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

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## MOSES and PHARAOH

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"Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth My people the children of Israel out of Egypt." (Exodus 3:10).

Moses, after forty years on the "backside of the desert," was visited by the Lord God. It was at this time that God made known His purpose to Moses. His purpose being to deliver the children of Israel from the "iron furnace" of Egypt.

God, according to our text, said to Moses, "Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth My people the children of Israel out of Egypt." One would have thought that Moses, after forty years on the "backside of the desert," would have grabbed his hat and coat and been on his way as reluctant to go into Egypt, but such was not the case. We learn that Moses was as reluctant to go

into Egypt as a calf is to cross a frosty bridge. Moses' reply to God was, "Who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh?" It would be well, of course, if every minister would



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have this attitude about himself. May we all honestly declare, "Who am I that I should preach the Gospel?" God's answer to Moses and all of His ministers today was and is, "Certainly I will

be with thee" (Exodus 3:12).

The Lord God, according to the third chapter of Exodus, laid out His plan before Moses. It was a plan that could not fail, for it had been molded by the Almighty in the council halls of eternity past. The great "I Am" is the one who drew up the plan and there is none who can hinder Him or even question His right to do all that He had purposed. Yet, we observe Moses as he began to raise objections and to present his arguments regarding why he believed God's plan would not work. Listen to one of Moses' arguments as it is recorded in Exodus 4:1:

"Behold, they will not believe

As we have said before, we are in the process of printing a book for Brother Willard Willis — a commentary on the book of Revelation. The printing is done, and the book has been assembled and is now in the bindery getting the cloth covers placed on. It should be ready to mail out to those who have ordered copies, sometime in July.

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me, nor hearken unto my voice; for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee."

Moses was saying, in essence, "Lord, you haven't thought your plan all the way through." Moses, of course, was in gross error, for, God, according to Isaiah 46:10, has "declared the end from the beginning."

"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure."

The Lord, in response to the objection of Moses (Exodus 4:1), gave Moses three signs or wonders as a means to convince him and those to whom he was sent.

"And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thy hand? And he said, a rod. And He said, cast

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## Halliman Continues Report Of His Most Recent Patrol

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New Guinea Missionary

Dear friends:

Our last article on this patrol ended with the tenth day of the patrol and we had made camp in a clearing in the jungle and held a service with a few individuals. We were now in completely new territory for the most of us. We were now in what is known as the Sneli area. Only two men in the patrol had been in this area before.

I had started to this place when I made my first trip into the Poguaia area about seven years ago, but due to an unfaithful guide we were sidetracked, per-



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haps, and most likely on purpose, and instead of reaching the Sneli area we took another track and wandered helplessly through that rugged jungle and bush country for eleven days, and all but perished in the process of doing so.

After seven years and four attempts, I finally reached the area where I have heard all kinds of stories about, and the area where only Christian men will go with me, and some of them find excuses for not going. This place is known among the natives as the land of Satan, and I fully agree that he is well entrenched there; however I know that this is only a small portion of the earth that he operates in.

The track that we traveled over in order to reach this place used to be a trade route for the na-

tive folk. Only men and sometimes young boys would dare go over it. The coastal natives would work up to about the Sneli area with various things to trade and sell to the folk there and in due time when the Sneli folk were tired of their new wares they would send some men to Geroro on a trading expedition. Then sometimes the folk from the Levani and the Geroro areas would have things that the Sneli people were interested in and so a delegation of men would go on a trading expedition to the Sneli area.

The last great trading event between the Geroro people and the Snelis took place perhaps about 15 years ago. Eight men left Geroro and visited the Sneli area with their trade goods and spent several days in the area. The father of the man who was now acting as our guide went along in this expedition. All of them returned to Geroro safely, but within just over a week's time, five of the eight men had died. To this day the bulk of the native folk believe they died as a result of sorcery performed on them by the Sneli people.

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## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "WHY I AM A BAPTIST"

"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body."—Eph. 1:22,23.

"In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."—Eph. 2:22.

"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."—Eph. 3:21.

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the

hope that is in you with meekness and fear."—I Pet. 3:15.

It might seem to many of you that a message on this subject would be unnecessary at Calvary Baptist Church. However, I have an idea that every so often it is good for us to re-think certain truths. Not only is that true of the church, but that is true of every other truth in the Word of God. I think it does us good to think about them again and again and again. Every so often I fall back upon this thought, why I

am a Baptist, and as time may permit, I want to offer several reasons for my position as a Baptist preacher.

I

I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE THE FIRST BAPTIST THAT THIS WORLD EVER KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT CAME FROM GOD.

We read:

"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John."—John 1:6.

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## FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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### Resolution Concerning Elder R. L. Berkey

ADOPTED MAY 10, 1972

WHEREAS: Elder R. L. Berkey is a member of this church and an ordained minister; and,

WHEREAS: This brother has recently adopted certain views concerning the use of **alcoholic drinks as a beverage**; and,

WHEREAS: His views are totally different from the teachings of this church on this subject; and,

WHEREAS: The use of **alcoholic drinks as a beverage** may lead to very serious sins and unchristian conduct among all people and especially the young and untaught; and,

WHEREAS: The advocating of **alcoholic drinks as a beverage** could be taught by others in this church should this church endorse the position taken by Brother Berkey, which would lead to confusion and discord; and,

WHEREAS: The Scriptures state that a minister must not be given to wine (I Tim. 3:3) and that every member must "abstain from every appearance of evil" (I Thess. 5:22); Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That this church withdraw church fellowship and exclude Brother Berkey for holding unsound views concerning the **use of alcoholic drinks as a beverage**; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this is not charging him with drinking alcoholic drinks, but for advocating the permissiveness of such among Christians and church members.

R. LAWRENCE CRAWFORD, Moderator  
HOWARD KIRCHNER, Church Clerk

P.S.—We use wine in the observance of the Lord's Supper as the Scriptures teach, but this does not justify the use of alcoholic drinks as a **beverage**. Lk. 22:7-18; Ex. 12:1-20; Lev. 2:10-11; Num. 15:4-5; 28:7-10; I Cor. 11:2, 23-29.

## Oh, That Men Might Know God In All His Sovereignty

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Our God is a sovereign God! What does this mean to us? To most Christians, so called, it means that God works all things after the counsel of His own will when they let Him. Their God is no bigger than themselves. Matter of fact, they look at their God in the mirror every morning. But regardless of what most of Christendom thinks, God is indeed the God "who works all things after the counsel of His own will." (Eph. 1:11).

Psalms 115:3, "He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased." To hear most people talk they hold the events of history and especially their lives in their own hands. How untrue this is. The God of the Bible is the God Who has ordained all things that come to pass.

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

This does not mean that God acts on foreknowledge. He de-

clares it because He has caused it.

Most folk do not like the sovereignty of God because they feel like puppets. However, God ordains these things and accomplishes them without interfering with man's responsibility. If man were left to himself, he would do the very same thing.

Men today should recognize, as Nebuchadnezzar did, that God is all sovereign. Nebuchadnezzar lifted up his heart in pride, because of the things he had accomplished. God warned him, and when he did not heed God's



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warning, God humbled him. God made Nebuchadnezzar to eat grass in the field as an animal. When he was brought to his senses, the following was said in Dan. 4:34, 35, "I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored Him that liveth forever. Whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation; and all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and He doeth according to His will in the army of Heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand, or say unto him, 'What do-

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### "Why I Am A Baptist"

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John came in obedience to God. God sent him. He then was a missionary, for a missionary is one who has been sent. Thus, this Scripture tells us that John the Baptist came as a missionary

from God.

If you will turn through the Word of God, you will find that the first Baptist was named John — John the Baptist.

His birth, I might say, was God-appointed. He came from God. He originated not with man, and not of himself. As I realize that this first Baptist came from God, I ask a question, why should I then not be a Baptist?

What other religious leader and founder on this side of the birth of Christ can show us such a commanding record as that of John the Baptist? I say that the first Baptist the world ever saw came from God.

Where did the first Greek Catholic come from, and what was his name?

Where did the first Roman Catholic come from, and what was his name?

Where did the first Lutheran come from, and what was his name?

Where did the first Episcopalian come from, and what was his name?

Where did the first Presbyterian come from, and what was his name?

Where did the first Methodist come from, and what was his name?

Where did the first Campbellite come from, and what was his name?

I have asked you seven questions and not one of those seven questions can be answered from the Bible. You can turn through the Bible, from one end to the other, and you will never find a Greek Catholic, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Methodist, nor Campbellite in all the pages of the Word of God.

Where did the first Missionary Baptist come from? Beloved, that answer is found in the Word of God, in the New Testament, and no place else.

The word "Baptist" appears thirteen times in the New Testament. We read:

"In those days came John the Baptist."—Mt. 3:1.

"There has not risen a greater than John the Baptist."—Mt. 11:11.

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence."—Mt. 11:12.

"This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead."—Mt. 14:2.

"Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger."—Mt. 14:8.

"And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist."—Mt. 16:14.

"Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist."—Mt. 17:13.

"And she said, The head of John the Baptist."—Mark 6:24.

"I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist."—Mark 6:25.

"And they answered, John the Baptist."—Mark 8:28.

"John Baptist hath sent us unto thee."—Luke 7:20.

"For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine."—Luke 7:33.

"They answering said, John the Baptist."—Luke 9:19.

Beloved, here are thirteen times that you will find the name

Baptist in the New Testament. I say to you, the only name of any religious leader that is to be found is the name Baptist, and it occurs thirteen times in the New Testament.

I might go further and say this, that the word "John," referring to John the Baptist, occurs 92 times in the New Testament. In view of the fact that you can not find the first Roman Catholic, Greek, Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Methodist or Campbellite in the Bible and yet you do find the first Baptist in the Bible, and in view of the fact that you find him mentioned 92 times in the New Testament by the name of John—in view of these facts, I say to you, I am a Baptist because the first Baptist came from God.

### II

I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE THE IMMERSION OF THE FIRST BAPTIST WAS LIKEWISE FROM HEAVEN.

We read:  
"And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water."—John 1:32, 33.

Not only did the first Baptist come from God, but the immersion of the first Baptist likewise was from Heaven. John the Baptist had authority to baptize given to him directly from God the Father in Heaven.

Listen again:  
"And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and

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said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?

And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.

The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?

But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.

And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things."—Mt. 21:23-27.

Beloved, here is a passage of Scripture that is worthy of our deepest consideration. The question of religious authority was raised. The question came up as to John's authority. Where did he get it? Did he get his authority from God, or did he get it from man? The crowd to whom Jesus was speaking refused to answer the question. They said, "If we say John got his authority from man, we are going to endanger our lives. If we say he got his authority from Heaven, then Jesus is going to say to us, 'Why didn't you believe it?'"

Beloved, the man who was called with authority from God to immerse, had authority from (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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## Called And Separated To The Ministry By Our God

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Acts 13:1-5 "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers, as Barnabas, and Symeon, that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod, the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called

who ordained that Paul would preach to the Gentiles. The Church did not make this decision, for that is not the Church's right. They have no authority to appoint any area, country, and the like. However, the Scripture teaches in Acts 13:2 that the Holy Spirit said unto the Church, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul unto the work that I have called them." Although the church does not designate or appoint, for one to have a ministry without the Church's consent, is unbiblical and is in open rebellion against the revealed will of God and is just as unbiblical as any other denomination or organization that has not the authority of a true Church of Christ.

That right does not belong to the one called, but totally it is an act of God. There are those that have such a distaste and fervent hate for Church authority that they accuse those of us that believe this grand Bible truth, of dictating those things such as we have numbered before. It is a flat out satanic lie to accuse those of us that embrace Church authority, of dictatorship.

A dear friend of mine, a man whom I love dearly, said that my belief on Church authority was going back to Catholicism and stripping God of His rightful place in our doctrinal belief concerning the function of the Church. After a few moments of conversation, however, he disclosed what he did believe. Just like all the rest of them—pastoral authority. If anything resembles catholicism it would be mongrel popery!

It is the Holy Spirit that has called Brother Joe Wilson to Tulsa, Bro. John R. Gilpin to Ashland, Brother Bill Jackson to Appalachia, Brother Dan Phillips to Bristol, and many others to various places. If the Church could designate or appoint the location of one's ministry, Brother Joe Wilson (the daddy) would no doubt still be in Winston (no reflection little Joe (the son). For he that wrought effectually in your dad to the ministry in Tulsa, the same was mighty in you toward Winston.

Thus far we can clearly see that God called unto the ministry, the Holy Spirit separated unto the work in which the Vessel was called.

Next, we have the Church and the solemn duty that God hath placed before it. Acts 13:3 "And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." Now brethren, God hath given this authority to nothing other than a Baptist Church. If one may say, and many do, that Church authority is not deeded, they lie and the truth is not in them. A spirit may have called them but it was not the Holy One. Any authority other than Church authority, is ungodly authority, and has no authority. The Lord Jesus works (Continued on page 3, column 5)



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them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Spirit, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. And when they were at Salamis, they preached the Word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; and they had also John to their minister."

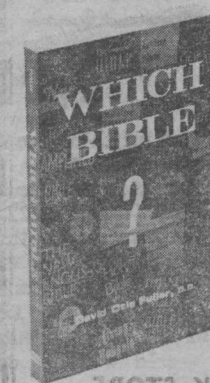
In these verses before us, we have enough truth to convince any believer on the matter of the church concerning its function and authority when sending forth preachers of the Gospel.

Now to prevent any self-appointed Lord's anointed from blasphemy, let us clarify a few things. First of all, no real Baptist Church claims any more authority than Christ gave it. We don't add to Scripture, nor take away from it. Real Baptists do not believe that the Church calls anyone to preach the glorious Gospel of Christ. We believe as did Paul. "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles, immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood." Galatians 1:15 and 16. In view of the Scriptures, we must believe that God calls real preachers. I wish that I did not have to use the word "real" when writing, but because there are so many phonies, we must clarify.

Secondly, the Bible teaches us that it was God who revealed unto Paul His Son. It was likewise the sovereign Lord of lords

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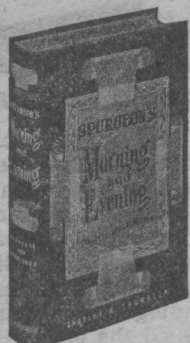


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## "Why I Am A Baptist"

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God Himself to immerse suitable subjects. That man, John the Baptist, had the authority to immerse directly from Heaven itself.

A lot of people today say that John's baptism wasn't Christian baptism. All I can say is this, Jesus Christ went to John and was baptized. If it were good enough for the Lord Jesus Christ, it is good enough for me. The twelve original apostles were all baptized by John the Baptist. If it were good enough for the apostles, then it is good enough for me. The church that I shall show you presently was organized by the Lord Jesus Christ, was organized out of the material that was prepared by John the Baptist. If Jesus used the material that John the Baptist had prepared by way of baptism, then I'll say that the baptism of John the Baptist ought to be good enough for us.

In the light of this, I say to you, John's baptism is just as good as gold and diamonds. Any place you go in this world gold is an accepted standard, or diamonds is an accepted standard. The Lord Jesus Christ accepted that baptism of John the Baptist, and whatever God Himself authorized from Heaven, is surely good enough for us today.

I say to you, I am a Baptist because the immersion of the first Baptist was likewise from Heaven itself. If God sent him down to baptize, then I am not one bit ashamed of the fact that I am a Baptist.

**I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE A BAPTIST BAPTIZED THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

We read:  
"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him."

But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.—Mt. 3:13-15.

Jesus, I say, was immersed. He was baptized by John the Baptist—the first Baptist preacher—the first Baptist the world ever saw—the man who had authority from Heaven to baptize. If the Lord Jesus Christ took baptism at the hands of a Baptist, then I certainly thank my God that back yonder as a lad of sixteen, I likewise was baptized at the hands of a Baptist preacher who had authority from a local Baptist church to baptize me into the fellowship of that church.

I turn to the Word of God and I find that it says we are to fol-

low the example of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps."—I Pet. 2:21.

If all men would follow in His steps, then there would be one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. If all men, I say, would follow in His steps, we would never have had but one church in this world, because Jesus went to a Baptist for His baptism.

I say to you, I am a Baptist because a Baptist baptized the Lord Jesus Christ and He set us an example. If He set us an example, then every one of us ought to go to a Baptist preacher, with authority from a local Baptist church, for baptism today.

### IV

**I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE BAPTIST IMMERSION IS THE ONLY KIND OF BAPTISM WHERE THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT EVER MANIFESTED THEMSELVES AT ONE TIME.**

The subject was the Son, the Father spoke audibly from Heaven, and the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove and lighted upon Him. All three persons of the Trinity were present at this Baptist baptism. Listen:

"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straight way out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Mt. 3:16, 17.

Beloved, that is Baptist baptism. That is Baptist immersion. It is the only kind where the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit ever manifested themselves at the same time. I am a strong believer in a Triune God, and that Triune God was all there the day that a Baptist performed baptism relative to Jesus Christ.

As I say, Jesus was there in person to be baptized. He had traveled some sixty miles across the sandy soils of Palestine to come where John the Baptist was, by the Jordan River, to ask for baptism of the first Baptist preacher the world ever saw. When Jesus was baptized, God the Father looked down from Heaven and said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Why was He pleased? Among other things, He was pleased with the fact that Jesus Christ had been immersed just then by the first Baptist preacher the world ever saw. He was pleased that Jesus Christ had been immersed by the first Baptist that had been sent into this world with author-

ity to baptize. The Father said, "I am well pleased." Then after the Father had spoken, the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, came down and lighted upon the Lord Jesus Christ and apparently put His stamp of approval upon both what the Father said, and also the baptism of Jesus Himself in water.

I ask then, why should not I honor the kind of baptism that the Three-in-One does honor? On that day, as a lad, when I went down into the water and was baptized by a Baptist preacher, I honored that baptism that day. I honored it by my example, and since that time as I have preached, I have honored that baptism that was honored with the presence of the Trinity. Since that time, as I have written with my pen, I have always honored that same baptism. I say to you, Baptist baptism is the only kind of baptism where the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit were present. I am a Baptist because of it.

### V

**I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED BY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

Jesus had had baptism at the hands of John the Baptist, who was the first Baptist that this world had ever seen, having been

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sent from Heaven, and who had authority from Heaven to baptize. Now the Lord Jesus Christ takes the material that John the Baptist had prepared and provided, and organized a church for Himself.

Beloved, listen, either Jesus Christ chose His bride or somebody chose it. What is more rational to you? Did Jesus Christ choose His bride, or would He leave it up to somebody else?

I ask you, would it be more rational and more reasonable for you to choose your bride or for somebody else to choose that bride for you. I think you know the answer. The Lord Jesus Christ, I say, chose His blessed bride. Listen:

"Have not I chosen you twelve?"—John 6:70.

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you."—John 15:16.

"But I have chosen you out of the world."—John 15:19.

"I know whom I have chosen."—John 13:18.

Beloved, I say to you, the Lord Jesus Christ chose His own bride, and the bride that Jesus Christ chose were the twelve men, the twelve apostles, that had received Baptist baptism at the hands of John the Baptist, the first Baptist that the world ever saw—the only man that had authority direct from Heaven to baptize. In view of that fact, I say that the first Baptist church was organized by the Lord Jesus Christ.

This blesses my soul when I think about it. It certainly is a help to me and it certainly encourages me to realize this truth today. The Lord Jesus Christ took the material that John the Baptist had prepared, and then organized His church. He chose His bride.

I can't understand why some Baptist preachers say that all believers are going to be in the bride. No, no, beloved, the only ones that are going to be in the bride are the ones that Jesus Christ chose and started back yonder in the days of John the Baptist and has continued with all down through the days to this present hour.

### VI

**I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE BAPTIST PREACHERS ARE THE ONLY KIND THAT WERE EVER ORDAINED BY JESUS CHRIST.**

Whenever you hear some of these modern heretics tell you that they have authority, or when some of these modern heretics preach, and it sounds good as to what they have to say, just remember this, that Baptist preachers are the only ones that were ever ordained by the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen:

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."—John 15:16.

Notice, He said, "I chose you, and I ordained you."

I contend, beloved, that the only preachers that could ever say that they were ordained of God were Baptists, for Baptist preachers were the only ones that were ever ordained by the Lord Jesus Christ. If that be true, and certainly it is true, one thing remains, if Baptist preachers were the only ones set apart and ordained by the Lord Jesus Christ, then we certainly ought to keep in line with that crowd that was started back there a long time ago.

When I was ordained nearly fifty years ago, I remember very distinctly that there was a Methodist preacher present at the ordination. I suppose he lived and died a Methodist preacher, but he had been a friend of mine for a number of years and he attended the ordination service. In view of the fact that he had been a friend, the church that ordained me actually invited this man to sit in, not as a part of the council, but to sit in the council chamber when I was being questioned. He didn't say anything, but he was invited to sit in.

I have often thought, as I have looked back upon it, when the Lord Jesus Christ ordained preachers, He ordained only Baptist preachers—those that had been baptized by John the Baptist. When I think about this Methodist man who sat in on the council of my ordination, I am wondering if he ever caught the truth relative to the church that Jesus built. Many times I have thought of that experience, and I have said, "How blind can a man be to think that he sat in on my ordination, listened to the questions and my answers, heard me say specifically that Jesus Christ established only a Baptist church, and none other, and that all preachers that were God-sent were Baptist preachers, yet died a Methodist preacher? I am a

Baptist, beloved, because the Lord Jesus Christ only ordained Baptist preachers.

### VII

**I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE THE BAPTISTS WERE THE ONLY ONES TO WHOM THE**  
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## Called . . . Separated

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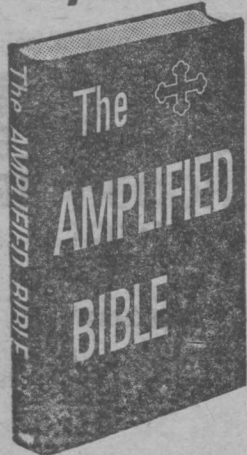
through His Church. We see in Acts 13:2 that the Holy Spirit said unto the Church at Antioch to separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work unto which I have called them. It would have been useless to have said this if it were not necessary. There are other cases where Church authority is manifested. Let's look at one more and see if the Church had anything to do with the sending forth of Silas. This time we shall deal with the Baptist Church at Jerusalem. Acts 15:19-22 "Wherefore, my sentence (judgment) is, that we trouble not them, who from among the Gentiles are turned to God. But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood. For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogue every sabbath day. Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole Church (notice THE CHURCH) to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely Judas, surnamed Barnabas; and Silas, chief men among the brethren." Once again the Scriptures lay waste the polluters of the Truth. Church authority is of necessity. If it were not so, the Lord would have told us. According to Acts 15:24, the Church at Jerusalem wrote letters to the Church at Antioch because "they had heard that certain who went out from them, had troubled them with words, subverting their souls, saying he must be circumcised, and keep the law, to whom they gave no such commandment."

Now look at Acts 15:25, 27, and 30, "It seemed good unto us, (the CHURCH) being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul." "We (the CHURCH) have sent, therefore, Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth." "So when they were dismissed, (by the CHURCH), they came to Antioch; and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle."

Brethren, these men all had some things in common. They were called by God to preach and minister. They were separated by the Holy Spirit unto the work. They were sent away by a Baptist Church. That is the way it was done then, and that is the only way that it is done now. If one disagreed with the Bible, he must either change his way of thinking, or call God a liar.

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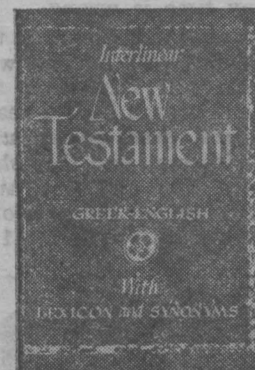
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# The Baptist Examiner

## FORUM

"Will God's saints be taken out of the world before the Great Tribulation begins? If so, who will preach the gospel to the 144,000 Jews who in turn will preach during the Tribulation period?"

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There is only one thing that I know of on this subject that the post-trib brethren and I can agree on. And that is, that I am no authority on it. We are in perfect agreement on that score. But when it comes to the teachings in the blessed Book (not the so-called Blessed Hope) what little I do know speaks in thunderous tones that God's saints will be taken out of the world before the Great Tribulation begins. I must admit that if I find myself, along with the post-trib brethren, among "every bondman and every free man" (Rev. 6:15-17) hiding "in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains"—"from the wrath of the Lamb," I will be one surprised man. Any one who wants to do so can look forward to that experience, but it does not appeal to me in the least. So in order to be fair to any one who reads this, I must say as strongly as I know how that I do not know of one single Scripture reference that even indicates to the slightest degree that the saints will suffer the Great Tribulation.

I am fully convinced that no one has any right to go anywhere preaching the gospel without the authority of a true New Testament church to back it up. Those who call themselves preaching the gospel without church authority are, as I see it, running without their having been sent. They may have millions of dollars backing them up, but I do not believe the Lord is in it. However, this applies only to this age which we term the church age. It did not apply in the days before Christ. The Jews had their man-made altars on which they sacrificed their animals, but no church. We have the church, but no man-made altar. In the Great Tribulation time they will have neither the church nor the man-made altar.

That is why it is necessary for the angels to do the sealing of the 144,000 Jews in Rev. 7. When God got ready for a Baptist preacher He sent one from Himself whose name was John, Jno. 1:6. He was later called John the Baptist (Mt. 3:1) because God had made him a Baptist.

You ask who will preach the gospel to the 144,000 Jews. It could not be the church, or the saints of this church age, because we preach the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paul said, in 1 Cor. 2:2, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." But according to Mt. 24:14 it will be the gospel of the kingdom that will be preached during the Great Tribulation time. Both gospels are gospels of grace. God never saves any

one apart from Grace. But these two gospels are stated in altogether different words. In Mt. 4:23 and in Mt. 9:35 we see our Lord preaching this gospel of the kingdom. And in Mt. 3:2 we see what that gospel is. There John the Baptist said, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." This is the gospel that is to be preached during the Great Tribulation time.

So, in this church age the gospel of Jesus Christ as stated in I Cor. 15:3-4 is to be preached, and in the Great Tribulation time it is the gospel of the kingdom. And, since that is true, therefore, the church age and The Great Tribulation time cannot possibly exist at the same time. If I were a post-trib advocate I must admit that I am just not smart enough to explain that fact away.

When God brings one age to a close and begins another He is well able to handle the situation. No man preached the gospel to John the Baptist, but it seems that God did a pretty good job of giving him His message. So, no doubt, when God sends His angels to seal the 144,000 Jews He will also send along the message they are to preach.

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We will not take a great deal of time explaining the fact that God's saints will be taken out of the world before the Great Tribulation period. Brother Joe Wilson has answered this question completely in his articles in past series of T.B.E. Anyone who has read them cannot doubt that the Rapture will take place before the Tribulation. I am looking for my Saviour at any time. He could come today, in the air, for His people as He has said. "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with a voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (I Thess. 4:16, 17)

Let me take just a brief space to warn you that any belief that would take away the fact that we are to be ready for His coming at any time is wrong.

You ask who will preach to the 144,000. There will be two witnesses who will arise after the Rapture and preach for 3½ years. "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and three score days, clothed in sackcloth." (Rev. 11:3)

These two witnesses will preach for 3½ years and they will be killed. Their bodies will be left on the streets of Jerusalem for 3½ days and then they will rise and ascend to heaven.

It isn't necessary to know who these two witnesses will be. If God intended for us to know He would have named them in this portion of His Word. He did not name them, nor did He tell us where they would come from and so we do not need to know.

I can not understand why people want to question God. He tells us what is going to take place and we should rejoice and say "So be it," not "why or who or where."

This is the order of the second coming of the Lord. There will be a pre-tribulation rapture of all saints; the Spirit will be taken out of the world and will no longer be the hinderer; the two witnesses will arise and 144,000 Jews will be saved and then the two witnesses will be killed. There will be 3½ years of uncontrolled wickedness which will lead to the Battle of Armageddon. During the seven year period there will be a large number of Gentiles saved. The Lord will return to the earth and destroy the armies of the nations and set up His Kingdom on the earth.

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Yes, God's people will be taken out of the world before the Great Tribulation. Otherwise God's awful judgments, which we find described in the Book of Revelation, would be poured out by Him upon his own people—such as scorching heat, blocks of ice weighing a hundred pounds or more, and creatures that sting until the pain is such that people want to die. Anti-Christ's afflictions will be awful, but nothing to compare with the judgments that God shall send. Would God afflict His own people more than Anti-Christ? The God I worship don't treat His people like that. I take seriously I Thess. 5:9 which says, "For God hath not appointed us to WRATH, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

But who will preach after the saved are caught away? There are the 144,000 and likewise the great host, "Which no man can number," which John saw as coming out of the horrors of the Great Tribulation. These have all heard the gospel, or read it.

Suppose that Christ should issue the call for His people today. Multitudes of people would disappear, and can you imagine what consternation would strike this world? Doubtless many would wake up and would say, "It has happened! Christ HAS come, just like grandma use to talk about! I have been wrong about Christianity. It is not a fake as I have tried to believe."

Many such persons will turn to Christ. Great numbers have heard the gospel—have heard about Christ, and remember the Bibles are not taken away. Millions of Bibles are still here, and many persons will read and be led to receive Christ as Saviour. They indeed will go through the horrors of the Tribulation—even enduring martyrdom, but such will richly deserve it, for they wouldn't turn to Christ while they could join the group to be raptured at the return of Christ.

One of my favorite Scriptures fits in with what I have just been saying. Rev. 13:8 (be sure and get the right translation of this passage) says, "And all that

dwell upon the face of the earth shall worship him (Anti-Christ) whose names are not written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb slain." This makes plain that the whole world will go off after Anti-Christ with the exception of the elect, whose names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life, before the world was. So then, there is an elect who will be saved during the Tribulation. This will amount to a great host, and these are the same ones whom John saw, and who were a "Multitude which no man could number."

What a blessed doctrine is the doctrine of election and predestination! These doctrines even insure that there will be many saved in spite of Anti-Christ and Tribulation!

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Yes, the saints of this present dispensation shall be raptured out of the world ere the great tribulation begins. There are many and varied evidences of this fact, especially in the book of Revelation, where the Lord manifests the manner by which He will rid the earth of sinners and make a new Heaven and a new earth. This period of time is also called the time of Jacob's trouble. I would point out that it is not the time of the churches' trouble, because she has been lifted from off the earth to Heaven where she appears before the Judgment Seat of Christ and her members shall give an account of deeds done in the body (body of Christ—true Baptist Church).

In this present dispensation (Kingdom of Heaven—or Church Age), we find Satan busily engaged in fighting against the bride of Christ and her children. Our Lord warns us of wolves in sheep's clothing, and pictures our enemy (Satan) as a roaring lion running to and fro seeking whom he may devour. But, in the tribulation period, we find Satan attacking another woman who is pregnant with a man child. Read Rev. 12. This woman cannot be the church for the church shall be presented to her lover, Jesus Christ, as a chaste virgin.

"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."—II Cor. 11:2.

This woman is the wife of God (Israel), and the child born to this union is Jesus Christ. Even though Israel does not now recognize Jesus Christ as the Messiah, she will during the tribulation; this woman is pictured with child. Brethren, Satan will never shift his attack against another woman as long as the church is in this world for God gave to her (Baptist) the authority to preach the gospel, thus making disciples, baptizing and teaching those whom

she makes followers of Jesus. Baptists, from the days of Christ until now, have faithfully declared that God works through the Comforter (Holy Spirit), who dwells only in true Baptist churches. But in Revelation, we see another woman that God works with and through, by calling 144,000 of her children as missionaries, sending two witnesses to preach, and finally calling upon the angels to preach the gospel of the everlasting kingdom. Brethren, where is the woman that Christ said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it?" The answer is, she has been removed from the battlefield and is in the arms of her lover, Jesus Christ.

Further proof is found in God sending two witnesses, whom He calls, "two candlesticks standing before the God of the Earth"—Rev. 11:42, to preach to Israel. In this present age, the churches are the candlesticks. Read Rev. 1:20. A candlestick is a light bearer; Jesus told His church that she was the light of the world. Matt. 5:13-16. Were the church on earth, she would still be the candlestick, and the two witnesses would have to work through her; but the candlesticks (churches) have been removed, so God sends two men to be light bearers.

These two candlesticks or witnesses of Rev. 11 will be the teachers of the 144,000. Were the church in the world, it would still be her responsibility to make disciples, baptize them and teach them. We read of the sealing of the 144,000 and the great number who shall be saved in the Tribulation, but we do not read of their being baptized into the church.

After the slaying of the two witnesses and the 144,000, we find God calling angels to preach, having their pulpits in space. Read Rev. 14:6-12. These angels will be the preachers to teach Israel and God's elect. In this age (church age), angels are not called as bishops. Rather the Lord calls men through His church to be his ministers. Proof of this can be found in Acts 10 where an angel spoke to Cornelius, but did no preaching; rather he instructed Cornelius to call for the Apostle Peter. In instructing the churches in Revelation, chapters 2 and 3, we hear the head of the church tell us to hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; therefore, we are not to listen to angels, which shall be true in the age to follow this age.

One other proof that the church is not the teacher of the 144,000 is the fact that they are the first fruits. "These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb."

—Rev. 14:4. We read in I Cor. 15:20 that "Christ has become the first fruit of them that slept." It is my belief that those who rose after Jesus' resurrection were presented to the Father with Himself as the first fruits. Brethren, it is a definite fact that the 144,000 could not be the first fruits of the church age; Christ has already presented them to the Father. Thus, the 144,000 could only be the first fruits of another age beside the church era. This age will be the Great Tribulation where God teaches Israel by two witnesses, 144,000 missionaries and angels.

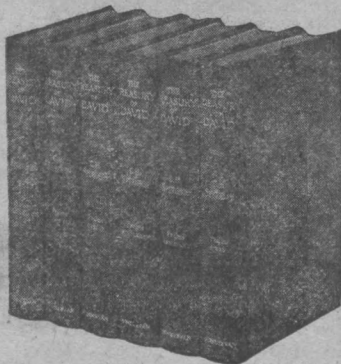
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## "NOTHING BUT LEAVES"

"And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, He came, if haply He might find anything thereon: and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves; for the time of the figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, 'No man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever. And the disciples heard it.'—Mark 11:13,14.

The fig tree is very interesting. It is a member of the mulberry family. It will have two and sometimes three crops a year. It has the longest life-span of all the fruit trees. Sometimes as much as 2,000 years. The green fruit appears at the same time the leaves come on the tree. It is difficult to discern if the fruit is there until one gets up close, as the unripe fruit hides under the leaves and is the same color. The healthy fig tree takes very little care. Pruning away of dead branches is usually sufficient. The fig was an important commerce item for Israel and failure of the fig crop was a national calamity. Productiveness was a token of peace and divine favor.

What is all this to do with Christian women? Much in every way. Jesus often used nature to illustrate a truth He was teaching. Let's see what He is teaching us in the fig tree. Far too many of us women are like the fig tree. The fig tree was waving its leaves in the breeze, declaring to all the world that it had life. Its leaves professed the presence of fruit. Anyone who happened by that way might say, "There is a good looking fig tree. Look how lustrous green the leaves are. Such a mature tree. See how tall and stately it stands. Come harvest time, there will be a rewarding crop." But if the passer-by would stop and examine the tree more closely, he would find that it was a hypocrite. Oh, it was a fig tree alright, but the green leaves were professing something they did not have. There was no fruit. What a sad commentary for a tree or a woman. Life—but no fruit. So many of us claim to have life and wave our leaves for all to see. Yet on close examination there is no fruit. Just leaves. Nothing but leaves.

What kind of fruit should a Christian woman bear? We have been born again and have life. We know it is the Spirit that giveth life. Galatians tells us the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance - - - Let's take the pruning shears in our hand and examine our profession of life. Move the leaves around a little and let's see if the fruit of love is there. If we have not love then our leaves make an empty sound as tinkling cymbals or loud clanging brass. Love does

not find joy in sin but in truth. Love does not stir up strife but seeks peace. Love is longsuffering. It is not easily provoked. Perhaps we should pause awhile here and do a little pruning. Snip off the leaves of profession if these fruit are not evident. It will be good for the tree not to have them there. Love is gentle and careful not to offend her sister. Love thinks no evil. Love shows itself kind toward others. Love does not try to build itself up. Tho we have goodness in that we give to the poor and make great physical sacrifices, without love it is not profitable. We'll have to prune off the leaves of goodness. Tho we have faith to move mountains, and have not love, we are nothing. There goes some more leaves. Love is not critical of others but promotes the good qualities. Love does not behave in an unbecoming manner. Ouch! I can feel the pain of the pruning shears, can't you? It seems as tho if we have truly the fruit of love, we will have all the others listed in the Galatians verse.

Peter tells us, "Seeing that ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." (1 Pet. 1:22). The fruitful fig tree will have two or three or more abundant crops a year. How many do we have? The healthy mature fig tree takes very little pruning. Our failure to produce fruit is just as much a calamity to the Lord's Church as the fig tree to national Israel. Jesus said, "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples." (John 15:8).

## "Why I Am A Baptist"

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LORD JESUS GAVE A COMMISSION.

We read:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."—Mt. 28:19,20.

To whom was this commission given? You say it was given to the twelve as individuals. If it was, then it died when they died. I contend, beloved, it was given to the twelve as a corporate body, as the church that Jesus built. In other words, the commission was given to these preachers comprising the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Baptist preachers are the only ones that the Lord Jesus ever commissioned, and He commissioned them through His church.

How about these other folk that go out and preach? I say, beloved, they are running without being sent. They are going without any command. They are traveling on their own. They have no authority and no commission back of them. I contend that there has never been a man other than those that have gone out from Baptist churches that have a linkage, a succession back to the Lord

Jesus Christ. There has never been a man except that group that can say that he has a commission from God.

Beloved, I am a Baptist, and I want you to be a Baptist. I am so concerned about the future. When I think about our brethren over this country—how they are so divided, and about the many problems so far as Baptists are concerned, it is a grief to me. I want to the best of my ability to help men and women all over the world to see that Jesus was a Baptist. He was baptized by the first Baptist the world ever saw, He started a Baptist church, and He gave the Baptists a commission to evangelize the world.

## VIII

I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE BAPTISTS ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT PREACH THE TRUTH CONCERNING SALVATION.

I can prove that the only people in the world that preach the truth as to salvation are Baptists.

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How about the many Holiness groups? They tell you that if you sin again, you'll be lost and have to be saved again.

How about the Jews? They tell you to live a good life and be circumcized.

These questions can all be answered by saying that not one of those so-called churches believes in salvation by grace alone — plus nothing and minus nothing.

Baptists, and Baptists alone believe and preach salvation by grace alone.

I say to you, you can study every denomination and you will find that there is only one that preaches salvation by grace, and grace alone, and that is the Missionary Baptists. Beloved, I am a Baptist because of it.

## CONCLUSION

As I think about those of you who are here, I have a burning desire within my heart to see some of you saved. I have more than a burning desire to see you become a child of God. In addition to that, I have an exceeding burning desire to see you become a child of God. In addition to that, I have an exceeding burning desire within my heart to see you a Baptist—the kind that Jesus Christ started with two thousand years ago.

Might it please God this morning to reach down and bless your soul, and may He take these few stammering words that your pastor has spoken and use these words to be a blessing to you spiritually, and to cause you to de-

sire to be a member of the church that Jesus built.

May God bless you!

## The Forum

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Believing that the Scriptures teach the rapture of the saints in this age ere the Tribulation begins, I stand watching, looking and praying for the Lord's return for I know not the day nor hour that He may shout and the dead in Christ shall be raised, and I shall be changed to rise to meet Him in the air.

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Here is the most probable reason for their deaths. Geroro sits on top of a 10,000 foot range and it stays cold there most of the time, only during the hours of high sun and on clear days, could you say that it is warm there. On the other hand the Sneli area is about 1,500 feet above sea level and it is ridden with malaria and various other infectious insects. Most folk that go to that area and spend any length of time there, when they come back to the high altitudes they come down with malaria.

I take the malaria suppressive tablets each week and while on this last patrol I took double doses, yet four days after I was home, I came down with the worst case of malaria out of the four times that I have had it. There is no doubt in my mind that had I not been where I could have had access to the proper medicine, this case would have been fatal. Therefore when those eight men returned to Geroro from the Sneli area some 15 years ago they no doubt took malaria and five of them died as a result of it.

March 27. "D.Q., This has been a day full of surprises. First of all I had planned to have a preaching service about 10 A.M. and was surprised to learn that all but one of the six people that we had contacted yesterday had gone off in the bush. Then I had another surprise when they all turned up about 1 P.M. with several more people with them now there were over 20 in all (eventually we counted 28 there the following day). All of them brought food. There apparently was no food shortage in this area. They brought bags of sweet potato, taro, pumpkin and bananas, end D.Q."

We had decided to stay with these folk on this day and get better acquainted with them. Six people had showed up on the previous afternoon, and they said that more folk lived in the immediate vicinity, and that they would scout around and round them up. I thought they would leave quite early and be back about ten a.m. and we would have a preaching service. However, when I got ready to have the service only one of the indi-

viduals was there so we just sat it out, waiting to see what would happen.

About one p.m., over 20 people turned up and all of them carrying some food. We had a big surprise to see all the food but was happy to see it for we could eat off of that for a couple of days, and not have to touch our rations. I had several items of trade goods with me, such as matches, small mirrors, razor blades and small knives, that I had brought along for the purpose and when I gave them a choice of some of the trade goods or money almost all of them preferred to have some of the goods — money means little or nothing to folk that live in isolated places like this. Soon after I bought the food we had a preaching service, and not only were they hearing the gospel for the first time, but many of them were looking at the first (Continued on page 6, column 5)

## Sovereignty

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est Thou?" This is the testimony of one of the greatest earthly kings who ever lived.

The Lord is sovereign even in evil things. This is a hard saying, but what saith the Scriptures? "The Lord has made all things for Himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil." (Prov. 16:4). Yes, if God is God, He is sovereign in all things.

In Romans the 9th chapter, the question is asked, "Why doth He yet find fault? For who has resisted His will?" Paul's answer is "Who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to Him that formed it, 'Why hast Thou made me thus?' " He goes on to say, God has made vessels of mercy and vessels of wrath to accomplish His will.

Many of us seem to have the idea that God needs a little advice on how to run things. The Scripture says that God needs no counselor.

"Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being His counselor hath taught Him? With whom took He counsel and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of judgment, and taught Him knowledge, and shewed to Him the way of understanding?" (Isa. 40:13,14).

Surely no one would be foolish enough to say that he had counseled the Lord. Yet, multitudes act as if they knew more than He — as if He waits for their decision before He can make a move.

God is sovereign also in salvation. In John 6:37 the Lord Jesus Christ said, "All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." Again in the 44th verse He said, "No man can come to Me except it were given unto him of My Father." The Scriptures tell us that Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, justified us by His blood, reconciled us unto God the Father by His death and purchased for us a perfect salvation. All this was accomplished on the cross as He substituted for all that the Father gave Him. Yes, and this was even in the mind of God before the foundation of the world.

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# The Fallacy And Confusion Of 'Good Friday' Tradition

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We read in Matt. 12:38 that the scribes and Pharisees asked Jesus for a sign. Jesus replied in verses 39b and 40, "No sign shall be given but the sign of Jonah, for as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

There are many believers who are confused as to the Good Friday tradition of the Church, knowing that there are no three days and three nights between the so-called Good Friday crucifixion and the resurrection.

It is not unbiblical to believe that Jesus was three days and three nights in the sepulchre. This then being true, the Apostolic Creed could read, "Christ arose from the dead after three days and three nights" instead of "Christ arose the third day."

By altering the Creed this proposed way it must be admitted that the Good Friday tradition is a misconception as to the Biblical record.

As the Church defends the Good Friday with such arguments as the Jewish time table (part of a day being equal to a full day), she denies the foregoing prophecy of Jesus.

Another illogical reasoning is, "What difference does it make how long Jesus was in the grave just so we believe?" But denying that Jesus was three days and three nights in the grave, would that be classified as believing?

Matthew, Mark and Luke all reveal that Jesus was three days and three nights in the grave.

In the Revised Standard Version we read in Matt. 27:62, "Now the next day, that is after the preparation the chief priests came together unto Pilate (for the purpose of securing a watch)."

The term "which is after the preparation" establishes the fact that the next day has no connection with the preparation day. We do not read, "the day after the preparation." This would be self-evident, but Matthew does not speak of this first day because these things did not occur on the first but on the second or next day, and that after the preparation.

By accepting this we see these Jewish leaders coming to Pilate on the second day after the pre-

paration.

The King James Translation of Matthew 27:62 reads: "The next day that followed the preparation." Here again this translation bypasses the first day and pinpoints the next or second day for it does not read, "the day that followed the preparation."

The American Standard Version of Matt. 27:62 reads, "On the morrow which is after the preparation." "The morrow" is the next day of a previous or preceding day which was after the preparation. So again these leaders came to Pilate on the second day after the preparation.

In the Holland and German Bibles as to Matt. 27:62 we read, "Des anderen daags welke is na de voorbereiding." Translated it would read, "The other day which is after the preparation." The word "other" indicates more than one day as also the word "daags" which is the plural for day. So Matthew again skips the first day and calls attention to "des anderen" or other or second day after the preparation.

Whereas the Jews' preparation is followed by their Passover Sabbath it becomes clear that those leaders did not come to Pilate on this Sabbath but brought Pilate for a watch when this Sabbath ended, which was in the evening when Jesus had been in the grave one night and one day. And this is confirmed by the Jewish leaders for they, by coming to Pilate for a watch, admit that they are a day late. Matt. 27:64. They do not ask for a watch until the fourth day or for three days but until the third day, which is two days.

Thus according to Matt. 27:57 Jesus was placed in the sepulchre in the evening of the preparation day which was Wednesday which was followed by the Passover Sabbath on Thursday. The next or second day a watch was placed at the sepulchre (Matt. 27:66) which was Friday, followed by Saturday the weekly or seventh day Sabbath, which is three days and three nights. On the end of this Sabbath day which was 6 o'clock in the evening the women came to see the sepulchre and Christ had already risen. Matt. 28:1.

Thus Jesus was placed in the sepulchre at the end of the preparation day as the Passover day was dawning, and also arose in the end of the Sabbath day.

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To sustain this claim we read in Mark 16:1, "When the Sabbath was past the women had bought sweet spices." This Sabbath corresponds with the Passover Sabbath in Matthew. The problem is the interpreters and the Church do not make a distinction between the Sabbath in reference to the Old Testament feast days and the Sabbath Day. For instance God commanded in the law to keep the Sabbath Day which is not seasonal but a weekly observance.

The seasonal feast day is not called "the Sabbath Day" but "a Sabbath" or a day of rest. Lev. 23. The King James Version in general follows this distinction; therefore Mark 16:1a reads "when the Sabbath was past the women had bought sweet spices." Thus after this Passover Sabbath there was a day of buying and selling which was Friday or the same day that the watch was placed at the sepulchre. Further in Mark 16:1 we read that the women had bought the spices after the Sabbath that they might come and anoint Jesus. The implication is that they had bought the spices with the intention to anoint Jesus also on this day (Friday), but they were prohibited because the watch had been placed at the grave.

Mark 16:2 records the women coming unto the sepulchre very early in the morning the first day of the week, which means that the day before was the regular Sabbath Day on which the women rested, which is also according to Luke 23:56.

Thus according to Mark there was a Passover Sabbath, a regular day and the Sabbath Day; consequently a three day and three night period of Jesus' stay in the sepulchre.

Luke 23:54 states, "And that day was the preparation and the Sabbath drew on." (not Sabbath Day). This implies the women were going to observe this approaching Sabbath. Further in Luke 23:56 we read the women returned and prepared spices. These women came from Galilee, verse 55. Thus after the Passover Sabbath they returned and prepared spices, in other words, they worked on a regular day and after the preparation of the spices they rested the Sabbath Day according to the commandment, verse 56b. So Luke records a Passover Sabbath, a regular day and the Sabbath Day. Thus again we have a three day and three night period of Jesus in the grave.

Luke 24:18-48 records the two travelers on their way to Emmaus. Here we are not dealing with the preparation or the Sabbath or Sabbath Day, but with the third day, for they say, "It is today or now the third day since these things occurred." This statement is also in agreement with Jesus' prediction in Matt. 20:19, "The third day He shall rise again." And also after the resurrection Jesus confirmed in Luke 24:46b, "Thus it behooved Christ to suffer and rise from the dead the third day."

We readily believe these words of Christ — let us also readily believe what He considers a day.

Jesus gives a detailed account in John 11:9a that there are

twelve hours in a day and in verse 10, He refers to the night which is of the same duration. So the full cycle of a day is 24 hours, no more and no less. Matt. 20:1-16 contains the parable of the laborers in the vineyard and Jesus definitely holds to the principle that an hour of a day remains an hour and is not considered to be a full day. For if it was the custom to work only part of a day and still receive a full day's reward no special agreement was necessary as is recorded. We notice in verse 2 the householder and the laborers agree for a penny a day, but in verse 4 both the householder and the laborers come to a special agreement, that is, the householder would give and the late laborers would receive what is right and that because they worked only part of a day and this is also true in verses 5-7. The late laborers did not expect to receive a full day's hire for one hour labor. This then should convince us that the Jewish time table was of no effect to them.

In verse 9 we notice the householder rewarded those who labored only part of a day equal to those who labored a full day. In other words, the late laborers received more than they earned or expected, which is identified as grace. Those who labored a full day received their rightful hire as per agreement. Yet in verse 10 and 11 we notice they expected to receive more than the late ones. This proves that these first laborers also rejected the Jewish time table that one hour is equal to a full day.

In this parable Jesus rejects the "Jewish time table" and in that light we will have to explain the story of these two travelers on the way to Emmaus. We hold and believe that Jesus was placed in the grave on Wednesday evening. Thursday had to be past before it would be one day "since these things occurred." That is, when Friday arrived they said it is now one day, and when Saturday arrived they said it is now two days, and when the first day of the week arrived they say it is today or now the third day since these things occurred.

We need the present or "today" to describe what happened in the days past. So according to these travelers Jesus was in the grave three days and three nights.

Thus according to Scripture Jesus arose on Saturday in the evening which ended at 6 o'clock. (Matt. 28:1) The first day of the week began with His resurrection, that is, He did not arise because it was the first day of the week, but we celebrate the first day of the week because He arose.

Had Christ not risen there would not be a first day of the week. We read in I Cor. 15:17, "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; you are yet in your sins."

This then brings us to the appendix of Mark 16:9-14 which records the appearances of Christ on the first day of the week. Verse 9 reads, "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week. He appeared first to Mary Magdalene." The implication is that the resurrection was past, Jesus was risen, and after He was risen He appeared very early in the morning to Mary Magdalene. (John 20:1), for she was by the sepulchre when it was yet dark. Further in the ap-

pendix we read in verse 12 that Jesus appeared to the two travelers also on the first day. In verse 14 He appeared to the eleven as they sat at meat (also on the first day).

So the conclusion is Jesus revealed Himself after His resurrection on the first day of the week, not that He arose on the first day of the week.

In consideration of all these evidences Jesus' words were literally fulfilled, "As Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly so was Christ three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

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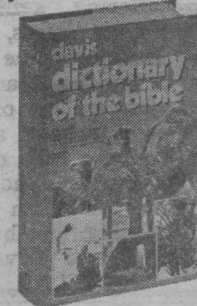
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white man that they had ever seen.

All during the afternoon these folk sat around looking at themselves in their new mirrors and giggling at each other. Some were trying out their new knives while others struck some of the matches just to see them light as a child in our society might play with fire crackers. It was amusing to see these primitive folk toy with these inexpensive items as if they were precious gems.

About four p.m. we had another preaching service and the young man who seemed to be the natural leader of the group, inquired if we would stay another day with them. He said that he had talked with the entire group and they all wanted to be better informed on the things of the Bible. He said they knew absolutely nothing about the Bible before we came, although he had heard about us, and he himself had even been out to a Mission Station at one time, but he said he got absolutely nothing out of what was being said by the missionary and that my messages were down to earth for them and (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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was plain enough for even the most backward man of his tribe to understand, therefore he wanted to know if we would not stay another day and teach them more.

With those reasons given, and that kind of a request, I would have been a very sorry missionary to have turned him down, even if we had been short on food, but since we had plenty of food and the only reason I was there in the first place was to tell them that Jesus Christ had come to die for sinners. Sure we would stay on another day and so with two services that afternoon they all soon scuttled off to their huts and we had our evening meal, and closed out the day shortly thereafter.

March 28. "D. Q. By 7:30 this morning there were 25 people here and we held a preaching service about nine o'clock. Before we finished the service three more people came in making 28 in all. Be-

fore the day was over we held a total of three services, making six times we had preached here at this place in two days. It was learned today that some of these people were hiding in the bush and saw me when I passed through a few miles farther up, on my first trip through this area seven years ago. We are making plans to move on early tomorrow morning, end D.Q."

Soon after we had finished with our breakfast on this day it was quite evident that these native folk were God prepared to hear His message for by 7:30, 22 of them were milling around waiting for us to get started preaching. I talked with the leader and some of the other fellows for a while and about nine that morning we had our first service. Soon after we held the first service, some of them left and were gone a couple of hours, and came back with more food. In all we had three full services that day and I have never had a congregation that seemed to soak up every word said as these folk seemed to do.

They told us that there was another group of people farther down but they would be happy to have us stay longer with them. We had been here about two and a half days now and I felt that our main mission had been accomplished so we would be no doubt better used of the Lord to utilize our time and supplies in trying to find some more people that had never heard the Lord's Word.

During the course of the day I was talking to a young mother and admiring her offspring when she said I have seen you before. I said you must be mistaken for this is the first time I have ever actually been in the Sneli area. "Oh but," she said, "I am not mistaken, you did not see me but I saw you when I was yet a little girl. My mother and I were hiding in the jungle when you passed through a few miles up the way the first time." I always knew instinctively, that there were eyes following me through these jungles when I would pass through them but this was the first time I have ever had anyone to come out and tell me that they were hiding close enough by to watch the patrol go through, yet unseen themselves.

March 29. "D.Q. We broke camp this morning about 7:30. We soon came upon a very long house and learned that all 28 people had been staying in this house for the past couple of days while they were attending the services. We stopped long enough to have prayer with them and one of the group had promised to be our guide through the area for a few days. We passed several gardens and a

few houses as we walked through the jungles. About one p.m. we came to quite a large river and learned that this was the Nale, the same river we had crossed several miles up the valley, but by now it was much larger than before. We would have to repair the cane bridge that spanned the river. While this was being done we sent out some of the fellows to see if any people could be located for a large garden was near this crossing. We had crossed the river and began to make camp for the night, when two of the men returned and reported finding several people. A few of them soon came to our camp and we held a service with them and made plans to meet them at the river tomorrow for more preaching and talking, end D.Q."

We had enjoyed our stay here with these primitive folk and had a good ministry among them. They seemed to enjoy every service to the fullest and asked us to come back and visit them again, they would like for us to send them a full time evangelist. Sometimes it is hard to break away from a group like this completely hidden from all signs of civilization, but I knew there were other folk that lived farther on down in these jungles for not only had I seen their houses from an aerial survey several years ago, but these folk that we had spent the last two days with confirmed what I had seen from the air.

Therefore by 7:30 that morning we were ready to start out in search of this other group or groups. We were surprised to find such a large house that morning shortly after we left our camp site, and that all 28 of the people we had been preaching to, had been staying in this one house. They were happy to see us again and welcomed the suggestion that we have prayer before we left them.

After praying the man that had agreed to be our guide for the next few days led off through the jungle at a fast pace. We had to soon slow him down or he would have left us. For the next few hours we passed several old and some new gardens and a few houses. Followed the small and some large streams through the jungle until about one p.m. We came upon the Nale River once again. We were many miles from where we had previously crossed it and by now it was a huge river, not too unlike the Strickland River.

There was a long swinging bridge that spanned the river and upon inspection I noted that there would have to be repairs made before it could be crossed safely with the patrol boxes. It took a couple of hours to accomplish this and three of the fel-

lows in the meantime went out in search of the people that lived in this area. When we got the bridge safe enough to cross we went on a short ways, and were making camp for the night, when two of the men came back and said they had found several people quite a long way down the river. A few of them were waiting to see if we would be staying over for the next day. Soon eight people came to our camp, and while it was late we held a preaching service and made plans to meet with the entire group the next day at the river crossing. With that, off they went to their jungle home and we soon had our rice and fish and turned in for the night. This brings us to the end of the twelfth day of the patrol and leaves us camped deep in the jungles. We will see you next week. D.V.



## Moses And Pharaoh

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it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And the Lord said unto Moses, put forth thine hand and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hands: that they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob hath appeared unto thee." (Exodus 4: 2-5).

The rod which Moses carried was his support and a means of his defense. It was also that which he leaned upon when he was weary. It was this rod, yea, the very rod which he carried in his hand that God turned into a serpent.

God, by way of the rod being cast on the ground, taught Moses and you and I a very vital lesson. It is a lesson that we all should hear and heed. The message was that all would be well so long as Moses leaned upon Jehovah, his rod. However, when his rod was cast to the ground, that is, when he failed to rely upon his God, he would find himself helpless before that old serpent, the devil.

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There is a beautiful verse of Scripture in Psalms 23:4 which shows how the "rod" (spiritually speaking) refers to God's support. It refers to the fact that God is our defense and the one on whom we lean when we are weary.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

We find another beautiful verse of Scripture in John 15:5, which shows that He is our "rod." The verse reads in part: "... without Me ye can do nothing."

Moses cast his rod down to the ground and it became a serpent, but it is very significant to note that the serpent did not get away from Moses. We read that "Moses caught it by the tail," and it became a rod again. This fact informs us that Satan is not a free agent, but that he is always under God's jurisdiction. He is always completely under our God's sovereign control. God, by this lesson, was informing Moses that the Devil would not be able to prevent the fulfillment of His plan. We learn from the following Scriptures that God will do all that He has purposed and this is the very message that He was delivering to Moses and those to whom he was sent.

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like Me. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure: calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth My counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have

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purposed it, I will do it." (Isaiah 46:9-11).

We are informed, when the rod was first cast to the ground, that "Moses fled before it." This fact speaks of man's utter inability to cope with Satan. Man's strength is no match for the strength of Satan. There is no power except divine power which can make us overcomers in this present world. We are sure to fail if we have no strength except that of our own, for we, according to Romans 5:6, are "without strength." May we, then, hear and heed Psalm 27:1: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?"

The rod becoming a serpent before Moses also spoke of the condition of God's people down in the "iron furnace" of Egypt. There was nothing but divine power that could free them and this is exactly what God taught Moses when He changed the serpent back into a rod.

We may also declare that Moses was a type of our Lord Jesus Christ in that he stood as a mediator between God and His people, the children of Israel. Moses also typified the Lord Jesus Christ in that the Lord Jesus has taken the serpent, that old Devil, by the tail and rendered him helpless as far as his keeping us under the bondage of sin is concerned. The children of Israel were more than conquerors over Egypt and we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us (Romans 8:37). The Lord Jesus had taken death by the tail and reduced it to a rod. Our sins were laid upon Him and He cast them far away. He alone can deliver us from that old serpent, the Devil.

There is another beautiful lesson that we may glean from the fact that the rod was turned into a serpent and back into a rod. The lesson is that Israel was upheld as a nation by the power of God (rod) for many long centuries. Israel, in fact, had been upheld by the power of God (rod) until, in the person of Joseph, they had attained unto the position of rule over Egypt. It was then that a King arose who knew not Joseph. It was at this point that the Hebrews were cast down (Continued on page 8, column 5)

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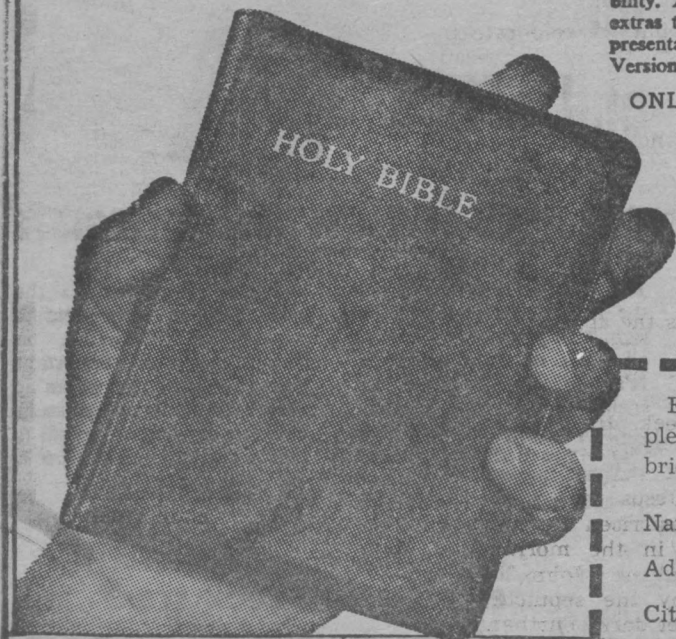
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# Bro. Burket Tells Of His Visits In Navajo Homes

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Dear friends:

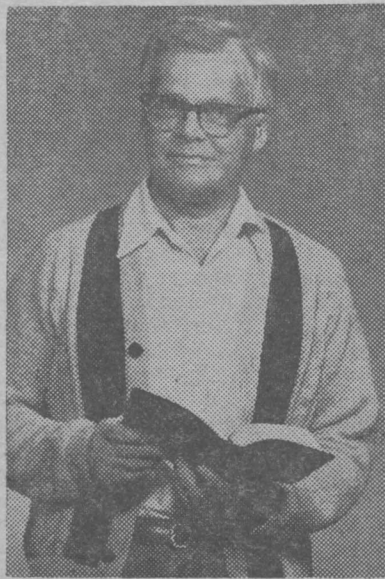
As I begin this report, naturally speaking, I think of more pleasant places in which I would rather be. But to be in the will of the Lord is more important; therefore, I pray that herein we may be content. Chinle, Arizona where we have come to live must be the original "dust bowl." For over two and one-half months there have not been many days in which there has not been terrific winds churning up great clouds of choking sand and dust. You can see these clouds moving across miles of this parched land, making visibility poor and travel dangerous. We thought we had bought an air-tight mobile home but Sister Burket never seems to get ahead of the dust, as it penetrates windows and doors and other places getting into food, clothes and hair. Our skin feels like sandpaper much of the time.

This area and Lukachukai hasn't had any rain to speak of for three years, so we are told. Some of the Navajos tell us that they believe God is holding back the rain because some of them have left their old religion and have gone the white man's way. You can see, this doesn't help us any in trying to get the gospel to these people, as some of the following incidents will bear out.

I have just returned home after spending a time of spiritual refreshment in taking the gospel to some of these people. I say refreshment, because it was a blessing to preach the gospel from house to house in the Lukachukai area for three days. I received physical refreshment as I spent the evenings, nights, and early morning hours camping out in the nearby beautiful pine-clad Lukachukai mountain. It was refreshing to body, mind and nerves, as I slept in the back of the Pickup under the camper shell; being lulled to sleep by the music of

mountain streams. I had no company at these times except for the few planes flying high overhead, and a few vehicles going by on the mountain road. Of course, there were the creatures stirring around in the woods and by the streams, and the birds in the early morning. But mostly, I was alone with God and His natural wonders. The pure mountain air and the pure mountain spring water were added blessings of which I could not seem to get enough.

As at the end of three days I finally covered the most of the village of Lukachukai; I spent the four-day preaching the gospel



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at Wheatfields, twenty miles farther south. This latter village has only a Catholic church.

In my preaching from house to house, not everyone will listen to the gospel. Some walk away, others are too busy, or as one insisted, "I am a Catholic, go to the next house," — anything to get rid of me. But then for others, there is still the language barrier. However, in these few days, most gave me a good hearing and some seemed interested in the Word.

On the first day, a hard looking man came over to the pickup as I drove up to his house. He listened intently as I preached; then, thanked me for bringing him the "good news." A young lady was gracious enough to invite me in; then, listened quietly as I told her about our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ. One young man came out of his house and listened to me over the fence; as I told about One who is powerful to save or powerful to damn. One lady listened outside of her hogan after those inside refused to admit me. I talked to a man and woman standing beside their farm tractor. I spent a little time getting acquainted with them, and then I preached "Jesus" to them. The woman walked away as company approached, but the man heard me out.

This was a beautiful day, with a deep blue sky over head! Although I couldn't see into the third heaven, His glory seemed to abide in my soul! Praise the Lord!

On the second day, I told a lady about One who is Wonderful, as she stood in the doorway of her house, while the men worked in the fields nearby trying to irrigate the parched land. My prayer is that the Lord might have given to her "living water" in this arid "Wilderness of Sin." In this same settlement, a woman came to the door of her home long enough to inform me that she hadn't time either for the gospel or gospel literature. Her excuse was, "I am a Catholic." To use a quotation of a man who I met later this day, who is ensnared in Holy Rollerism (he seems to have some light in his soul), "they all say that they are Catholics; but don't go to that church. They use this as an excuse to stay in darkness, and to die without Christ, as have their people before them."

Next, I gave the gospel to a woman in the front of her house. I pray that the Lord might have

opened her heart; as she seemed to attend unto the things which I spoke. At another home, about one-half mile away, a man came to the back door and heard me out. My only disappointment here was that there were other people in the house, and another man who left by the other door, to whom I didn't get to preach. In the late afternoon, I met a Navajo woman and her husband. These were the leaders of a Holy Roller group that was started some time ago by a "female preacher" from Farmington, New Mexico. This Navajo woman proudly showed me a roster containing the names of 42 people who were the members of her Pentecostal group. She said that the list was not complete, as there must be at least 55 members. She asked me if I had met the man who was with the group that had split from her group, or vice versa. She informed me that this man was looking for someone to teach his group from the Bible. I replied that I would be glad to teach the Word of God to anyone, but that after a little while, I was afraid that they would leave me, as when Jesus taught certain truths, certain disciples left and walked with Him no more. After this saying, she couldn't get rid of me soon enough; but insisted that I go meet the brother with the other group, this very day instead of waiting until the next day. Therefore, I went across the wash to the other side of the village to get acquainted with this other man. I had talked with this brother(?) for a while. He told me that some of these Holiness people were telling lies and he didn't believe this should be a trait of the Lord's people. After he had invited me to sit in on the meeting the next night, I retired to my mountain retreat for the night to ponder concerning what I ought to do about such an invitation as this.

The third morning, I started out by giving the gospel to a young lady in the settlement where the Holy Rollers meet under the direction of her aunt. I next visited an old grandma to whom I had preached twice before. She didn't invite me in this time, saying that she was too busy. But she did take TBE and some other gospel literature.

At noon, the wind began to blow around the sand and powdery soil. And next to Chinle, I believe this is the most dusty place on this huge Indian reservation. In spite of the dust, I continued to try to preach the gospel from house to house. I was successful, however, in preaching to only one more man and his wife, as they came over to my pickup from their humble house, out in the middle of nowhere. I decided to bring the after-

noon to an end by paying a visit to the woman who is confined to a wheelchair. She claims that she is a Christian and we have visited her several times, teaching her the word of God and helping her in what ever little ways we are able. She had been with the Holiness people. I believe they have given her up as she is too crippled to fake a healing.

This day I helped the sister by replenishing her water supply, as her husband had gone off without bringing in any water. I took care of the water situation by transferring 10 gallon to her water container from the 15 gallon drum that I filled before leaving Chinle. One good thing about Chinle, the water isn't bad there, regardless where it comes from. But why drink second best? Whenever I was enjoying pure mountain spring water. Oh, yes, I left over a gallon of spring water in her thermos for her immediate consumption. And after encouraging her from God's word of grace, I left her with an "hagoonee." And I will say goodbye to my readers until the next time, D.V.

P.S. — I am expecting a couple of Baptist preachers and some other Christian friends to pay us a visit in late June or early July. The prospects look good for borrowing a tent for services at that time. Pray for God's blessing.



## Moses And Pharaoh

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to the ground, that is, they were placed under the severe bondage of the Egyptians. However, the time for their deliverance had come, and the Lord assures Moses by the sign of the rod that His people should be oppressed no longer. Thus we behold the serpent being taken by the tail.

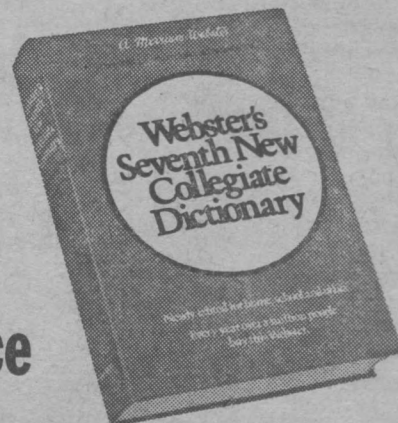
We, in our own day, are observing as the serpent is taken by the tail again in that Israel is back in her own land. We have, as a result of the serpent being loosed, seen millions of Jews die in Germany, but the end of their oppression is now in sight.

Sinner friend, are you under the bondage of sin, even as Israel was under the bondage of the Egyptians. May God grant you the ability to see that you cannot save yourself even as the Israelites could not save themselves from the "iron furnace" of Egypt. God sent Moses to free Israel and God sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to free you.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

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