded him of the conversation of Jesus and the adulterous woman at the well of Jacob. He had told her that the true worshippers must worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:23).

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all those pictures are merely someone's idea of what Jesus looked like. Thus they are not honest, and anyone who says that these pictures are Jesus is not honest.

Therefore, since these pictures are lies, they must be of Satan, the father of all lies. The preacher trembled over the truth that he had discovered. He trembled in conviction of sin. Immediately he confessed his sin to Christ.

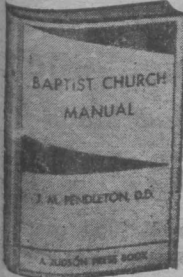
Finding peace, he fell back onto his bed; but he began to wonder. Why did Satan send these pictures, besides the fact that he had always been the author of idolatry? There must be a purpose behind them and their wide acceptance. Could it be that this Man of Sin (II Thess. 2:3) would look like these pictures? Possibly. What better way to get the lost church member to accept him? Then, when he did those miracles (II Thess. 2:9-12) the lost people would go wild over him, swearing that the Man of Sin would be Jesus Himself. It is more than interesting that so many young revolutionaries look like the "Head of Christ" pictures now.

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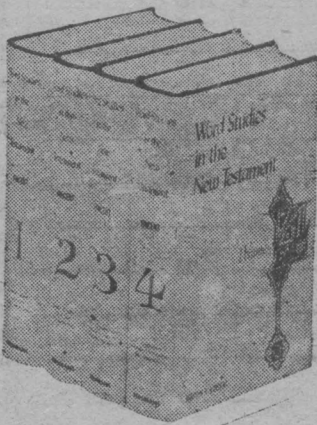
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Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell  
Finley  
Mansfield, Ohio

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful time that my family has when we come here. It is such a spiritual lift to us. We look forward to the next coming year when we can come again.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Knipp  
Mansfield, Ohio

I enjoyed the Bible Conference very, very much, and I thank our most sovereign God that He has enabled me to hear the glorious truths of God's Word proclaimed one more time. This is the fourth Bible Conference I have attended. They all hold a special place in my heart. The Lord willing, I hope to attend the

Bible Conference next year. I pray God's richest blessings upon Bro. Gilpin and Calvary Baptist Church and each and every church that has attended the Bible Conference. I pray the Lord's richest blessings upon the messages that we have heard and I thank God for them. Until I see you next year or until the Lord comes for His saints, I will be praying for the Lord to bless each and every one of you.

David Goldstein  
Chicago, Illinois

I like to meet relatives and friends at the Conference. I also liked the food and the soft seats. The preaching was very good.

Joe Vincent,  
Seabrook, Maryland

I wonder how long God will permit Calvary Baptist Church to continue to have these Conferences. I hope and pray that it shall be for many years to come, at least until Jesus comes. I don't know who could fill Bro. Gilpin's boots if he should go home to be with Jesus, before Jesus comes for all of His children. I know God is able. The Bible Confer-

ence is just a little bit of Heaven here on earth. The fellowship was never better. The food never so good. The facilities never so superb. I met old friends and found new ones to fellowship with. I heard some of the greatest Baptist preachers on the face of this earth today. I fed on the Word of God till my cup runneth over. I wish to thank the people who worked in the Cafeteria for great food and service. I praise God for all the blessings received through one of His churches. May He receive all the glory.

Elder K. R. Crowl  
Manatee, Florida.

Each year at the close of the Bible Conference, I look forward for the next one, when again the soul can be fed from the Word of God. The sweet fellowship of God's people helps to encourage me to fight on for God another year. Thanks to Calvary Baptist Church and her pastor for these blessings again.

Eld. R. C. Varble  
Indianapolis, Indiana

I enjoyed the Conference as I always do. There were many good messages. I thought Brother Washer's message most appropriate to the true reasons and needs of Missionary Baptists. May God make us truly missionary. Thanks for everything.

Eld. Gerald B. Price  
Bristol, Tenn.

I'm hoping that we will be here for the 1970 Conference. Each year I learn something new. The preaching and singing were very good. Also the food, beds, and the seats were very good.

Mary Toll  
Seabrook, Maryland

The fellowship was sweet. The sermons and the songs were spiritual. The music was marvelous. The food was delicious and the rooms comfortable.

Elder Jack Brashear  
Viper, Kentucky

First of all, Bro. Gilpin, this card is not large enough for me to express myself. But, I will attempt to name a few reasons why I enjoyed the Conference. I have been saved over five years and these four days of this Conference have been four of the most joyous days that I have ever spent with God's people. It was four days of worshipping the Lord in Spirit and in Truth. The Lord willing we will be back next year. I praise the Lord for the wonderful time we had here together.

Roger Jones  
Clear Lake, Michigan

We thank God for the Bible Conference. We have looked forward to it all year and now our sights are on next year. May the Lord bless you all for the wonderful work you are doing and have done in the past. Everything and everyone has been wonderful.

Mrs. Wm. Shetterly  
Toledo, Ohio

This was the greatest Conference yet. Praise the Lord for the messages on all the different subjects. Praise the Lord for the wonderful facilities in food and lodgings. May the Lord be pleased for this conference to continue until He returns.

Elder Wayne Crow,  
Wellington, Kansas

This is my ninth Bible Conference, one short of a strike. The accommodations were superb. The preaching was all excellent. The fellowship, as usual, was wonder-

ful. The one message, "Case Against the Universal-Invisible Church" needs to be in tract form and used widely. My thanks to Brother Gilpin and Calvary Baptist Church for another great Bible Conference.

DeWayne W. Austin  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Cindy and I are so very happy to be able to attend your 1969 Conference. The preaching is outstanding. We have never heard so much truth from so many people before.

Glen and Cindy Blair  
Sumas, Washington

This Bible Conference far exceeds any other meeting in this area. It has grown tremendously. God has endowed Elder Gilpin with the ability to organize and carry through over the U.S. the great truths we are given in the Bible. May God bless you.

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It was wonderful to feast on the Word. It was certainly a foretaste of Glory. The accommodations were, as usual, great. Thanks to a great God. To Him be the glory.

Carl Owen  
Hayward, California

Thank God for plenty of good food, beautiful music, good fellowship and good sound Baptist preaching. I have no more words that could express our sincere enjoyment of this Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Lewis  
Ashland, Kentucky

To a young preacher, Conferences such as these are most encouraging. I would like to thank the Calvary Baptist Church for all the fine accommodations and courtesies. I look forward to attending next year, the Lord willing. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Tom Herrington,  
Detroit, Michigan

It is like an oasis in the desert, coming together to hear the Lord's Baptist preachers, who are contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. The facilities of the University are excellent. The fellowship with the brethren and meeting those who are supporting the Navajo mission was a precious blessing. I will be back next year.

William C. Burket,  
Farmington, N.M.

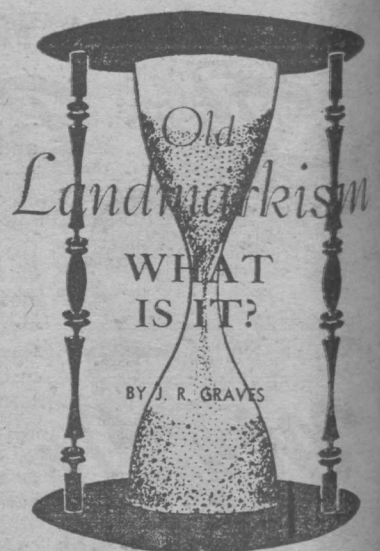
I got a lot of spiritual blessings from this year's Bible Conference. I hope to be able to attend next year.

Oscar Combs  
Chillicothe, Ohio

I really enjoyed the meals we have had. I especially enjoyed the rooms this year. The messages were very good. I'm really looking forward to next year.

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Elder W. V. Murray  
Bristol, Virginia

I love Jesus more than anything and this is a good place to learn more about Him. It is also a very good place to make new friends.

Pam Rogers,  
Amarillo, Texas

I enjoyed the messages. The rooms and the food were very good.

Martha Murray  
Ironton, Ohio

I have really enjoyed the 1969 Conference. The good singing and playing has blessed my heart, as well as, the good preaching. I hope to return again next year, if it is the Lord's will.

Mrs. Jack Brashear  
Viper, Kentucky

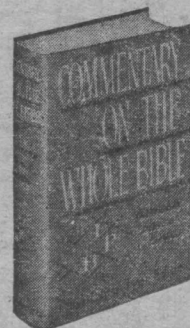
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