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## Right And Wrong Of Church Operation

By ROY MASON  
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There are various theories concerning how a church should be operated, and most of these grow out of a failure to carefully study the Bible. Let us note some of the wrong ways churches are run, then let us note the Scriptural way.

**THE HEIRARCHICAL WAY.** The Roman Catholic Church is under the dominance of a hierarchy, headed by the Pope. A great religious-political machine governs the millions embraced in the Catholic fold. There is not the slightest Scripture warrant for a hierarchy. It is composed of a bunch of pompous ecclesiastics who get honor and glory and wealth from the masses. The Lord never meant that there should be any big, high-brow ecclesiastics. "One is your Master, even Christ

and all ye are brethren," said Jesus. From the time the "medicine man" of ancient days plied his graft, men have been exploiting people in the name and under the guise of religion. Heathen



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religions had "priests" (medicine men) and they hoodwinked and fooled people for what they could get out of them. A "hierarchy" is just as blameworthy.

**THE ROYAL WAY.** Church

and state have often been connected, and temporal rulers have also become spiritual rulers. For instance the head of the Church of England is the Queen. Nice lady though she is, there is no Scripture warrant for a ruler of a country being the head of a church. Union of church and state is a fearful evil, and one that has produced trouble of all sorts.

**THE EPISCOPAL WAY.** "Episcopal" Churches are churches ruled by bishops. The New Testament speaks of bishops but they

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were simple (Baptist) preachers, and not ecclesiastical dignitaries.

**THE DENOMINATION-AL WAY.** That is the modern Baptist way that has grown up the last few years. Many pastors and many churches consider each Baptist Church as a small fragment of a big thing which they term "The Denomination." The super-government of the "Denomination" which is largely in the hands of leaders that Baptists have no part in selecting, establishes the program which churches and pastors must support. (Continued on page 6, column 1)

## The True Value Of The Old Testament Scriptures

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Have you ever watched people going to church on Sunday morning? Did you notice that some of them are merely carrying a New Testament? If you ask them why they carry only



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a New Testament you will get an answer something like this: "The New Testament is all we need today. The Old Testament has been done away with. That was the Jews' Bible. The old

Bible has no message for us today."

Most Sunday School literature omits large portions of the Old Testament in their lesson outlines. Many believe that a New Testament believer should never even read the old Bible. It is not surprising to find more than a few professing Christians who know little or nothing about the Old Testament. It may well be said by the Lord in this age what was said in a former age: "I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing."—Hosea 8:12.

Does the Old Testament contain any message for us today? Is it a Christian duty to read it? Do those who carry only the New Testament have just half of the Bible? These questions deserve Scriptural answers. It is my purpose to answer these inquiries by the Bible in this article.

**THE OLD TESTAMENT VERSES THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES**

Certainly we today do live under the New Testament or New Covenant Dispensation. The Christian is not obligated to offer lambs as sacrifice for sin. Nor are we in any way under obligation to keep the Ceremonial Law of the Jewish nation. But please keep in mind the differ- (Continued on page 4, column 5)

## Homosexuality, Lesbianism, Is It Sickness Or Real Sin?

By BOB NELSON  
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THE REAL QUESTION IS — WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

1. It is a sin. Genesis 13:13, Isaiah 3:9, Lamentations 4:6.
2. It is described as the lowest

In the past few years the American people have been conditioned to accept sexual perversion as an acceptable way of life. Liberal newspapers and magazines continually brainwash us that heterosexual, normal people should begin to receive these folk without any qualms.

Since motion picture industry along with television continually have talk shows and jokes written in their scripts, we are subtly becoming accustomed to this type of behavior. Even the homosexuals themselves are becoming brazen by uniting and holding conventions to demand their rights to practice such without the interference of the government. Not many days go past in which most newspapers report about the "gay" establishment using political pressure to get their way. Perhaps the last straw, before complete acceptance, is their entrance into the Christian circles. They now have organized their own homosexual churches and proclaim their own gospel of "love." The worst part of this whole situation is that some so-called orthodox denominations are making statements that condone such practices. This fulfills Bible prophecy.



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form of depravity. Romans 1:26-27.

"For this reason God gave them up to vile passions of dishonor. For even their females changed the natural use into that which is contrary to nature — and in the same way also, leaving the (Continued on page 6, column 2)

## Straight-From-The-Shoulder Broadside At Evolution

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II Tim 4:1-5

I would like to speak a little while on the subject "All Roads Lead to God." You say, "But preacher, I thought that you would be preaching upon how some would depart from the faith."

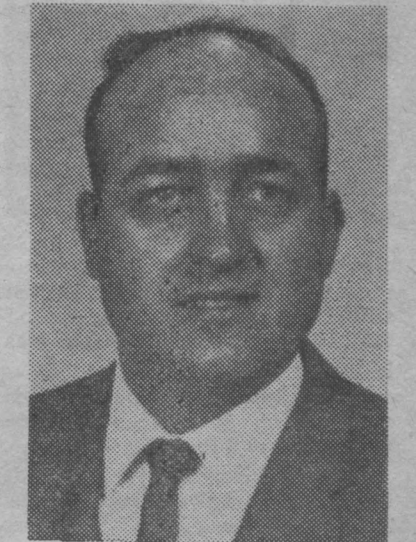
Well, I am in a way; but, I want to bring the title out at the outset in order that you might see what I am getting at and what I believe these verses of Scripture teach. All Roads Lead to God. I want to preach it as a means of warning to the saints of God, and as a deterrent to this dogma going around called atheism and evolution.

First, I want you to see that these Scriptures say in the last days — in the latter end — Peter says in the extreme end — there would be some that would depart from the faith, bringing in damnable heresies.

In these last days they would draw away people having itching ears; that is, people that have ears that like to have pleasant things spoken unto them. Itching ears — saying what they want to hear. It says that in these last days that this would come to the forefront.

The spread of atheism and evolution is abounding in every phase of the academic teachings of our schools. I've talked to several col-

lege boys of late, and high school students, and it is most awesome to talk to them concerning this thing of evolution, for they are completely carried away with it. There are millions of dollars appropriated and spent every year on the spread of evolution in our



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schools. This dogma of evolution has come out of the very pits of Hell with a Satanic force that leaves within its path that awesome poison of unbelief in Almighty God.

Brethren, Russia has said many times, and continually says, that (Continued on page 7, column 2)

### Faithful Reader Issues Challenge

The following letter from Brother Bill Little of Louisa, Kentucky, is the type of letter we like to share:

"Find enclosed \$10.00 for subscriptions and \$10.00 for support of Brother Halliman.

Also, I would like to challenge other true Baptists to contribute to offset the discontinuance of support such as the Gladwin Baptist Church,

My prayer is that the Baptist Examiner will be published until the return of our Lord."

I trust that many of our readers will be challenged by this letter. Isn't there a Scripture that says, "Go thou and do likewise?"

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"MAY BE"

"Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment: seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."—Zeph. 2:3.

It might be interesting to notice the background of this text. The Prophet Zephaniah exercised his ministry during the time that Jeremiah prophesied. Of course, the captivity was imminent, for there are references in the Bible as to the captivity that was to come. However, I think in all

probability that this text, which is a Jewish prophecy, looks forward particularly to the latter days rather than the captivity.

As I say, Jeremiah prophesied in a great measure relative to the captivity. That certainly wasn't true so far as Zephaniah was concerned. I think that Zephaniah's prophecy was looking forward to that time out yonder in the future when the Lord is going to judge the nations of the world.

If you will read Matthew 25, you will find that Matthew pre-

sents to us a picture of judgment — a judgment of nations. Some are going to stand on the right side, and some on the left side, to be treated as sheep and goats. That judgment of nations is not a judgment of individuals, but rather, a judgment of nations.

If you will study carefully this chapter, I think you will see that that judgment has to do primarily with the way in which the nations have treated Christ's brethren, the Jews. In other (Continued on page 2, column 2)

### Commentary By Gill All Sold

We have been telling our readers for some time that these books by John Gill would soon be out of print and now we must say that the supply is completely exhausted. Please do not order from us as we would merely have to refund your money.

We still have a few of "The Cause of God and Truth" and "A Body of Divinity." If you want one of these books, you had better hurry and get the order to us as they are very limited as to number.

I would doubt very seriously if any of these books will ever be reprinted.

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## Bro. Will Bang Becomes Pastor In Raleigh, N. C.

We are happy to present this picture of Brother Will Bang, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Raleigh, North Carolina.

This church was organized of



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recent date by the Grace Baptist Church of Winston-Salem of which Brother Joe Wilson was pastor.

We truly thank God for this new church in Raleigh and for their present pastor.

It is definitely our prayer that God should richly bless Brother Bang and the church. It means much to us to have them for our

friends and to have fellowship with them. If you live within going distance, may we suggest that you visit with them. I am sure you will be blessed thereby.



## "May Be"

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words, the basis of judgment will be as to how these individuals that are being judged have reacted to, and have treated, the Jewish people.

I have studied through this book of Zephaniah very carefully in the years gone by and I think it is primarily looking forward to the judgment of the nations. In view of this fact, this text is a call to the Jewish remnant. It is an appeal to those of the Jewish nation who hear it first, who are the meek and the righteous, that they themselves shall seek the Lord, especially in view of the fact that God is going to judge the nations of the world.

So he appeals to the remnant — those whom he refers to as the meek and the righteous, and he appeals to them to seek the Lord. That, I say, is my opinion of the meaning of the text.

It is a joy to me to use this verse of Scripture as an appeal not just to the meek and the righteous, but an appeal to the unsaved, that those who are unsaved shall seek the Lord. As my text says, "It may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."

I have always found it a joy to proclaim in my preaching a hiding place for the guilty. Every unsaved person needs such a hiding place, for unsaved people are all guilty of sin in the sight of God, and they need a hiding place from that sin.

The saddest thing I know is, the majority of people have a hiding place that they have prepared for themselves. Some people hide behind church membership. Some people hide behind the fact that they are doing the best that they can. Some people hide behind the Ten-Commandment law and try to make Sinai a tremendous hill behind which they hide. May I say unto you, beloved friends, regardless of what your hiding place may be that you have prepared, that hiding place of yours is spoken of in the Bible as a refuge of lies. Listen:

"Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away THE REFUGE OF LIES, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place."—Isa. 28:17.

Isaiah says if you have any refuge, any hiding place that is not in the Lord, then you have erected it yourself out of a refuge of lies, and some of these days God is going to sweep it away.

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## Bro. Joe Wilson Moves To Tulsa, Okla.

"Sooners" here we come!



Sunday, March 19th, was one of the hardest and saddest days in my life heretofore. It was on that day that I left my beloved State of North Carolina, and my beloved church, The Grace Baptist Church. It is a great church, and the people are a great people, and blessed indeed will be the man that is privileged to follow me as pastor of this church.

Truly, our sovereign God moves in mysterious ways. The last week of December of 1971 saw the beginning of a chain of events which have changed my life completely. I was very happy and content in Winston-Salem. I had a good job for which I was thankful. I was pastor of a great church. I felt that this would be my life till the rapture or my going to be with the Lord. The telephone rang. It was Eddie Ryon, clerk of the Grace Missionary Baptist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He wanted to know if I would be interested in preaching for them with a view to possibly becoming their pastor. I was so astounded, I hardly knew what to say, but felt that I should, at least, give the matter consideration. So I agreed to preach for them in the near future.

I spent the week-end of Jan. 16th in Tulsa, and preached for the church there. It was a real joy and honor to visit this fine church. I enjoyed the services very much, and was well received by the people. But really, I felt that would be the limit of our association, and returned home feeling that the matter was probably closed. I did not know that they would call me, and I truly doubted that I would accept at all if it were extended. Not that I would not count such a call a high honor, but I just did not feel that I would go.

Then, on Jan. 30th, while in a meeting in Hollywood, Florida, I received a telephone call from Brother Ryon again, and this time he extended the call to me from the church, to become their pastor. This call scared me. I guess I knew then that I would have to go, but I sought to evade the issue. Brother Jim Washer predicted that I would go, but I did not know if I could leave my church in N.C. I put the matter in the back of my mind and continued the meeting in Florida.

I returned home from this meeting and was met at the airport by many of the wonderful saints of Grace Baptist Church. They carried signs urging me not to leave them. How that scene brings the tears to my eyes as I write. What great people they are. Oh, what a hard time was ahead of me. I was now faced with the most difficult decision I had ever had to make. I did not want to go. I loved my job, I loved my location. I loved, oh, how I loved my church. I had a good job. I had security. I had all my friends in that area of the country. I had a great church. Surely, I wrestled with this mat-

ter. But stronger and stronger grew the impression that this was a call from God. I became more and more convinced that He wanted me to go. I desire to put Him first in my life. Even ahead of those whom I love dearly. Finally, I knew that I would have to go, and that I was only postponing the inevitable. So I called Brother Ryon and informed him of my decision and we began to make plans for this move. Then it was my heart-rending duty to inform my church of this decision. I think they knew too, but it was a sad day for us all. God brought us together. He had blessed us in so many ways. He had given us a great love for one another.

Plans were made and the date of my last service in Winston-Salem, and my move to Tulsa was set. A dear brother from Tulsa drove a truck that had been provided by another brother in the church, to move my earthly belongings. The great move was on. Then came that day and that time. March 19th Sunday morning. The last service. The ending of what had been a blessed relationship—Blessed beyond the power of human language to describe. I tried to preach. I think I failed. The service closed. I stood at the front door. Strong men wept. Young children cried. Women sobbed. Ah me, I thought my heart would break within my bosom. I could hardly bear to leave these people. Two of my boys were to be left behind. What a heavy burden was on my soul. But God has a purpose. He is sovereign. He is wise. He is loving. He will dry our tears. He will bless our lives.

We left following the morning service and traveled to Bristol, Tenn. to spend a little time with Dan Phillips and his family, and to preach for him that night. I could hardly preach, but God began to lift the burden a little that night and we had a good service.

We left Bristol Monday morning and had a good, safe, trouble-free trip to Tulsa. God has blessed us here. We have gotten set up. Katie has done a wonderful job with the house. The folk here have received us with open arms and open hearts. They are so kind and helpful. We have had three

services so far. The attendance has been good. The receptiveness of the people has been wonderful to behold. God has been with us and blessed us in the services. These things have helped to lift my burden and to ease my hurt over leaving Winston-Salem.

Well, I just know that God has brought me here. I know He has a purpose in it. I feel sure that we will see the blessings of God upon us here. I know that our loving God would not have brought me through such a dark hour without some good purpose in it. I ask my many friends who read this greatest of papers (TBE) to pray for me, for my loved ones, and for the Grace Missionary Baptist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma of which I am now the honored pastor.

My son is now interim pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. He just got out of boot camp and was shipped to the front line. Please pray for him. Pray for the wonderful Grace Baptist Church that God will bless them mightily and will guide them in the tremendously important task of choosing a new pastor.

I would like to pay tribute for a few lines to a great woman: my wife. What a blessing and encouragement she has been to me during all this. She has been rooted up and taken away from her friends and her people. My job security really should have affected her more than it did me. But she told me from the start that this was my decision. That she was my wife and would go with me wherever I went. Not once has she murmured or complained or questioned in all of this. I marvel at God's grace manifested in her life in this matter. Truly, I have found me a "good thing." I know what God meant when he referred to the wife as a "helpmeet." Katie is a real help to me in the ministry.

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## Bro. Wilson

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and a blessing to my spiritual life. She adds greatly to the overall effect of my ministry. She is a wonderful preacher's wife. I would add a word to preachers wives: dear sisters, you can be a great blessing to your husband's ministry, or you can be a terrible hindrance. Which are you?

I would like to pay tribute now to a noble soldier of Jesus Christ. The people I now pastor have been pastored for many years by one of the greatest preachers of our life time. Elder Bill Crider pastored these people for thirty odd years. He is a great preacher. He is a sound and able expounder of the Word of God. Those of us who have heard him preach at conferences have been deeply impressed, and greatly blessed thereby. He is, in addition to all this, a lovely soul, and a Christian gentleman. Brother Crider has retired from the active pastorate due to his health. He remains as a member of this church. I am humbled and honored to be the pastor of such a giant of God. I feel unworthy of this, yet who among us is worthy of anything. We must follow where God leads. The old soldier is tired and worn and weary of the battle. However, we feel sure that after resting awhile, he will step up for us now and then and fire off another round at the enemy. Surely, I shall lean on him. I shall draw strength and encouragement from him, and he and his dear wife will be a blessing to me, and my ministry here, and to the church here.

The wonderful folk at Grace Baptist Church, in a precious illustration of christian love and missionary zeal, donated to me the equipment which belonged to them, to the carrying on of my tape ministry. The church here has voted to authorize this ministry. So we will be again sending out tapes of our morning and evening Sunday services. We are behind with this, as we were not sure we would be able to continue it. You will soon be receiving tapes again. We offer these tapes as before on the reel and on the cassette type. You may keep them for a week or two (preferably one), and then return them. God has opened a further door for us here in that one of the brethren in the church has an eight track cartridge recorder. So now we are offering our Sunday messages on the eight track cartridge for any who will be interested. If you are interested in receiving our tapes, please contact me, Elder Joe Wilson, 4916 Charles Page Blvd., Tulsa, Okla. 74127. We would count it a privilege to have you in our audience in this way.

I shall continue my love for and relationship with this great paper as long as the editor and the fine Calvary Baptist Church will permit it. The folk here are readers of this paper, and we hope soon to be monthly supporters thereof. I shall here, as I have elsewhere encourage folk to read, pray for, and support TBE, for I consider it the greatest single missionary work in the world today. May our sovereign God bless TBE, its editor, its authorizing

church, its supporters, and its readers and may it long continue to be a blessing to God's people and bring glory to God. God bless you all.

## "May Be"

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Listen again:

"And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and GREAT WAS THE FALL OF IT."—Mt. 7:26, 27.

This is the same thought that Isaiah presents. It is the same thought that is found throughout the entirety and totality of the Word of God—namely, the hiding place that you have built which ignores the Bible and the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ is a faulty hiding place, and will be swept away when God judges this world.

Beloved, I say to you, there is a hiding place for the guilty. There is a safe retreat. There is a storm cellar. There is a place of safe mooring. That place of safety is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

When Zephaniah was writing to these of the remnant of the Jewish nation, he appealed to them to seek the Lord so that when God judges the nations of the world, and when God's punishment and anger is meted out upon them, that "it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."

At the very outset of this message, I would certainly say to you that are unsaved, seek the Lord; it may be that you will be in a safe hiding place in the day when God's anger is meted out upon this earth.

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### "MAY BE"

My text says, "It may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." It doesn't say that they shall be. It doesn't say that there is a positive certainty that they will be. But he says, "It may be that you will be hid in that day."

I would like to take you through some few portions of God's Word and show the use of the words "may be," as it is found elsewhere in the Book.

"And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: IT MAY BE that the Lord will work for us: for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few."—I Sam. 14:6.

This is the story of an experience on the part of Jonathan when he was in the army commanded by his father, Saul. The Word of God tells us how Saul had what we would say today was a small army of six hundred men with him. It was necessary, so he thought, to wait and not proceed with the battle against the Philistines. Here were the Philistines drawn up on one side with their army and garrison, and here was Jonathan, his armourbearer, and the rest of the six hundred men of King Saul

elsewhere drawn up in battle waiting to see what shall be the outcome.

Wars were not fought in the day of Saul and Jonathan with the lightning rapidity with which they are fought today. Hitler unleashed upon the world a new type of warfare when he started out with his blitzkrieg across the low countries of Holland and Belgium. A blitzkrieg means a lightning warfare, that was never known until the day of Hitler. Prior to that time, armies would be drawn up facing each other for days before any action took place. In our own country, when Washington was fighting with the Hessian soldiers, they even visited backwards and forwards from one army to the other. Washington is reputed to have served baked potatoes on one occasion to the Hessian soldiers while they were waiting for war to start.

That is the story we have here: two garrisons; the Philistines on one side, and Saul and his army on the other.

Jonathan was Saul's son, a man of God. Jonathan looked over from his garrison and he just couldn't see any reason for waiting, for tarrying, for dilly-dallying around, for not going to battle. He said to his armourbearer, "Dad is waiting around a long time. You come with me as my armourbearer and we will go over to these uncircumcised Philistines all alone. It may be that the Lord will work for us." Then he added one of the greatest thoughts in all the Bible, for he said, "There is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few."

May I pause and say this in passing, this should certainly encourage God's saints in any holy enterprise. Oh, what an encouragement it has been to this preacher many, many times in life to hear Jonathan say to his armourbearer, "It is no restraint to God to work with a few or with many." God can use a few just the same as He can many. I would like to go back and stand in the garrison of Israel and hear Jonathan as he says to that armourbearer, "You go with me. It may be that the Lord will grant unto us that these uncircumcised Philistines shall fall into our hands."

Beloved, it happened just exactly that way. One young lad with his armourbearer crossed over into the garrison of the Philistines and the Word of God tells us how they won a great victory for the Lord. Jonathan said, "It may be that we'll have that experience." He wasn't sure. It "may be."

Let's notice another use of this "may be." We read:

"IT MAY BE that the Lord will look on mine affliction, and that the Lord will requite me good for his cursing this day."—II Sam. 16:12.

If you will study this carefully, you will find that David was fleeing from his son, Absalom, and when he was making haste to get out of the country because it looked like Absalom was going to kill him, Shimei came along upon the mountain and looked down upon David and cursed him. Shimei was a descendant of King Saul who was now dead, and Shimei thought that he himself should have been king instead of David. So when David had to flee for his life, Shimei came along and cursed David. He threw stones at him, and cast dust and dirt down the mountain upon him. Shimei was really treating David, the king, badly — casting stones, casting dirt and dust by the handful, and cursing David all the while.

Abishai, who was faithful to King David, said, "Let's pause long enough for me to take the head off this dead dog. He may be a pretender to the throne, but he is only a dead dog because he will never be on the throne."

David said, "Abishai, don't do

it. It could be that the Lord told him to do that, and it may be what Shimei is doing is just exactly because the Lord has said 'curse David.' Let him alone. Some of these days, it may be that the Lord will look on my affliction."

Oh, he was afflicted! He had lost his throne. His son had driven him from the throne. His son is about to take over as king of the country. Shimei, who is a descendant of King Saul who is dead, and a pretender to the throne, is now harassing David greatly. David says to his trusted friend, Abishai, "It may be that the Lord will look on my affliction."

Beloved, I say to you, this should teach us as God's children that we ought to hope in God, and we ought to look to God, in the darkest hours that ever come to us. There never was a darker hour in David's life when the throne had been taken from him and when his family was in rebellion against him, and when he was fleeing for his life — there was never a darker hour in David's life than this. It certainly ought to teach us that in the darkest hours that come to us we should look up to God and say, "It may be that the Lord will look on mine affliction."

Notice that David said, "It may be." He didn't know for sure. He wasn't certain. Like Jonathan who didn't know for sure that he was going to capture that Philistine garrison, but said, "It may be that the Lord will deliver those uncircumcised Philistines into our hands," so it was with David. He didn't know for sure that he was ever going to get out of the difficulty he was in, but he said, "It may be that the Lord will look on mine affliction." There was some hope at least.

Let's notice another "may be":

"If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die."—II Kings 7:4.

The words "may be" aren't found in this text, but the thought is there. Elisha has promised food to Israel. He says to the people, "Tomorrow about this time you are going to be able to buy a measure of fine flour (which is about four pecks) for a shekel." That is about 65 cents. In other words, Elisha gave a promise that about this time tomorrow they would be able to buy a bushel of flour in the city for 65 cents.

In that day, things looked mighty bad for Israel. One woman had boiled her son and ate him, so the Word of God tells us. They were that hard up. One woman said, "You kill your son today and I'll kill mine tomorrow." So one woman killed her son and they ate him. Then the other woman came back the next day and said, "It is time for you

to kill your child, but the woman refused to do it. Instead, she hid him. That was how bad conditions were.

The Word of God tells us that the head of an ass — an old mule's head — was sold in that day for a very great sum. You can imagine how much meat there would be on a mule's head. The Word of God says it was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, which was an exorbitant price.

Conditions are bad. Today they are eating the children. Today they are buying the head of a mule at a terrible price — four-score pieces of silver. But Elisha says, "Tomorrow you'll buy a bushel of flour for 65 cents."

While Elisha was making that promise, outside the city were some lepers. They couldn't enter the city. They had to stay outside, and they were depending upon passers-by for what they had. Every leper that sat there at the gate of the city had his hand outstretched, and as people passed by, they would ask for something.

But there was nobody passing by. The Syrian army has the city shut up. People can't come and go. Nobody is going in and out, and these lepers are starving to death. They didn't know about the promise that Elisha had given inside the city. All they knew was that they were hungry and starving to death, because no one was passing in and out of the city.

Those lepers said among themselves, "We have to fall into the hands of the Syrians. If we go into the city, we'll starve to death, because everybody is. If we stay here, we'll starve to death, because there is nobody coming to feed us. There is only one prospect we have, and that is to fall into the hands of the Syrian army. If they save us alive, we shall live. And if they kill us, we shall but die. It may be that they will save us alive."

Beloved, look at these lepers. They are saying, "Here is our only prospect: To go into the city means death. To stay here means death. To fall into the hands of the Syrians may mean death, and again it may mean they will keep us alive." They didn't know. There was a gamble.

Jonathan didn't know when he said to his armourbearer, "It may be that we can take these uncircumcised Philistines." David didn't know when he said, "It may be that God will look on mine affliction." These lepers didn't know, but they said, "It could be that we will be saved alive; there is a 'may be' there — a possibility."

Let's notice another instance in the Word of God. The Word of God tells us that one day Jonah finally got to Nineveh and preached. The old king of Nineveh said:

"Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?"—Jonah 3:9.

We don't find the word "may be" here, but we have the

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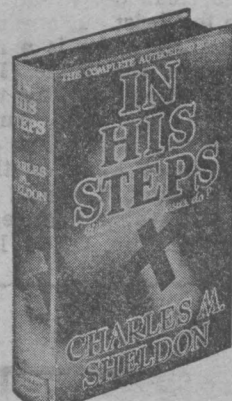
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## "What Is Meant By 'Jesus Freak'?"

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A freak is an abnormal person or animal. If a cow has two heads or six legs she is a freak. And you will probably have to pay to see her at the fair. The term freak can also mean a sudden, causeless change of the mind. Repentance is a change of the mind, but there is always a cause for that change. But in the case of a freak there is no cause. It is just a whim, or a mere fancy. So the "Jesus freak" must be just another type of Satan's religion that is devised to allure the younger set who want to be different.

In Rev. 2:13 our Lord tells the apostate churches represented by the church at Pergamos that He knows where Satan's seat (should be throne) is in these churches. But He goes on to tell us that these churches hold on to His name. No religion would be worth a thin dime to the old devil without our Lord's name attached to it. Hence the term "Jesus freak."

Paul and Silas said to the Philippian jailor (Acts 16:31), "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." But the freaks are so eager to be different from Paul and Silas they say, "Turn on to Christ." It is to be feared that these people are so different they are headed for a different place. But our God is able to save a "Jesus freak" if He wants to do so. So their case may not be altogether hopeless.



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Not having studied the movement of hippies who call themselves by this term, I cannot give the meaning from their viewpoint.

I can, however, tell you what they are. They are mixed-up, misguided, totally depraved young people who have tried everything else and now trying Jesus. The trouble is, there is a difference between "trying Jesus" and "receiving" Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." (John 1:12)

When a person believes on the Lord Jesus Christ he leaves the things of the world and starts

a new life — one that glorifies God. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new." (II Cor. 5:17) A true Christian does not want to attract attention to himself, but to the Lord Jesus Christ. John the Baptist said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30) Paul said, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." (Gal. 5:24) II Cor. 6:14-18 teaches that we should separate ourselves from sinfulness and wickedness, not remain a part of it. Jesus told us to, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16)

Let me also point out that these people have not joined a Missionary Baptist Church. Even if some of them are saved (though I have not seen any evidence of it) they are disobedient to the Lord in not joining His church. "... And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47) Then they that gladly received his word were baptised: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:41)



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We have a bunch of "freaks" scattered all over the nation today. They are young people of the Hippie type. The young men wear their hair long, like girls, and in most cases it looks as if it hadn't been washed or combed in six months. Often they wear scraggly looking whiskers, go barefooted, wear freakish looking, dirty, filthy looking clothing. In somewhat recent times some of these freakish groups have had on a religious movement and have claimed to turn to Jesus. Often they have baptized one another, without any reference to church or church baptismal authority. It is quite possible that some of these people have actually turned to Christ and been saved, but as regards most of them I sincerely doubt it. I am afraid that the "Jesus" about whom they talk is another Jesus rather than the one revealed in the Bible. People change, and clean up, when they really turn to Christ. "If any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature," says the Bible. If I should see a Hippie profess conversion, then have the barber work him over, and bathe and get out of those awful clothes, and quit stinking, I would believe that something had really happened in his life, but so long

as he retains his Hippie looks, there is doubt that anything vital has happened.

Answering the question directly, a "Jesus freak" is a freak who has claimed to connect with some kind of a "Jesus," and who still goes on in his freakish Hippie ways. From a mere freak, he now becomes a "Jesus freak."

The questioner asks, "What do they mean when they say 'Turn on to Christ?'"

That is dope language. Narcotic users talk about "turning on" by means of their drug. Those who profess to have come into saving relations with Christ, use the dope terminology and make him to be a drug substitute that they can "turn on" with. To associate Christ in any way with the dope habit is utterly wicked. Christ can save even a Hippie — of course he can, but genuine conversion will result in his repudiating the whole Hippie movement, and will bring about a complete change as regards his clothing, his cleanliness and general appearance. Of course he will leave his dope habit.

There are a lot of pastors and religious leaders, who want to be up to date, and who are taken in with any new thing that comes along. These have fallen for the Jesus freak movement. Even Billy Graham is impressed with the movement, as I heard him indicate over one of his telecasts. However, he did urge the "freaks" to go and take a good bath. That was fine as far as it went, but in my judgment they likewise need a moral and spiritual bath.

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I do not know what they mean by the term, "Jesus Freak." It is very difficult for me to understand the language of those who refer to the Creator of the universe in such terminology. Though I do not understand their language, nevertheless, may I tell you that Jesus Christ is not a freak (monstrosity). He is the only begotten One of the Father, full of grace and truth.

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John 1:14.

The one they refer to as "Jesus Freak" is the most high God who sitteth upon the circle of the earth; He is the one who doeth all things after the counsel of His own will; and He is the one who holds the whole world in His hands for Jesus was God manifested in the flesh. Thus, to me, He is the absolute sovereign of heaven and this universe, but to those who refer to him as "Jesus Freak," He evidently is not the sovereign to whom I belong, and whom I serve. People, I cannot make myself believe that one who sees Jesus Christ as God would ever refer to Him as "Jesus Freak." Balaam in speaking to Balak, reminded him that God was not a man; therefore, one is not to reckon God like he would another man or a freak.

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent; hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Numbers 23:19.

Therefore, I raise my voice in objection protesting to the term, "Jesus Freaks," and telling all who read this answer that Jesus Christ is not a freak. Rather it is you and I who were born as monstrosities, for we were born dead in sin, wallowing in our own filth, our navel cord not cut (con-

nected to Adam and sin), no eye pitied us, none loved us. But Jesus found us wallowing in our sins and said to us, "Live, yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, live" Read Ezk. 16:1-6. Because of what Jesus did, we freaks can say, "By the grace of God I am what I am." I Cor. 15:10.

I think I know what they mean by turning Jesus on, for it has been the endeavor of Satan from the Garden of Eden until now to make man think that he (man) is equal with God. He reasoned with Eve telling her she would be as God, or equal with God, thus able to turn him on (accept him) or turn him off (reject him). Therefore, I believe it (turn on Jesus) is in reality the old doctrine of free-will which was used by Satan to deceive Eve. It is simply given another name so as

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to be more deceptive. Thus, Satan deceives men even as He did Eve, telling man that he has the ability to turn "Jesus On." This gives natural man an elated feeling making him rejoice in that he can do with Jesus as he pleases.

There was a man in the days of Jesus who would have fit in very well with our modern times for he thought he could do with Jesus as he pleased, and thus turn him on or off.

"Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to release thee, and have power to crucify thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend; whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar." John 19:10-12.

May God open your eyes and give to you the understanding that no man can turn Jesus on or off even though he be governor as was Pilate. Pilate tried to release Him by using every trick he knew, but without success. He exercised his boasted freewill only to find that his will was not the determining factor in the case before him. Rather it was God's determinate counsel that prevailed in his (Pilate's) court that day.

"For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together. For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done." Acts 4:27-28.

Pilate could not turn Jesus on or off, and Brethren, this same Jesus is ruling and reigning in glory with the Father, and He has "all power over all flesh that He should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him." — John 17:4.

Therefore, it is Jesus who turns us (elect) on or turns the rest (non-elect) off.

## Old Testament

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ence between the Old Covenant which God made with Israel at Mount Sinai and those Scriptures which we call the Old Testament. The New Testament believer is under obligation to study the Old Testament Scriptures, even though he does not live under the Old Covenant which God made with Israel.

After relating the wilderness experiences of Israel to the Corinthian Church, Paul declared in chapter 10, verse 11: "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." Thus I see the Old Testament is a standing monitor to those of us who live in this age. Nothing in the Old Testament is written in vain. God has preserved Jewish history for "our admonition." If this be the case, then it is wisdom and duty for us to receive these instructions.

Then I read in Romans 15:4: "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Here I observe that what is written in the Old Testament Scriptures are written for the learning of New Testament believers. There is much to be learned by a search of the Old Testament Scriptures. The New Testament is based upon the Old Testament. The gospel of grace which I preach is based on the promises God made to Abraham of all nations being blessed in Jesus Christ, Abraham's seed. Those who fail to recognize this, deprive themselves of the "comfort of the scriptures."

It is strange indeed how some can say the Old Testament is not for us today. Such expressions reveal gross ignorance of what the New Testament says about the Old. Those who throw out the Old Testament deprive themselves of better than half of the "holy Scriptures."

New Testament believers often criticize the Jews for rejecting the New Testament books. But this is a little unjust since many of them reject the Old Testament. Some professed Christians even go so far as to say the four gospels belong to the Old Testament. They do come right out and say this, but this is what they really believe. You can ask them about the conversion of Zacchaeus or the thief on the cross and they will say: "O that was before Pentecost; we don't go by that any more." Very well, if they don't go by what is written in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, then that is not a part of their faith and practice. Then they really believe the New Testament is composed of the book of Acts, the epistles and Revelation. This leaves little of the Bible, even the New Testament to be applied to us today. I cannot for a moment subscribe to such a creed.

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## MARY OF MAGDALA

"Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven devils."—Mark 16:9.

Mary Magdalene—just the sound of her name stirs the emotions of most women. Perhaps that's because we can identify so well with her. Most of us can see something of ourselves in her. No doubt all of us can see virtues in her that we wish we possessed. Mary Magdalene—a sinner, saved by grace.

We are told that Mary Magdalene was possessed of seven devils. Seven in the Scriptures denotes completeness. So we can understand that this woman was completely given over to the devil. She was totally depraved, if you please. No one could help her and she could not help herself. She had no desire, no will, and no power to change her status in life. Then Jesus came her way and in grace cast out the devils. It was a complete cleansing. The devils never returned again.

"...to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little." Mary, of the town of Magdala, is a good example of the positive side of this Scripture. "To whom much is forgiven, the same loveth much." She had been forgiven much, and the Bible clearly shows forth how much she loved. We are told that she followed Jesus and ministered to Him of her means. She not only gave of her finances, but she literally gave of herself to see after His welfare. She walked from place to place with Jesus. I doubt that she ever tired of hearing Him preach or listening to His voice.

When they crucified the Lord of Glory, we see Mary close by. The disciples had fled. At first, she stands afar off. When we look again, she is near the foot of the cross. The events of the day have passed so quickly. She is stunned and views with horror the suffering of her Lord. Next we find her at the sepulchre. She was faithful to her Lord when He was alive, and she remains faithful to Him in death. Some folk seem to find it hard to stand for a living Saviour. Mary would stand for what she believed was a dead Saviour.

At the tomb, she finds an angel, but this doesn't impress her much. After all, what is a mere angel when you are seeking your Lord. As she sits weeping in the garden, the Lord comes to her and calls, "Mary." ("He calleth

His own sheep by name.") She looks up and with an awesome whisper she breathes "Master." Then her Lord gives to her the wonderful privilege of being a witness to His resurrection. What joy she must have felt as she ran to the city to tell the disciples. It was a lot different than when she made the trip out to the tomb. Praise the Lord! He is risen! Hallelujah! Come see the place where He lay. He is not here but He is risen!

Yes, there is much in Mary Magdalene that we can admire. She gave her body a living sacrifice and was not conformed unto the world. But rather, was transformed, which was her reasonable service. She stayed near the cross when He endured the shame of our sins and the mocking of the crowd. She sought Him early in the morning. She was a faithful witness.

May it please our God to instill in us such a spirit as this. That we might see in Jesus the same thing that Mary did—that we might cry out "Master" and be His willing slaves. Oh, to be dead to self and alive unto Christ. Selah.

## Old Testament

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Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah. Revelation 19:10 says: "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." This means that all prophecy points to, centers in, and revolves around Jesus Christ. He is the one in whom all the Old Testament prophecies converged and found their fulfillment. The prophets themselves searched their own writings to find "what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow" (I Pet. 1:10-11).

Our Saviour made this too clear to be misunderstood. He commanded in John 5:39: "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." He again said in John 5:46-47 these words: "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" Christ in this statement conditions belief of His words upon belief in the Old Testament Scriptures. If a person does not believe the five books of Moses, he cannot believe the New Testament writings. This accounts for Christ's sharp words to two of His disciples: "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:25-27).

Matthew goes to great length to prove that Christ is the prom-

ised Messiah of the Old Testament Scriptures. Genesis 18:18 reveals the Messiah is to be a descendant of Abraham. Matthew opens his book with the words: "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham." It was written in Isaiah 7:14 that the Messiah would be born of a virgin. After Matthew gives his account of the virgin birth of Christ, he says: "Now all of this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matt. 1:22-23). The book of Matthew is filled with such statements.

How did Philip of Bethsaida know Jesus Christ was the promised Messiah? John 1:45 says: "Philip findeth Nathaniel, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

## NEW TESTAMENT EVANGELISTS PREACHED CHRIST FROM OLD TESTAMENT

All the first century preachers preached Christ from the Old Testament for many years after the founding of the church.

On the day of Pentecost Peter preached from Joel 2:28-32 and Psalm 16:8-11. From the text in Psalm he preached the gospel of Christ. Look at verses 22-25: "Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have tak-

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en, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."

The evangelist Philip found the eunuch reading Isaiah 53:7-8. Acts 8:35 informs us: "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus." Many modern preachers hold that you cannot preach Christ from the Old Testament. But Philip preached Christ from Isaiah 53, the Old Testament Scriptures. This was the practice of all the New Testament preachers until the completion of the New Testament in 96 A.D.

The Apostle to the Gentile, Paul, even in the closing years of his life continued to preach Christ from the Old Testament. Acts 28:23 reads: "And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening."

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## THROUGH CHRIST

The Old Testament Scriptures teach the same way of salvation as does the New Testament. Salvation in Christ was the theme of all the Old Testament prophets: "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43). The gospel of Christ was preached to Israel by types and shadows. Hebrews 4:2 declares: "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." Galatians 3:8 says: "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed." Jesus Christ said: "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad" (John 8:56). Acts 10:36 reveals that the gospel was preached to the children of Israel: "The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (He is Lord of all:). Yet in spite of these plain texts some will take the position that the first gospel sermon was preached on the day of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2.

There is one New Testament passage on how the Old Testament saints were saved that cannot be misunderstood. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 3:15). There can be no doubt but what the Scriptures which Timothy had from childhood were the Old Testament Scriptures. The New Testament was not even written until long after Timothy's childhood days. Notice what Timothy was to see in the Old Testament Scriptures about the way of salvation. He was to see that salvation was through faith in Jesus Christ, just as did all the saints in the Old Dispensation.

## THE DEATH BLOW

In II Timothy 3:16 I read: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Ultra - dispensationalists never seem to consider these words. "All scripture" certainly does include the Old Testament Scriptures. Paul says all Scripture is profitable for doctrine — even the Old Testament Scripture. Then he makes it plain that the Christian cannot be thoroughly furnished unto all good works without the Old Testament Scriptures. Remember that when Paul wrote II Timothy the New Testament had not all been written. He then must be speaking of

what was in the Old Testament Scriptures.

The Old Testament Scriptures are the Word of the Lord. I Peter 1:25 says: "The word of the Lord endureth for ever." It endures because it is profitable for doctrine. It was written for our learning and admonition. Jesus Christ said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matt. 4:4). Don't be guilty of carrying just half of the Bible to church. Search the Old Testament Scriptures which testify of salvation by faith in Christ.

Without a doubt some of you who read this have been confused by ultra-dispensationalists into believing that God has as many ways of saving a man as the devil does leading men to Hell. Jesus Christ is the only way. Acts 10:43 declares: "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."

## "May Be"

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thought: "Who can tell?" As I say, Jonah finally got to Nineveh, and he got there because God said, "Jonah, arise and go to Nineveh." He would have been a whole lot better off if he had gone when God told him to, but he had to learn the hard way. God saw to it that he got there by way of a free ride in a fish.

Then the Word of God tells us how he walked into that city and took command and started preaching that within forty days God was going to overthrow the city. Listen:

"Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown."—Jonah 3:4.

Jonah had results. Here was one preacher who got mad because he had results. The Word of God tells us how the whole city was saved, and Jonah didn't want them saved. He wanted God to destroy them. They were Israel's enemies. But when Jonah walked into that city and began to preach and said within forty days God would overthrow the city, the people of Nineveh believed God and they repented.

I can see the old king as he sat there in the ash heap, with his robe off, and dressed in sackcloth. I can see him as he sat there and heaped dirt and straw on his body. I can see him as he repented before God.

A man might say, "That is a dirt and straw religion," but Jesus said that he repented. I'll take Jesus' word, and His judging.

I can hear the old king as he called on his people to repent. He said to them, "Who can tell if God will turn and repent?" He doesn't use the words "may be," but the thought is there that it may be that God will turn (Continued on page 6, column 3)



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## Right And Wrong

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port without criticism or question. A Baptist church at Rocky Mount, N.C. withdrew by majority vote from the local association, the state and Southern Baptist Conventions, and they had their church property taken away from them. Baptist churches are throwing away their liberty, and are rapidly creating a sort of hierarchy. Pastors are afraid to protest for fear it will mean ministerial suicide for them. The situation is such that independent Baptist churches are springing up. "Bible Baptists" are thriving because of the situation that exists. Unless there is a cessation of the overlordship that is being practised, more and more and more churches are going to be lost to Southern Baptists.

### WHAT IS THE BIBLE WAY?

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**THE HOLY SPIRIT SHOULD BE THE LEADER** — not some dominating ecclesiastical force. When a CHURCH IS PASTOR-LESS that church should prayerfully seek the Lord's guidance in the call of a pastor rather than resort to wire pulling. When a pastor is without a church he should seek the Lord's guidance, instead of looking to the "State Secretary" for a job. The Holy Spirit led the church at Antioch to send out Paul and Barnabas. Let a church of this day send out some missionaries, and that church gets blamed severely for it. No matter what the Holy Spirit leads to do—all of their work must be "under the Board!" The same persons who criticize a modern day church for sending forth a missionary, likewise would oppose the Antioch church in what it did. But read Acts 13:1-3 and see if what happened was not directed by the Lord.

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## Sickness Or Sin?

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natural use of the woman, the men were inflamed in their lust toward one another, men working out shame with men and receiving within themselves that reward which was fitting for their deceitful delusions."

3. These people will go to hell. (Despite what liberal writers say) I Cor. 6:9. The word "effeminate" means a sodomite, catamite, or homosexual. (Greek "makaloi").

4. It is forbidden and viewed as abominable. Lev. 18:22, 20:13.

5. Israel ostracized them from the Jewish society. Deut. 23:17, I Kgs. 14:24, 15:12, 22:46.

6. God brought direct judgment on such to show His disapproval. Gen. 19:1-24.

7. A war was once fought over this sodomite issue. Judges chapters 19-21 and note in particular 19:22, 23, 20:5. Because the Benjaminites defended some sodomites, Israel attacked them and together 90,000 soldiers were killed.

8. Is it sickness? If it is a sickness, would God condemn a person for being sick? Would God send a person to hell for being sick?

9. Does homosexuality pertain to men only? No, the Scriptures

### EVER THOUGHT OF PRAYER CONDITIONING YOUR CHURCH ? ? ?

speaking of both male and female perversion. Sociologists say women only represent 1-3 or less of this group of people.

10. Have the psychiatrists cured any? There is not one recorded cured person in the psychiatrists' annals. Even the great expensive process of psychoanalysis has come out fruitless.

11. Does the Bible give a cure? Yes! True spiritual conversion, whereby the sinner repents in deep contrition before God, and savingly trusts in Jesus Christ as his Sovereign Lord and Saviour. (Read I Cor. 6:9-11 "sodomites" . . . "such were some of you: but ye are washed . . . sanctified — justified — by the Spirit of God.")

12. What kind of homes promote this sin? Practically without exception these folk come

from a home situation where there is no visible sign of wholesome love between husband and wife. The mother babied the child extremely while the father was uninterested. The mother is domineering and cultivated no masculine attitudes in the boy. Our welfare programs that support homes with an absent father promote this while extreme women's lib. movements help to worsen the situation.

## "May Be"

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and repent. The old king didn't know, but he said it might be that God will repent of the evil that He said He was going to do to them.

Look at these four instances. In the case of Jonathan, he didn't know that he was going to take that garrison. He said, "It may be, because it is not too hard for God. God can save by a few the same as by many."

David didn't know what was going to be the outcome of his life. He said, "It may be that the Lord will look on mine affliction," and God did.

In the case of these lepers, they didn't know what was going to be the outcome, but they said, "We'll die here, and we'll die if we go into the city. We may die if we fall into the hands of the Syrian army, and it may be that they will save us alive." They didn't know what would be the result, but they said, "It could be."

The old king of Nineveh didn't know what would be the outcome. He wasn't sure. He sat on the straw pile and called on his city to do likewise. The Word of God tells us that God repented of the evil that He thought to do against the city.

Here are four instances of people who used the words or the thought, "It may be," and they relied upon it.

### II

### THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THIS TRUTH.

In view of this truth, there is an encouragement that ought to come to every unsaved person.

It may be that somebody is saying, "I just don't know whether I am one of God's elect. I am not certain God will have anything to do with me. I am not certain that God has saved me." Then here is encouragement. It may be that you are one of His elect. It may be that God has elected you to salvation.

Sometimes when I preach I try to discourage you; I try to discourage you in thinking that you can save yourself. But here is one time that I want to encourage you. I want to give to you the encouragement that comes through this truth. There is every probability of a penitent sinner obtaining salvation if he turns to Jesus Christ. These texts all say, "may be," and I am saying that there is every probability that you may obtain salvation.

Consider with me the gracious nature of our God. Beloved, God's nature is so gracious.

Listen:

"Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because HE DELIGHTETH IN MERCY."—Micah 7:18.

There is no verse in all the Bible that tells us of the gracious nature of God any more than this. Beloved, there is encouragement here when I recite the "may be" of this text. God's nature is so full of graciousness that He pardons iniquity. He passes by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage, and He retaineth not His anger forever. Why? Because He delighteth in mercy.

When you consider the gracious nature of our God, I say to you

who are unsaved, it may be that the Lord will save you.

I think of Christ's work for sinners, what He came to this world to do. Was it not that He came to save sinners? Listen:

"For the Son of man is COME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE that which was lost."—Luke 19:10.

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus CAME INTO THE WORLD to save sinners; of whom I am chief."—I Tim. 1:15.

I say, beloved, when you consider Christ's work for sinners, what He did for sinners, how He came to save sinners, how He went to Gethsemane and prayed for sinners, and how He went to Calvary and died for sinners — when you consider Christ's work for sinners, there is encouragement here for you.

Maybe you are saying, "I don't know whether I am one of God's elect. I don't know whether God will ever save me or not." What an encouragement! God has such a gracious nature. Jesus Christ died for sinners. It may be in view of these facts that He will save you.

Then consider the number and the character of those who have been saved through the years.

I have always been blessed and impressed particularly when I think about the number that have been saved and the character of those that have been saved. We read:

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."—Rev. 5:9.

"... and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands."—Rev. 5:11.

Bring on your adding machines, your posting machines, your calculating machines, your secretaries, your clerks, your bookkeepers, and all your individuals who know how to add, and just count the number that is saved. It says that it is impossible, because the number of them was "ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands." When you consider the number of people that have been saved, certainly it is an encouragement to the sinner today.

Then look at the character of some of those who have been saved in the past.

The Apostle Paul tells us about

the character of some of these, for he says:

"Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you."—I Cor. 6:9-11.

I say to you, when you consider God's gracious nature, when you consider the work that Jesus Christ has done for sinners, and when you consider the number and the character of those that have been saved through the ages gone by, it certainly ought to be an encouragement to that man who is outside of Jesus Christ, who is thinking, "I might not be one of God's elect. I may have been such a bad person thus far in life that God won't save me." Beloved, it may be in view of God's gracious nature, it may be in view of the fact that Christ came to die for sinners, it may be in view of the number and the character of sinners that have been saved, that God will likewise save you.

I think of the work of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said:

"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."—John 3:8.

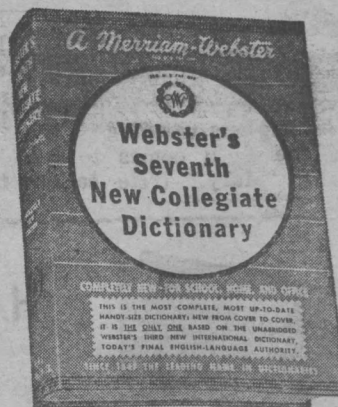
You can't control the Holy Spirit. He works where He will, when He will, and how He will. Just as the wind is uncontrolled, so the Holy Spirit is uncontrolled. When I think of it, I say it may be, in view of the work of the Holy Spirit, that God will save that man that is unsaved, who is wondering today, "Am I one of God's elect?"

Here is a text of Scripture that says to the Jewish people, to the meek and the righteous, "It may be that you will be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." It is not a positive statement, but "may be." I take the experience of Jonathan, the experience of David, the experience of these lepers that sat at the gate of the city, and the experience of the king of Nineveh, and I say to that man that is unsaved, "It may be that the Lord will save you." When I consider the gracious nature of my God, when I consider the work of Jesus Christ in behalf of sinners, when I consider the number and the character of those that have been saved, and when I consider the

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### "May Be"

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work of the Holy Spirit that nobody is able to control, I say to that man that is unsaved, "It may be that you are one of God's elect. It may be that God will save you."

#### III

THE PENITENT SINNER HAS MORE TO FALL BACK UPON THAN A MERE "MAY BE."

I turn to God's Word and I read:

"Nevertheless the foundation of God STANDETH SURE." — II Tim. 2:19.

Notice, this is not a mere "may be," but rather, God's foundation is something that is sure.

Listen again:

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be PARTAKERS of the divine nature." — II Pet. 1:4.

There is no "may be" here, but it is something sure to fall back upon.

Listen again:

"Which hope we have as AN

ANCHOR of the soul, both sure and steadfast." — Heb. 6:19.

Sinner friends, listen, it may be that you are one of God's elect. It may be that God will save you. As a sinner, you have something more than a "may be" to fall back upon; that is, you have the sure promises of God which tell us of an anchor that is both sure and steadfast.

Listen to the promise that He gives us relative to repentance:

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." — Prov. 28:13.

The Prophet Isaiah says:

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." — Isa. 55:7.

Here is a definite promise of God in view of your repentance. How about your faith? We read:

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." — Mark 16:15, 16.

There is no "may be" here. It is a definite promise.

Notice again:

"He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." — John 3:18.

Listen again:

"He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." — John 6:47.

There is no "may be" here, but a positive statement.

The Philippian jailer cried out in the midnight hour and said, "What must I do to be saved?" The Apostle Paul answered him by saying:

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." — Acts 16:31.

Paul didn't say, "You may be saved," but he said, "Thou shalt be saved."

I would say to that one who might be troubled, who might have a burden in his heart because of his sins, and who might say, "I don't know whether God will ever save me or not; I might not be one of His elect" — I say to you, it "may be" that He will. We have something positive and sure to fall back upon — the promises of God. Those promises tell us that if you repent of your sins and believe the Gospel, you will be saved.

May God bless you!

### Evolution

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is to first destroy her moral character; and, then like a cancer, will eat her up.

This dogma of evolution destroys the belief in Almighty God

as creator and sustainer of the whole world. It is a beast that rises upon the sands of time and destroys all that is holy and decent and respectable in this world. Brethren, evolution is a damnable heresy!

In my way of thinking, evolution and atheism go together. Evolution begins without God and ends without God. Furthermore, evolution is a theory. Get that, it is a THEORY and not a fact. When you begin to teach a theory in our public schools, it is not long until it becomes a fact. Unless in some way you can prove that evolution is not a fact, it will become a fact, and brethren, it is not a fact; it is a theory.

Why all the change in recent years of almost a total belief in God and Him as the creator, to almost a total disbelief in God and Him as creator. I'll tell you why. Do not the Scriptures say that in the last times, many would depart from the faith? II Thes. 2:11-12 says, "And for this cause God (for this cause of the people going after other gods and declaring there is no God, that God is dead, going after false teachings) shall send them strong delusions that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

Brethren, God is going to send this world "strong delusions" and one of these is evolution. You say, "Preacher, surely no one will go so far as to disbelieve God."

You listen, I've talked to two or three college students in the last month who disown God altogether. They are Atheists. What led them to this decision? First, they went through a curriculum study of evolution and evolution inevitably leads to a disbelief in God.

Brethren, it's time that parents should get upset with a holy anger, walk into our school rooms and DEMAND that these teachers who teach evolution be thrown out. It's time, that the parents who are Christians, rise up, walk into our principals' and superintendents' offices, and to those who have the power in the curriculum activities of our schools, and say, WE DO NOT WANT EVOLUTION. It's time! Men have gone away after the teachings of fables. Where is the time when once at the beginning of every morning in our schools the Bible was read, prayers were said, and the voice of God was heard? Where is it? Parents, if I had two or three of you to back me up, we'd do it right up here. Is there a man among you — is there a woman among you that for God and country will take a stand and say we don't want it taught?

Let us pursue this theory of evolution for a few moments and see if this doesn't inevitably and irresistibly drive us back up the road to God. Let's just for a few minutes suppose there is no God

and see if evolution is true. O.K. Define evolution. It is the process in nature whereby from one stretch of time to another stretch of time, things progress. It means a progression from the simple to the complex. Or you might say there was a time when all was not in order as it is now, and that slowly through a vast stretch of ages things evolved out of those things that were not together and thus, we have the earth, the moon, the stars and things as we see them now.

Now there are technical words for these. They call it incoherent and coherent. But never the less it just means that when it was incoherent it wasn't all together; and when it was coherent it was altogether. All right, evolution means coming up from the simple to the complex, from the low to the high, from monkey to man. That's what it means. It's a theory. No one seems to know when we came upon the starting point of the birth of evolution, but, this is their theory.

They say that way back there, billions of years ago, there was a mystical, fiery ball. They still don't know of what it was made. Some say it was like gas. Some say a mist like fog. But most say a fiery ball back at the beginning. They have no proof where the fiery ball came from, but nevertheless they say that's where it started. And they say it wasn't together, and wasn't in perfect timing, and consisting together like the world we know today. Then nothing could evolve from this until motion was set in action. So what happened? Well, I quote from one of the great scientists and evolutionists who said, "It exploded and threw a star out here and the moon out there, a few out yonder and a few down there until after a while we have what we know now as earth, stars, planets, and our solar system of today." This is evolution. This is how they say that all the planets came into being.

Now let us explore the fallacy of this teaching. Let's bring it into the light to see if what they have said is true. First note the origin of things. The theory of evolution is that nothing at first had evolved out of it. That is, in the beginning there was a chaotic mass out there, called a fiery ball, and nothing had yet come out of it. How did matter or material things then come into being? How was it that earth, the stars, and the moon come into being. Well, Mr. Spencer, one of the noted advocates of evolution, says that this ball of fire was in a state of instability and that this unstable state started it into motion. But if you will notice, this is self-contradicting. Now in the beginning they said that nothing could come out of this misty ball except that which was in it. All right, if it were unstable, why do we have perfect order in nature today? If it were unstable then, it's unstable now. But brethren, some of the leading scientists tell us that the moon goes around us at a particular rate of speed on a particular time, and the sun does thus and so and the stars are in perfect timing and they can predict where there will be an eclipse of the sun because everything is in perfect timing. Yet these evolutionists say that back there in the beginning, that everything was unstable, and disordered. Brethren, I tell you that they are self-contradicting.

Dr. H. N. Russell, an outstanding astronomer, head of astronomy at Princeton University, says, "I believe in an absolute, predestination made effective by the fixed laws of God." What do you mean? He means why the sun keeps its orbit, why the moon keeps its orbit and why things do thus and so is because God predetermined their orbit and everything connected with them. I believe in absolute predestination was Dr. Russell's statement.

Well, Brethren, Col. 1:16-17 says, "For by him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth; visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions, principalities and powers, all things were created by

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Him and for Him and He is before all things and by Him all things consist."

What's He talking about? Jesus was before everything that eye can see and the reason the little birds fly through the heavens like they do, is because of the pre-ordination of Almighty God. The reason things go on as they do is because God made it to be so. Then, evolution has life coming out of an unstable and confused, chaotic condition. But you know what the Christian says? He cries out of his heart with admiration and says "Ah, God Jehovah, Behold thou hast made the heavens with thine outstretched arms, there is nothing too hard for thee" (Jeremiah 32:17). Brethren, the Christian's cry will always be, "There's a God that has made everything from beginning to the end, from the smallest to the largest, the mountains and the small valleys from the hills, from the birds to the leaves on the trees. God's fingers are written all over everything." That's the Christian's cry!

Evolution has not established its principle on continuity. What do you mean, preacher? I mean, they say there are some missing links, and they can't bring them together. O.K. Let's look at them awhile.

Prof. Wallace, one of the most eminent scientists, says, "There are three things for which we cannot account. (1) We cannot account for the rise of life out of the non-living. (2) We cannot account why animals have consciousness and sensations. (3) We cannot explain the higher nature of man — his moral and spiritual attributes. On these three things they are at an absolute loss."

First, pertaining to bringing life out of non-living. That's a fatalistic view. That's pure ignorance. I challenge any man to take a pew in the church and cause it to produce another pew. That pew is dead. It's non-living. There's no life in it. It cannot be done. I challenge any man. He says back in that fiery ball it was non-living and all we have today is living and we can't account for that. I can. Brethren, you can't take a dumb old pew (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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## Evolution

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bench and get life out of it.

Secondly, he says we cannot account for the consciousness of animals and their sensations. Pray tell me if something is alive, isn't it conscious? An unconscious man doesn't know what's going on around him. If he's unconscious, He's dead. To be alive is to be conscious.

Thirdly, he says we cannot make this link come together concerning man. We cannot account for man's high abilities for reasoning, for his immortal soul and inner being. We cannot account for that. All right. Let me give an illustration of this. First, they say that in the line of evolution that man must be coupled with monkey. It must be proven that man comes from monkey. Can they prove it? I challenge any scientist any place

to show me one shred of evidence where they have proven that man comes from monkey. Where is it? Well, this is what they said. There was a man known as the Java man, that came out of monkey. They say, they had three or four bones, that they claim they found of this Java man, and they constituted a body in their laboratory which they thought looked like the Java man. I read a little farther and you know what I found? Some years later this great noted scientist proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that the skull bone which they said was of the Java man was nothing more than an elephant's knee-cape. Now where is the link? I'll tell you something else. They found a little tooth and they said it was from this certain woman who lived long ago through this generation of evolution. One tooth, now mind you. They took this one tooth and constituted the body of this

woman who supposedly lived back then. You know what happened to that tooth? They proved a few years later that it was nothing more than a pig's tooth. That's all it was. How far is man going to go? You know why they've gone to the moon? They want to prove that this earth and the moon are part of the same planet. Brethren, it's not so. God put the earth here, and the moon up there, and though there may be things alike here and up there, the moon was never part of this earth at any time. A pig's tooth!! I'll tell you, when you go down the road of evolution, you're driven irresistibly up that road that leads to God. We could go on and on with illustrations. There are hundreds of them. The thing I want to say is this: They have never linked; it's a theory only.

Now how can we prove then, that there is a God that created everything that eye has seen and beheld? Let me give you a few reasons. First, I believe in cause and effect. I believe that if I see the effects of something that it is because something happened previously. That's the only logical answer that will come to my mind. Take electricity, for instance. Electricity comes from heat which is produced by coal and coal comes in part from the sun's rays. Brethren, the reason I know that electricity is true is because back yonder there was a cause and it produced electricity. Common knowledge will tell you that there cannot be an effect unless there was a cause. Where, then, in the line of men's thinking, can we find the cause? Well, we could look the world over in nature, and not find any one of them that can produce life. Now I don't mean self-producing, such as plants. I mean they could not produce themselves. But I'll tell you something that can. Will!! Look into the inner being of man and you can see for yourself where things come into existence. The reason that my house is on King Street, is because some man out of his will went into the forest and said, "I will build a house" And he took a saw and an axe and cut the tree down and built the house. There was the cause and there is the effect. The cause was that the house was built. Now my brethren, there's nothing that can produce cause but the will. I challenge you to look yonder to the celestial fires of heaven to the God that sits on a rainbow circled throne who said "I WILL do all my pleasure." That's why my brethren, that we have the stars, the earth and the moon, because the will of God produced it. There is none like unto our God.

Secondly, I can prove the existence of God in nature. There is a creating power required in order that things may come into existence. You can look the world over, search all the knowledge of the scientists, and you'll not find any creative power outside the power of God. That is why there is a God.

Thirdly, the proof that God exists is because of the presence of mind. Mind over matter. You have heard that, haven't you? Then, the moral proof. I ask you, why is it that the natives in the dark corners of Africa who have never heard of God nor of Jesus Christ, His Son — why do they worship a god? Why? Because inbred and inherent in every man, woman, boy or girl on the face of this earth is that thing called worship. He must worship something. You say, "I know some people who don't worship God." But they worship something. It may be an automobile, their money, his wife, their children — but they worship something. Why? Because God fixed it that way. Does my conscience tell me when I do something wrong, and when I do something right? Why? Be-

## The Proper Attitude Toward Heretics And Their Heresies

In these days of theological confusion and ecclesiastical compromise, what is the Biblical position for an evangelical to assume toward heretics and false religious teachers? Are we to patronize them, associate with them, accept their sponsorship, increase their numbers, send them converts, add to their prestige, follow their leadership, identify our churches with them, and obliterate important Biblical distinctions with them? The Bible's answer is clear.

1. **Try them.** I John 4:1, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they be of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

2. **Mark them.** Romans 16:17, "Now I beseech you brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."

3. **Rebuke them.** Titus 1:13, "This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith."

4. **Have no fellowship.** Ephesians 5:11, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove

them."

5. **Withdraw thyself.** II Thessalonians 3:6, "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which ye received of us."

6. **Receive them not.** II John 10:11, "If there came any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed; For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." In our day false teachings are fostered by misplaced hospitality.

7. **Have no company with him.** II Thessalonians 3:14, "And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed."

8. **Reject them.** Titus 3:10, "A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition, reject."

9. **Be ye separate.** I Corinthians 6:17, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."

—G. Archer Weniger

cause God has inbred in every one of us that distinctive power that tells us the difference between right and wrong.

They cannot shell His temple  
Nor dynamite His throne,  
They cannot bomb His city,  
Nor rob Him of His own,

They cannot take Him captive,  
Or strike Him deaf and blind,  
Nor starve Him to surrender  
Or make Him change His mind.

They cannot cause Him panic,  
Nor cut off His supply,  
They cannot take His Kingdom  
Or hurt Him with their lie.

Though all the world be scattered,  
His truth remains the same,  
His righteous law still potent,  
And Father still His name.

Though we face war and struggle  
And feel their good and rod,  
We know above confusion  
There always will be God.

Now, two last evidences of why I know there is a God. First, because of the infallible word of God. I challenge any man, any place, anytime to show me

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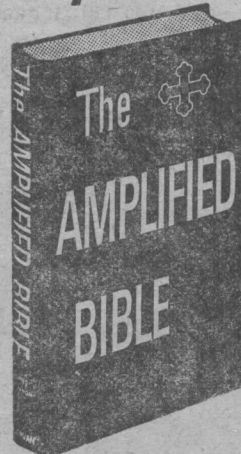
Secondly, because Jesus was God in the flesh. Though men

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deny His death, yet He is God. Some say, "He was John The Baptist," But Peter is right when he declared, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of God."

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