

Bible Perversion By Funnymentalists Of Big "I" Type

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I have before me a copy of a paper called THE BAPTIST VISION. This paper is edited and published by "Dr." Tom Malone of Pontiac, Michigan. This copy, dated Sept. 15th, had an article by Dr. Malone entitled "WHAT GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER." It is because of the heresy in this article that I entitle my article as above. Surely, there is



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much perversion of God's Word in Mr. Malone's sermon. In the message, Dr. Malone takes some things which he believes God has joined together and expounds on them. I should like to comment on two of these.

Mr. Malone says that the Body of Christ is joined together by the Holy Spirit. By this he re-

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HOME...!

"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no God with me: I kill, and make alive; I wound, and I heal: Neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand."—Deut. 32:39.

"I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: (this is my experience in the hospital twice by anaesthesia) for thou Lord, only makest me dwell in safety."—Psalm 4:8.

"... I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."—Heb. 13:5.

Home, at last!

After three weeks and one day — twenty-two days in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, I am now home, and hoping that I will be improving soon, and able to be about my work.

I have done lots of preaching about mini-skirts, but I have been wearing one during this stay in the hospital. I can truly say I had a hard time to keep my spirits UP and my gown DOWN.

Two times I went under anaesthesia and spent over two hours each time in the recovery room. After the first time, one of the nurses who attended me said that I asked her if I was in the delivery room. I have been made a pin cushion so many times that there is hardly any place left to

put a needle. I am thankful in spite of all the X-rays, operations, examinations, a multitude of enemas and a lot of pain, to be able to be home today dictating this little note.

Over forty years ago I was advised to have an operation on my



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prostate gland and would have done it then if I hadn't gotten mad at the doctor. He made fun of me and without going into detail concerning it, I became infuriated and walked out of his office telling him he would never operate on me. Well, he didn't, but about forty years later another doctor did.

I am told that the prostate gland is about the size of a hen's egg, and he took out of it a tumor that weighed over 2½ lbs., which he said was about the size of a softball. Thank God, it was not malignant. How I have gotten along through these years under the circumstances, I do not know. I only know I have had lots of difficulty and finally it became necessary that the operation be performed. Now that it is in the background, I am grateful to the Lord for His goodness to me. I suffered greatly, my nerves went to pieces, and I truly had a hard time. I am still awfully weak and can't seem to get my strength back. I am writing this on November 29 after having been home from the hospital for three days and though I feel as well as could be expected, I am so weak I can hardly get about.

My whole system apparently was poisoned from the tumor and the doctors had to leave a hole in my tummy for this poison to drain out. In other words, all the incision has been sewed up but a hole

about the size of a nickel which drains constantly. The doctor says that when this poison drains out, and the hole heals, I can expect to begin to feel better.

This experience came at truly an inopportune time. I was just getting ready for Thanksgiving. I had my notes prepared for the dictation of my Thanksgiving letter which never did get written. Brother Jon Rule had been engaged by our church for the services for Thanksgiving week. My first thought was to cancel the meeting. Then I realized that I had felt so keenly that his coming was of the Lord that I suggested to the brethren that they go ahead with the services just the same. I understand that Bro. Rule did some great preaching. Of course, this doesn't surprise me as he is one of the very best of preachers. However, it looked awfully bad for the pastor of the church not to attend a single time, but worse than that to lay up in bed all the time the services were going on. However, I have the assurance that God knows best, that His plans are best, and that all that has happened has been for the best.

It seemed awfully good last Sunday to be able to ride home (Continued on page 8, column 4)

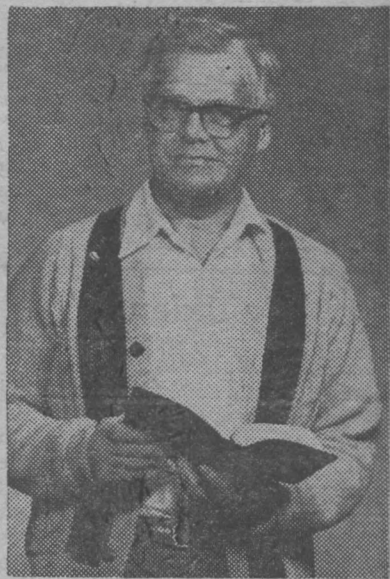
A Most Helpful Message By Bro. Bill Burket

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Dear Friends:

Greetings from Navajo Nation!

I am going to make this report of our mission endeavors quite brief, due to the fact that there is not too much happening of interest to our readers. In the first place, we have been hampered much by the weather in our visitation. From our drought of last spring and summer, we have



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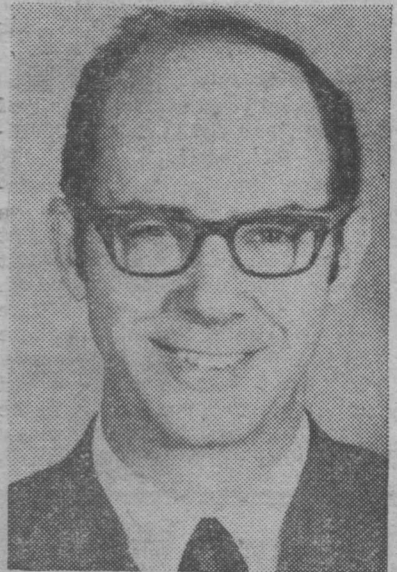
come into so much rain with the accompanying mud, and now snow followed by mud that I just would not feel welcome coming into the peoples' homes with my rubber boots covered with mud up to my knees. It did not matter too much at the first (Continued on page 3, column 5)

Intensely Practical Study In The Practical Book Of James

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"James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting." — James 1:1.

It is important, yea, vital that we be sold on our product before we try to sell it to others. I do



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not mean to infer that James was trying to sell a product, but I do wish to convey the fact that James knew in whom he had believed, and that he was very proud to declare that he was the Lord's servant. James had found a deep well of spiritual light and strength in the Lord Jesus. He, in fact, had found peace that was wider and deeper than all the seas combined.

James, in writing to the "twelve tribes," would have them know that he was not a novice, but one who had drunk deeply of God's glorious grace and mercy. He had followed the Lord's teaching for many long

years and had found the Lord to be as good as His Word. He had been in deep trouble, but he had found the Lord to be a "very present help in trouble." He, with David, had never seen a righteous man, except the Lord Jesus Christ, forsaken; therefore, he was happy to call himself "a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ." He was also more than pleased to recommend Him to the "twelve tribes."

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers (different) temptations." — Jas. 1:2.

James, God's servant with knowledge and experience, gathers the brethren, in a sense of speaking, around himself and says to them — "count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations." This, in fact, was the way in which James counted all of his own temptations. He, no doubt, when he had just begun in the Lord's work, did not count temptation as a thing to rejoice over, but he had grown in grace and knowledge to his present stature. (Continued on page 7, column 5)

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Some have the idea that election includes only so many in every generation as necessary to guarantee the gospel will be received and proclaimed. Others have the notion that, in addition to the elect, room must be made for the "whosoever-wills." Both ideas are false. Election includes all that will ever be saved. The number of the elect is so definite with God that that number can neither be diminished or increased. All the Father gave to the Son in the Covenant of Redemption will come to Him. Only those ordained to eternal life will believe the gospel. Just those chosen to salvation will be sanctified by the Spirit and brought to belief of the truth. Election includes all that ever will be saved, because it includes all that God knew He would save.

THE PURPOSE OF ELECTION

The ultimate end of all God's works is the manifestation of His glory. Proverbs 16:4 says: "The

Lord hath made all things for himself." All things are from Him as to their cause and to Him as to their end. Romans 11:36 declares: "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever." The election of men to salvation is said to be "to the praise of the glory of" God's grace in Ephesians 1:6. His sovereign selection of a people to holiness and happiness glorifies Him by displaying His free grace. Isaiah 43:21



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informs us: "This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise." I Peter 2:9 discloses: "But ye are a chosen generation . . . that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

Romans 9:23 reveals the great end of election is "to make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of his mercy." The salvation of each saint will be to eternity a glorious monument of Divine grace.

God the Father elected a people in eternity past to guarantee (Continued on page 6, column 5)

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"Confidence In Creature Or Creator"

This was to have been Editor Gilpin's Thanksgiving message. The notes on it were prepared several weeks ago. When his recent operation became a reality, he preached it on his last Sunday ere going to the hospital. Since it was preached in the shadow of a tremendous burden, which only he knew about, then it should be of comfort and encouragement to others in times of trials.

"Some trust in chariots, and

some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God."—Psa. 20:7.

This is an interesting text. The subject is horses, and chariots, and the name of God.

Horses and chariots indeed make a splendid spectacle. In themselves, they present an imposing show. With their scythes, spikes, and spears fastened to the tongue of the chariot and to the harness of the horses and the wheels, they were a dreaded war machine. No modern device of

modern warfare today, either on the land or in the air, is more dreaded than the war chariots of David's day.

The nations roundabout had many of these chariots. Every nation neighboring Israel had a large army, and the main weapons which were dreaded most were these horses and chariots. In contrast, the Jews were not allowed to have horses. One of the sins of Solomon was that he had 40,000 stalls of horses, yet (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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"Confidence"

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I say the Jews at large were not allowed horses. They were to depend upon the Lord. All through the Word of God the Jews were encouraged to put their trust in Him rather than in horses and chariots. The following Scriptures will show that the trust of the Jews was supposed to be centered in the Lord Himself:

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."—Prov. 18:10.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."—Prov. 3:5, 6.

"Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence.

They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.

My soul, wait thou only upon God: for my expectation is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.

In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah."—Psa. 62:1-8.

No verses in all the Word of God could teach more plainly that the Jew's dependence was to be in God than these.

Horses and chariots were "an arm of the flesh." It is so much easier to trust in an arm of the flesh than it is to trust God. However, our text shows us that we are to have confidence in the

Creator rather than the creature. In view of this, I ask, how shall we trust Him?

I

WE SHOULD TRUST HIM THAT HIS WORD WILL NEVER FAIL.

Of this we are assured over and over again in the Bible.

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall NOT RETURN UNTO ME VOID, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."—Isa. 55:11.

God's Word shall never fail. It shall prosper as the Lord sends it forth, and irrespective of all that might hinder, it shall accomplish God's purpose.

"For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the TRUTH OF THE LORD ENDURETH FOR EVER. Praise ye the Lord."—Psa. 117:2.

This verse allows no thought that the Word of God shall ever fail. Nothing can take its place. Nothing can destroy it. It shall endure forever. As we attempt to preach His Word realizing that we are not to fall back upon games, gimmicks and stunts, but rather we are to depend upon God's Word, it is indeed comforting to know that His Word will endure forever.

"For ever, O Lord, THY WORD IS SETTLED in heaven."—Psa. 119:89.

It will be an impossibility to destroy the Word of God. The modernists and infidels might gather up all the Bibles within the world and burn them, but the Word of God couldn't be destroyed. One might go into all the libraries and take from them every book which breathes His praise and destroy them. One might go into all the art galleries and destroy every picture which in any wise refers to God and His Word. The same is true of the art museums. All the statuary that in any wise refers to the Lord and His Word might be destroyed. In other words, every vestige of God's truth might perish from the earth, but even then the Word of God couldn't be destroyed. In the light of this text, we know that there is a copy on file in the Registry Office in the sky, and that when all attempts have been made to defeat it, the old Book will still endure.

In the light of the Scriptures which assure us that the old Book is all that we should preach, then surely we should trust Him, knowing that His Word will never fail. Others may trust in horses and chariots, but the Jews trusted in the name of the Lord. Others today may trust in games and gags and gimmicks, but we are to trust in the Lord, knowing that His Word will never fail.

II

WE ARE TO TRUST HIM THAT HIS CHURCH WILL CONTINUE.

Not everything that calls itself a church is a church of the Lord. I do not even recognize all of the so-called Baptist churches as churches of the Lord. I am sure that Satan has a great multitude of so-called churches in this world. In fact, in the book of Revelation, such is referred to as "a synagogue of Satan." The Lord

speaks of them as such.

"Behold, I will make them of THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee."—Rev. 3:9.

Beloved, these synagogues of Satan will all come to naught. There's not one of them but what will fail. There is not one of them but what will come to naught. I thank God though that the church that Jesus built will never fail.

We read:

"Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be ROOTED UP."—Mt. 15:13.

"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall EAT HER FLESH, and BURN HER WITH FIRE."—Rev. 17:16.

This is a reference to the old whore and her harlot daughters. It says that they are going to be completely destroyed. I say then, beloved, these synagogues of Satan will all come to naught.

I thank God today that His church is going to endure. Jesus said:

"I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—Mt. 16:18.

He also said:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the

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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.

I say, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ gave His promise unto an organization that is going to be here within this world throughout all ages. I know this, that it is not going to fail.

Paul said:

"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, WORLD WITHOUT END."—Eph. 3:21.

When this world is no more, when the flames have reached skyward and all the fires of God have burned this world over and everything is destroyed and all vestige of what man has done is gone and God remakes this world, I thank God that the church is still going to be here because we have the promise that His church is going to be here "world without end." I say then, we ought to trust Him.

I go down the street and I see a sign in front of a building saying that this is a church. I go a little farther and I see another sign saying that this is a church. Beloved, it isn't the sign in front of it that makes it a church. Rather, it is what the organization believes that declares whether or not it is a church. I find one that says it is a Baptist church, yet they practice freewillism, and they practice Arminianism. I find that this church practices things that are contrary to the Word. I tell you, beloved, it is not a church. It cannot in any wise be called a church.

When I notice so few churches in this world that are standing

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WORSHIP

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"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the House of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools; for they consider not that they do evil." (Ecclesiastes 5:1).

To worship the Lord in spirit and in truth is a most serious undertaking. Ofttimes we do not consider just how serious it is.

Solomon said to "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the House of God." Jesus said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate . . . because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it." (Matthew 7:13, 14). Our worship services are not held to entertain the world. They should be held for the glory of God. It's pretty hard to understand how clowns, cowboys and ventriloquists add to the glory of God. These days to be a preacher you have to be an ex-something. Either an ex-dope addict, or an ex-football player, or an ex-actor, actually almost anything will do — the worldlier the better.

Solomon gives us what is to be the method of our worship. First, he says that the Word is to be heard. The preaching of the Gospel is to be the focal point of every service. Today we have an abundance of "junior" churches. Since when is it a bad thing for children to hear the Word preached? They don't need fun and games, they need the Word of God.

Then in verse two Solomon says we are not to have hasty hearts but are to consider what the preacher has said. We ought to be careful that we pay attention to what the Lord's man brings before us. We ought never to go to church simply out of habit. Each service, we ought to go expecting a special bless-

ing from the Lord.

Many go to church only to make the sacrifice of fools. The Lord has prescribed the way in which His church is to worship. Gimmicks, games and other worldly amusements are the



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sacrifice of fools. Why waste our time with them when they profit us nothing?

Finally in verse 7 of this 5th chapter we see what the result of our worship is to be: "Fear thou God." The common image of God as an all-loving, pitiful old man with a long beard, who sits in Heaven continuously wringing His hands in anguish over all the sinners He can't stop from going to hell, is not one to make a person very fearful. The idea of a sovereign, all powerful, mighty God working His will in Heaven and earth, on the other hand, is enough to make one fear God. Fear God! Fear Him enough to keep His commands concerning our method of worship. Love God! Love Him enough to worship Him continually.

for the truth, I wonder sometimes about it, and I say, "How can we expect ever to succeed when all the world is going after the things of the flesh, and the gimmicks are all being tried? With all these so-called churches, how can we expect a little group such as we have to amount to anything in the sight of God?" Beloved, I come back and I find that David said, "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." I say to you, we need to remember Him. We need to trust Him as to His church. It will continue in spite of all the things that might interfere.

III

WE NEED TO TRUST HIM THAT THE ELECT WILL ALL BE GATHERED IN.

I say that there are so few of us that preach the truth. I know there are quite a few even at that, but considering the world at large, there are so few that really preach the truth today. I wonder sometimes how God is going to get His elect in — how the Lord is going to get all of His elect garnered in out of this

world.

But He is, beloved. You need not to worry about it, because He said:

"ALL that the Father giveth me SHALL COME TO ME." — John 6:37.

Beloved, I know that out yonder in the last day when God looks over that crowd and counts every one of those that are saved, there will not be a single one that He chose before the foundation of the world but what will be in that number. I know that every one of them are going to be saved because He has promised it.

Notice again:

"He shall see of the travail of his soul, and SHALL BE SATISFIED."—Isa. 53:11.

I know that before the foundation of the world God elected a number to be saved. I know that in time Jesus Christ died for that number that they shall be saved. I know that in the end of time that He is going to look out there and see every one that He chose, and every one that His Son died for. Beloved, He is going to be perfectly satisfied, because every (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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one of them, without exception, is going to be in that number.
Talk about something that thrills my soul and makes me happy and gives me that which causes a joy throughout my entire being, it is when I know that all the elect of God are going to be gathered in, and that God is not going to be defeated. The Devil isn't going to get a single one of God's elect, but rather all the elect of God are going to be saved. In the sweet by and by, they are going to be yonder with the Lord.

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the church at Philippi, makes mention of this very fact, for he said:

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform (finish) it until the day of Jesus Christ."—Phil. 1:6.

Paul said, "I have confidence." "What is that confidence, Paul?"

"I am confident that everyone that God began with, God is going to end with; that everyone that God started to save, He is going to save; that everyone that God chose is going to be yonder in Glory. I have a confidence that He is going to finish that which He hath begun.

I look out and see so many who make professions and fall by the wayside. I see so many who start out in the service of the Lord, but their service never amounts to anything. I say, beloved, I am just wondering about this crowd. His elect though are going to endure.

I come back to my text which says, "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." We'll trust Him that His elect will all be gathered in. Not a one of them will fail to be saved, but all the elect of God are going to be garnered out of this world and gathered unto the Lord in the sweet by and by.

IV

WE SHOULD TRUST THE LORD THAT NOT ONE SAVED ONE WILL BE LOST.

So many people talk in terms of free-will and they speak about how man may be saved today and lost tomorrow. You don't have to go 200 yards off this street but what you will find a church, so-called, that preaches that you can be saved today and lost tomorrow. Within 200 yards of us I say there is a synagogue of Satan that teaches that you can be saved today and lost tomorrow.

Beloved, I turn to the Word of God and I hear Jesus say:

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."—John 10:28,29.

"For I am persuaded, that

neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."—Rom. 8:38,39.

I tell you, beloved, when I read these verses it thrills my soul just to know that not one of God's saved ones is going to fail to be in Heaven. Everyone who is saved — everyone who has come to trust Him as a Saviour is going to be in Heaven, saved and kept saved by the grace of God. As Paul said:

"Who shall also confirm you unto the end."—I Cor. 1:8.

How long is He going to keep us? Unto the end. No wonder then that the Apostle Paul, when he wrote to young Timothy, said:

"For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."—II Tim. 1:12.

Thank God, everyone that God has saved, everyone that has come to see the grace of God that Jesus Christ died for all his sins, everyone who has seen that truth that the Son of God on the cross of Calvary paid for in full his sin debt — I say everyone of these is going to be in Heaven after while. We should trust Him that not one that He has saved is going to ever fail to reach Heaven.

V

WE ARE TO TRUST HIM THAT ALL OF OUR PROBLEMS WILL REDOUND TO HIS GLORY.

I am sure you have your problems and you wonder sometimes why those problems come, and why those difficulties are yours, and why you have so many burdens. I am satisfied that there is not a one of us but what have our problems and difficulties and we wonder why it is that these things come. I turn to God's Word and I read:

"Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground; Yet man is born unto trouble, as these sparks fly upward."—John 5:6,7.

"And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of?"—Judges 6:13.

I am satisfied there has been many a day in your life when you have sat down and thought about your burdens and problems. You have said, "Lord, if you are with us, why then has all this befallen us?" I am sure that there has been many a time that you have said, "Where are the miracles which the fathers told us of?" I am sure that has been your experience, just as it has been mine. I am certain that you have wondered sometimes, "Oh, is the final analysis going to be for the glory of God?"

Listen again:

"Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the proud happy: yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered."—Mal. 3:14,15.

Has that been your experience? Have you said, "What profit is it that we serve the Lord? We have tried our best. All through the years we have done our best to serve the Lord, and what profit do we have now?"

Beloved, I look around and I see even those that work wickedness are delivered. What profit is it to me that I have tried to serve the Lord? We wonder about it. We wonder about these problems, and difficulties, and trials and burdens. Beloved, we are to trust Him that all the problems will redound to His glory.

I hear Jesus say: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."—John 14:1.

I find Paul saying: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."—Rom. 8:28.

Job said: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him."—Job 13:15.

I say, beloved, we are to trust the Lord in spite of all the problems, that those problems will redound to the glory and the honor of God.

Don't you have the experience sometimes, when you say, "I just might as well quit." I am sure we all do. As the poet has said:

"I want to let go, but I don't let go.
I am sick, it is true, and discouraged and blue,
Worn through and through, but I won't let go.

I want to let go, but I won't let go,
Though joys are all flown, life hath left me alone;
For bread there's a stone, but I won't let go.

I want to let go, but I won't let go,
There is work to be done, a race to be run,
A crown to be won; and I won't let go.

I want to let go, but I won't let go,
There are battles to fight by day and by night,
For God and the right, and I won't let go.

I want to let go, but I won't let go,
I never will yield. What! lie down on the field
And surrender the shield? No, I won't let go.

I want to let go, but I won't let go.
Be this ever my song: 'Against legions of wrong,
O God make me strong, that I may never let go.'

I say, beloved, people can trust in chariots and they can trust in horses, but David said, "I'll remember the name of the Lord my God." Certainly we need to trust Him, that all the problems we have will redound to the glory of God.

VI

WE NEED TO TRUST THE LORD THAT ULTIMATELY HE IS GOING TO REIGN.

I am not expecting victory here within this world. I am not expecting honor and glory within this life. I do expect that ultimately we are going to reign with the Lord Jesus Christ.

When Paul was talking about the resurrection, he said:

"For he must reign."—I Cor. 15:25.

Problems may arise and difficulties may come, but thanks be unto God, He must reign.

Listen again:

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and HE SHALL REIGN for ever and ever."—Rev. 11:15.

"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."—Rev. 19:6.

Beloved, we need to trust Him that ultimately He is going to reign.

Roundabout, are preachers that do not preach the truth, but they have a big following. The churches roundabout do not stand for the truth and it looks like they are being blessed. We who believe in sovereign grace look roundabout at the little churches that we have, and we say, "Surely the Lord hasn't blessed us like He has blessed these, but I am not going to trust in horses, and I am not going to trust in chariots, but I am going to remember the name of the Lord my God." Out yonder, after a while, in the final analysis, some of these days He is going to reign.

I don't know of anything that brings more joy than to know that things are going to be better some of these days than they are now. As the song says:

"I hear it singing, singing sweetly,
Softly in an undertone;
Singing as if God had taught it,
'It is better further on.'

Night and day it sings the same song,
Sings it while I sit alone,
Sings it so the heart can hear it,
'It is better further on.'

Sits upon the grave and sings it,
Sings it when the heart would groan,
Sings it when the shadows darken,
'It is better further on.'

Further on! how much further?
Count the milestones one by one?
No, no counting, only trusting,
'It is better further on.'

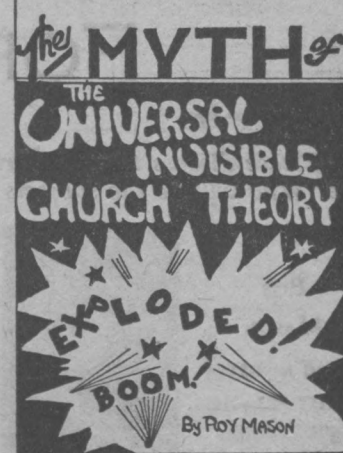
CONCLUSION

I say to you, beloved, we ought to trust Him. While others may trust in their figurative horses and chariots — while others may look at their success in the world, we ought to remember the name of the Lord our God. That name is a precious name. Oh, how precious it is unto the believing child of God, and how wonderful it is for the believer to know that there is power in that name! To that unsaved one who is here, I would say:

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."—Acts 4:12.

Do I speak to someone who says, "Brother Gilpin, I am inclined to believe that what you have said today is true, that we are to trust the Lord. But I am

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so young. I'll wait until I get older and I'll trust Him then." What does the Word say?

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."—Eccl. 12:1.

Might it please God to help you in your youth to begin to trust the Lord. Don't have confidence in the preacher, but have your confidence placed in the Creator Himself. May He save you and add you to this body this morning.

May God bless you!



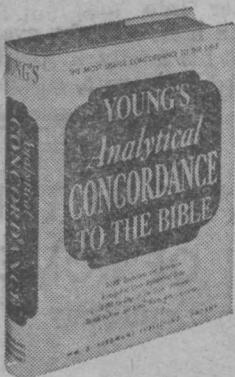
Burket's Report

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place that we worked at, as some of the people still had dirt floors in their homes. For example, the other day I visited a low-rent housing settlement in Chinle passing out T.B.E. and other gospel literature. It was bad enough wading through the mud to get to the houses, but about half way through my visitation, a couple of huge dogs began to wipe their muddy paws all over the front of my coat. They didn't give me the impression that they were trying to be friendly neither. The message that I received was, "Don't come any closer, Bud, that is far enough."

I haven't been turned away too often by the dogs, but I do remember one other occasion. There was this huge dog that just seemed to sense that I was a Baptist preacher and like he had really made his mind up that I was not going to give the gospel to the mistress of the house, who turned out to be as friendly (?) as the dog whenever she answered my knock on the door. This Navajo lady had turned Roman Catholic, and it seems that when ever one of these Indians gets serious about Catholicism that "the last state of that man is worse than the first" as recorded in Matthew 12:43-45. (Continued on page 5, column 2)

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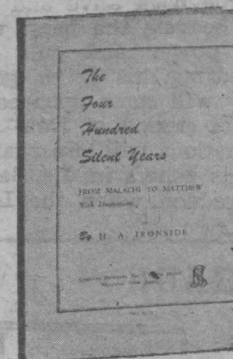
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The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"Please discuss the great tribulation. Will anybody come out alive? Who will be the subjects of the millennial kingdom?"

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The Great Tribulation is that dreadful period of time that shall come at the end of this present age. It will be unparalleled in all human history. Jesus said, (Matt. 24:21) "Then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." The questioner wants to know if anybody shall come out alive. I am glad I have the answer to that question. Jesus said in Matt. 24:22, "And except these days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved, but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Yes, people will come out alive — many of them — but were it not for the intervention of God, all would perish.

The Great Tribulation will come during the last half of the 70th week of Daniel — that astonishing time described in the amazing 9th chapter of Daniel. Anti-Christ will have ruled the earth during the first half of the week, and he and his followers will certainly be in for a time during the Tribulation. The Tribulation will come AFTER BELIEVERS ARE CAUGHT AWAY AT THE TIME OF THE RAPTURE. Some argue so vehemently in favor of the saints going through the Tribulation, that sometimes I feel that these arguers ought to be allowed to have that experience. God will send the most awful plagues upon the people of this earth. Would he send these things upon His own beloved people? No, for we are "not appointed unto wrath."

Some believers will suffer, but they will be those who are saved during the Tribulation. Those who would not turn to Christ when they might have escaped such. We know that people shall be saved during that time, for John saw a great host, and they said, "We are they who have come out of Tribulation. The Great one (proper translation) and have washed our robes . . . in the blood of the Lamb." (Read Rev. 7:9-17).

During the Tribulation the Jewish race will be almost destroyed. (Read Zech. 13:8-9). Christ's return with His people will save the rest of the race, and will cause them to turn unto Him. (Read Zech. 14).

The questioner asks, "Who will be the subjects of the Millennial Kingdom?" Let us first take into consideration the fact that there will be a tremendous reckoning when Christ returns with His people. This will end the Battle of Armageddon, and the vast army mustered by Anti-Christ,

shall perish. Then there will be a reckoning time for the inhabitants of the earth, as described in Matt. 25:31-46. The lost shall be eliminated from the earth (v. 46). That will leave several classes of people to inherit the Millennial reign.

1—The host of redeemed ones that Christ brings with Him. Many of them shall hold positions of rulership. The apostles for instance, shall rule Israel. Don't you remember that passage where Jesus spoke to them and said, "In the regeneration (make new of things of earth) ye shall sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

2—There will be those saved during the Tribulation, who were not martyred, and live on the earth.

3—Then there will perhaps be a great host of God's elect who will receive Christ upon His return. Zechariah foretells the turning of the Jews to Christ, when He returns.

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We have many different ideas regarding the tribulation period. Some believe that we are now living in this period, while others believe that it is already past. Frankly, I cannot accept either position. I believe that the Lord must come in the air after His saints before this period. After the rapture the tribulation period begins. "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." (Matt. 24:21-22). After this period there will appear signs in the heavens, the sun will be darkened, moon giving no light, stars falling, and so on. This has not yet happened and so I do not believe the great tribulation has taken place.

During this period the Lord will open the seven vials which releases God's wrath upon earth as described in Revelation Chapters 6 and 7. The great tribulation period will last 7 years. The first three and one-half years will witness the persecution and final death of the two witnesses. After these two witnesses come back alive and are taken to heaven, the beast will arise in power and rule the world. During his reign great prosperity will come upon earth for a brief period of time and then all nations will rise against Israel. This ushers in the Battle of Armageddon when the Lord

brings His army from heaven and destroys the armies of the world. After this battle the Lord will sit on the throne of David in Jerusalem and reign for a thousand years. (See Rev. 20). Christ will reign with His saints. During this time the mortal of earth will be reigned over by the immortal. Some find it hard to accept this, but since that is the way it is described in Revelation 20, I do not find it a bit hard to believe.

Following the thousand year reign Satan will be loosed for a season and then cast into Gehenna for eternity, the unsaved dead will be resurrected and the living unsaved will be brought before God in the final judgment.

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Space in the Forum would not permit even a short discussion of the awful time known as the great tribulation. It would require writing a book to discuss it thoroughly. In fact, more than one hundred pages of my book "Let's Study Revelation" are given over to a study of this awful time.

So let it suffice in this very limited space to say the great tribulation will be the most terrible time this old world has ever known. And according to Jer. 30:7 it is to be the time of Jacob's trouble. In verse 4 all this concerns Israel and Judah the two nations of the Jews. Then in Dan. 12:1 Daniel's people (the Jews) are the only ones mentioned in connection with this terrible troublous time.

I am convinced that the great tribulation will be felt to some extent throughout the civilized world. But I am also convinced that the real trouble in those days will be experienced in what is known as the Bible lands, and especially in Israel. In Mt. 24:15 we do not see the old antichrist standing in the infamous United Nations; rather he is standing in the holy place, the temple in Jerusalem. And if you notice, our Lord did not say in verse 16 for those in America to flee to the Rockies, rather He says for those in Judea (the land round about Jerusalem) to flee to the mountains. And just as Christ came only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Mt. 15:24). I am persuaded that the antichrist will be concerned mostly with the Jews. The first beast of Rev. 13 will, as I see it, be the ruler of the revived Roman Empire, and the second one will be the antichrist with his headquarters in Jerusalem.

The object of Satan's utter hatred in this age is our Lord's true churches. But before the great tribulation begins the saints will all be raptured out of the world, therefore, there will be no true churches for him to hate and persecute. However, even though many Baptists in our day believe that God is through with the Jews, he knows full well that the blindness on the part of the Jews is to last only until the full quota of the Gentiles have been brought into the fold, Rom. 11:25. He also knows full well that at that time God will take away the sins of the Jews (Rom. 11:27) and they will again be the object of His love and favor. So he now vents his ire against the Jews. As you know, anything that God is for, he is against.

When this time comes, God will permit Satan to give all the power and authority that he has been permitted to have, along with even his throne, to these two beasts in Rev. 13, verses 2 and

12. And since these two are the ruler of the revived Roman Empire and the antichrist, and since their sphere of operation will be in the Roman Empire, and especially in Jerusalem, and since they are the very incarnation of old Satan, they will hate what he hates, Rev. 12:13-17. So it goes without saying that the greater part of the suffering connected with the tribulation will take place in Israel. The Jews asked for it in Mt. 27:25, and they will get it.

There will be plenty of people come out of the great tribulation alive. What we see in Mt. 25:31-46 certainly takes place after that awful time has come to an end. In verse 31 we read, "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory." The following verses tell us that all nations are to be brought before Him to be judged according to the way they have treated His brethren (The Jews). The nations that have persecuted the Jews are to no longer exist as nations, but the nations that have befriended the Jews will enter into that glorious reign of our Lord. Even in the new earth we see in Rev. 21:24 these nations bringing their honor and glory into the holy city. Our translation says, "the nations of them which are saved," but the phrase "of them which are saved" is not in the original, nor in any other translation that I know of.

Besides these nations who are in the flesh just as you and I are today there will be the Jews very much in the flesh. In Gen. 17:8, 48:3-4 we find that God has given the land of Canaan to the Jews as an everlasting possession. And in Ezek. 37:21-24 God says He will bring Israel and Judah together as one nation again. And then in verse 25 He says they, their children, and their children's children are to live in that land forever. When God has taken away their sins there will no longer be any condition attached to these promises.

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The Tribulation period is so called because of the affliction, sorrow, pain, distress and tribulation of the inhabitants of this earth as our Lord judges and cleanses it of sin and sinners. Jesus, in describing the terrible-ness of this time, said, "And except those days (Tribulation Period) should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Matt. 24:22.

Therefore this period of time shall be shortened to seven years at which time Christ shall remove all unregenerate sinners from His property (world).

"Behold the day of the Lord

cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it." Isa. 13:9.

The Lord, in exhorting His church (Baptist), told her, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." — Matt. 5:5. Brethren, for the meek to inherit the earth there definitely must be some changes made. Satan and his followers are at this present time camped upon the inheritance of the meek. The meek do not have the power to evict this squatter (Satan) from their inheritance. There is only one who can conquer him and that is our shepherd (Jesus Christ.) Heaven was searched, as well as earth, for one who was worthy to take Satan from off the earth, and to redeem it, and that one is no other than the Lamb of God. Please read Rev. 5:1-10.

The book which our Saviour took from the hand of God was the title deed to this earth. The seals reveal the requirements which must be met in order to redeem it, (removal of Satan, sinners, and cleansing of the earth) ere the saints can occupy that which is rightly theirs. It will require seven years to complete the redemption of the earth, and to make an end of sin, and bring in everlasting righteousness.

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation, for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy." Dan. 9:24.

The judgments under the seven seals will be terrible. In fact, the vengeance of God as meted out under these seals will result in changes of the earth, and not only the earth, but the Heavens (first and second) will roll back as a scroll and they shall be changed. Brethren, I believe the final result of the judgments during the day of the Lord (Tribulation Period) will result in a new heaven and a new earth.

The last act of our mighty redeemer in cleansing the earth will be the destruction of the remainder of the unregenerate persons. He calls this Armageddon. When this battle is over, all sinners will have been removed. The Lord did this one time before in the days of Noah when every sinner was removed, leaving eight righteous souls to re-populate the earth.

"Which sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." I Pet. 3:20.

There will be many more than eight souls live through the tribulation. The Lord has promised to bring a third of Israel out of these judgments. Read Zech. 13:8. The saved nations which are described in Matt. 25:31-46 will also have passed through the tribulation, and these nations will consist of many thousands who will enter into the Millennial reign in a natural body, even as Noah and his family endured the

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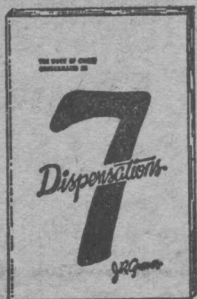
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"SPIRITUAL UPS AND DOWNS"

We all have spiritual ups and downs. Sometimes we call them mountain tops and valleys, or victory and defeat, or growing in grace or disgrace. Whatever the name, it is common to us all and therefore, worthy of consideration. Sometimes we speak flippantly about our low ebb of spiritual awareness with a shrug of the shoulders. That shrug is mute testimony to the seriousness of our condition. Let's look at some of the "downs" in the Scriptures and perhaps the Lord will teach us and lift us "up."

In the Bible, Egypt is a type of the world. We never see anyone going "up" to Egypt, it is always "down." Abraham went "down" to Egypt (Gen. 12). Joseph was carried "down" to Egypt (Gen. 31). Isaiah says, "Woe to them that go 'down' to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord" (31:1). Yes, we are warned about going "down."

Jesus told about a man that went "down" from Jerusalem to Jericho. This man left Jerusalem (the city of God) and went "down" to Jericho (the city of the curse.) When Joshua conquered Jericho, he burned the city and placed a curse on the man who would rise up to build it. "Cursed be the man before the Lord, that riseth up and buildeth this city, Jericho; he shall lay the foundation thereof in his first-born, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it" (Josh 6:26). Joshua warned that if any man dared to rebuild the city, his oldest son would die when the foundation was dug, and when the city was finished, and that last gate hung, his youngest son would die. In the face of such a dreadful curse there was a man who dared to rebuild Jericho. We read of the fulfillment of the curse in I Kings 16:34. The man that Jesus tells us went "down", fell immediately into trouble. He was stripped of everything he had—his money, clothing, dignity, and

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almost his life. Yes, there is only sorrow ahead for us when we start going "down."

Jonah is another example of a person going "down." The Lord told Jonah to "Arise, (up) and go to Nineveh." Instead, Jonah hastened to go "down" to Joppa. When he got there, he found a boat and went "down" into it (v. 3). After he went into the ship, he went "down" into the sides of it (v. 5). We see Jonah being thrown down into the sea. Then the great fish swallowed him and he was down in the fish's belly. It would be hard to imagine anyone being farther "down" than that. Sometimes that is where the Lord has to bring us before we will look "up." It wasn't till Jonah was in the depths of the fish's belly that he prayed. "THEN, Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly" (2:1). In verse 6 he says, "I went 'down' to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me forever: yet hast Thou brought 'up' my life from corruption, O Lord my God."

What then, Ladies, is our answer when we find ourselves "down." There is only one way to look and that is "up." Just before the battle of Jericho, Joshua lifted "up" his eyes and saw the Lord, the Captain of the Host, would win the battle for Israel. Even so — we must "lift up" our eyes if we would see Jesus. The Psalmist put it this way, "My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer to Thee, and will LOOK UP."

There are several warning signs that tell us we are on the road "down." We find ourselves reading our Bibles hastily and not having any true joy in it. Our mind wanders during our prayer time or we find it doesn't bother us to miss prayer a day or two or even more. Our tongues are quick to speak critically of our sisters in Christ. Yes, there are many warnings. May it please the Lord to give us grace to heed them. Oh, that we might say with Micah, "Therefore, will I look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me" (7:7). I'm sure we would find our valleys fewer, our defeats less, and our joys immeasurable.

Burket's Report

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Anyhow, I thought that the Lord had given me dying grace and I was going to try to reach this woman one more time with the gospel at a later date. The dog was so ferocious on this occasion that I soon lost all dying grace and decided to get out of there in a hurry, and to go on living even if this woman wanted to use Catholicism as an excuse to die and go to hell. Why I would not try to preach to her again with that dog around even if I knew she were one of the elect!

We are thankful to our God and to our friends, in that our income has increased a little since our last report. We have gone a little further in the red though as we needed parts or repairs for our vehicles; and I could not put it off any longer, I just had to buy some clothing for the family. I suppose we are all in the same boat, in that inflation has been a problem that we all are facing and shall continue to face until Jesus comes.

Another reason for being brief in my report, is that I am going to bring you a message at this time, whenever I have more time than money. I preached this message some time ago to a small group to whom I had ministered to for over a year and had hopes that they would be organized as a Baptist church. Some professed to be saved and just came to services whenever they felt like it, and some believed in tithing but didn't tithe. Well, I just gave up on that kind of people as ever being Baptists. And now to my message which I have entitled:

GOD OVERTHROWS H. E. W.

This old religious world that knows not the God of the Bible,

and that hates the Christ of God is ever trying or promising to bring about a Utopia, without the Prince of Peace. And without the anointing of God's Spirit, anyone can be deceived into thinking that this old world is getting better. But by God's Spirit and according to His Word, we know that it is getting worse and will culminate in the judgment of God known as the great tribulation.

With each decade or change of government, godless man comes up with new plans expressed in glowing slogans, such as—"Make the world safe for democracy," "The New Deal," and "The Great Society." In the sixties, it was ecumenicalism with the pope and Catholicism so high and lifted up that even I was about tempted to bow down and worship, particularly, due to the fact that I had been born and raised in this system. But the same anointing that will keep the elect of God from taking the mark of the beast during the great judgment of God on

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this corrupt, godless but religious world, spoke to me as the apostle John was rebuked in Revelation 22:9. "See thou do it not: worship God." Yes, anyone who is a member of the Lord's church (Baptist) will be so enlightened by the Comforter to know that the pope—the unholy father, and Catholicism is still anti-God, anti-Christ, and anti-Holy Spirit. And Protestantism or the harlot daughters are bedfellows with their mother the great whore, Romanism.

Also during the sixties the poverty plan with the welfare cadillac was initiated: desegregation or brotherhood was legislated, and space exploration came into its own. Anyone with just a little spiritual understanding knows that these are just steps towards the ideology of godless communism.

The Russians said that they did not see any Jesus Christ, whenever they had gone into space a little ways, and, therefore, He did not exist. But in spite of the fact that America read the Bible in space, still the most that is heard about space exploration in the good old U.S.A., is that they are trying to find out how the universe came into existence. If they had read and believed their Bibles, they could have saved billions of dollars and we would have more meat and potatoes on our tables.

Now with the birth of the seventies a new word, ecology, is born. This humble Baptist preacher must admit that he did not know that such a word was in the dictionary until this time. And with this word coming into prominence, we are promised that air pollution and earth pollution will be done away with, bringing pure air, pure water, health, happiness, and harmony. Look up this word ecology in your dictionary. You are going to be hearing a lot about it. It has raised up a great army of evangelists. The old Indian religion and that of the Pharisees is the same. Wash the outside of the

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cup; heal our bodies, feed us, clothe us; but let us keep our darling sins. But we will not have this man, the Christ of God, to rule over us.

Man's saviour is summed up in the letters H. E. W. (Health, Education, and Welfare). But in the meantime a sovereign God is calling out a people to the praise of His wonderful grace, and letting this merry old religious world sleep in the lap of Satan until the time is ripe to bring destruction on this whole Satanic system.

How is it all going to end? How will man's plans fare? Let us look to God's Book and see. The religious Christ-rejecting crowd has always hated God's blood-washed saints from Abel who was slain by his brother Cain, up until the popes and his crowd who in their hey day murdered millions of Baptists. And the bloodshed isn't over yet. But in Rev. 6:9, 10 we have God's blood bought ones crying out for God to "judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth."

In Rev. 8:7-13 we have the record of man's plans beginning to fail by the judgment of their great enemy the Lamb, who is none other than Almighty God who is at that time polluting man's pure streams and air. Verse 8 — "and the third part of the sea became blood." Verse 11 "And the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter."

What about man's health plan? With all their great heart, kidney and liver transplants, they think more of physical life than of spiritual or eternal life. Oh, man is willing to live for ever! Just take away poverty, sickness, and death and the natural man would be content to live on this earth forever as long as he could have his sins. I remember a few years back, whenever I worked in the Veterans Hospital with the sick and battered bodies. There was a Jewish doctor who was quite elated because he said they were able to freeze a body in a sort of suspended animation. And that one could then be brought back to life years or hundreds of years later. There was only one fly in his ointment. He would have to return in the same old body. But we must go on, as to man's health and longevity plans.

In Rev. 9:1-6 we have man's health plan beginning to be overthrown by the Lamb who is also the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. And whether it is physical health which is threatened as Brother Willard Willis believes, or mental health or spiritual as Brother E. G. Cook expounded, we have in verse 6, "And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them." I, for one, know that the Catholic religion was a good one to live by, one time, because one could enjoy his sins and still have religion. But in World War II, God began to show me that it would be a poor religion to die by.

In Rev. 9:14, 15, 18, 20, 21 we have Almighty God bringing man's peace plans to nothing. Verse 18. "By these three was the

third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths."

In Rev. 11:3 we find God still whacking away at man's religious education, although sinners are given a respite in Rev. 11:10 to have one last Christmas fling. "And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth."

Do I torment you, whenever I tell you that Christmas was started by Satan and not by Christ. Then, I am afraid that you are still in darkness.

With Rev. 15:1 we have the seven last plagues in which is filled up the wrath of God. In Rev. 16 man's water supply is completely polluted by blood. And the verdict of heaven in Rev. 16:6 is, "For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy."

In Rev. 17 and 18, we have the judgment of all false religions which will have combined under one great Roman Catholic religion-politico system. And what will the verdict of heaven be? Read Rev. 19:1-4, "For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand."

Who will escape these things? Rev. 1:5 "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." Read Rev. 5:9; 7:14; 12:11.

After I had preached this message the first time, a certain young lady said, "Mother, he preached against every thing that I was beginning to believe in." I hope it will not be so with you, but that the true and living God will make it a blessing to you. I know it will be a blessing to those who are waiting for the return of God's Blessed Son.

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flood and entered into a new era in a natural body.

Thus, the subjects during the Millennial reign shall be Israel and the saved nations. Also, there will arise during the Lord's reign many sinners. The sinners will be the children who will be born to those whom Christ spared in the Battle of Armageddon.

These children will be conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity because through the veins of those who enter into the Millennial Reign in a natural body will flow the sinful blood of Adam. This blood will be given at conception to their offsprings. Thus, they shall be in need of regeneration the same as the children of this age. These children will make up the great host whom Satan shall gather together at the close of the Millennium to attack the Holy City.

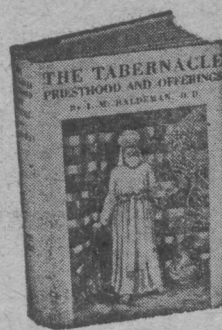
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Perversion

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fers to what would be called the universal invisible church. Of such a church, it is self evident: (1). It is not joined together. (2). It is not by the Holy Spirit. Of this body Mr. Malone says: "That bride of the Lord Jesus, that blood washed group of people... that mystical thing... that group of truly saved people... When one gets saved... the Lord takes that one and the Holy Spirit takes that one and He baptizes you into that body... I was a member of that Body before I ever became a member of a Baptist Church." Along with this heresy, Mr. Malone says: "I am a Baptist by choice... I am a Baptist because I believe that when you say Baptist... it means something." We see here that Mr. Malone certainly believes in the universal invisible church, and he tells us later that this is true. Well, a man cannot be a sound Baptist and believe the universal church tommyrot. Mr. Malone seeks to use I Cor. 12:27 to prove his heresy. Well, that passage tells us that the church of God at Corinth was a body of Christ, I Cor. chapter 12 is very explicit in its teaching that the church is a body, and that there is one body, and that there is a resemblance between a human body and a true church. Now this could not apply to a universal invisible body which has one member here, one in Turkey (as Mr. Malone says), and other members elsewhere. When the Holy Spirit tells us that the church is a body, He is surely telling us that the church is local and visible. The word body would make no sense at all applied to a universal invisible monstrosity.

Note the following proofs that the church spoken of in I Corinthians is a local visible church.

- (1). It was located in the city of Corinth, 1:2.
- (2). There were divisions in it, 1:10,11.
- (3). It is called the temple of God, 3:16,17.
- (4). It is told to exercise discipline in ch. 5.
- (5). It could come together in one place, 11:20.
- (6). It could observe the Lord's Supper, 11:23-30.
- (7). The women were to have their heads covered in the assembly, 11:10.
- (8). The women were not to speak therein, 14:34.
- (9). It was entered by Baptism, 12:13.
- (10). It was a complete body of Christ, 12:27.

(11). Gifts were to be exercised in its meetings, 14:23.

(12). Tithes and offerings were to be placed therein, 16:2.

All these arguments prove that Paul was talking about a local visible church. All believers make up the family of God, but they are not joined together into one church. Mr. Malone completely misunderstands the New Testament teaching about the Lord's church.

What I really desire to deal within this article is Mr. Malone's perversion of the glorious doctrine of election. He closes his sermon by saying that God's election and foreknowledge are joined together. By this Mr. Malone means that God foreknew who would believe in Jesus, and then because of that, elected him to be saved. Mr. Malone says these are joined together by God. This is outright untruth. The Bible does not teach any such heresy as Malone sets forth under this point, Mr. Malone says:

"There is a group of people in this country and we call them Hyper-Calvinists and they think whatever is going to happen is going to happen without our efforts. They think souls will be saved whether we win them or not. And they are fatalists. They believe that man has no will and a sovereign God manipulates man as if he were a robot."

Now there may be some few people in this country who believe such as Mr. Malone sets forth. I doubt it. But, Malone has most certainly misrepresented the position of the vast majority of those he has attacked in this statement. We are not hyper-calvinists and Malone knows it. We, who believe in what are commonly called the "Five Points," believe in what has come to be historically called by the nickname of Calvinism. Malone knows this and his lying Arminian friends know this. They simply do not like to admit that they are Arminians, they want to call themselves "modified calvinists," and so they deliberately lie about, and misrepresent, those of us who believe in the doctrines of grace. The term hyper is simply a smear tactic which is unworthy of one who wants to present the truth.

We do not believe God manipulates man as a robot. We believe that God works within His elect, giving them a new nature, and this new nature immediately manifests itself in the exercise of repentance and faith. We do believe that man has a will, (So

Malone lied to us as to this). But we believe that man's will is a part of his totally depraved nature, and he cannot choose contrary to that nature.

Mr. Malone says;

"The Bible is a 'whosoever will' book."

Well, this is certainly true, and we Calvinists certainly believe this. But will Mr. Malone tell us what happens to the whosoever won'ts? And will Mr. Malone tell us how people of whom Jesus said, "you will not come to me," are made willing to come to Jesus Christ for salvation? A "whosoever will" invitation, without an irresistible power which makes unwilling souls willing, is utterly unable to save one individual of lost mankind. Yes, God invites "whosoever will," but, thank God, He does more than this. He makes His people

my salvation—one against my salvation. Only one other person can vote and that is me... and I vote with Jesus'... that settles it forever... and that is true."

Now, brethren, really! Does that sound like the doctrine of the Bible? Does that sound like the doctrine of true Baptist Churches? I have never read more rank heresy on the subject of election than this. Where does the man get "there are three that vote"? The Bible teaches that election is of God and that it took place before the foundation of the world and that the names of the elect were written down in the Lamb's book of life before the foundation of the world. Look at this explanation that is so highly commended by Mr. Malone. Where was the Devil—where was man when this election took place? Neither devil or man was in existence at the time of God's eternal election. Do you see what this theory does? It makes the devil as big as God, for the devil's vote cancels out Jesus' vote. It makes man bigger than God or the devil because man casts the deciding vote. Well, I have long believed and contended that the devil and man is bigger than the god of the Arminian. Poor little Tom Malone and his poor little Jesus. For surely, that Jesus who is canceled out and defeated by the devil and man is not the sovereign, Almighty Jesus of the Bible who "shall save His people from their sins."

I want to point out again and with emphasis, that Mr. Malone's theology is based on big man, and glory to man. You see, the difference between the saved and lost in Mr. Malone's doctrine is all up to man. Jesus votes for everyone, but then is defeated by the devil's vote against everyone, and it is all left up to man. If Mr. Malone would believe what the Bible teaches about the dead and depraved condition of man, he would not talk about leaving it all up to the vote of man. After all, a dead man can't vote in any election.

This Tom Malone is pastor of (I assume) a large church. He is president of a Baptist (?) college. Yet, here is one of the weakest, most unscholarly, most unscriptural, most blasphemous, and heretical statements I have ever heard or read relative to election. I would that Tom Malone would read Baptist History. I would that he would read the sermons of great Baptists of the past. I would that he would read Baptist Confessions of Faith. I would that he would come out in his paper and admit that he has taught directly contrary to Spurgeon, Gill, Bunyan, Broadus, Boyce, Carroll and other Baptists of days gone by. I wish he would admit that he has gone contrary to the great Baptist Confessions. I would that he would admit that what he teaches is not Baptist—not by the widest stretch of the imagination. Let him hold his beliefs as he desires. But let him not claim to be a Baptist while he holds them.

Mr. Malone has, of course, mis-

understood and perverted the Bible usage of the word "foreknow" in order to support his heresy. He uses Romans 8:29 and I Pet. 1:2 to support his heresy. Why does Mr. Malone not admit that Romans does not say "what" God foreknew, but "whom" God foreknew. There is a difference. God foreknew "what" about all men, and so if that is what Romans 8:29 means, all would be saved. But God foreknew "whom", as to his foreknowing them in love. As Adam knew his wife in a relationship of love, so God foreknew His own in an eternal relationship of love, and predestinated these foreknown and foreloved ones to eternal salvation. They are elect according to the fact that God knew them in love before the world began. If Mr. Malone will check the word know and foreknow in his concordance, he will easily see the truth of the matter. Ah, but then he would lose his pet heresy, and would lose his man-glorifying doctrine, and would probably lose his school and church.

Well, here is your election because God knew you were going to be saved anyway. Here is your election by man casting the deciding vote. You can have them both. I know my own heart. I know the depravity of man. I know the Scripture too well to want anything to do with an election like this. I will just stand by the Bible doctrine of God's unconditional election of some from among fallen mankind—electing before the world began—following that with the effectual death of Christ for the elects' sins—and with the irresistible working and keeping of the Holy Spirit. It takes the glory from man and gives it all to God. But it works out to the salvation of an innumerable multitude. God bless you all.

Sovereign Selection

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that the sufferings of Christ would not be in vain. Without election the death of Christ could have been in vain. Arminians believe Christ died so all men could have a chance to be saved. They do not believe the death of Christ within itself saved a single person unless that person wills to let the Lord save him. This means that all men could be lost even though Christ died for them, since it is possible that all men could have rejected Christ.

Work-mongers make a meritorious faith the actual cause of salvation, not the death of Jesus Christ. If they are correct in this position, then faith is man's saviour, not Jesus Christ. According to them faith can do what the death of Jesus Christ failed to do. Arminian Baptists who teach salvation by a meritorious faith are first cousins to the water salvationists. I would just as soon believe that a man must be baptized to be elected of God as to believe that a man must

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willing in the day of His power. Ah, but Mr. Malone wants to leave it up to man, so "good old man" will have something to glory in.

Mr. Malone says:

"You are not predestinated to go to heaven... you are predestinated to be like Jesus."

Well, I'll settle for that. If I can be like Jesus, that is good enough for me. If that isn't Heaven, it is close enough for me.

Listen to this blasphemy from Mr. Malone;

"God knows everything... God looked down across the unborn years, way back in the council of the beginning, God saw in 1935, in overalls, a country boy and he said 'Tom Malone, the second week of August, in a morning service is going to be saved. I know everything... and see it and I know that he is going to be saved.' He foreknew that. So God put His mark on me and God elected me."

Now, if you can accept that—if you can call that Baptist—then I doubt that I can help you. It is enough to make sound Baptists vomit. It is rank heresy. Poor little God, He can't do anything all by himself. He must look ahead and see what great big man is going to do. Then when God sees what Malone is going to do (election or no election, my note), God decides to elect and predestinate Malone to do what God knew Malone was going to do anyway. You see God does not have anything to do with it, but God wants part of the credit so God elects Mr. Malone to do what Malone was going to do anyway. I think I am going to be sick.

Now listen to this great preacher's further teaching on the subject of election.

"I heard a fellow explain this, who was not a theologian (I would have guessed this) and I thought he gave a wonderful definition about this matter of being saved and being elected... He said that there are three that vote. Jesus votes, 'I want that soul.' Satan votes, 'I want that soul.'... And this man said, 'Two votes have been cast. One for

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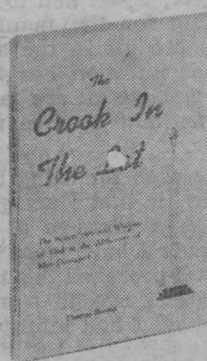
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Sovereign Selection

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have faith in order to be elected by God. Both ideas make man his own elector of salvation.

Unlike Arminians, I believe a person is saved by the death of Jesus Christ. I do not see Christ's death at Calvary as a provision for man's forgiveness of sins upon certain conditions. I believe as the Bible says in Hebrews 9:26 that Jesus Christ in behalf of the elect "put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself." I do not believe as work-mongers that because of Calvary God offers salvation to soft-hearted sinners. Rather I believe as the Bible teaches in Hebrews 9:12 that Jesus Christ at Calvary actually "obtained eternal redemption" for the elect. I do not believe a man might be saved if he wills to let the Lord into his heart. I believe as the Bible teaches in Matthew 1:21 that Jesus Christ "shall save His people from their sins."

We electionists and particular redemptionists believe in a redemption which actually redeems. A salvation that really saves a people from their sins. An atonement which certainly did make a satisfaction for the sins of God's people. A Deliverer Who delivers certain ones from the wrath to come. An eternal life which is given to all the sheep. Work-mongers are welcome to their ineffectual sacrifice and their possible salvation.

Unconditional election guaranteed the Father would see that Christ had a spiritual seed (Isa. 53:10). Election made the promise of grace and glory "sure to

all the seed" (Rom. 4:16). Sovereign selection made sure Christ would bring many sons to glory and be the firstborn among many brethren (Rom. 8:29; Heb. 2:10). It made sure that Christ would "justify many." (Isa. 53:11).

"UNTO SALVATION"

God elected a people to assure them of salvation, for without election there would be no salvation. Election is not salvation, but it is unto salvation. II Thessalonians 2:13 declares: "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation." I Thessalonians 5:9 reads: "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

Arminians charge that unconditional election means unconditional salvation. This charge is groundless for election is not salvation. We were unconditionally elected in eternity to a conditional salvation in time. Election made sure that some would be saved, that some would come to Christ, that some would repent and believe the gospel.

John 6:37 makes it plain that those who come to Christ are those the Father gave to the Son by His sovereign selection.

"THROUGH SANCTIFICATION"

Divine election is the cause of the child of God's sanctification. I Peter 1:2 says: "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ." The Holy Spirit sets apart the saint in execution of God's sovereign choice. God's decree for man's salvation always operates through the sanctification of the Spirit and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. The sanctification Peter has reference to here is a real one. It is begun in regeneration, continued in the daily exercise of holiness, and perfected when we are conformed to the image of Christ.

"UNTO OBEDIENCE"

The end God aimed at in election was obedience in those whom He chose. Peter said election was "unto obedience." These elect souls "obey the truth through the Spirit" as stated in I Peter 1:22. Our obedience to the truth is the fruit of God's election. Those to whom He gives salvation are "created in Christ Jesus unto good works" (Eph. 2:8-10). This is why Paul told the Colossians: "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another . . ." (Col. 3:12).

"SHOULD BE HOLY"

Another design of God in election was holiness in His chosen people. Ephesians 1:4 declares: "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him." God did not elect a people He foresaw would be holy. He determined by election to make them so. We are chosen not only to happiness but also to holiness. Election guarantees that a people will stand before God "holy and without blame." Sovereign selection made certain Christ would present a people "holy and unblameable and un-

reprovable" in the Father's sight. The Son will present some "faultless before the presence of his glory" because of the purpose of God according to election.

THE MEANS OF SALVATION INCLUDED IN ELECTION

Election went through the world and marked out the people who should be saved. Predestination mapped out the road in which salvation should travel to these persons. It fixed the time when the sinner should be brought to Christ, the means that should be employed; it marked the exact hour and moment when God the Spirit should quicken the dead sinner, when peace and pardon should be spoken through the blood of Christ.

At the same time in eternity past when God chose His people, He ordained all the means necessary to accomplish their full and final salvation. I read in Romans 8:29-30: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the im-

nal life who never believes. They may hold to such an idea, but as to an elect who never has faith the Scriptures know nothing.

James 2:5 reads: "Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?"

The hyper-hardshell who denies that God uses means to bring election to pass have some who are chosen and yet do not have faith. Yet James 2:5 refutes such a notion. Those chosen to salvation are also rich in faith, and the Bible says in Romans 10:17: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

In John 10:26 Jesus Christ said: "But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep," implying clearly that the sheep do believe. He again said in John 6:37: "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me." Jesus Christ said "all," not some, that the Father gave Him would come to Him for salvation. Those who speak of some given to the Son who never come to Him speak of something of which the Bible knows nothing.

Nothing could be plainer than the truth that all the elect will hear the gospel. This is why I am a missionary Baptist. Those who reject the Christ of the gospel cannot be saved. Mark 16:16 says: "He that believeth not shall be damned." John 3:18 declares: "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Those who die in unbelief die in their sins. In John 8:24 Jesus said: "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

Unbelievers do not have eternal life. John 3:36 says: "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." I John 5:12 says: "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

Some charge that unconditional election makes all means useless. They say if the case is so with man that he cannot by nature receive spiritual things and must be quickened by the Spirit before he can turn from sin, being sure to turn when he is quickened, then why preach to him? I preach to him because God commands me to do so. I preach to him because the Bible teaches that God calls His elect by the Word, since the Word is the instrument of the Spirit in salvation.

There is no more foolishness in preaching the gospel to the spiritually dead than there was in Christ's standing before the tomb of Lazarus, dead four days, and saying, "Lazarus, come forth." As long as he remained dead Lazarus could not hear, much less obey, the command. But the life-giving power of God accompanied the Word of God, and Lazarus both heard and came forth. I preach the Word because power goes with the Word. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

Arminians ask, "Why pray for

age of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified."

I have little time to spend with the hyper-calvinists. I do not believe the elect will be saved whether they ever hear the gospel or not. To say such is to misrepresent the connection between election and the means God has ordained for the accomplishment of the end of election.

Wherever God has an elect soul, in the fulness of His own time, He will in some way send the gospel to call that one from darkness to light. II Thessalonians 2:13-14 declares: "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." The greatest missionary of all time said in II Timothy 2:10: "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." In these verses we have the Divine tie between election and means, sovereign selection and human instrumentality.

God will send the gospel to every elect soul just as He sent Philip to the elect eunuch in Acts 8. No person will ever live in the glory world who did not hear and believe the gospel. Acts 13:48 says: "As many as were ordained to eternal life believed." This verse not only teaches ordination to eternal life, but it also teaches that all who are ordained will believe. The elect are as sure to believe the truth of the gospel as they are to possess eternal life. Yet the hyper-hardshell has some ordained to eter-

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the lost, since all God's elect will be saved and none others can be saved?" I pray for the lost for the same reason Paul did in Romans 10:1, even though he believed in eternal election. I pray for lost sinners for the same reason Christ prayed for the security of believers in John 17:11, even though that security was already certain. Christ prayed in John 17:5 for a restoration of His former glory with the Father? Was that in any way uncertain? Prayer, as well as preaching, is a means of God carrying out His will. His purposes are sovereignly fixed and eternally immutable, but He did not fix them independent of means.

Book Of James

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"... count it all joy . . ."

Things are as we count them. We count some things to be loss and others to be gain. We, in our lives, have a mental ledger on which we post (count) our daily experiences. On one side of the ledger is that which we consider to be loss and on the other side is that which we consider to be gain. James advises us to post temptation on the ledger as gain.

"... when ye fall into divers temptations."

The words "fall into" reminds us of an animal that falls into a pit prepared for him. It is a sudden and unexpected happening. (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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The "temptations" or snares we fall into also come upon us, in many cases, suddenly. They may come by way of a broken leg, a financial reverse, a car wreck or in a thousand and one other ways; however, James, by the direction of God the Holy Spirit, bids us to invite each trial (no matter what its nature may be) into our life as a welcomed guest, in view of the fact, that the trial has been designed and sent to us by our heavenly Father who loves us very, very much.

"Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience." — James 1:3.

James asks that we "count it all joy" when we fall into trials. He now explains the why of his strange admonition. The reason, says James, is because trials work or result in patience.

There are a lot of trials incurred when one prepares soil, plants the seed, cultivates the soil, picks the fruit, prepares the fruit and cooks it; however, we do all of these things without many gripes because of the rich benefit of partaking of the final product. We are to consider our

many trials on the same basis, that is, a means toward an end. The end being the beautiful and glorious product of patience, which God considers as a choice fruit.

We have, in the training of a horse, a good example of how trials result in the sought after product of patience. A horse, at the first, despises the saddle and the harness, but if these are left on him for extended periods, he will soon become adjusted to them, and consider them to be no different than his skin. He, in other words, becomes patient.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." — Romans 8:28.

"But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." — James 1:4.

A cake, in order to have "her perfect work," must be left in the oven until the fire has done its work. The cake will not be fit to eat if it be removed from the oven too soon. The same is true of the trials that befall us. These must be left upon us until God's special time has expired; otherwise, our suffering would be in

vain even as a partially baked cake is vain work. We often suffer under heavy trials which we wish would go away, but for them to go away would not be in our best interest; therefore, let us be content in suffering while knowing that God will end the trial as soon as it has accomplished that which He intended—"that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." — James 1:5.

We go to the well or water faucet if we are in need of water, in view of the fact that these are the sources of water. We, if we lack wisdom, are to also go to the source, which is none other than our great God. The Word, in fact, teaches us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. A person who doesn't fear God doesn't even have beginner's wisdom. He hasn't even been to kindergarten. He, as far as God is concerned, is a fool. One day God will prove him to have been a fool when He casts him into the lake of fire.

"... let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally..."

One writer said that God gives more liberally than other men sell and this is very true. May we, if we see our lack of wisdom, appeal to God in faith and be assured that He will not upbraid us, but will be happy that we have come to His store house where there is wisdom and to spare.

Why do we need wisdom? Wisdom is that ability to discern between good and evil. A wise shopper is one who chooses the best product at the most economical price. He or she are able to discern between good and bad potatoes, good and bad beans, etc. A wise man, spiritually speaking, is one who has been given the ability to discern between good and bad doctrine. He knows a true church from a false one and he can tell the difference between scriptural and unscriptural baptism.

"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." — James 1:6.

Faith, according to Romans 10:17, comes by hearing. It can't come any other way seeing that faith must have a foundation to rest upon; that foundation is the Word of God. We can't believe something that God hasn't promised us in His Word. We, on the other hand, can believe all that God has promised in His Word.

"... But let him ask in faith" means for him to ask while believing that God will not deny His Word. Let him believe that God will do exactly as He has said. We all usually believe that which man tells us. Man, in history books, has informed us of Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Washington and we believe them. We don't question the fact that these men actually existed. We can surely believe God if we can believe man.

"If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater..." — I John 5:9.

"... Nothing wavering."

To waver is not to believe. It is only to question. It says that God may or may not be as good as His Word; yea, to waver is to call God a liar. We may add that any thing that is not of faith is sin, in view of the fact that God's truthfulness is questioned.

"... for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." — James 1:6.

A wave of the sea is very unstable. It dashes high and low and has no particular rest-place. There is no solid foundation under the wave to hold it firm, so one never knows where to find

it. It is never settled. Those who are not resting upon God's promises as they are laid down in His word are as unstable as water. They are not anchored to the Word, therefore, one never knows where he will find them on doctrine or anything else.

Let me add regarding faith that knowledge of the Word is essential before there can be faith, in view of the fact that "faith cometh by hearing." We must know of God's promises before we can believe them. I, for example, know I have eternal life because the Bible tells me so. I know that God will never leave me nor forsake me because the Bible tells me so; otherwise, I could never be assured of these things.

"For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord." — James 1:7.

A person who has no confidence in me turns me off completely; that is, if I merit his confidence. God, of course, does merit our confidence. He has never failed us and He never will fail us, therefore, we deserve His hot displeasure when we fail to trust Him, in view of the fact that there is not a grain of reason for such action.

"A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." — James 1:8.

A man who prays to God and yet doesn't trust God is certainly a "double minded" person. He is a very mixed up and frustrated person. His life is full of big giant size question marks. He is some where between a negative and positive thinker. We may call him "Mr. in-between," or "Mr. Fence-Straddler." This kind of man is not sure about anything. He is always hoping, but never knowing. He certainly is in dire need of our prayers.

May God richly bless you with the message He has set before us.

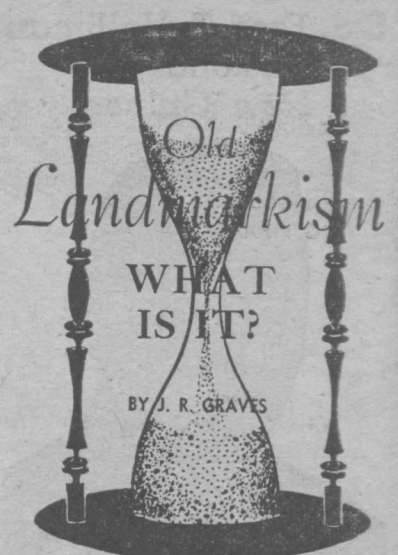
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in the car. When I got to the house I didn't walk on pavement into the house, but rather walked out in the yard just to see how it felt to trample on grass once again. While in the hospital I thought my chances of walking on grass again were mighty slim, and was so glad when I got home to feel the grass once again.

I want to thank all of our friends, both individuals and churches, for the many cards, flowers, fruit baskets, and telephone calls during my illness. It would be an impossibility to find time to individually thank all these who have thus remembered me. In fact, we are so far behind with our work now that I don't know when we will ever be able to get caught up. Therefore, I am going to ask that our friends will please accept this little note by way of appreciation that you might know that we do deeply appreciate and thank God for your kindness.

I don't know just how we have



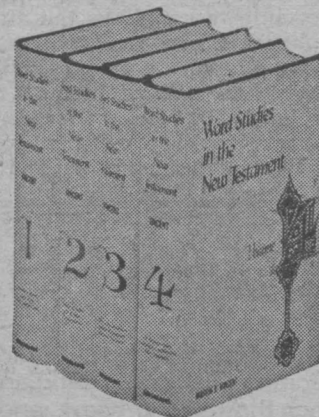
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gotten along financially since I became sick. We depend so heavily on our Thanksgiving offering to clear up our obligations for the year, and to give us a fresh start in the New Year. I am sure the letter that my secretary sent out was appreciated by our readers, although, I haven't seen a copy of it as yet. I rather imagine that my sickness has hurt us from a financial standpoint in that probably some may have thought that it was "curtains" for me and therefore did not respond to my secretary's letter. In the light of my experience today, may I tell you that I am still planning on being around quite a little while yet, and I expect to be carrying on TBE for quite a number of years (D.V.). Therefore, any assistance that you might give us so far as the paper is concerned will be most deeply appreciated. TBE is always like a thirsty child in that it needs a "djink."

I appreciate so very much the way in which John, Jr. and all the balance of the folk in the office have carried on the work. It looks as though they have gotten along mighty well — at least that is what they tell me. Of course, I am grateful to know that they have gotten along so well. It is wonderful to have a fine son such as I have and other "ood workers who are conscientious, dedicated, and interested in their work. For their efforts during this period of illness, I am most grateful.

If any mistakes or errors have been made during my sickness, please feel free to write us so that we can rectify them. We even make these occasionally when I am in the office, and doubtless, with all the extra work some may have been made while I have been in the hospital. However, just know this, it will be a joy to us to correct any of these if you will only write us.

This is the first type of work I have done, and dictating this little note has been most tiring, almost to the point of fatigue, so I will say no more, but just thank you for your kindness and tell you that I pray God's blessings upon each and everyone of our readers.



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