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ROMAN CATHOLIC INVENTIONS

Human inventions adopted and perpetuated by the Roman Catholic Church in the course of 1600 years.

These dates are in many instances approximate. Many of these heresies had been current years before, but only when they were officially adopted by a church council and proclaimed by the pope as dogma of faith, did they become binding on Roman Catholics.

Any doctrine to be true must conform to the Word of God. "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).

1. Of all the human inventions taught and practiced by the Roman Catholic Church, which are contrary to the Bible, the most ancient are the prayers for the dead and the sign of the Cross. Both began 300 years after Christ—310.

2. Wax Candles introduced about 320.

3. Veneration of angels and dead saints—about 375.

4. The Mass, as a daily celebration, adopted 394.

5. The worship of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the use of the term, "Mother of God," as applied to her, originated in the Council of Ephesus in 431.

6. Priests began to dress differently from the laity in 500.

7. The doctrine of Purgatory was first established by Gregory the Great about the year 503.

8. The Latin language, as the language of prayer and worship in churches, was also imposed by Gregory six hundred years after Christ—600.

The Word of God forbids praying and teaching in an unknown tongue (I Cor. 14:9).

9. The Bible teaches that we are to pray to God alone. In the primitive church never were prayers directed to Mary, or to dead saints. This practice began in the Roman Church about 600. (Matt. 11:28; Luke 1:46; Acts 10:25-26; 14:14-18).

10. The Papacy is of pagan origin. The title of pope or universal bishop, was first given to the bishop of Rome by the wicked emperor Phocas, in the year 610.

This he did to spite Bishop Ciriacus of Constantinople, who had justly excommunicated him

for his having caused the assassination of his predecessor, Emperor Mauritius. Gregory I, then bishop of Rome, refused the title, but his successor, Boniface III, first assumed the title, "pope."

Jesus did not appoint Peter to the headship of the apostles and forbade any such notion. (Luke 22:24-26; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18; I Cor. 3:11). Nor is there any mention in Scripture, nor in history, that Peter ever was in Rome, much less that he was pope there for 25 years; Clement, third bishop of Rome, remarks that "there is no real first century evidence that Peter ever was in Rome."

11. The kissing of the Pope's feet began in 709.

It had been a pagan custom to kiss the feet of emperors. The Word of God forbids such practices. (Read Acts 10:25-26; Rev. 19:10; 2:9). Popes began 750.

12. The temporal power of the popes began 750.

When Pepin, the usurper of the throne of France, descended into Italy, called by Pope Stephen II, to war against the Italian Longobards, he defeated them and gave the city of Rome and surrounding territory to the pope. Jesus expressly forbade such a thing, and He himself refused worldly kingship. (Read Matt. 4:8-9; 20:25-26; John 18:38).

13. Worship of the cross, of images and relics was authorized in 788.

This was by order of Dowager Empress Irene of Constantinople, who first caused to pluck the eyes of her own son, Constantine VI, and then called a church council at the request of Harian I, pope of Rome at that time.

Such practice is called IDOLATRY in the Bible, and is severely condemned. (Read Exodus 20:4; 3:17; Deut. 27:15; Psalm 115).

14. Holy Water, mixed with a pinch of salt and blessed by the priest, was authorized in 850.

15. The veneration of "Saint Joseph" began in 890.

16. The baptism of bells was instituted by Pope John XIV in the year 965.

17. Canonization of dead saints, first by Pope John XV in 995.

Every believer and follower of Christ is called "saint" in the Bible. (Read Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:2).

18. Fasting on Fridays and during Lent were imposed in the year 998. Popes are said to be interested in the commerce of fish. Bull, or permit to eat meat, some authorities say, began in the year 700. This is against the plain teaching of the Gospel. (Read Matt. 15:10; I Cor. 10:25; I Tim. 4:1-3).

19. The Mass was developed gradually as a sacrifice; attendance made obligatory in the eleventh century.

The Gospel teaches that the sacrifice of Christ was offered once and for all, and is not to be repeated, but only commemorated in the Lord's Supper. (Read Heb. 7:27; 9:26-28; 10:10-14).

20. The celibacy of the priesthood was decreed by Pope Hildebrand, Boniface VII, in the year 1079.

Jesus imposed no such rule, nor did any of the apostles. On the contrary, Peter was a married man, and Paul refers to a bishop as having a wife and children. (Read I Tim. 3:2-5 and

REMEMBER US

We have been passing through exceedingly trying days so far as this paper is concerned. Our pressman is still sick — was operated on March 31st and will probably be able to be back to work around the first of May. We are doing the best we can with a four-page paper until his return.

In the meantime, the postal strike affected us greatly from a financial standpoint. Therefore, we make a special request that you remember us, not only as to our material needs in the printing of this paper, but remember us in prayer that we shall soon be back on even keel so far as TBE is concerned financially.

We ask that you please be patient with us — with this four-page paper, as it is the best that we can do at present. Whenever possible — which should be around the first of May — we'll greet you again as usual with our eight-page edition each week.

GOD SOMETIMES ALLOWS TROUBLES AS A TEST OF FAITH..

Why Troubles Beset The Christian's Daily Walk

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future — the devil's people have worse than none.

Some have had the idea that when one becomes a Christian, all is "smooth sailing" from then on. Following their conversion they were greatly disappointed for they still had sickness, trials, and temptations. Every Christian needs to understand clearly that the Lord has never promised immunity from the common ills of life to his children. To the contrary, Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulations."

Truth is, a child of God may have even more trouble in some respects than unsaved people. Certainly he is likely to have stronger temptations. He will likewise have persecutions that he would not otherwise have. And he may prosper less financially because he will not resort to all of the crookedness resorted to by unsaved people.

WHAT'S THE GOOD OF BEING A CHRISTIAN THEN?

The answer is easily given. "Men of this world, have their portion in this life" (Psa. 17:14). The people of God have their main portion in the forever and ever to be. God's people have a

12; Matt. 8:14-15).

21. The Rosary, or prayer beads, was introduced by Peter the Hermit. Copied from Hindus and Mohammedans—1090.

The counting of prayers is a pagan practice and is expressly condemned by Christ. (Matt. 6:5-13).

22. The Inquisition of heretics was instituted by the Council of Verona in the year 1184. Jesus never taught the use of force to spread His religion—1184.

23. The sale of indulgences, commonly regarded as a purchase of forgiveness and a permit to indulge in sin, began in the year 1190.

Christianity, as taught in the Gospel, condemns such a traffic, and it was the protest against this traffic that brought on the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century.

24. The dogma of transubstantiation was decreed by Pope Innocent III, in the year 1215.

By this doctrine the priest pretends to perform a daily miracle by changing a wafer into the body of Christ, and then he pretends to eat Him alive in the presence of his people during Mass. The Gospel condemns such absurdities; for the Holy Communion is simply a memorial of the sacrifice of Christ. The spiritual presence of Christ is implied in the Supper. (Read Luke 22:19-20; John 6:35; I Cor. 11:26).

25. Confession of sins to the priest at least once a year was instituted by Pope Innocent III (Continued on page 3, column 4)

WHY DOES GOD ALLOW HIS CHILDREN TO SUFFER?

Why does the Lord let His people, whom He loves, go through hard experiences? As to the exact why of every trial and every circumstance, we cannot know. We must sometimes be willing to rest on Romans 8:28, and to await the time of future understanding. But generally speaking, we can know some of the reasons back behind the permission of trials and difficulties in our lives. Let us note some of these:

God sometimes allows troubles as a test of faith. (See I Pet. 1:7). Job is the classic example of this. His faith was demonstrated, and proven by the way he bore afflictions. Friends argued that his troubles came as chastening, but they did not. Not all troubles are in the nature of chastisement, and we must realize it. Job is made the first proof that the devil's doctrine of "falling from grace" is a lie. The devil said that he could make Job fall from grace, and the Lord proved that he couldn't.

God sometimes allows troubles as chastening, with a view to correcting us and bringing us back into line. David said, "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now have I kept thy word." Again we read, "As many as I love I rebuke and chasten." Chastening however is not punitive, but remedial and corrective. This is a truth that we must have if our theology is to be correct. While many trials are not allowed as chastening, we do well to seriously consider each one to find out if perhaps the Lord is trying to call our attention to some wrong course that needs correction.

God sometimes allows trials to come as a purifier of faith, and a developer of Christian character (Mal. 3:3). Trials may serve to purify and refine just as fire refines precious metals. As has been stated, it is the storms that cause the great oaks to send down roots that serve to anchor them firmly in the depths of the soil. In many years of experience in radio broadcasting, we have learned that the letters from listeners that express the greatest spiritual understanding come from sick people — especially invalids who have gone through the refining fires of affliction. Strong Christian character is not developed in a spiritual hot house, but out in the world of trials and temptations and human difficulties.

God sometimes allows trials to come that we may be privileged to obtain eternal reward. (See James 1:12). Great reward shall be given to those who face temptations and difficulties and overcome them for Christ's sake. One day we shall doubtless thank the Lord for each trial that came.

REVIEW

"RE-ENTRY"
By John W. White

This is a cloth-bound book of 164 pages by John W. White, in which the author shows the many striking parallels between today's news events and Christ's second coming.

It contains more Scripture references than any book of like size and gives more quotations as to world events than any other book we have ever reviewed.

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"THE WORTH OF A TREE"

"Who his own self bare our sins in his body on the tree." — I Pet. 2:24.

Several months ago, I noted in the paper that a man from the Bartlett Tree Expert Company in Rockville, Maryland, had addressed the University of Maryland on an Arborist Day meeting, and of course, naturally, he spoke on the worth and value of trees. You wouldn't expect a man that was connected with the Bartlett Tree Expert Com-

pany to speak perhaps on any other subject, and this was the subject that he did speak on, in which he emphasized the value of trees. It was rather interesting to me as I read a synopsis of his message, in which he said that trees are valuable in four ways: as windbreakers, to screen out undesirable sights, to block out noises, and to enhance the beauty of the property. He mentioned these four and emphasized them and enlarged upon them.

and before he finished his message, he told this group that they ought to be mighty careful how they take care of their shade trees, that in his opinion, growing out of a lifetime of tree work, he had come to this conclusion, that a shade tree was oftentimes worth as much as \$10,000, yet we take them for granted day by day.

As I say, I read that in the paper some months ago and this (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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It won't be long until Labor Day weekend, and we are rejoicing greatly over the offerings that come in from week to week in behalf of the Conference.

It will take approximately \$7500 this year for the Conference and the costs thereof are always underwritten by Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland. Of course, we'll take care of the costs again this year.

However, a number of our friends have been sending contributions for this purpose and for these, we are grateful. We now have about \$600 in this fund, and if the Lord should lay it upon the hearts of any of our readers to contribute to this phase of our mission work, we shall certainly be glad to hear from them.



The Worth Of A Tree

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address called to my mind a certain other tree — a tree that is referred to in the text which I have read, which says, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the TREE." This gentleman from the Bartlett Tree Expert Company said that a tree was often worth as much as \$10,000, but the tree that I am speaking to you about is worth more than \$10,000. It is worth more than all the gold that is found deposited at Fort Knox. It is worth more than all the money that is on deposit in the Bank of England. It is worth more than all the money that is supposed to be in the World Bank. In fact, I would say all the money that is in Fort Knox Depository, all the money in the Bank of England, and all the money in the World Bank combined is not at all equal to the worth of the tree, of which I read in my text, when it speaks about Jesus "who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree."

To be sure, that tree has long since passed away. The cross is no longer to be had. But the great work of redemption pertaining to our soul's salvation which occurred at that tree, shall never pass away. Don't forget while the tree itself is gone, the work of redemption that was wrought out there shall never pass away, and that tree is the cross on which the Saviour died for the elect of God.

Let's Study Revelation

This is the title of a 240-page book written by Elder E. G. Cook of Birmingham, Alabama, which we have recently printed.

There are many commentaries on the Book of Revelation, but this is the only BAPTIST commentary that has ever been written.

We are sincerely praying that God will abundantly bless in the sale of this book as it is one which is long overdue from the standpoint of Baptists. The price is \$3.50 and may be ordered from us or directly from Brother Cook, whose address is 701 Cambridge Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35224.

Whatever you do, place your order for it today.

I remember another tree that is spoken of in the Word of God. Listen:

"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. 2:17.

This is a different kind of tree. This is a tree of knowledge of good and evil. God said to Adam, while Adam was still in an unfallen state, to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for if he did, the day that he ate thereof, he would surely die. We recognize the fact that Adam ate of that tree. We recognize the fact that he and his wife together ate of that tree. They became wise all right, but at a tremendous price — at the price of their own sinfulness, and likewise of the sinfulness of the entire race.

It seems highly conspicuous to me that by the eating of this tree in Genesis 2:17 we were all made sinners, and by the partaking of the fruit that is spoken of in my text in I Peter 2:24 we are all made righteous. It seems highly conspicuous by the eating of the first tree we all become sinners, and by the eating of the second tree we all become saints.

I am reminded of the fact that God's Word says that there is a curse to fall upon the individual who hangs on a tree. We read:

"His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day: (for he that is hanged is ACCURSED of God;) that thy land be not defiled." — Deut. 21:23.

You'll notice in this text that God says that anybody that hangs on a tree, that that individual is accursed of God. Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ became accursed for us, in that He Himself was hanged on a tree. Listen:

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a CURSE for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree." — Gal. 3:13.

I say then, as a result of the eating of the first tree in Genesis 2:17 all of us were made sinners. Jesus Christ came to Calvary and died on the tree of the cross and thus became accursed for us, and removed the curse from us, to the extent that every one of us who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ today finds that our sins are carried away. As my text says, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree."

The Apostle Peter likewise tells of this event, when he says:

"The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and HANGED ON A TREE. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." — Acts

5:30, 31.

Now putting all this together, you come to this fact, that as the man representing the Bartlett Tree Expert Company said, a tree is a valuable thing, and he mentions some four ways whereby he says a tree is valuable. In contrast, I talk to you about the tree of Calvary, and I say the tree of Calvary is much more valuable than all other trees ever known or spoken of within this world. As the song writer has said:

"Was it for crimes that I have done,

He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree."

Now, beloved, if a tree is of value, as this man said, in these four ways, may I ask a question — how is the tree of Calvary of value to us. I'll say it is of value in exactly the four ways that this man mentioned that a tree is to an individual. He said that a tree is valuable as a windbreak; it is valuable to screen out undesirable sights; it is valuable to block out noises, and it is valuable to enhance the beauty of the property. I'll show you, beloved, that the tree of Calvary is valuable to us in exactly these four ways.

I

THE TREE OF CALVARY IS OF VALUE IN THAT IT SERVES AS A WINDBREAK.

I turn to the Word of God and I find that God's Word says a great deal about winds that need to be broken. We read:

"For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind." — Hosea 8:7.

This is talking about the age-old law of sowing and reaping. If a man sows grass, he expects to reap grass. If he sows corn, he expects to reap corn. If he plants potatoes or onions, he expects to reap potatoes or onions. In the natural law of life, we expect to reap exactly as we have sown. The same is true spiritually. We can expect to reap exactly as we have sown. Listen:

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." — Gal. 6:7, 8.

When Hosea says, "For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind," he is talking about Israel, how that God has withdrawn His face from the Israelites as a result of their sin, and he says that they are going to reap the whirlwind because they have sown the wind. I say to you, that same thing is true with all mankind down to this hour — that men reap in this life exactly what they sow.

Take Jacob, for example. The Word of God tells us how he truly lied in an outstanding way to his own father. I can see him as he puts goatskins on the back of his hands, and the small of his neck, so that when his father puts his hand up to feel him, that he felt like a hairy man, and thus deceived his father, and made his father think that he was his brother Esau, whereas in reality he was Jacob. He stood there and lied and said, "I am Esau" and received the blessing that should have gone to Esau. His father said, "It is the hands of Esau, but it sounds to me like the voice of Jacob." Nevertheless, he was lied to by Jacob, and deceived by Jacob, by the goatskins, and the result was that he gave to Jacob the blessing that should have gone to Esau. He lied to his father, and he deceived his father with goatskins.

Now skip thirty years of time. Jacob now has a large family. Ten of those boys come into his presence one day and spread out

I HAVE SPOKEN TO THE BIBLE CONFERENCE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, AND . . .



I would urge everyone to attend this Conference because . . .

I have been a speaker at the Bible Conference of Calvary Baptist Church since 1963. To me, the Conference is a springboard to plunge each and everyone who attends, into the following year to a great determination to keep on, keeping on. I know by past experience that we Baptists, who hold to the truths of the doctrines of grace and of the local visible church, get awfully discouraged, and often grow weary in well doing. Read Gal. 6:9. Satan is ever ready and dogging at the heels, and blasting us with his fiery darts, piercing even to the marrow and the bone, until many get battle fatigue. Now when we get battle fatigue, we are prone to lay down our shield in the middle of the battlefield and look for a hiding place.

Many of our dear elect brothers, that I know of myself, have laid down their shield of faith, and Satan's darts have pierced them through. These dear ones have fallen into the Arminian camps. There they hide their faces . . . there they try to worship and sing the songs of Zion . . . but how can they sing the songs of Zion in such a land where they dwell. Like the children of Israel down in the land of Babylon:

"There we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" — Psalm 137:1-4.

There are also some precious brethren, because of the lack of encouragement of their fellow brethren, who come from far and wide to the Bible Conference to fellowship and share with one another what God has bestowed upon them in precious nuggets of truth. Many of these, though, have fallen into the enemy camp, and are to be found prisoners of dead Calvinism, commonly known as Hardshellism, which is a lifeless state, for the lack of truth concerning the place of the Gospel in salvation. They have lost sight of the great commission, and not having fellowship with dear brethren who are stirred and because of the Gospel, ready to preach, go, give, sing and pray. They hide their face from their commander whose cry is "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

I would also mention another group of dear elect brothers and sisters, who through the work of the strong man, Satan, have taken the preacher route only; in declaring the salvation of a dead sinner, who have bypassed the precious work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration. They can be heard from their pulpits using a term "Importance of the Word." They would brand their fellow brethren as Hardshells because they cry out that the Holy Spirit is the first Work, and is the important word in the salvation of the soul. These are found seldom ever mentioning the precious Holy Spirit when proclaiming the Gospel. If these dear brethren were pressed into explaining their view of regeneration, they would have to place salvation in the hands of a mere man.

I feel if all these dear brethren could get to this great Conference each year, and search for the truth, and seek fellowship, hearing and weighing on scales of faith what they have heard — That which God has revealed to our brethren, and that which they have received as gifts from God, there at the Conference, sharing it with others — I believe it would revolutionize all our preaching. I believe we could all go to our homes and our pulpits determined to "put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." — Eph. 6:11.

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a coat of many colors that they themselves had dipped in goat's blood. They spread this coat out and said, "Father, we found this coat today, out in the field. Do you know whether or not this is your son's coat?" Jacob looked at it. There wasn't but one coat like it in all the land. It was a coat of many colors that he had made painstakingly for his son Joseph. He knew it was his son, Joseph's coat, and he thought that an evil beast had

devoured him. He said, "It is my son's coat. An evil beast hath no doubt devoured him." Those boys thus deceived their father with goat's blood. Jacob had deceived his father with goatskins; they deceived their father, Jacob, with goat's blood.

I am saying to you, beloved, that is a good example laid down in the Word of God of this law of sowing and reaping. My text that likewise presents the same, (Continued on page 3, column 1)

The Redeemer's Return

By ARTHUR W. PINK

(Continued from last week)

The Worth Of A Tree

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says concerning these Israelites that they have sown to the wind and that they are going to reap the whirlwind. It is a truism that we reap as we sow.

Now come to my thought of the tree — a tree the man said was of value as a windbreak. Beloved, I tell you, you and I need something as a windbreak. As these individuals had sown to the wind and God said they were going to reap the whirlwind, so you and I are going to reap as we sow. We need something as a windbreak. Calvary is that windbreak.

Listen to another Scripture truth:

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine."—Eph. 4:14.

There are people who are carried about by every wind of doctrine. What they hear, they accept. If they hear something today, they'll accept it, and if they hear something new tomorrow, they'll accept it. Any wind of doctrine that comes along, it just carries them along. Just like the wind that picks up a leaf and carries it along and drops it, then tomorrow another wind picks it up and maybe carries it back to whence it came originally, and drops it, so there are individuals who are carried about by every wind of doctrine.

Don't tell me that you and I don't need a windbreak. Only as the grace of God comes into our lives, and only as we are saved, have we been kept from being carried about by every wind of doctrine. If God had not revealed Himself to you in Jesus Christ, and if you had not seen Him as your Saviour, and if you had not had a revelation from God the Father as to Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you would be just exactly like that crowd today that is carried about by every wind of doctrine. The only thing that makes you stable is the fact that the Lord has revealed His truth to you, and that truth has kept you solid, and has kept you from being carried about by the winds of doctrine that go about us day by day.

When the gentleman from the Bartlett Tree Company said that a tree is valuable as a windbreak, I don't know whether he told the truth or not, but I judge he did. However, I do want you to notice that the tree of Calvary is definitely of value as a windbreak to us. It breaks the wind that causes men to reap as they sow, and it breaks the wind that causes us to be carried about by every wind of doctrine that blows our way.

II

THE TREE OF CALVARY IS OF VALUE FOR SCREENING OUT UNDESIRABLE SIGHTS.

If I mistake not, there are some undesirable things that you and I might have to look upon, were it not for the tree of Calvary. As I think of what the tree of Calvary means to me, and what it means to everyone who is saved, may I remind you that we have been spared very many undesirable sights because of Calvary. For example, I read:

"And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried: And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and

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The Imminency of the Redeemer's Return

"For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry" (Heb. 10:37).

CHAPTER FIVE

IN THE previous chapter we sought to do nothing more than prove that our Redeemer would return *before the Millennium*, the date of His return, either the approximate or the precise date, we did not touch upon. Nowhere in the Bible is the actual time of the Second Advent made known, instead, it is presented as an event which may occur at *any* hour; or, in other words, the Fact of the Saviour's appearing is invariably set forth in the language of *Imminency*. When we say that the Redeemer's Return is an imminent event, we do not mean it will occur *immediately*, but that He *may* come back in our own lifetime, that He *may* come back this year; yet, we cannot say that He *will* do so. The Fact of the Second Advent is *certain* because expressly revealed in Holy Writ; the Date of the Second Advent is *uncertain* because it has not been made known by God. Here then we have a truth which is simple to grasp, yet one which is of fundamental importance and great practical value. The majority of the errors and heresies which have gathered around this subject are directly traceable to the ignoring of this elementary consideration. For example: if the Lord's people had given due heed to the fact that Scripture presents the Second Coming of Christ as something which may happen *at any hour*, then the post-millennial teaching that our Lord will not come back again for more than a thousand years, would never have obtained the hearing and acceptance which it has received. Furthermore, if the wondrous truth that our Redeemer might return *today* once took firm hold on our hearts, it would revolutionize our lives and provide us with a spiritual dynamic which is incalculable in its reach and incomparable in its value. Without expatiating any further upon the general bearings of this aspect of our theme, let us now proceed to show that—

1. Our Lord Himself spoke of His Return in the language of Imminency.

In the Olivet discourse, where the Master replied to the inquiries of His disciples concerning the Sign of His Coming and of the End of the Age, He said— "Watch therefore: *for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come*. But know this, that if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: *for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh*. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord hath made ruler over His household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That He shall make him ruler over all His goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My Lord delayeth His coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for Him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites; there shall he weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 24:42-51.) This Scripture refers primarily to our Lord's Return to the earth, as is evident from the fact that He here styles Himself "The Son of Man;" yet like all prophecy it has at least a double bearing and therefore may properly be applied to His secret Coming in the air.

An analysis of the above passage reveals the following important truths. First: the "hour" of our Lord's Return is *unknown* to His people. Second; because we know not the exact time of His appearing, we must be in an attitude of *constant* expectation and watchfulness. Third; the Lord *will* return *unexpectedly*, even in such an hour as His own people "think not." Fourth; the faithful and wise servant is he who shall give meat in due season to those of the Lord's household during the time of Christ's absence, and the one who is found so occupied at the time of His appearing shall be richly rewarded. Fifth; the one who shall say in his heart "My Lord delayeth His coming" is an "evil servant," and such an one shall receive a portion of shame and suffering at our Lord's Return.

The Parable of the Ten Virgins intimates that the Lord Jesus desired His people to maintain an attitude of constant readiness for the appearing of the Bridegroom. At the beginning of the parable He pictures all of the "virgins" taking their lamps and going forth to "meet" Him. The interpretation of this part of the parable is very simple. In the early days after our Lord's departure from the earth, His followers detached themselves from all worldly interests and set their affections on Christ — His return being their one hope and great desire. But while the Bridegroom tarried

the expectation of His appearing disappeared, and spiritual sloth and sleep was the inevitable consequence, and this condition prevailed until the midnight cry arose— "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him." The effect of this cry is seen in the arousing of both the wise and the foolish virgins. The need of preparation and watchfulness is disclosed in the doom that overtook those who had no oil in their vessels. The practical application of the whole parable was made by the Lord Himself— "Watch therefore, *for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh*" (Matt. 25:13).

At the close of St. Mark's account of the Olivet discourse he records at greater length than does St. Matthew our Lord's command to His disciples to *watch* for His return — "Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: *for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh*, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch" (Mark 13:33-37). A careful reading of these verses makes it apparent that the design of the Master was to impress upon His disciples two things: first, that while it was certain He *would* return, yet it was uncertain *when* He would appear; second, that in view of the uncertainty of the exact hour or His second coming the Lord's followers must maintain an attitude of constant watchfulness, looking for Him to return *at any moment*.

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in the Lateran Council in the year 1215.

The Bible teaches us to confess our sins directly to God. (Read Psalm 51:1-10; Luke 7:48; 15:21; 1 John 1:8-9).

26. The adoration of the wafer (Host), was decreed by Pope Honorius in the year 1220.

So the Roman Church worships a God made by human hands. This is plain idolatry and absolutely contrary to the spirit of the Gospel. (Read 4:24).

27. The Bible forbidden to laymen and placed in the Index of forbidden books by the Council of Valencia in 1229.

Jesus commanded that the Scriptures should be read by all. (John 5:39; 1 Tim. 3:15-17).

28. The scallop was invented by Simon Stock, an English monk in the year 1287.

It is a piece of brown cloth, with the picture of the Virgin and supposed to contain supernatural virtue to protect from all dangers those who wear it on naked skin. This is fetishism.

29. The Roman Church forbade the cup to the laity, by instituting the communion of one kind in the Council of Constance in 1414.

The Gospel commands us to celebrate the Lord's Supper with bread and wine. (Read Mat. 26:27; 1 Cor. 1:26-29).

30. The doctrine of purgatory was proclaimed as a dogma of faith by Council of Florence in 1439.

There is not one word in the Bible that would teach the purgatory taught by Roman priests. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sins. (Read 1 John 1:7-9; 2:1; John 5:4; Rom. 8:1).

31. The doctrine of 7 sacraments affirmed in 1439.

The Gospel says that Christ instituted only two ordinances, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. (Read Matt. 28:19-20; 26:26-28).

32. The Ave Maria, part of the last half in 1508.

It was completed 50 years afterward and finally approved by Pope Sixtus V, at the end of the sixteenth century.

33. The Council of Trent, held in the year 1545, declared that tradition is of equal authority with the Bible—1545.

By tradition is meant human teachings. The Pharisees believ-

ed the same way, and Jesus strongly condemned them, for by teaching human tradition, they nullified the commandments of God (Read Mark 7:7-13; Col. 2:8; Rev. 22:18).

34. The apocryphal books were added to the Bible also by the Council of Trent in 1546.

These books were not recognized as canonical by the Jewish brethren. (Read Rev. 2:28-9).

35. The Creed of Pope Pius IV was imposed as the official creed 1560 years after Christ and the apostles, in 1560.

True Christians retain the Holy Scriptures as their creed. Hence their creed is 1500 years older than the creed of Roman Catholics. (Read Gal. 1:8).

36. The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary was proclaimed by Pope Pius IX in the year 1854.

The Gospel states that all men, with the sole exception of Christ, are sinners. Mary herself had need of a Saviour. (Read Rom. 3:23; 5:12; Psalm 51:5; Luke 1:30, 46-47).

37. In the year 1870 after Christ, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of Papal infallibility—1870.

This is blasphemy and the sign of the apostasy and of the anti-christ predicted by Paul. (Read 2 Thess. 2:2-12; Rev. 17:1-9; 13:5-8, 18).

38. In the year 1930 Pius XI condemned the public schools.

39. In the year 1931 the same pope, Pius XI, reaffirmed the doctrine that Mary was "the Mother of God."

This doctrine was first invented by the Council of Ephesus in the year 431. This is a heresy contrary to Mary's own words. (Read Luke 1:46-49; John 2:1-5).

40. In the year 1950 the last dogma proclaimed by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

CONCLUSION

What will be the next invention? The Roman Church says it never changes; yet, it has done nothing else but invent new doctrines which are contrary to the Bible, and has practiced rites and ceremonies taken bodily from paganism. Some scholar has found that 75 per cent of the rites and ceremonies of the Roman Church are of pagan origin. Cardinal Newman, in his book, "The Development of the Chris-

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The Worth Of A Tree

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send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented."—Luke 16:22-25.

Don't you agree with me that that in itself is a very very undesirable sight? A man died. Death itself is undesirable, but it is nothing to compare with what follows, for the man who dies, goes to Hell, and the Word of God says that in Hell he lifted up his eyes being in torment.

I tell you, Hell isn't anything to be trifled with. I insist that Hell is a place of suffering. Here is a man who goes to Hell, and in Hell he lifts up his eyes in torment. The thing that accentuated that torment is the fact that he could look across the gulf and see Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. Lazarus, the beggar, who had lain at his gate with sores — Lazarus, the man who had nothing so far as this world was concerned, is now perfectly in repose in Abraham's bosom, and this rich man in Hell, suffering in torment, lifts up his eyes and sees what is going on in Heaven, and his suffering is accentuated thereby.

Then he asks for a drop of water to cool his parching tongue and this request is denied. I might say, he goes further and asks that Lazarus might be disturbed long enough that he could go back to this rich man's home and preach to his five brethren who were hotfooting the road of vice, that they might be warned not to come to that place. This request was denied. In fact, every request this man in Hell made was denied.

You tell me that this wasn't an undesirable sight? Here is a man who can look out of Hell into Heaven, but the man in Heaven couldn't look back to Hell and see the rich man there. He didn't know a thing about what was going on in Hell. The man in Hell knew what was going on in Heaven, as he could see Lazarus in the bosom of Abraham, but Lazarus couldn't look back to Hell and see the rich man. Beloved, God had screened out an undesirable sight in the life of Lazarus.

I say to you, Hell is an undesirable sight — moans, shrieks, and groans, suffering and torment that come from the pit of of the damned. Don't tell me that Hell isn't an undesirable sight. Here is a man who even cries for one drop of water to quench his thirst, but this was denied. Then he asks that Lazarus might go to his father's house and preach to his brothers lest they come to that place of torment, and this request was denied. Here is a man who has gotten to the place that God won't hear him. Don't tell me that Hell is not an undesirable sight. What screens it out? What keeps men from seeing Hell? What kept Lazarus from looking down into Hell and seeing this rich man suffering? Just one thing, and that is the tree of Calvary.

Notice another Scripture that speaks about Hell:

"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment as-

cendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." — Rev. 14:10,11.

Is Hell a place of beauty? Is there anything about Hell that would cause you to even want to look there? Can you imagine what it is like for a man to be in Hell? He drinks the wine of God's wrath, he is tormented with fire and brimstone, while the smoke of his burning ascends up forever and ever. There is no rest for that individual.

When I referred to this text sometime ago, I said that if you had a good night's rest last night, thank God for it, because it might be the last night's sleep that you will ever have. If an unsaved man or woman were to die today, he would never have another night's rest. He would have had the last night's rest that he would ever have if he dies without Jesus Christ, because God's Word says that "they have or rest day nor night."

Beloved, Lazarus couldn't see Hell, and you and I will not be able to look upon it. Throughout a never-ending eternity we will look upon the Saviour. We will look upon the angels and the archangel. We'll look upon the

cherubim and the seraphim. We will look upon the saints of God. We will commune with these, but we will never one time be able to look down into the abyss of Hell and see those who are suffering. Why? Because at Calvary, the tree of the cross screens out this undesirable sight of Hell.

III

THE TREE OF CALVARY IS OF VALUE FOR BLOCKING OUT NOISES.

There are some noises that need to be blocked out so far as your life and mine is concerned. We read:

"But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be WEEPING AND GNASHING of teeth." —Mt. 8:12.

The Lord Jesus Christ is giving to us a picture of what is going to happen to those who are professors, but not possessors. He is talking about those who have churchanity, but not Christianity. He is talking about those who have their names written in the church book, but don't have their names in the Lamb's Book of Life. He says that these individuals are going to be cast into outer darkness, and there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. That is Hell.

When you see the darkness as you look out of your house at night, how impenetrable it is — you can't even penetrate it with your eyes. It is so dark that it is an impenetrable darkness that you are staring into. But out there in that darkness, I hear the dogs as they gnash at one another. I hear those dogs as they growl and snap and fight and bark and gnash on one another with their teeth. Beloved, that doesn't begin to describe what Hell is like.

Unsaved people throughout a never-ending eternity are going to gnash on one another with their teeth. There is going to be weeping and gnashing throughout eternity. I am satisfied that many a boy will meet his father in Hell and will gnash at his father because the father didn't set the proper example before him. There is many a daughter who will meet her mother in Hell and will gnash at her mother because the mother led her astray, and the mother will gnash back at her and say, "But you made me worse than I would have been." I can see men and women meet each other in Hell, to gnash at one another as wild dogs might gnash at one another in the dark, and I can hear them as they weep and cry throughout a never-ending eternity.

No, beloved, I will never hear it. Do you know why? Because the tree of Calvary does something for us — it blocks out all noises. Thank God, I'll never hear the gnashing of Hell, and I'll never know anything about the weeping that goes on in Hell. All I know is what God has written in His Word and I know that it is coming to pass. Unsaved man, that is what you have in store for you when you face eternity. There is only one way for you to escape the noise of Hell and that is by the tree of the cross — Calvary itself.

IV

THE TREE OF CALVARY IS OF VALUE BECAUSE IT ENHANCES THE BEAUTY OF THE PROPERTY.

The gentleman from Bartlett Tree Company said that a shade tree might be worth as much as \$10,000 especially because that it would enhance the beauty of one's property. Beloved, I tell you, the only thing that will ever enhance the beauty of your life, and will ever make your life worth anything is the tree of Calvary.

What is there that will change your life and enhance your beauty? You go into a beauty salon, and it may enhance your beauty, but only temporarily, as it soon passes away. There is only one thing that will enhance any individual's beauty and that is the tree of Calvary.

Years ago, I became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Russell, Kentucky. Just a few weeks after I had become pastor there, some of the boys who worked in the Roundhouse asked the man who was the Roundhouse drunk, the bootlegger for the rest of them, to come to church. He had not drawn a sober breath for about six months' time, and he surprised them by coming to the services. It so happened in the providence of God that I spoke on Galatians 6:7, 8 — sowing and reaping. He was beginning to reap in the life of his own son. When he left the services that day, he went out to sober up. That was the last time that he ever had a drink. It was probably six months or a year before God saved him, but God saved him. There wasn't a doubt in my mind that God had saved him. I saw him as he began to read his Bible. He began to study the Word of God, and his face began to change. The first time I saw him he looked more like a beast than a human being. I saw what the grace of God did in his life, and how God changed that man's

looks, and his expression, and even his face. Years later, he looked like an old cathedral that was lighted up on the inside. I tell you, beloved, if a tree will enhance the value and the beauty of the property, the tree of Calvary will certainly enhance the beauty of an individual's life.

I think of that missionary who had been to an island in the Pacific for some several years, and a trader came by and was talking to an ex-cannibal chief and was making fun of missions. He said, "What is the value of missions anyway?" The cannibal chief pointed to his large cooking pot and said, "If it hadn't been for missions, you would have already been in that pot. That is the value of missions."

I tell you, beloved, the tree of Calvary enhances the beauty of lives. It changes lives. God can take the man that is the very lowest and make him over. God can take a woman, the very vilest, and make her anew.

I think of some families that I have known in life, how God has changed them. I am thinking of some families that were destitute and desperate. Drink had driven them from one position to another. I think how God changed those families, and how they began to have decent clothes to wear. Some of them eventually had a home, who never had known what it was to have a home before. I can see a father now gather five children around him and read the Word of God at night, whereas before he had cursed them and caused the home to be anything but the way that people should live. I tell you, the tree of Calvary can enhance the beauty of a piece of property, that property being you.

What does that mean to you this morning? Does it mean anything to you to know that Jesus Christ was nailed to Golgotha's tree? Does it mean anything to you that Jesus Christ one day died on the cross of Calvary? Thank God, He died for you! He can do for you exactly as I have said. He'll serve as a windbreak. He'll screen out undesirable sights, He'll block out noises, and He'll enhance the beauty of the property.

Might it please God today to give you grace to see that Jesus Christ died for your sins. May you trust Him and be saved; then come out on God's side and profess your faith in Him and begin to walk with Jesus Christ. May God bless you!



Inventions

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tian Religion," admits that . . . "Temples, incense, oil lamps, votive offerings, holy water, holidays and seasons of devotions, processions, blessing of fields, sacerdotal vestments, the tonsure (of priests and monks and nuns), images . . . are all of pagan origin . . ." (Page 359).

The above chronological list of human inventions disprove the claim of the priests of the Roman Church that their religion was taught by Christ, and that the popes have been the faithful custodians of that religion.

The real heretics, therefore, are the Roman Catholics and the truly orthodox are Bible-believing Baptists.

Brothers! The Word of God commands us to get out of Babylon, saying: "Come out of her, my people, that you may not take part in her sins, nor receive a share in her plagues . . ." (Rev. 18:1).

All true Christians will remain faithful to the religion of Christ as taught in the Bible, and heed the warning of the Apostle Paul, who said: "But, though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Gal. 1:8).

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