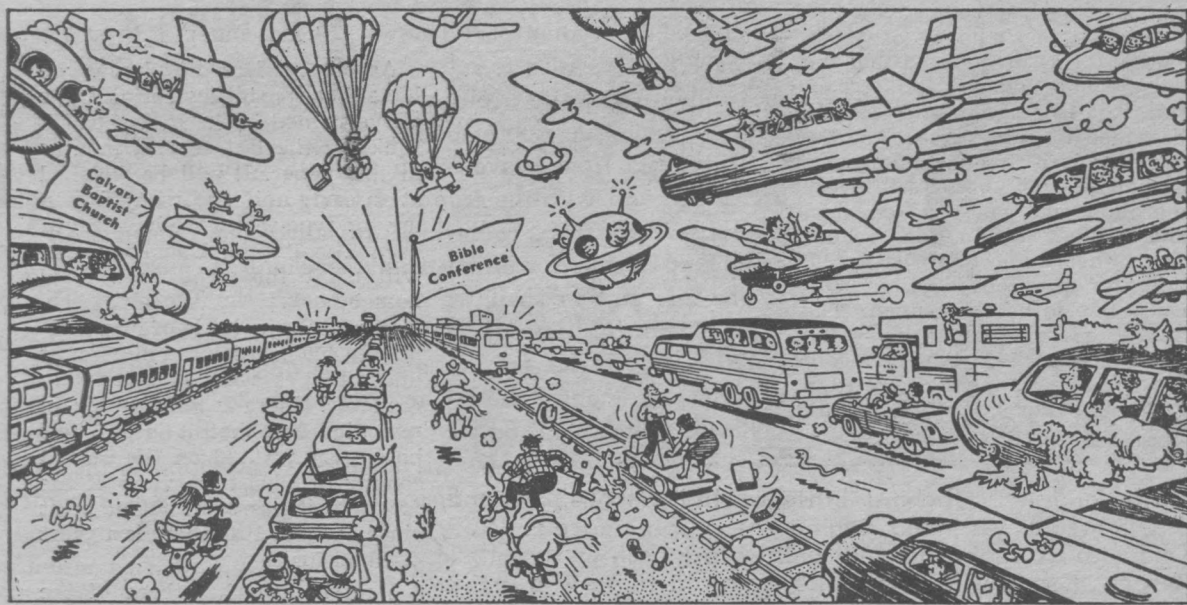


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## Three Glorious Truths About God's Elect

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"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

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.

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."—Rom. 8:28-34

There are three glorious truths about God's elect. I do not mean to imply by my subject that there are only three truths about God's elect and I know in my heart that I am not going to indoctrinate any of you tonight, but I believe around these three glorious truths hinge all other truths pertaining to God's elect. As we study together around the blessed Word of God may He be pleased to shower His blessings upon us.

I

The first truth about God's elect is that they were forever foreknown by God. God has always foreknown His own. This is nothing new to God's people that search the Scripture and study the Word. It is taught all the way through, from Genesis to Revelation, and it is often a mystery to me how one that can wear the title of "Doctor" so proudly, yet be so ignorant concerning the glorious truths about God's elect. I believe there are one or two things wrong. Either whoever bestowed that title upon him did not know God or else one is fooling someone besides God. So as we study together these truths concerning God's elect, the first truth is that God's elect are forever foreknown.

God's elect are foreknown before they are ever born. This is

rather strange to some, but it is true that God knows everything. There are no surprises with God. Some people will readily admit that God knows everything, but when you say that God fore-

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knows His own before they are ever born, then they begin to pamper, and pant, and puff up, and move out. But I want you to know on the authority of God's Word that His elect were fore-

known before they were ever born.

"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."—Jer. 1:5.

Notice that God foreknows His own before they are born.

In the book of Romans, pertaining to Jacob and Esau, God said:

"(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth); It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."—Rom. 9:11-13.

It was the custom that the younger serve the elder, but here God reversed it and said that the elder is going to serve the younger.

What then? Has not Israel found that which he seeketh forever? Israel is off, out there, seeking for something, evidently, but God says that he didn't find it. But the elect did, and the rest He blinded.

So God's elect are foreknown before they are ever born.

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John K. Gilpin

### "A DREAM OF HISTORY"

(Read Daniel 2).

This is a great passage of Scripture. It is a passage that always means a lot to me, and has always been a blessing to me through the years. I don't know how many times I have read it for my own personal satisfaction, and comfort, and blessing, and I sincerely trust that there will be a few things in it that I can bring to you, that will be a blessing to you today.

As you may recall from the reading of the Scripture, King Nebuchadnezzar had had a dream, and when he awakened, he could not recall what it was that he had dreamed. He just remembered that he had dreamed.

I am sure that you have had the same experience many times, that when you awaken in the morning, you had no idea what

it was that you had dreamed, but you knew that during the night you had dreamed something. I can say that many, many times when I have been asleep, I have preached the greatest sermons that I have ever preached, but when I would awaken in the morning, I had no idea as to what the sermon was about. I remember one Saturday night I thought surely that which I dreamed must be the sermon God wanted me to preach on Sunday, but the next morning when I got up, I couldn't even recall what it was that I had preached, but I remember one thing — that as I would sway one way, you would sway the other way, you would sway with me. It was a great sermon, and it was a moving sermon, but I had no idea as to what

it was that I had preached. Well, the old king couldn't recall his dream, and the result was that he was very much perturbed over it. So he sent immediately for his wise men — his brain trust, and asked them to tell him what it was that he had dreamed, and to give to him the interpretation.

The brain trust said at once, "This is something that we can't do. If you will tell us your dream, we will give you an interpretation of it, but for us to tell you what you dreamed is an impossibility. There is nobody that has ever asked such of any magician or astrologer that you have requested of us."

The king immediately said unto his brain trust, "Unless you do this, I am going to kill you all," (Continued on page 2, column 1)

## Halliman Continues Report Of Patrol With Family

FRED T. HALLIMAN  
New Guinea Missionary

The last report that I gave on this patrol wound up with the conclusion of the fifth day. This had been a profitable day for us and we had had a good time of fellowship with the native folk. Late that afternoon we tried to plot our route out across the valley for the next day. We were still far above the valley as the last two places had been almost in a direct line with each other and we had not gone more than half way down the mountain, we had simply traveled along the side of it.

From where we were we could look right across the valley and on beyond where we would be going the next day. I had made one trip across this valley but the natives said due to the family being with me this time we would take a little different route but regardless of which way we went we were going to have to go down to the bottom of that valley and then climb back out again.

A while before dark we got what things we could ready and got to bed early that night. The next day was Wednesday and I awoke before daylight that morning and soon after I got up and built a fire. At this place we had our fires just outside of the house. So with the fire going we soon had our coffee boiled and breakfast prepared. This being the third time we had broke camp we had learned a few shortcuts about getting things ready and by 7:30 that morning we were ready to leave.

Even at that early hour there were lots of people there to say goodbye to us and to walk with us for a little way. We did not go very far when we began to descend very rapidly. It had

God's elect are also foreknown before they have ever experienced the new birth. A lot of people say, "It is like this: God looked down through eternity and saw who would believe, so He chose those to believe."

That is not the way it is. God did look down through eternity. The Bible tells us that very plainly, but it also tells us:

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God."—Rom. 3:10,11.

Oh, where is the Freewill — "Preach the Gospel! The world is starving for the Gospel. Men and women, boys and girls are seeking after Christ."

Listen to me, somehow you are going to brand me as a Hyper-Calvinist, but you can call me what you want to. God has to do

rained that night and even with good track boots on the steep descent was found to be quite treacherous. One of the elderly native Christians that was traveling with us slipped and fell down the side of the mountain and his knee struck a sharp rock and he cut it quite badly but was able to travel on with some difficulty. Due to the slippery trail we were much longer getting down to the



FRED T. HALLIMAN

first level than we should have been. The trail wound around and down the side of the mountain occasionally leveling off for a short distance and then it would start down again sometimes over sharp rocks and slippery logs.

About 10 a.m. we had begun to reach thick timber as we were coming near the floor of the valley. When I crossed this valley about a year before I crossed the river that drains this area twice, but these two bridges had not been repaired recently and they were considered unsafe for us to (Continued on page 6, column 3)

the calling. I get so disgusted and fed up with these free-wheeling, Freewillers, hollering men seeking for Christ, when God says that "there is is none that seeketh after God." I believe God's Word above all men, and I believe they are foreknown before they experience the new birth.

God's elect are foreknown before the foundation of the world began.

You say, "I could believe that God foreknew me before I was born. That is not too hard. That is not too complicated. I could believe that God foreknew me before my new birth. That is not too hard. But you mean that God foreknew me before the foundation of the world began?"

I mean exactly that. If God didn't foreknow me before the beginning of the world, He'll never know me in the free pardon of sin.

I have heard people talk a lot about election, but just as sure as there is an election, there is also a reprobation. I believe that there are some that God has reprobated, and there is nothing they can ever do about it.

You say, "Is God not unjust?" Paul said:

"O man, who art thou that repliest against God?—Rom. 8:20.

Solomon said:

"For God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few."—Eccl. 5:2.

Brethren, we do well to heed that admonition. As I say, I get disgusted with people talking about seeking after Christ and that we need to be soul winners. I challenge anyone in this service to produce the book, chapter and verse that gives you the word "soul winner," as used in that sense. In fact, it only appears one time, and it has nothing to do with the winning of a lost soul.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."—Prov. 11:30.

This means speaking a word unto the individual and winning back his confidence. If you do this, then you win souls, and (Continued on page 7, column 2)



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**"A Dream Of History"**

(Continued from page one)  
and I will get me another brain trust. If you can't serve me in this hour of my need, and if you can't take care of my needs now, I will just put an end to you and I will get somebody else for my advisors."

When the news went out about this, of course this affected Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, because they were a part of the king's college. They were students there, and were au-

tomatically a part of the brain trust of the king. Immediately, Daniel went to his friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and asked them to pray that God would give a revelation as to what it was that the king had dreamed, and in the course of time he was able to tell the king what it was that he had dreamed, and he gave to the king the interpretation thereof.

Having briefly recounted this story, let me give you some simple lessons concerning it.

**I  
WHAT DANIEL DID IN TIME OF TROUBLE.**

The Word of God says that Daniel called upon his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and asked them to pray with him that God would make a revelation, as to what the king had dreamed. In other words, he took his burden to the Lord. Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego and Daniel would have been killed along with all the balance of the astrologers, and the Chal-deans, and the soothsayers because they were automatically a part of the king's brain trust, since they were in the king's college, being educated at the king's expense. But when Daniel faced death, and when his three friends faced death, they took the matter unto the Lord in prayer, which would lead me to say unto you that you and I as children of God, need always remember there is never a burden that comes to us but what can be taken to the Lord in prayer. I am glad to know that there is never a problem that comes to us but that God knows the answer, and God knows the solution to that problem. Listen:

"In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."—Phil. 4:6.

Beloved, that is the attitude that you and I ought to take at all times, to let our requests be made known unto God, because the Lord is on His throne, and He can take care of us, for He knows all the problems that we have.

I think that often when we have troubles we usually are about like the little girl who takes her doll and goes to bed and hugs that little doll up to her, and pretty soon lays the doll aside and goes to sleep. But we are unlike that child in this respect: We go to bed and take our burdens with us, but instead of laying them aside and falling asleep, we lie there with our burdens, and our burdens keep us awake all night, and we toss and turn, first to the right and then to the left, unable to sleep simply because that we take our burdens and allow those burdens to become a tremendous handicap to us. The old song says, "Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there," but most of us take them to the Lord, and then we bring them back. Instead of leaving them with the Lord, we take them to Him, and then we bring them back and we carry them ourselves.

That wasn't true with Daniel. The Word of God says that Daniel and his three friends prayed and God gave the answer. Daniel learned in this experience, and would teach us thereby, that in times of trial, and stress, that you and I are to take our burdens unto the Lord.

**II  
DANIEL REALIZED THAT THERE WAS A GOD IN HEAVEN.**

When Daniel stood in the presence of the king, he said, "No king has ever asked what you are asking, and nobody is able to do what you are requesting, but there is a God in Heaven." In other words, Daniel is saying, "I am not giving you an answer, because there is not any knowledge in me. I am not giving you an answer by way of this dream because Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego don't know the answer either. There is no individual that knows the answer, but there is a God in Heaven."

I say to you, back of every burden, and back of every problem, and back of every care stands God. I like to remember that God

**WILL SING AT CONFERENCE**



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Little of Indianapolis, Indiana, who delighted us with their singing at the Conference in 1969, will be with us again this year and we are positive that their messages in song will be a real blessing to those who are in attendance.

lives, and God is, and God exists. I like to remember that God is sovereign in all things. I turn to the Old Testament and I find that it says:

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."—Psa. 14:1.

Notice, he is a fool to begin with, and he said it in his heart, not in his head. He didn't have any reason for saying it. He only said it in his heart because he wanted to.

In contrast, I turn to the New Testament and I read:

"For he that cometh to God must believe that HE IS."—Heb. 11:6.

In other words, God is — God exists.

I am glad that God exists. I am glad that we have the assurance that God exists and that God is on the throne. In this time of crisis through which we are passing, I am glad that God is on His throne.

That is what Daniel realized. Daniel said, "There is a God in Heaven." He realized that there was a God in Heaven that could direct him, and had directed him, so far as this dream was concerned.

Beloved, I say to you, so far as America is concerned today, we are facing a terrible situation not only in our colleges, and not only as far as world affairs are concerned, but financially and materially, and in a business sense, we are facing tremendous problems today. As I think of it, I say to you, it is good for us to know that there is a God on the throne in the sky.

I like the fact that Daniel gave all the praise and all the glory to God. I like the fact that Daniel recognized that God was on the throne, and God was in existence, and therefore he depended upon Him. I say to you, regardless of what problem comes in your life today, or tomorrow, or any day, like Daniel, remember that there is a God in the sky—a God on the throne, and as Daniel said, "There is a God in Heaven."

**III  
THE KING'S DREAM WAS A DREAM OF HISTORY.**

What Daniel told the king about his dream, was but a story as far as history was concerned. It was a dream of history. The old king had this dream, and as I say, he couldn't recall what it was, but actually it was nothing more or less than a dream of history.

Daniel said, "O king, you saw a great image." I can see that old king now as he snapped his fingers and said, "That's right! It was a great image, wasn't it?"

"And the head was of gold, the chest and arms were of silver, the belly and thighs were of brass, the legs of iron, and the feet of iron and miry clay."

The king said, "That's it. That is exactly what I dreamed."

Then Daniel gave to him the interpretation concerning that dream. "Thou art the head of gold." Oh, how it must have swelled the ego of that old king, Nebuchadnezzar, when he was told he was a golden head! How it must have made him feel good to know that he was represented by the head of gold! Then Dan-

iel said, "After you is going to come another kingdom that will be represented by the chest and the arms of silver in this image."

Beloved, that was nothing else but a prophecy as to the coming of Media-Persia. As we well know in history today, Media-Persia destroyed the country of Babylon of which Nebuchadnezzar was the king and the head. Media-Persia took over at the death of King Belshazzar, of Babylon, with the result that they became the second kingdom in this image. It was an inferior kingdom — in other words, gold first and then silver. Media-Persia, as a combined empire, wasn't as great, though they overthrew King Belshazzar in his drunken revelry. Though that be true, they were not as great a kingdom as was the kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar. (Continued on page 3, column 5)

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



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

I have spoken to the Bible Conference of Calvary Baptist Church and I would urge everyone to attend this Conference because of the enlightenment from the preaching of the Word. II Tim. 2:15 tells us to study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. This should be the desire of every true child of God, to know more about God's Word, that he might be a greater witness for His glory.

At Calvary Baptist Church Bible Conference the strong doctrines of the Word are expounded. I know of no other place where a child of God can hear more of God's Word preached in its full truth. It is a Conference where one can be taught, and that is more than can be said about most of the Bible Seminaries and churches of today.

I attended for the first time in 1962 and can still remember the wonderful time I had. I have not missed a Bible Conference at Calvary Baptist Church since that first time, and hope it is the will of my God to attend this great Conference until the coming of our Lord. There are more Bible truths preached at the Conference than most people will hear all year.

It is also one of the greatest opportunities to fellowship with brethren and sisters in Christ. We do not have the privilege to fellowship with many of our brethren very often, and I can think of no other thing more wonderful than the Word of God and the fellowship we have as brothers and sisters in Christ. We are strangers in this world, and it is of great joy to meet and fellowship around the great doctrines of God's Word with the knowledge that we will spend eternity together with our Lord. I pray that God will continue to bless Calvary Baptist Church in this great Conference.

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**THE REDEEMER'S RETURN**

As our readers may know, we have been printing serially the above named book by Arthur W. Pink for the last several months in this paper. It will be finished at an early date and we will then use the type which we have saved from The Baptist Examiner, and will print the same as a cloth bound book.

It will be a book of approximately 400 pages and will be most attractive as well as spiritually readable. There is no question in my mind but that it is the best book ever printed on the second coming of Christ. In view of the fact that it has been out of print since early in 1920 there is a great demand for it.

I might say that three of the largest publishing houses in America tried to secure the privilege of reprinting it, but failed.

It is our pleasure to announce this publication and say that it will be ready by early fall—date not yet known. Within the past 10 days we have had advance orders for over 700 copies of the book. This should speak for itself and tell us that the book is destined doubtlessly to be the No. 1 seller of religious books this fall.

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# The Redeemer's Return

By ARTHUR W. PINK  
(Continued from last week)

"The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout." *The Lord Himself*—who had compassion on the multitude, shed tears at the graveside of Lazarus, and wept over Jerusalem; who healed the sick, cleansed the leper, and restored the dead to life; who stilled the angry waves, cast out demons, and emancipated the captives of Satan; who was despised and rejected of men, condemned to a malefactor's death, and was crucified on the accursed tree; who rose again on the third day, ascended to heaven, and took His place at the right hand of the Majesty on high; who has been given the Name which is above every name, at which Name every knee shall yet bow, "of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Yes, "this same Jesus" shall descend from heaven with a shout.

Forty days after our Crucified Saviour had risen from the tomb, He ascended into Heaven "far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come," and took His seat upon the Father's Throne. There He has remained throughout this dispensation waiting, patiently waiting for the promised harvest. As He declared, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24). The Lord Jesus was the "Corn of Wheat" that died, and the Church which is His body is the "much fruit" that will be the immediate issue out of that death; we say the "immediate issue," for in the Millennium many others shall then also enter into the salvation which was purchased upon the cross.

For nineteen long centuries has the Christ of God waited for the fruit of His travail. As the apostle James says, "Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it" (Jas. 5:7). Long indeed has the Lord of the harvest waited. Thus, too, we read of "The kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 1:9). Slowly but surely has the Church which is His body been growing, growing "till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." (Eph. 4:13). And now the time of waiting is over. The last member has been added to the Body; the last living stone has been fitted into that Temple which the Holy Spirit is now building (Eph. 2:21); the last moments of the dispensation of grace have run out. Now has come that hour for which the Redeemer has waited so long. Now has come the time for the Head to be united to the Body. Now it is that the

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It has been my privilege to be a speaker at the annual Labor Day Bible Conference, held by the Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky, and I would urge all who possibly can to attend the Conference in 1970. At this Conference the Word of God is explained by God's men who are effectually called of God and speak the words of God. I believe, now especially, there exists a great need for hearing the whole counsel of God's Word. (When Christ comes will He find faith on the earth)? Faith comes by hearing — the Word of God — the average feministic message that goes forth from the average pulpit is intended to tickle ears, not to stir hearts and magnify the Lord of Glory.

So, if you can't stay for all of the Conference I urge you to try and come for as much as you can and let us exalt the Lord together. However, I firmly believe each one should obtain permission and authority from his local church before absenting themselves from a scheduled service. I hope to see you there, so, "Ye all come".

A blood washed servant of God—

CEBERT WHITE  
Elyria, Ohio

Saviour is to see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied.

"The Lord Himself shall descend." Unspeakably precious is this word to the hearts of His own. Christ is coming in person to effect the object which He has in view. The joy of welcoming His blood-bought people must be exclusively His own. Angels cannot be commissioned to perform it, as will be the case when He gathers His scattered people Israel (see Matt. 24:31). Gabriel was granted the honourable privilege of announcing to Mary the first advent of Christ, yet not even to him will be entrusted this work. Christ Himself shall give the gathering shout. The Lord Himself shall descend. "I will come again" was His promise. The same blessed Lord Jesus who loved His own unto death, and who has gone to prepare a place for them, is the very One who has pledged His word to return for them. He will not send a representative to receive His people. He will not send the arch-angel to conduct us to the Father's House. No; the Lord Himself is the One who shall descend, "descend from Heaven with a shout" — with a "shout" of triumph, with a "shout" of joy, with a "shout" of welcome. That Voice which summoned Lazarus from the tomb, shall again be heard calling the sleeping saints forth from their graves. That Voice of the Shepherd who addresseth His own sheep by name, shall then be heard calling His "little flock" from the valley of the shadow of death unto pastures ever green. That Voice which is "as the sound of many waters" (Rev. 1:15) shall then be heard summoning His people Home. "The Voice of my Beloved; behold, He cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills" (Song of Solomon 2:8). And what is it that the Voice of the Beloved shall say? "My Beloved spake, and said unto me, *Rise up, My love, My fair one, and come away.* For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. *Arise, My love, My fair one, and come away*" (vss. 10-13). We turn now to consider—

### 2. The Resurrection of the sleeping saints.

"And the dead in Christ shall rise first." This is the second blessed event which shall occur at the Redeemer's return—the sleeping saints will be awakened and raised. This brings us to a branch of our subject upon which there is much ignorance and confusion in Christendom generally. The idea which popularly obtains is that of a *general* resurrection at the end of time. So deeply rooted is this belief and so widely is it held that to declare there will be *two* resurrections—one of saints and another of sinners, the two being separated by a thousand years—is to be regarded as a setter forth of strange ideas and extravagant fancies. Nevertheless, the teaching of Scripture upon this point is exceedingly plain and explicit. Probably many of those who will read these pages are already clear upon this distinction, but for the sake of those who are not we must briefly outline the teaching of God's Word upon this subject, first quoting, however, from one whose writings have been justly esteemed by Christians of every shade of thought.

John Bunyan who was certainly a close student of the Divine Oracles wrote. "Now when the saints that sleep shall be raised thus incorruptible, powerful, glorious and spiritual; and also those that then shall be found alive, made like them; then forthwith, before the unjust are raised, the saints shall appear before the judgment-seat of the Lord Jesus Christ, there to give an account to their Lord the Judge of all things they have done; and to receive a reward for their good according to their labor. They shall rise, I say, before the wicked, they being themselves the proper 'children of the resurrection,' that is, those that must have all the glory of it, both as to preeminency, and sweetness; and, therefore, they are said, when they rise, to rise from the dead; that is, in their rising, they leave the reprobate world behind them. And it must be so, because also the saints will have done their account, and be set upon the throne with Christ as kings and priests with Him to judge the world, when the wicked world are raised."

But without citing human testimony any further, let us turn to the teaching of Christ and the inspired writings of His apostles. On one occasion the Lord said, "But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind; And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just" (Luke 14:13, 14). Now if there is to be but one resurrection—a general resurrection of all the dead—then why did our Lord make the above distinction and qualification of "the resurrection of the just"? Again, in Luke 20:34, 35 we read, "The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage. But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage." What can be the meaning of such words as "they which shall be accounted

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and never did they attain that greatness.

You will notice that I refer to them as Media-Persia — the two arms joined together with the chest. That was what the country of Media-Persia was — a combined country of the Medes and the Persians.

Then Daniel said that after this, there was going to come another kingdom represented by the belly and thighs of brass. First, there was Nebuchadnezzar, and then there was Media-Persia, and the third world-wide kingdom was that of Greece, under Alexander the Great. He is called the Great, because he was a great murderer. History lists him as the greatest murderer that ever lived. At any rate, Greece under Alexander the Great became the third great kingdom of the world.

Then after him was to come another kingdom, which was represented by the legs of iron and the feet of iron and clay. You will notice that the legs are divided — two legs, which would tell us of the Roman Empire as to the eastern and western divisions thereof.

You will notice that he goes on to say, "Even the ten toes represent the ten minor kingdoms that shall be revived out of the Roman Empire."

You will notice that Daniel said there is going to be four world-wide empires, and that is all. Beloved, I can remember as a little boy when Kaiser Bill announced that he was going to conquer the world. I can remember a little later during World War II, that Hitler and his legions goosestepped over the low countries of Holland and Belgium and the world shook and trembled thinking that Hitler was going to conquer the world. I can remember other dictators that have risen in the days gone by, but I say to you, you needn't have a worry about there ever being another world-wide ruler. Daniel said that this was a dream of history. "There is Babylon, and there is Media-Persia, and there is Greece, and there is Rome, and that is all so far as the great kingdoms of the world are concerned."

I say then, that this was a dream of history that was given to us prophetically by the Lord God through Daniel, and Daniel made it known unto the king.

### IV

**THIS DREAM OF HISTORY ANSWERS THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE WORLD IS GOING TO GET BETTER OR WORSE.**

The Post-Millennialists say that the world is getting better and better. You don't find many of them anymore. The fact of the matter is, a man that would dare say he is a Post-Millennialist today really ought to have his head examined. Actually, you ought to be afraid of a man that would say that the world is getting better every day. However, when I was a boy preacher, the Post-Millennialists were rather a prominent group when they said the world was getting better.

I remember one fellow, in a sermon one day, cited ten things to show why the world was getting better. One of them was that we now have a public health system in the United States, and every county has a health center, and he cited that as proof that the world was getting better. He named ten things to prove that the world was getting better and I could have sat there and written down a hundred probably on the other side to prove that the world is getting worse.

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# The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"In John R. Rice's paper, I read the following, which was printed at the close of a sermon by Dwight L. Moody:

Dear Dr. Rice:

I have read Mr. Moody's wonderful sermon on, 'What Think Ye Of Christ?' I know that surely Jesus is all He claimed to be — God in human form, our sinless perfect Savior. I am convinced that He came as our Savior, He wants to forgive me, I know I need to be born again. So, here and now I turn my heart from sin and trust Jesus Christ to forgive me and save me as He promised to do. I will not only give Him my heart now, but I will set out to live for Him, and will claim Him openly as my Savior. Now that I am taking Christ as my own personal Savior, Brother Rice, will you write me a note of encouragement and help as to how to live the Christian life?

This sounds as if God is wanting to do something and can't. Isn't this about the most false statement you have ever seen in print?"



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I don't know about it being the MOST false statement I have ever seen or not, but certainly there are several false ideas in the mind of the person who wrote the letter. I will deal with two of these.

1—The idea that Jesus WANTS TO SAVE EVERYBODY, BUT CAN'T, is false. This is set forth by many preachers as they give an invitation. They make Jesus to be perfectly maudlin in His desire to save, but big, mighty, powerful self-willed man is just too much for Him, and unless this giant creature gives in and surrenders, then Christ is represented as powerless. It is strange to me that any one could have a working knowledge of the Bible and believe such stuff. There is a song often seen in our song books that has a sobby music coupled with maudlin words begging the powerful creature man to "let Him come in."

Man has been exalted to the place of a much bigger creature than he really is. He is considered to be such a powerful creature that even God can't do anything with him unless he of his own accord gives in. The Holy Spirit is taught as striving with this self-willed creature, and in many cases failing to be able to do anything with him. At last the Holy Spirit quits striving, so the person has "sinned away his day of grace," and can't be saved after that even if he wants to be.

The truth is, the name of every person who will ever be saved, was written on the Lamb's Book of Life before the world ever existed. Jesus said, "All that the Father giveth me shall come unto me." He said, (John 10:26) "Ye believe not because ye are not of my sheep." He said further, "No man can come unto me except the Father . . . draw him."

There is one passage that ought to forever settle the question as to when one's name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. The statement was too strong for even the King James translators, so they messed it up, but the marginal translation corrects it. In Rev. 13:8 we read about how the race of mankind goes off after the anti-Christ. Only one thing will ever prevent ALL from going after him, and that one thing is revealed in verse 8 (correct translation) "And all that dwell upon the earth shall wor-

ship him whose names were not written in the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world." Read this verse in the various translations and you will find that despite some variance in phraseology the above is the meaning. Now if the names of some were written from before the foundation of the world, then the names of all the saved were so written. God ordained not only the end — the salvation of his elect — He ordained all of the MEANS that would be used to bring about the conversion of every elect.

2—In the letter the writer speaks of "GIVING THEIR HEART TO JESUS." This is a befuddling preacherism that the devil uses to befuddle many. The truth is a lost person is nowhere in the Bible instructed to be saved by giving Jesus their heart. This makes man to be the giver. He is supposed to be saved by GIVING GOD SOMETHING. That may help human egotism, but it won't help a lost soul. God's instructions are exactly OPPOSITE. His Word says, "To as many as RECEIVE HIM to them gives he the privilege of becoming the sons of God, even to as many as believe on his name." One is saved through RECEIVING from God — not by GIVING GOD SOMETHING.

It is true that in the Old Testament there is found the expression, "My son, give me thine heart," but that statement relates to Israel. It is true that after one has been saved — after they become a SON they should give God, heart, mind and all in surrender. This is the action of a child, not that of a lost person who swaps the gift of their heart for salvation.

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I am fully persuaded that Mr. Rice is the concoctor of the world's most effectual way of getting people into our Lord's garbage can as found in Mt. 7:22. And it seems that I can hear a great multitude of people as they stand before the great white throne, pointing their fingers in his face and saying to him, you taught us the wrong way to heavenly bliss. I realize that the kind of "mush" we see in the above statement helps a false preacher to count more heads and more money. But there is not a Scriptural sentence in the entire statement. On the surface the one that says "I know I need to be born again" looks as if it might be Scriptural. But a closer look proves it to also be a lie.

It is true that the lost person needs to be born again. But when Rice or anyone else has a lost person say, I KNOW I need to be born again, he makes a false statement of it. If the lost person realized that he needs a new birth he would be seeking the Lord and pleading for that new birth. But in Psa. 14:2 we are told that "the Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside." And in Rom. 3:11 we are told that "there is none that seeketh after God."

In another issue of his paper I have been told by a beloved preacher Brother that Rice denies the miracle of our Lord's changing the water into wine. And the reason he gives for denying it is that the wine would not have had time to ferment. In other words John R. Rice is saying that unless God makes wine the conventional way He cannot make it at all. He blasphemes Almighty God by limiting His power, not only in the matter of making wine, but also in the matter of saving the lost. If all this does not brand this man as a false prophet, just what would it take to finish the job?



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Yes, I agree that this is one of the most God dishonoring statements that I have ever read. It is Satanic in its origin for it pictures a defeated Saviour, thus making him (Satan) more powerful than God and bringing the Godhead under the dominion and control of the forces of evil. The theory expressed in this statement not only elevates Satan to the exalted position of sovereign, but it also lifts up the sinner to a position of superiority over God for it states, "He wants to forgive me and save me." This statement reveals that God desires to do something which He is unable to do. If it were true (praise God it is not), then I would feel sorry for Him for my heart always goes out to one who is anxious to perform certain things, but is hindered by the lack of strength or wisdom. Therefore, my worship of God could not be of admiration, but of pity.

It has been the policy of Satan from the Garden of Eden until now to try to destroy God by teaching that the sinner has freedom of will and that God cannot complete His will of purpose lest He violate the sinner's will. By this method, Satan deceives the sinner into thinking that he is equal with God.

Free will has never led one to Christ, rather it will lead one away from God as it did Adam in the Garden of Eden. Though Satan from Adam until this day has tried to make God like a man, God has prevailed and will continue to do so for He will perform that which He has counseled to do.

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure."—Isa. 46:9-10.

If you will read closely the letter, you will notice that there are eight capital I's, which is indicative that the writer is thinking only of what man must do to be saved. Not one time does it mention that Jesus finished the work of redemption and there is no lifting up of Jesus as the all sufficient Saviour; therefore, it is false and dishonoring to Him who is the true Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, the statement, "I will not only give my heart," is a denial of the Holiness of God. God could not remain holy and re-

ceive our hearts as a means of forgiveness. I am basing this on the condition of the heart of the sinner. God's description of our heart is that it is desperately wicked and full of sin.

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?—Jer. 17:9.

Were God to receive our hearts, He would be taking unto Himself sin, and thus He would become a sinner. It is a fact that God's perfection and holiness caused Him to turn away from Jesus when He bore our sins on the cross. We hear the Saviour cry, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me," but there is no answer for God cannot take to Himself sin. Therefore, the statement of giving their heart to Jesus is erroneous. In fact the opposite is the truth. It is God who gives to us (elect) a new heart and a new spirit. Of recent date, we have heard of heart transplants, and with man, it is relatively new, but God began the business of heart transplants from the time of Adam and has never lost a case.

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."—Ezk. 36:26.

In this operation, man has no part whatsoever. It is the Son of God who is the donor; it is the Spirit who operates and makes us new creatures in Jesus Christ by regenerating us and giving to us the nature of God. Therefore, regeneration is God's work and not the sinners, which makes the letter false in its entirety.

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Not only is it a false statement, it is also blasphemous. Mr. Rice has shown by this so-called confession that he does not believe in the sovereignty of God, nor does he believe in the total depravity of man.

In this printed statement Mr. Rice would have you sign that

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



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

I have spoken to the Bible Conference of Calvary Baptist Church, and I would urge everyone to attend this Conference because . . . my cup runneth over.

I would like for everyone to have the same kind of blessings that I have. I have been taught by others; I have, hopefully, been used to help others; I have disagreed, in love, with others. With all, however, I have been blessed and strengthened.

It is a joy to be with God's people for a season. It is comforting to know that there are His servants all over the country. It is enlightening to meet people from different localities.

The hospitality and the program provided by the folks at Calvary are good.

Yes, I would urge everyone to attend because my cup runneth over, and I would like you to share with me these blessings.

Yours in Christ,  
**JAMES E. HOBBS**  
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# I HAVE SPOKEN TO THE BIBLE CONFERENCE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, AND . . .



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

First of all, it is a commentary on the Word of God, since all messages are well studied and taken from the Bible.

Then again, we meet new people from various states and are encouraged to continue for the faith that we hold so dear as Baptists. The first Bible Conference that Calvary Baptist had was in 1959, and I was privileged to be there. I enjoyed it so much that I have made it a practice and count it a great honor to be there every year, and encourage others to do so. At the first Conference there were only a few speakers and some preached more than one time, but it was a great Conference and the Lord blessed our hearts by the preaching of His Word, and the fellowship of His people. I remember at the close of the service we sang, "God Be With You Until We Meet Again," and it brought us to tears.

This Conference has grown in the last ten years from a few, into a great number. Calvary Baptist Church has had to look for a bigger auditorium to seat the people. Each year the services seem to get better; however, I think that it's just the great feeling of meeting each other again and hearing others preach from the same text that we often preach from, and to see that we are not the only ones that love this truth. We have made many friends and look forward to seeing them again each year and to meeting new ones. If it was not for Calvary Baptist Conference this would not be possible.

This Conference gives us a boost in our zeal for preaching the truth. I know of some that attended the Conference, Arminians, who went away grace-believers, because of the truth that was preached. Probably some never heard the truth until they visited the Conference. Truly being at Calvary's Bible Conference is a little foretaste of Heaven, being with people of like faith and order, where we can discuss the Bible in harmony. Think of this and then think how great Heaven must be, or even the millennium, with Jesus present and the center of attraction. We also find that we are not the only ones in this fight against the world of religion. Like Elijah, we find that God has 7,000 and many more reserved for Himself. Every year when we leave the Conference we are usually discussing the services and planning for the next year.

If everyone would be honest, he would have to admit that the Baptist Examiner is responsible for this great Conference of Calvary Baptist Church, thus bringing us together. If it had not been for the Baptist Examiner the many friends that I love and fellowship with would not have been possible. So I encourage you preacher, laymen, friends, Christian, plan to attend Calvary Baptist Conference for 1970. The food, rooms, and service are free to all, but if at all possible, either send or bring an offering to share in the expenses of this great Conference, because Calvary Baptist Church is a small church like most of our churches standing for the truth.

Yours in Christ,  
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going to come a time when another kingdom is going to arise which will be prefigured by this rock cut out of the mountain without hands.

We sing sometimes:

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee."

We sing:

"O then to the Rock let me fly,  
To the Rock that is higher than I;

O then to the Rock let me fly,  
To the Rock that is higher than I!"

Beloved, the Rock that was cut out of the mountain without hands is the same Rock that you and I sing about — it is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

Mark it down, as that Rock was cut out without hands miraculously and supernaturally, so the Lord Jesus Christ was conceived miraculously and supernaturally. I think this is a remarkable latent reference to the virgin birth of the Son of God. As the rock was cut out miraculously and supernaturally without hands out of the mountain, I think the Lord Jesus Christ was miraculously conceived in His mother's womb, and He was born of a virgin.

Oh, how it thrills my heart when I think about the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ! When I think of these things, I would say to you that this rock is nothing but a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Daniel said that this rock was to roll down the mountainside and strike the image. It didn't strike the image in the chest, or in the belly, or on the legs. The destruction of Gentile world power didn't come in the days of Nebuchadnezzar. It didn't come in the days of Media-Persia. It didn't come in the days of Alexander the Great. It didn't come in the days of the Roman Empire, but Daniel said it is going to strike that image on the feet, and grind that image into powder. The destruction of that image, which was a picture of Gentile world power, which was a dream of history that the king had had — mark it down, that picture that is presented to us in this passage of Scripture tells us of the fulfillment that will take place when the Lord Jesus Christ comes back to this world, and when He destroys Gentile world power.

Yes, beloved, there is going to be one more kingdom, and that kingdom is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is coming back. Just like this stone rolled down the mountainside and destroyed the image, the Lord Jesus Christ is coming back to this world and He is going to destroy Gentile world power.

When the cosmonaut was up in space flying around, representing the Russian government, he came back to this world and said he didn't see anything of God when he was in space. I imagine that there is many an individual that would revel in the statement that he made, and think it was a (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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walk in them."

Now, my friends, not only am I opposed to the rank blasphemy of such a signed statement, I am opposed to any form of signed confession to be mailed in. There is nothing wrong with writing to a preacher or a friend to tell him you have been saved, but to use this method as a means of being able to report numbers is wrong. Mr. Rice is trying to take the place of the church. Anyone that is saved is to confess to the church and take his place as a member of the church.

I believe that any Christian paper should serve as The Baptist Examiner does, a help to the churches and each member in particular. Most papers try to take the place of the church and get all the glory. This is not right.

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worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead" if all the dead alike are sure of participating in an indiscriminate resurrection. Worthiness to obtain the resurrection from the dead certainly implies there will be some who are not esteemed worthy, and hence will not be partakers of the resurrection here mentioned; therefore, the conclusion is irresistible that there must be two distinct resurrections. That *there will be* is further seen from the language of John 5:28, 29—"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which, all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." Here the two resurrections are sharply distinguished both as to name and participants, and as we shall see, there is to be a long interval of time between them.

The testimony of the apostolic Epistles is in strict harmony with the teaching of our Lord recorded in the four Gospels. In I Cor. 15:21-23 we read, "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits: afterward they that are Christ's at His coming." It is important to notice that the resurrection of the wicked is not contemplated in this chapter at all, but is strictly limited to the resurrection of Christ and His saints. The words "all be made alive" are qualified by the clause which immediately precedes them. It has reference solely to those who are "in Christ." Christ Himself is the "firstfruits" (the reference is to the type of Lev. 23:10) and the harvest that is garnered at His return are "they that are Christ's." Again, we are told that the people of God in Old Testament times who refused to accept deliverance from death at the hands of their persecutors, did so "that they might obtain a *better* resurrection" (Heb. 11:35) which expression is quite meaningless if there is but one general resurrection in which saints and sinners shall alike participate.

One other Scripture yet remains to be considered, namely Rev. 20:4-6 "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. *But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.* Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years." Here we learn not only that the resurrection of the saints is quite distinct from that of the wicked, but we are also expressly told that an interval of a thousand years lies between the two. It were meaningless to speak of the resurrection of the "blessed and holy" as the "first resurrection" if there is no second resurrection of the wicked to follow. The righteous shall all be raised *before* the Millennium begins, but the lost shall no be raised until its *close*. Thus we see that the uniform teaching of the New Testament respecting the resurrection of sleeping believers is in perfect accord with our Thessalonian Scripture — "The dead in Christ shall rise first." None but the "dead in Christ" will come forth from their graves in response to the assembling shout of our descending Lord at the time of His second advent. But now consider,

### 3. The Translation of living believers.

"Then we which are alive and remain (on the earth) shall be caught up together with them (the resurrected ones) in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." In connection with this statement we would call attention to another Scripture which at first sight appears to have no bearing upon it at all. We refer to the words of our Lord recorded in John 12:23 — "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." We hesitate to set forth our own understanding of this passage because it differs widely from the generally received interpretation of it. It is from no desire to pander to the modern and miserable craving for *novel expositions* of Scripture that we advance our own view, but simply because necessity is laid upon us. "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all unto Me"—the word "men" inserted in italics has no equivalent in the original, and hence we must understand the "all" to refer to all believers. The question we would now raise is, What does the "drawing unto Christ" here have reference to? Personally, we do not think it has any reference to *salvation*, for where coming to Christ for salvation is in view it is the "Father" who is said to do the "drawing." This may be verified by a reference to John 6:44, where we read, "No man can come to Me, *except the Father which hath sent Me draw him.*" Therefore we submit that our Lord's words here point to the *catching up of the saints* at the time of His return, that it is then He will "draw" them all "unto Himself." The words "I \* \* will draw all unto Me" correspond very closely with that other word of His which has reference to this same event—"I \* \* will receive (Continued on page 6, column 1 and 2)

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I say to you, this dream of history answers the question as to whether or not the world is getting better or worse. Beloved, the world is getting worse, as prophesied in this dream, and is progressively getting worse today.

You will notice that Daniel started out in the dream with gold, next with silver, next with brass, next with iron, and finally with iron and miry clay. There was an increase in strength as you go along, but there was a decrease in the finer qualities. That tells us the answer as to whether the world is getting better or worse. The fact that there was a decrease in the finer qualities — gold, silver, brass, iron, and iron and miry clay — but an increase in strength, shows that the world is growing worse.

Nobody is saying that the world isn't stronger today than it used to be. We have all kinds of inventions. We have things today that they never thought of even ten or twenty years ago. The world is getting stronger so far as worldly wisdom is concerned, but so far as God is concerned,

and so far as morals and ethics and the finer things of life are concerned, the world is getting worse. Just as gold gave way to silver, and silver to brass, and brass to iron, so the world is far from improving today.

I say to you then, the world is getting worse at a rapid rate today. Listen:

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." — II Tim. 3:13.

Beloved, don't you let anybody tell you that the world is getting better. God said to Timothy, through Paul, that "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."

V

DANIEL TELLS US THAT THERE IS ANOTHER KINGDOM THAT IS GOING TO SUCCEED ALL OF THESE.

Daniel said, "O king, you saw a great rock cut out of a mountain without hands, and that rock rolled down the mountainside and crashed that image, and destroyed that image that was made of these component metals." In interpreting this dream to Nebuchadnezzar, he said that there is



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you unto Myself" (John 14:3). We would further suggest that the reason why this "drawing" of all believers unto Himself at the time of His return is linked with His "lifting up" is to show us that this consummating blessing, like every other we enjoy, is based upon His cross-work for us. Finally; it is highly significant, and seems to corroborate our interpretation, that in the verse immediately preceding the one now under consideration, our Lord said, "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out." It was then—"now"—at the Cross, that the Divine sentence was passed but it will not be until the Rapture that it will receive its execution. It is immediately following the "catching up" of the saints, their "drawing" to Christ, that God's "judgment" will fall upon "this world," as it is then also that its "prince"—"Satan"—will be "cast out" of his present domains (see Rev. 12:7-9). Who are the ones that shall be "drawn" unto Christ at that day? The answer is found in our Thessalonian Scripture — "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." We have already contemplated the resurrection of the sleeping saints, let us now say a few words concerning those believers who shall be alive on earth at that time.

It is often said, "There are many things in this life which are uncertain, but one thing is sure: we must all die; we must all pay nature's debt." Nothing is more common than to hear such affirmations as these which set death before the believer as his inevitable prospect. Such assertions are regarded as axiomatic. Frequently they are repeated from the pulpit. But not so do the Scriptures teach. The Word of God distinctly declares, "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye" (I Cor. 15:51, 52). So that instead of it being certain that all will die, it is absolutely certain that all believers will not die. A whole generation of Christians, namely, those that are alive upon the earth when our Lord descends from Heaven, will be "changed in a moment," and without passing through death at all, shall be caught up together with the resurrected saints to meet the Lord in the air.

The prospect which God's Word sets before every believer is the imminent return of Christ. Not a dread anticipation of death, but "looking for the Saviour" is to be our daily occupation. Translation to Heaven and not the grave is our goal. That is why it is termed "that blessed hope," and that is why we are said to be "begotten again unto a living hope" — a living hope in a dying scene. This hope was active in the hearts of the first-century saints. The Thessalonians had "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven." They were waiting for Christ not death. Observe

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smart, shrewd statement of infidelity, and perhaps it was. But may I remind you that it is those statements of infidelity that are characteristic of this Gentile Age in which we live.

Some of these days God is going to put an end to all the things that have taken place so far as this godless civilization is concerned. You and I are grieved today about the marches, and the protests, and the burnings, and the hangings, and all the things that are taking place in the colleges. You and I are bound to be concerned because we live as a part of this country. Certainly you and I are not the least bit in favor of the way in which tax money is being spent today. We are grieved over many, many things. But remember this — Jesus Christ is coming back. He is going to put an end to this godless age in which we are living, and when He comes, He is going to destroy this godless civilization, just the same as that stone rolled down the mountainside and struck the image on the feet and brought an end to this Gentile civilization.

You ask, "How close are we to the end? How close are we to the place that this speaks about?" I'll give you the answer. I think we are right out at the end of the big toe. I think time has run out. I think time is fast drawing to an end. I didn't live back in the days of Nebuchadnezzar, rep-

resented by the head of gold. I didn't live in the days of Media-Persia and Greece. I didn't live in the days of Rome. I do think I am living in the day right at the end of that big toe. If you ask me where we are, and how far along we have come so far as this dream of history is concerned, I would say that we have come so far that we are right out at the end of the big toe. We are almost to the midnight hour. The hands of the clocks are fast pointing to the midnight hour. I think the Lord Jesus Christ surely must soon come back to this world. I don't see how this world can go on. I don't see how that things can proceed much longer. I don't see how, with this godless Gentile age that we are in now, which is progressively becoming worse and worse — I don't see how we can go on much longer. I say to you, I believe that we are fast nearing the end of time, fast coming to the end of that big toe, fast coming to the time when the image is going to be destroyed and the Lord Jesus Christ is going to set up His kingdom.

You will notice it says that when this stone rolls down the mountainside, it not only destroys this image that represents Gentile world power, but the stone itself is to become a kingdom that shall live forever. That is the thing that impressed me when I read this. Thank God, beloved, Babylon came and Babylon departed! Media-Persia came and Media-Persia departed! The same was true of Greece! The same was true of Rome! The same is true of all those ten toes — they will all depart. But thank God, there is a day coming when the Lord Jesus Christ is going to set up His kingdom, and His kingdom is going to last forever.

## CONCLUSION

I ask you, are you in that kingdom? Are you a part of the kingdom of God? Are you a child of God? Are you going to be living with the Lord Jesus Christ when He reigns over this world? How I thank God for this blessed hope that we have, that Jesus Christ is someday going to set up His kingdom!

We are not always going to have riots on our college campuses. We are not always going to be living in peril, not knowing whether or not there is going to be a demonstration and destruction of your property take place before the day comes to an end. We are not always going to be living under such adverse circumstances as we are living under today. Thank God, Jesus Christ is going to live and reign, and what a day it will be when the Son of God sets up His kingdom and reigns over this world! How I praise Him that I have a promise that I am going to be part of that kingdom, and how I pray for you that you might be a part of that kingdom too.

Beloved, the only way that you can be a part of that kingdom is by trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Thank God for this truth, that Jesus died for our sins! He came into this world virgin-born — cut out of the mountain without hands. He was born miraculously and supernaturally, and He lived a perfect life, which entitled Him to be our Saviour. He didn't have any sins to die for, Himself, but He could be our Saviour. He could die for our sins. Thank God, He did, and the man who believes Him, and trusts Him, and receives Him as His Saviour, that man is going to live forever in that kingdom that Jesus Christ is going to set up some of these days.

May God bless you, may God save you that are lost, and may God add you to this body!



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cross. We were soon walking right on the floor of the valley now and along side of the river. Sometimes the trail would lead away from the river a short way but soon we would be back close to the water. On one occasion we had to cross a small stream that flowed into the river and here was about the nearest thing to a sand bar that I have seen in the Highlands. It was now about 11 a.m. and we rested at this spot for a while and then for quite a long way we followed the river again. By now it was midday and the jungle was hot and steamy and various flying insects were troublesome. Our children and the natives were experiencing an added discomfort, the leaches would fasten themselves to their bare feet and legs and feast upon their blood.

Finally we reached the point to where we were to leave the jungle and start climbing out of the valley and for a while this offered a change that was quite welcomed but after a while the climb began to get exceedingly steep and by now we had begun to leave the timber that afforded shade from the hot sun. Several times some of the natives would point out places along the trail in this area where only a few years before warring tribes had fought and killed people. Sometimes a man would get cut off from his friends and three or four men would follow him up to two and three days before they would finally catch up with him and then shoot him through with arrows. One of the men that was in our line of carriers had killed several men in this valley. By now we had completely left the timber and were walking up steep mountain sides and we were almost dehydrated as our water supply had been exhausted and none to replenish it with. Every few minutes someone would ask, is it much farther and finally we came on top of the ridge we had been climbing for some time and we could see the tent and in a straight line it looked like an-

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I could go on and on. This paper could not contain the good things that I could say, but the Conference in itself is a miracle.

We see how God can use the Pastor, Brother John Gilpin and his Church, Calvary Baptist Church year after year to present the Gospel to the lost, and bring together the saved so they are taught the great Truths.

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JIM WASHER  
Hollywood, Florida

other 10 minutes and we would be there. The cargo boys had gone on ahead of us and set up the tent and prepared some other things for us.

While it looked as though we were almost there when we first saw the tent, it took us almost another hour before we finally reached our camp. This by far had been the worst day so far that we had traveled. Looking back across the valley that we had crossed that day and high up on the mountain side we could see the little church building where we had set out from early that morning — we were glad that we did not have to go back that way.

There was a large group of people on hand to greet us when we reached this place and many of them were seeing the first white woman and children they had ever seen. It did not take us very long to complete setting up the camp and when that was over we had all the folk to assemble and we had a preaching service. There were far too many to get into the church building so we held services outside. With services finished, food was offered for sale and we bought various kinds of food.

The place where we were at now is called Homaka and has become the headquarters for quite a large area. The missionary lives at this place and works out from here to several other preaching points. It was decided that this would be a good place for Mrs. Halliman to rest for about three days and I could go visit the folk in the outlying areas. There were some to be baptized at this place also so it was decided that on the morrow we would just rest and hold a couple of services and the next day we would hold our baptizing service and on the third day I would go and visit a couple of other places. By the time we had gotten all our plans worked out for the time we would be in this area it was getting near night so the crowd soon dispersed and we had our evening meal and it was no problem getting the family to bed early that night. This brings us through

the sixth day of the patrol.

The next day was Thursday and since this day was calculated to be a day of relaxation and fellowship with the native folk we did not get up so early that morning. However, about 7 a.m. we heard pigs squealing and knew that they had decided to have a pig feast so we were soon up and out where the crowd was gathering.

I don't know when I have enjoyed a day so much as I did this one. The view from this location is picturesque. In one spot we could look across the valley that we had traveled the day before and far beyond the spot where we had left from. With only a downward tilt of the head we could see the large river that we had walked beside of for a couple of hours, carrying its large volume of water filled with all sorts of debris to eventually be deposited in the Pacific Ocean on the north coast of New Guinea. The contents of this river would travel about 900 miles from where we were as it wound around and through the rugged mountainous terrain of the backbone of New Guinea and then through the flat crocodile infested swamplands of the north coast before it emptied into the ocean. Without moving except for a slight turn to the left, we could look across several ridges that seemed to be spaced so evenly and the one slightly elevated above the other until they reached the mountain range that separated the Duna tribe from another tribe just beyond, that there could be no mistake that only the Master Architect of the universe had been at work here. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge." — Ps. 19:1-2.

Then with another slight turn, still standing in the same spot, having now turned about 200 degrees we could look down across another small valley where we have some preaching places and could just see the beginning of the area that belongs to yet another tribe. This little valley is (Continued on page 7, column 1)



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I would like to urge all the churches to contribute regularly to the Conference expenses. My home church in Oneco plans to send an offering for Conference expenses along with our regular Examiner offering, plus we will take a check along to the Conference.

As a preacher I have the opportunity to meet many other independent Baptist preachers as well as Baptist laymen. Believe me, it is a blessing to know that they are standing for the truths which I have learned to love.

Also I realize that I have met some of the greatest Baptist preachers that history will ever know. Remember, this is not a convention of churches; this is a Bible Conference sponsored by one independent Baptist Church. They do not decide how to spend our money, or what kind of programs we will have for the next year, or what Sunday school literature we should use, or who will preach your next revival meeting. You will hear a great number of real sermons on a number of Bible topics which you would not hear in most modern seminaries in three or four years. You all come. I guarantee that you will regret to see it come to a close.

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very beautiful from this location as it has its own little system of ridges, streams, and miniature valleys in between. All of this would belong to one or two large family clans but each little ridge and miniature valley staked out and claimed by some individual or at the most a man and his family. While there are no fences or surveyor's post there are distinct boundary lines and seldom ever is there a land dispute.

As another quarter turn was made another large mountain had begun to come into view across which we had another preaching place and then as we turned more the big mountain seemed to suddenly come right up almost to where we were standing. I stopped there for a few fleeting seconds and recalled how that upon a few occasions I had crossed that mountain in both directions — one of the worst that I have encountered. Then a few more degrees to the left and we were back where we had started from and in this 360 degree circle we had had a panoramic view of the entire area. My wife and I stood there for some time looking at what was before us and trying to figure out some way that we could cope with this and several like situations that face us.

We mingled among the people, sat around and talked and held two preaching services before the day was over. There were several to be baptized here at this place, so plans were made for the baptizing the next day. The folk seemed to be enjoying themselves so well that many of them were there until it had begun to get dusk dark when suddenly they seemed to realize how late it was getting and then they all rushed

off to their little thatched houses where they would have another meal of fresh pork and sweet potato cooked in the hot ashes; then they would bed down on a bed of leaves and/or grass to be up with the crack of dawn the next morning. This closes the seventh day of the patrol. More next week.

## God's Elect

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you are wise.  
God help us to see the importance of being a witness for Him, but let us keep it Scriptural.  
I say then, God's elect are, first of all, foreknown.

### II

God's elect are foreordained. There are three things that I want you to notice about the foreordination of God toward His elect. First of all, they are fore-ordained unto salvation — not into salvation. There is a difference. "And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."—Acts 13:48.

I preached on this text one time and a sister came up to me after the services and said, "Brother Langford, could you interpret that for me?" I said, "Yes, I'll be happy to try. It is like this: The Apostle Paul was preaching the Word of God and evidently in this company there were some that God had ordained unto eternal life, and when they heard the Word, they believed." She said, "That is what the Word says." I said, "What better interpretation do you want?"

So I believe God's elect are foreordained unto salvation. Paul said;

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

I not only believe in elective grace, but I believe in preventive grace. Paul says:

"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"—Heb. 1:14.

Brethren, if it were not for God's preventive grace, I would have been dead a long time ago. I did everything a sinner could do, and even more, and it is God's protective grace that prevented me from being where I ought to have been.

So I say that God's elect are foreordained unto salvation.

God's elect are foreordained unto service. This is where some of us depart the boat, but I still believe that God's people ought to be a working people.

There is one thing that I believe that is wrong. Most people come up and say, "I want to join your church," and the preacher says, "Have yourself a seat there on the pew." Then he calls for the clerk and the clerk takes the information and the candidate is still sitting there in the pew. Forty years later, he is still sitting in the pew. The preacher set him down, and he is still sitting down.

I don't tell any of them to sit down. I have them to stand up. If I can stand up, they ought to stand up too. We ought to be serving God. There is a service that we ought to render unto our sovereign God.

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."—Eph. 2:10.

I don't know what all the good works are, but I believe baptism is a good work. I know whatever God has ordained for me to do I am going to do it, whether I like it or not. It won't alter God's plan one bit. God's elect are foreordained unto service. It is God's orders that we serve Him.

I believe we ought to witness, but I believe we ought to do it Scripturally. I challenge anyone to find in the Bible where Jesus Christ, or God the Father, or the first church ever asked a lost man, "Would you like to be saved, son? Don't you know that you are lost and on the road to Hell? Wouldn't you like to be saved and go to Heaven?" God never said it, and neither should we say it. Peter said that Christ came and set an example for us and that we should follow His steps. But since Jesus never said it, we ought not to say it either. I have quit asking people if they are lost and want to be saved. God didn't say it, and we ought not to say it. If we expect our ministry to ever be fruitful, we are going to have to come to the place where the heathen will say: "What meaneth this?"—Acts 2:12.

Then in Acts 2:16, they said: "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel."

Then a little later, we find that it says:

"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" — Acts 2:37.

Peter surely was out of order there, for he made him ask him what to do. He ought to have asked him what he wanted to do. That is the proper way, is it not? But they reversed it. They said, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Notice, it is not what do I want to do, but what must I do. I believe with every one of God's elect, they are going to ask it one of these days.

Some people say, "God is going to save His elect anyway, so you don't have to do anything."

No, God is not going to save them anyway. God has never saved but one way; and that is the only way He is ever going to save anyone. It is not any way, but one way — He saves them

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that in our text the apostle includes himself among the number of those who might be alive on the earth at the time of Christ's second advent — "Then we (not "ye") which are alive and remain shall be caught up;" and again, "We shall not all sleep." The beloved apostle was not looking for 'the king of terrors' but for "the King of Glory."

Lord, 'tis for Thee, for THY coming we wait;  
The sky not the grave is our goal:  
The rapture, not death, we gladly await,  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul.

A striking illustration and type of the removal to heaven of those believers which shall be on the earth at the time of our Lord's return is found in the rapture of Enoch, "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him" (Heb. 11:5). Here was a man of like passions with us, who was raptured to Heaven without seeing death. Such is the blessed prospect which Scripture sets before the Christian as his present hope. We repeat, that all believers on earth at the time of our Lord's descent into the air, shall altogether escape the gloomy portals of the tomb and be translated to Heaven to meet the Lord and be for ever with Him. This will be the fulfillment of our Lord's promise "I will come again and receive you unto Myself." Observe that our Lord does not say, "I will come again and take you unto Myself," but "I will come again and receive you unto Myself." The thought suggested by this distinction is exceedingly precious. "Taking" is an action confined to myself. I may enter an empty room and take a book from the table. But receiving is an action that brings in another. If I "receive" a book the necessary inference is that someone handed it to me. Exactly so will it be at the Rapture. The saints of God are not left alone in this cold wilderness-world. The "other Comforter, even the Spirit of truth" has come to take up His abode in the Church, and it is from Him that the Lord Jesus will "receive" it. (For this beautiful thought I am indebted to George Hucksby's book "Surely I come quickly.") And observe further that our Lord did not say "to Heaven," or "to the Father's House," but "unto Myself." The person of Christ is to be the Object before the eye and heart. Thus it was with the martyr Stephen — "Lord Jesus receive my spirit." Thus it was with the apostle Paul — "To depart and be with Christ which is far better;" and again, "absent from the body, present with the Lord." The heart occupied with Him.

"To meet the Lord in the air." Why should the Church meet the Lord in "the air," rather than on the earth? We would suggest a twofold reason. First, Because the Church is heavenly not earthly. It is heavenly in its origin (I Cor. 15:48). It is heavenly in its calling (Heb. 3:1). It is heavenly in its citizenship (Phil. 3:20). It is heavenly in its blessings (Eph. 1:3). It is heavenly in its destiny (I Pet. 1:4). Therefore will the Church meet its Head in the "air" — the atmospheric heavens. But second; I believe this joyous meeting between the Lord and His blood-bought people is to be in the air, rather than in the Heaven of heavens, for the purpose of privacy. The eyes of the

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His way.

God's elect are also foreordained unto separation.

I believe in being separate. If a church is not independent, it is not a church of the Lord Jesus Christ. But I am not independent just to be different from the world or anyone else. That is not the idea. But I believe God's people ought to be separate. They ought to be different from the rest of the world.

"And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"—I Chron. 29:5.  
"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you."—II Cor. 6:17,18.

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."—I Pet. 2:9.

That is separation. God has separated us from the dark and brought us into the light, and we are to show forth His praises.

### III

God's elect are forever secured. Not only are we foreknown and foreordained, but we are forever secured. God has not only foreknown me and foreordained me, but He has forever saved me.

I wonder sometimes how some of these religions (and I grew up in one of them) can go to sleep

believing what they believe. If I believed what they believe, I could never go to sleep. They say you can be saved today and lost tomorrow. I say if that be true you can get it and lose it without knowing you ever had it to start with. I believe God has forever saved His own. He has forever saved them, and they are forever secure because of His promise.

Solomon said:

"I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it and God doeth it, that men should fear before him."—Eccl. 3:14.

David said:

"For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever."—Psa. 37:28.

I remember reading an article in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER in which Brother Gilpin told about eating some peaches that had been preserved for many years. That was before I ever met him, and when I read that, I thought, there goes a Baptist preacher, ministerially speaking. But bless God, God's saints are preserved forever. He is not going to lose a one of them.

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world shall not gaze upon that holy scene, nor will even the angels (so far as Scripture indicates) witness that first moment when the Redeemer shall meet the redeemed.

"And so shall we ever be with the Lord," which, as we have seen, corresponds with His own blessed promise, "That where I am there ye may be also." Wondrous privilege! Marvelous prospect! Truly, such love "passeth knowledge." The place which is due to the Son is the same place which shall be accorded the sons. We are made "joint-heirs with Christ." His inheritance and blessedness shall be shared with His redeemed. He shall come Himself to conduct us to His place! But are we, shall we be, fit, to dwell in such a realm? The answer to this question leads us to consider,

### 4. The Transformation of each believer into the Image of our glorified Saviour.

In the beginning, man was made in the image and likeness of God, but sin came in and as the consequence that image has been defaced and that likeness marred. Has then the purpose of Jehovah been thwarted? Not so: "The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever" (Ps. 33:11). Therefore it is written, "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son" (Rom. 8:29). The time when this purpose and promise of God will be realized is at the Return of His Son. It is then that God's elect will be completely "conformed" be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." It is then that "this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality." But to particularize.

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## Facts About Our Conference...

● Our 11th annual Bible Conference will be held in Huntington, W. Va., Labor Day weekend, beginning Friday evening, Sept. 4th, and ending Monday noon, September 7th.

● All lodging will be in Twin Towers, the dormitories of Marshall University. Those attending the Conference will be responsible for their own bed linens, blankets, towels and soap.

● Meals will be served in the air-conditioned cafeteria on the ground level of one of the dormitories.

● All sessions of the Conference will be held in the auditorium of Huntington High School, which is about 14 blocks from our place of lodging and eating. It is located out of the business section of town, which means there should be ample parking space.

● Our books will be on sale in the lounge of the dormitory that houses the cafeteria. We have an abundance of good books, and Brother Joe Wilson will be in charge of selling our books again this year.

● We invite all of our friends to attend this Conference. The only cost to you will be your transportation to and from the Conference, as all lodging and meals will be furnished by Calvary

Baptist Church. Come, be our guest over Labor Day weekend.

● If you have a child or children ten years of age or younger that can share the bedroom of the parents, please arrange to have them do so, as it will save us the cost of another room. Bring along your own cot for this purpose, or else notify us well in advance so we can furnish these for you.

● All young people, eighteen years and younger must be in

their room in the dormitory by 11:00 p.m.

● The following is a paragraph from our rental contract for the Towers:

"Participants under eighteen years of age are not permitted on the elevators unless accompanied by parents.

The Calvary Baptist Church will be responsible for all property damages and lost or stolen items incurred during the convention.

There will be no key deposit charge. However, the Calvary Baptist Church will be assessed \$1.50 for any key lost or not returned."

● Our Conference meals must be on time. Breakfast at 7:00 a.m., lunch at 12:15 p.m., and the evening meal at 5:30 p.m.

● Children and all others must attend all sessions, unless ill. No "sleeping in" while a morning session is in progress.

● Children under 18 to occupy bedrooms adjoining parents. Parents are to check and be sure their children are in their own room and ready for bed at 11:00 p.m.

● Children are not to roam the streets after Conference sessions close at night.

### "ARE YOU WISE?"

Last year, one of our problems of the Conference stemmed from various ones staying up too late at night, to the extent that they were drowsy and sleepy and unfit for worship the next day. On Monday morning, for example, your editor counted at one time twenty-one that were sleeping in the congregation. Of course, this was to be expected since many of our folk had stayed up the night before until far past midnight for discussion and fellowship, and were personally unable to give their best for the service the next day.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

### \$240,000,000 YEARLY BUT NO PLEASURE

If you ever wondered about the yearly income of the richest person in the world you may cease doing so, for it is now a matter of common knowledge.

His highness Sheikh Sir Abdulla Al Salim Al Sabah is the ruler of Kuwait, Arabia. He is 59 years old. His yearly income is estimated at \$240,000,000. And it is tax free. It comes from oil.

His body is so wracked with rheumatism that his tremendous wealth affords him very little pleasure.

He tried a trip to Paris recently. His rheumatism pained him so severely that he was virtually a prisoner in his luxurious suite.

Just another outstanding example of the fact that money in itself does not satisfy. "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth," saith our Lord. (Luke 12:15).

The poet had the secret of satisfaction and expressed it in these words:

"Now none but Christ can satisfy,  
None other Name for me;  
There's love, and life, and  
lasting joy  
Lord Jesus, found in Thee!"

In Himself, He is altogether lovely. He has finished the work by which we may be "justified from all things." He has gone to glory to prepare a place for those who place faith in Him. He abundantly meets the need of all who love Him. He is to come again to receive believers to Himself. His love is unchanging. His plans embrace time and eternity.

With love and life and lasting joy, the heart has no aching void. It rejoiceth with "joy unspeakable and full of glory."

### God's Elect

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We are not only secured because of His promise, but we are secured because of His power. A lot of people sing this song, "How Great Thou Art," but many people sing it like this: "How Great I Am." To them it is not how great God is, but "how great I am, because I helped God save me and I must hold out faithful until the end or I'll sink and perish in Hell." So it all boils down to what man can do. But the Bible says it like this — we are forever

secure because of His power.

"Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."—I Pet. 1:5.

It is God's power that saves me, it is God's power that keeps me, and therefore I am forever secured.

We used to sing a song at Bethel Baptist Church which went something like this: "Hold to God's unchanging hand." I used to sing that and I thought it sounded good, but one day the truth came home. Brother, if I am holding to God's hand, I'll fall off. I can't hold on forever. My grip will give way and I'll fall in Hell. But it is God who holds to me, if there is any holding to be done. So we are forever secure because of His promise, because of His power, and because of His purpose.

"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the pur-

pose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will."—Eph. 1:11.

"To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."—I Pet. 1:4.

Brethren, if any of the elect can get lost, God is going to have to cancel out some of His reservations. But that is something God is never going to do.

May the Sovereign God be pleased to teach us these truths and put within our heart the grace to say the words:

"O, I want to see Him, look upon His face,  
There to sing forever of His saving grace;  
On the streets of Glory, let me lift my voice,  
Cares all passed, home at last, ever to rejoice."

Only God's elect can and will sing that song.  
God bless you!

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



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

Although I have not been permitted to attend the Bible Conference for several years, and cannot go this year, I would like to say that I have attended several times in the past 10 years, and for the most part have been greatly blessed by the fellowship of the many brethren that I have met there, and lifted up by many of the good sermons that the Lord has brought through these dear brethren.

I have been told by several who have been in attendance the past several years that the modern facilities that are afforded are most wonderful; and that best of all, the soul is fed to the full through the good sermons preached. Do trust that the Conference will be even greater this year. We trust that the Lord shall enable many to attend the Conference this year, and may all who attend be blessed of the Lord, and above all, may our Lord be glorified.

Yours under the blood of Christ—

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