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## What The Human Race Is Doing Today

By ROY MASON  
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Basic to our understanding concerning what the human race is doing in this age, is the proper understanding concerning the PARENTAGE of the mass of humanity. It is widely held by Modernists and newspaper and magazine writers and people in general that human beings are born into this world CHILDREN OF GOD. The Universal Fatherhood of God is one of the most popular doctrines of this day. It is Satan's falsehood! God is not the Father of human beings in their natural state, and it slanders Him to make such a claim. To the contrary, human beings are born "children of wrath." (Ephes. 2:3) They are "of their father, the devil." (See Jno. 8:44). No one is a child of God until he becomes a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. This is made plain in John 1:11-12 and Galat. 3:26.

Since the overwhelming mass of mankind consists of children of the devil (and this is made clear by John who says, "The whole world lieth in the evil one"), what is this mass of mankind doing during this age? Let us suggest some answers:

1 — *The Human Race Is Worshipping Its God — The Devil.* (See II Cor. 4:4). He is worshipped in many ways, partly through false cults which are designed to imitate true Christianity. Liquor joints, night clubs, movie houses, and places of that kind are "churches" of the devil — places where people worship the devil while indulging the flesh.

2 — *The Human Race Permits Satan To Organize Society.* The whole world system is Satan instituted and Satan inspired. That is why we have a crime bill of nearly 20 million dollars annually. It costs every family nearly

\$500 to help pay the annual crime bill. Governments are Satan dominated—that is why we live in constant jeopardy of war—that is why the graft and greed and corruption is so universal in human government.

3 — *The Human Race Is Busy Destroying Itself With Drugs And Dopes Of Various Kinds.* God made the human body to function properly without any artificial stimulant or dope of any kind.



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Only when God's laws are violated do people feel that they must be "pepped up" with some artificial stimulant. God made us to feel good and healthy and energetic, and people feel otherwise because they abuse their bodies. Every moment of every day thousands of gallons of beer and liquor is being guzzled down human throats. Every moment thousands of cigarettes are being smoked, as human beings drag the more than 20 poisons contained in every cigarette through their lungs. Other thousands guzzle aspirin, sleeping pills and other drugs. Continued and reckless use of all of these things fill doctor's offices, hospitals and cemeteries.

4 — *The Human Race Is Busy Defying God And Blaspheming His Name.* The chief occupation of the human race is that of breaking the laws of God. Millions of mouths spew out curses every minute. If all were combined there would be a roar of profanity audible for miles, and reaching as high as heaven. This is a fearful indictment, but it is the truth as every thinking person (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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## More About The Women Deacons In Louisville, Ky.

By JOE WILSON  
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Well, Jan. 7th has come and gone. I assume that the Crescent Hills Baptist Church (?) went ahead with its ordination of three women deacons. I assume the women now proudly wear the crown which they plucked from the head of the only true law-giver of a Baptist Church. I assume that, in their gross ignorance, these women proudly wear the title which proclaims before the world their rebellion against God's Word. What a service they must have had at Crescent Hills that morning. I suppose they were all out in their Sunday best. How Satan must have shouted with great glee, as this professed Baptist Church threw off its allegiance to King Jesus, and adopted the ways of the world in their religious organization.

What a sad day it was to those Baptists who really believe and seek to practice the Word of God. We really don't greatly care what Crescent Hills religious organization does. But it grieves us to see the glorious name "Baptist" linked with this high-handed act of rebellion against God. This name "Baptist" means much to us. It was given by our Lord to the one who gathered together the material out of which Jesus fashioned His first church. It was given by our Lord to the man who first practiced Scriptural Baptism. It is a name that has

a blood-stained, yet glory-covered history. True churches of Christ have proudly and humbly and gratefully worn this name for many centuries of history. For myself, who was once a member of a false, man-made religious organization called The Church of The Living God, I



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praise God that He brought me out of that, and into a true church of our Lord Jesus Christ — A Missionary Baptist Church. So, with all that name means to true Baptists, we grieve to see its beautiful garments dragged in the filth and slime of Crescent Hills departure from God's Word, if (Continued on page 7, column 1)

## Second Of A Series On The Priesthood Of Jesus Christ

By MILBURN COCKRELL  
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In our previous lesson we saw how the priesthood of Christ as to person, order and duration is like the priesthood of Melchizedek. Then we discovered that the priesthood of our Lord as to his work is like that of Aaron. The priestly work of Aaron was threefold. First, he was to offer a sacrifice before the people. Second, he went within the veil to make intercession for the people. Third, he came out from the veil to bless the people. We observed Christ making a sacrifice for His people. Then how He is inter-



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ceding for them in Heaven. As we continue this thought, I want us to see

### FOR WHAT HE INTERCEDES

First, Christ intercedes for the children of grace who are yet in a state of nature. He prays for their conversion. In John 17:20 Christ said: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word."

The expression, "not these alone," refers to the eleven, the seventy, and other disciples who already believed on Him. Those who "shall believe" are those who were unborn and would later be brought to believe through His word. Thus all believers, all who shall become believers, have an interest in the mediation of

Christ. He prays for the chosen remnant yet unborn, the other sheep which must be brought.

Does Christ ever pray for someone who does not come to faith in Him? No, for His prayer is always answered. In John 11:41-42 Christ said: "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always." Those that Christ asked salvation for are always given it without any exception whatever.

Our Lord prays for His sinning children as He did for Peter. He asked that they may have free discoveries and applications of pardoning grace. "And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (I John 2:1). We not only have an atonement applied unto us when we first experience grace, but we also have an Advocate in Heaven to procure our continual forgiveness.

Christ intercedes for His people to have strength under temptation. In John 17:15 He said: "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil." Christ prays for us as He did for Peter that our faith fail not (Luke 22:32).

The High Priest of our profession intercedes for our glorification (Continued on page 5, column 3)

## The Purpose, Partakers And Picture Of The Lord's Supper

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The Passover Feast was held on the 14th day of April (Lev. 23:5). This Feast was held to bring remembrance of God's deliverance of the first born of Israel. The blood on the doorpost was the sign of God's redemption. The Lord's Supper is much like the Passover Feast in many ways, but the Lord's Supper is not to be taken as a Jewish Feast, but for memorial purposes only. The relation between the two, however, is most revealing.

First: "Christ is our Passover, Sacrificed for our Sins" (I Cor. 5:7). The Passover lamb had to be without blemish (Exodus 12:5). Christ was pictured as the Lamb of God without sin or blemish (John 1:29). The Lamb was to be slain and the blood used to cover the doorposts of the children of ISRAEL (Exodus 12:7). Christ died on the cross and shed His blood so death would not come to those trusting Him as Saviour. (John 3:17-18).

Second: When Christ attended His first Passover Feast (John 2:13-25) He purified the Temple in Jerusalem and spoke of His body as the Temple. When Christ came near the time of the Passover the second time (Mark 14:12-16) He prepared to purify sinful men and spoke of His body as

unleavened bread. In the Passover Feast bitter herbs were to be eaten (Exodus 12:8). Christ in the institution of the Lord's Supper did use two elements of the Passover: Fermented wine and unleavened bread. Christ's death is seen in every part of the Passover and His crucifixion was at the same time as the Passover lambs were slain.

Third: Christ gave the Lord's Supper to be observed by his Bride as God gave the Passover to be observed by his people. The Passover could only be observed in each individual home (Exodus 12:15). Only members of that household could feast in a particular house. The Lord's Supper is for the local Church



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only. A man could not go to the house of a stranger and observe the Passover Feast. So it is with a member of a local Church, each member must observe the Lord's Supper in his own Church, just as a stranger had to become a Jew and part of a local household to observe the Passover (Exodus 12:48).

### The Purpose For The Lord's Supper

First: the Lord's Supper was given to be a sign of "The New Testament" (Luke 22:20). This meant that the time of law was about to give way to the time of grace. A Testament is a covenant or an agreement involving two parties and is binding for both (Continued on page 6, column 1)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "The Slaughter Of The Innocents"

(Read Matthew 2).

While I was in the hospital I was unable to read my Bible. I don't read it much any time because of my eye condition. I am just not able to do so. I was unable to open it at all while I was in the hospital, so I didn't get to do much reading. One day, I thought to myself, "I am just going to try to imagine the chapters in the New Testament, one by one. I got through the first chapter of Matthew and I started on the second one. I never got be-

yond that second chapter. I kept thinking about that second chapter of Matthew for days and days while I was in the hospital. As a result of my meditation upon it, I bring to you this message today.

This is a familiar story, how the Magi, or wise men, came from the East unto Jerusalem, looking for the child Jesus, that they might be able to worship Him. They brought along gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh that they were going to present to Him. When they arrived there, they

asked the logical question, "Where is He? We followed His star. We have come a long distance, but now, where is the child?"

When the news came to Herod, Herod said, "When you find out, let me know. I'll worship Him also. Just as soon as you find out where He is, you come and tell me."

Herod immediately called together his wise men, the scribes and chief priests of the people. He didn't ask them to tell him (Continued on page 2, column 1)



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## "The Slaughter"

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where Christ was born. He demanded of them where Christ was going to be born. Of course, some of those fellows probably were religious enough that they knew a little about the Old Testament and they told him that it was written in the book of Micah that Christ was to be born in the city of Bethlehem.

The Word of God goes further and tells how these wise men went on to Bethlehem and found Jesus. Then, immediately after presenting Him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, they took their departure in another direction. They didn't go back to Jerusalem. They didn't go back to Herod. They took their departure home in a way different to the way in which they arrived. God warned them. God told them what to do. God was directing them. Remember this, God is directing the show.

These wise men went back home and Herod saw that he was tricked by them. He didn't know where Jesus was. He didn't know how to find Him. Evidently his wise men and his scribes and chief priests didn't know where to find Him, but they knew He was born in the city of Bethlehem because they had dug up the Scriptures that foretold His birth in Bethlehem.

Herod said, "I can't allow another king. I am king. I am boss. I run this place, and I can't have another king. If He has been king from everlasting, He would want to be king now, and I can't allow that. If He has been king in the past, He'll want to be king in the future, and I can't allow that."

I am king. Since the wise men have mocked me and deceived me and didn't come back and tell me exactly where He was, there is only one thing that I can do. I'll have every child under two years of age in Bethlehem and the surrounding area put to death. In that way, I am bound to get this child Jesus who is going to be king.

So Herod sent out the order and every child two years old and under, in the city of Bethlehem and all the surrounding area, was put to death. Thus was fulfilled the passage in Jeremiah that told how Rachel would be weeping for her children and that she would not be comforted, because "they were not."

There are some lessons that I have gathered from this story that I think will be a blessing to you.

### THIS EVENT IN ALL ITS HIDEOUSNESS AND HORROR WAS PROPHESED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

This prophecy was given through Jeremiah that these children were going to be killed and that these Jewish mothers would weep over the death of their children. Listen:

"Thus saith the Lord: A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not."—Jer. 31:15.

Here is a prophecy and some few hundred years later, maybe a little over six hundred years later, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, it came to pass. In other words, it was fulfilled just exactly like it was prophesied.

Beloved, that always thrills my soul when I find a prophecy and its fulfillment. It makes me glad to know that the God that I preach to you on Sunday is a God who prophesies and fulfills His predictions. There isn't anything that makes me any happier than to understand fulfilled prophecy, for if God kept His Word here, won't God keep His Word relative to things yet to come to pass? There are some things that are prophesied that are still in the future. I contend that if God kept His Word relative to the fulfillment of this prophecy concerning the death of these innocents — these children, then certainly God will keep His Word concerning all other prophecies that are yet in the future.

For example, some of our preacher brethren worry considerably over the trend of the day, to the extent that they think the church that Jesus built is going to fail. Beloved, I don't have one worry but that when Jesus Christ comes back to this world He will find New Testament Missionary Baptist churches right here with in this world. Do you know why I believe that? We have the prophecy. Listen:

"I will build my church; and (Continued on page 3, column 1)

# Further Exposition Of Epistle Of James

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Read James 2:14-26.

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?" (James 2:14).

Most people contend that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is not enough to save a man. These people are quick to use the passages which are before us as a basis for their argument; in fact, there have been a multitude of "falling-from-grace" messages preached from these passages.

May we, with a prayer in our hearts for the guidance of the Spirit, now carefully examine these blessed verses. Let us determine if faith in Christ is all that is required so far as our salvation is concerned.

Our examination of verse 14 (James 2:14) will reveal that the word "say" is the key word to a proper understanding of the verse. You will note that the verse does not say, "though a man hath faith," but it says, "though a man say he hath faith." We all know that there is a vast difference in saying we have something, and in actually possessing the same; for example, we read in Revelation 3:9 of those "who say they are Jews and are not." I may say that I can fly, but my saying it does not make it so. Let me prove by action that

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which I say, and let a man who says he has faith prove the same by being a diligent follower of Christ.

"... though a man say he hath faith, and have not works." (James 2:14).

A live apple tree has good roots and will bear fruit. A man who is spiritually alive has his roots in Christ and will produce the fruits of faith.

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

"... and have not works..."

It is true that all men have works, but there is a vast difference between works and works of faith. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Thus a work of faith is a work that does not require an immediate reward. Faith is willing to work and wait even as a farmer plants his field and waits patiently for the harvest. Faith believes that God's Word will not return unto him void, but that it will accomplish that which God has ordained.

"... can faith save him?" That is, can such a faith save him? Can faith (that which man calls faith) that will not generate good works, save him?

True faith is like a generator that supplies the electric power to a city. The burning of the lights in the city add nothing to the generator. Neither do we add anything to God-given faith when we let our light shine. The lights in the town are the result of the generator, and our works are the result of our faith. We know that there is a generator some place when we see lights burning, and we know that a man has faith

when we observe him producing the fruits of faith.

"If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and fil-

ness because he is truly interested in the well being of his brother.

"... And I have works." That is, I have faith and works (generator, and lights). "Show me thy faith (generator) without thy works." One cannot show faith without showing works, no more than one can prove he has a generator without first turning his lights on. You may say that you have a generator in your car, and I may ask you to prove the same without using any of the things in your car that work off of the generator. You see, it can't be done. I, on the other hand, prove I have a generator by turning the lights on.

"Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works" (James 2:18).

We, again, cannot do better than to explain this verse on the basis of the generator and the light it produces.

Many use the statement, "I will show you my faith by my works" so as to try to prove that we are saved by faith and works. However, let me emphasize again that the lights in a city, or on a car, do not produce, nor add to the generator, and neither do our works produce nor add to the faith which God has given us.

"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well; the devils also believe, and tremble" (James 2:19).

We may ask a man to prove that he has faith and he replies, "I believe that there is one God." He, in other words, believes that God exists, but he doesn't trust in Him. Let one and all know that believing there is a God, yea, one God, is not enough. Many believe in God as they believe in Abraham Lincoln; that is, they believe that Abraham Lincoln existed and they believe God exists. We must not only believe that God exists, but we must believe that He in Christ has done something for us. That something is that He lived, died and rose again for us. When Christ died on the cross, I died; when He arose from the dead, I arose. This is what the sinner is to believe.

"But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead" (James 2:20).

That is, wilt thou know, O empty man. Empty of faith in Christ. Empty of love for the brethren. Empty of good works. Empty like a barrel. An empty barrel, because it is empty, will make a lot of noise. It is the same with the "vain" or empty man.

"Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?" (James 2:21).

Those who appeal to this verse in an effort to prove that Abraham was saved by works, do not realize the extent of that which they are affirming. The extent of what they affirm is that Abraham was saved by this one work, and (Continued on page 5, column 2)



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ed; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?"—(James 2:15-16).

Let's suppose that a city boasts of having a large generator and yet there is not a light in the city that will burn. What profit is the generator? A good generator will produce light, or that which makes light, and God-given faith will produce works. One does not have to make the lights in a city burn if the generator is working properly. One simply lets the light shine and so is it with a person who has God-given faith. He lets his light shine in view of the fact that the power to make it shine rests in the God-given faith he possesses.

"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" (James 2:17).

Again, I cannot do better than to illustrate this verse by way of the generator. The lights will burn and the horn will blow if the generator on a car is working; yet these add nothing to the generator. So is it with faith. If our light (head lights) doesn't shine, and our mouth (horn) doesn't speak for Christ; if the power brakes don't stop us from walking in forbidden paths; if the power steering doesn't steer us in the straight and narrow way, then we have no faith (generator) or that which generates good works.

"... is dead, being alone."

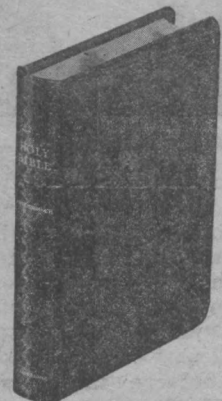
A generator is only a generator if it generates electricity; otherwise, it is alone (no fruits). The same is true of faith. It must not be alone, but must produce good works.

"Yea, a man may say, thou hast faith and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works" (James 2:18).

"Yea, a man may say." A man who truly has faith may say or ask for proof of faith in another person. He may ask out of kind-

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the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—Mt. 16:18.

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

In view of prophecies like this, I can't believe anything else. Since we serve a God who keeps His Word, then there will always be a New Testament church here within this world.

Furthermore, I know that all the false churches in the world are going to come to naught. I know that all those are going to be destroyed. Jesus said:

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

Beloved, He didn't plant Rome. He didn't plant these Protestant churches in the world. They are all Devil-inspired and man-made. They have all come about apart from the Lord Jesus Christ. Do we think they are going to continue? No, because it says, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up."

In the book of Revelation, John tells us about the old whore and her harlot daughters. If you will study it carefully, I don't think there would be any doubt in your mind but that the old whore represents Rome and the harlot daughters represent the Protestant churches that have come out of Rome. It says concerning these:

"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.

That is complete destruction. I say to you, if God kept His Word back there concerning the slaughter of the innocents, if God saw to it that this prediction was fulfilled to the very letter, won't God keep His Word here concerning the destruction of Rome and her harlot daughters? I think He will.

I think also about how today we are rubbing elbows and brushing shoulders with the Devil on every hand. We certainly come in contact with him all the time. I wonder if we believe what God says about the Devil, for God gives us a prophecy concerning the Devil. Listen:

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."—Rev. 20:10.

Here is a prophecy that the Devil is going to Hell, that the Devil is going to be destroyed, and that the Devil is going to be cast out of this world. It certainly hasn't been done yet. He is around this place mighty strong, it seems to me. It looks to me like every day we rub elbows with him, and we brush shoulders with him. We have to put up with him here within this world. But I say this, if God kept His Word concerning the slaughter of the innocents, God will keep His Word concerning the Devil.

I contend this, so far as all that

is in the future is concerned, it is up this world are certainly all going to come to pass. I am not worried one particle about Jesus' church being destroyed. I am not worried about the fact that there will come a time when there won't be a church within this world. I think there will always be true churches here. I am not worrying one particle about these false churches. God has a purpose in regard to them, and they are fulfilling His purpose today. Someday, they are going to be destroyed. It looks like they are "riding high in the saddle." It looks like they are "eating high on the hog" today. But there is coming a time when these Romanist churches and Protestant churches are going to be destroyed.

Then I think about the Devil. It looks like the Devil surely is running rampant today. But not forever, beloved! There is a time coming when he is going to be cast into Hell. How do I know it? Why do I believe it? If God kept His Word in this one prophecy, God will keep His Word concerning every prophecy. If God kept His Word back here concerning these little babes two years old and under, the same God is up there in the sky today and He will keep His Word concerning all the balance of the Bible.

Every once in a while you will find somebody talking about the human race making the world better. You will find people saying, "Well, it is our business to make the world a better place in which to live." Beloved, this old world is a mighty depraved place, and the people who make

this world are certainly mighty depraved. If you want to get a picture of depravity, look at Herod. See how depraved he was. This is the man who built the temple for the Jews. He was a politician, and of course politicians can do most anything.

A fellow wanted to know what his little boy was going to be when he grew up. So he laid a Bible, a dollar bill, and a glass of whiskey down on the table and hid behind the door. He said, "If he comes in and picks up the Bible, I think he will be a preacher. If he picks up the dollar bill, I'll expect him to be a banker or a successful businessman. If he takes the whiskey, I'll expect him to be a no-gooder." When the boy came in, he picked up the whiskey and the father could hear the gurgle as it went down his throat. He picked up the dollar bill and put it in his pocket. He picked up the Bible and put it under his arm and walked out. The father said, "My God, he is going to be a politician!" That was all that was left for him. A fellow who would straddle over all three would have to be a politician.

Herod was a politician. He built a temple for the Jews. This temple where the Jews worshipped at Jerusalem was built for them at Herod's expense. He himself was the son of a renegade Jew and he had built this temple for them to worship. Imagine a man spending money to build a temple, to build a church building, to build a place to worship, and then killing their children. That is exactly what he did.

Killing wasn't anything that

was hard for Herod to do. Five days before he died he killed his own son. He had his son put to death so he couldn't inherit the throne. If you will look at this story you can see his savage hypocrisy. Here he builds a temple for the Jews to worship and then kills these Jewish children. I tell you, if you want to find depravity, you will find it in this passage of Scripture.

I remember reading in history that some of the historians said that it was safer to be Herod's swine than it was to be his son. In other words, his hogs could live perhaps easier than his own children.

Beloved, I tell you, the human race is a mighty depraved thing. I look at you today and I say to you that are unsaved, you are a depraved bunch. Even if you are saved, you still have a lot of depravity in you. You that are unsaved, don't let anybody tell you that you can give your heart to Jesus. Jesus doesn't want that dirty, filthy thing. Don't you believe anyone who says that it is up to you to decide whether or not you are going to be a Christian. You are so depraved that you would always decide in one direction, and that would be in the direction away from God. The heart is deceitful. Would to God, unsaved one, that you could realize just how depraved you are in the sight of God.

### III

#### IT WAS A WORTHLESS ATTEMPT ON HEROD'S PART TO KILL THE CHILD JESUS.

Herod didn't accomplish a single thing. He made a lot of women in the city of Bethlehem to sorrow, and all the region round-about. He made all the mothers sad when their little babes two years old and under were killed at the hands of his soldiers. The only one he wanted to kill, he didn't kill. It was a worthless attempt on the part of Herod.

May I say to you, beloved, any time that you fight against God, you are fighting a worthless battle. You can't fight against God. You can't do anything against Him, you are going to find it is worthless.

Look at the Apostle Paul. Look at Paul as he decides, "I have all the Christian kindling wood there is around the city of Jerusalem. I am going to Damascus." He gets a letter of authority from the governor of the city. He starts toward Damascus expecting to drag all the Christians in Damascus over to Jerusalem, that he might have them put to death. As he goes along, suddenly God strikes him, and he falls to the ground. When he looks up, God said to him, "Saul, it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks."

I tell you, beloved, a man is fighting a useless battle when he fights against God. Whatever God says in His Book, you had better do it. Saved or unsaved, you had better bow to the God of this Bible, and you had better do what the Bible says. It is a foolish, worthless thing for you to fight against God.

Let's go back to the Old Testament for an illustration. Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, but he couldn't remember a thing he had dreamed. He called in his wise men and they couldn't help him. After Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had prayed about the matter, Daniel came in and told the king the meaning of the dream. It didn't do much good. He went on as he was.

A few days later, he decided to build an image out there in the plain of Dura for people to worship. He coated it with gold, ninety feet in the air. It was a big image. He said, "Whenever you hear my jazz orchestra sound out, everybody is supposed to bow down and worship before me." Of course, you know there were three Jews that were hard-

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"Please explain Genesis 6:3."

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Here we have one of the worst distorted Scriptures in the Bible, for it is continually being made to bolster up the false doctrine of "sinning away one's day of grace."

This Scripture relates to one thing and one time. The time is that of the flood, and the thing is God's statement that he is fed up with the wickedness and sin of the depraved race of that day and would in a hundred and twenty years destroy it off the face of the earth. Read on and you will find that God kept His word.

How ignorant and wicked to take this Scripture and try to make it teach that the Holy Spirit is toiling and striving to get people saved today, but that man's will is such that he can't handle the job, and that often he just quits striving and leaves the sinner alone, and that following such the sinner can't be saved even when he wants to be. How often I have heard preachers (Baptists among others) seek to scare a congregation by telling them that if they keep on the way they are going, God's Spirit will quit striving with them and they will thereafter be doomed. What such preachers need is a good dose of good old fashioned predestination. Also they need to learn that God is not the weak person they assume. When the Holy Spirit goes after a sinner He is going to fetch him. I know, for He fetched me! Thank Heaven for election and the irresistible power of God!

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Many preachers use this verse of Scripture to prove that the spirit will strive with a person so long and then leave. I have heard preachers try to scare a person into being saved by telling them that if they reject this time it might be their last chance. This is called sinning away your day of grace.

I do not believe this nor do I hold to such a position. I do not believe that the Holy Spirit strives to save a person. Either He saves them or He doesn't try to. "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil. 1:6). Let us remember that the Holy Spirit only works in those who are the elect of God. God is not trying to save people. He is saving His elect. "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." (II Thess. 2:13, 14). No-

tice that the Spirit works through men. As we preach the gospel He takes it and applies it.

Genesis 6:3 does not in any way imply that man can drive the Spirit away. It is merely a warning that, as the Spirit works through Noah, there is coming a judgment upon men. This passage is dealing with the wickedness of the people in the days of Noah and the fact that the flood would come in 120 years.

Brethren, let us not lower God to the point that we say He tries to do something but can't. He does not fail. He does all that He purposes to do.

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In order to explain Gen. 6:3, we must first explain or understand verses one and two for in these two verses we find the reason for God saying, "My spirit shall not always strive with man." In verse one, we find that men multiplied on the face of the earth, and to these multitudes daughters were born. I would have you note the statement, daughters were born unto them. They were not created by God, but were of themselves. There is nothing said about sons being born to them, only daughters, which should help us understand the Lord is not speaking relative to physical or fleshly births. Thus, the daughters which were brought forth by man, typify error and corruption.

I would also have you note that the sons of God in verse two were not born to the multitude of men; rather they were separated from the multitudes and their daughters. Brethren, "sons of God" is the picture of those who hold the truth for they are a peculiar people, and they are separated from all others — separated unto God. These sons of God saw the daughters of men, and then they took them as their wives, or in other words they cohabited with them. There is nothing wrong with a man looking at a woman, nothing wrong with a man marrying a woman, but there was something wrong with this marriage for as quickly as we read, "They took them wives of all which they chose," we hear God say these words:

"And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh; yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years" Gen. 6:3.

I would also point out that this verse was not speaking of individual sin, but the race of mankind. God said, "His days would be 120 years," but at that time man's life span was close to 800 years. Furthermore, the judgment pronounced by God was not on an individual basis, but upon all flesh, and nothing else would satisfy God's wrath other than all flesh be destroyed.

"And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth" Gen. 6:13.

Notice that it is the end of all flesh, not spirit. Thus, we are dealing with fleshly activities rather than the spirit's work. Because the son of God married a daughter of man, or because those who held the truth compromised, the truth unionized with error, God's anger rose and He decreed

that if man, even His children, were going to follow the doctrines and inclinations of the flesh rather than His Spirit that He would wait for 120 years, during which time He would speak through a preacher of righteousness (Noah), and at the end of the 120 years, He would bring judgment upon the earth by destroying all flesh with the exception of eight souls, for Noah had found grace in His eyes and had not married nor unionized with false teachers (daughters of men) and their false doctrines. This view is substantiated by the statement of God when He said man had corrupted his way upon the earth—verse 12. God's way is by the sacrificial death of His son, and this is the way the sons of God were corrupted when they married the daughters of men. Therefore, 120 years later God lifted Noah and his family above the water while He destroyed all flesh for corrupting the doctrine of atonement, only through His Son.

Brethren in our time, it is almost like it was in the days of Noah. It seems on every street corner stands the daughter of men (Protestantism) beckoning the sons of God (Baptist) into their houses with the wink of the eye and the promise of better things and luring the sons of God to cohabit (unionize) with them, thus corrupting salvation by grace, which is God's way. Once more the Lord will judge the earth because of the son of God marrying daughters of men by destroying all flesh with the exception of those who find grace in His sight.

When daughters of men brought forth giants, how they rejoiced, but to God there is nothing to rejoice over for God seeth not as man seeth and He calls it wickedness and reserves to judgment those who were brought forth by this union. To-day, the world rejoices in the national council of churches, conventions, associations, boards, and the co-operative programs. Man rejoices, but not true Baptists for we know these giants came about as the result of compromising the Word of God. We groan within ourselves to see these giants, but we know the judgment will come, and in the great tribulation, God will destroy the works of men, while at the same time we (true Baptists) shall be married to the Son of God (Jesus Christ).

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There is one thing that we need to bear in mind. And that is that Jehovah God has never tried to do anything and failed to do it. If He did, He would not be God. Then another thing we need to remember is the fact that God dispenses His mighty power

through the medium of His Spirit (the Holy Spirit). In Heb. 13:20 we read, "the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus." Then in I Pet. 3:18 we read, "being put to death in the flesh, but quickened (made alive) by the Spirit." So we see that God (the Father) raised the Son through the means of God the Holy Spirit. In Lk. 1:35 we see the Holy Spirit being designated as the "power of the Highest."

All this leads me to say that the Holy Spirit has never failed to quicken anybody He wanted to quicken. He did not try to save Saul of Tarsus in Acts 9. He saved him. Saul of Tarsus was probably one of our Lord's greatest enemies among mortal men. So since the Holy Spirit quickened him He could quicken anyone else He chose to quicken.

So the striving in Gen. 6:3 simply has to mean an external striving through the means of the preaching of His prophets. The Holy Spirit was giving this wicked, depraved generation God's Word by means of the preaching of the ones He had called to preach to them. But after another 120 years He was going to stop giving them God's Word and drown them.

Some want to think this 120 years was to be man's life span from that time on, but Scripture does not support that view. Shem, the son of Noah lived 600 years, Gen. 11:10-11. Arphaxad, his grandson, lived 438 years, Gen. 11:12-13. And Abraham who was born 292 years after the flood lived 175 years, Gen. 25:7. So the 120 years in Gen. 6:3 surely must mean that it would be 120 years until the flood came upon them.

**"The Slaughter"**  
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headed. They loved the Lord more than they loved the king, and they refused to do it. You remember the story, I am sure, how Nebuchadnezzar had them cast into the furnace. But God taught Nebuchadnezzar through that experience that He could take care of His own. When the old king looked down into that fiery furnace and saw those three Jews walking around, he didn't see just three; he saw four, and the likeness of the fourth was like the Son of God. He said, "Didn't I command you to cast in three? I see four, and the fourth one is like the Lord Jesus Christ." Oh, how worthless it was to fight against God!

Then the Word of God tells us how he walked around in the city, and looked out over the city, and said, "Is this not the great Babylon that I have built?" He was so proud of what he had done. God said, "Nebuchadnezzar, that is enough. I gave you a dream and the interpretation. I showed you through the experience when you rebelled against me and put those Jews in the fiery furnace, that I could take care of them. Now I am going to make an ox out of you."

For seven years Nebuchadnezzar

went around like a beast. He had forgotten about God, and it is the act of a beast to forget God. A beast has no place for God in his life. He acts like a beast so he might as well continue to be one. For seven years Nebuchadnezzar went around on all fours like a beast, and ate grass like an ox, until God revealed Himself to him. When God revealed Himself to him and Nebuchadnezzar got his mind back, Nebuchadnezzar wrote a chapter in the book of Daniel in which he gave God all the glory. It is worthless in fighting God. That was the end of Nebuchadnezzar fighting God.

I want to tell you, beloved, there is not a bit of use in you fighting God. It is worthless. Nebuchadnezzar found out. Paul found out. Herod found out. It is worthless to fight against God.

If God is speaking to your heart as a Christian and wanting you to do something you might as well go ahead and do it. You are going to do it anyway. If God is speaking to you as an unsaved person, you might as well turn to the Lord Jesus Christ because you are going to turn sooner or later. You may save yourself a lot of grief. You may save yourself a lot of sorrow just to realize that it is worthless to fight against God.

**IV  
GOD RE-DIRECTED THE  
WISE MEN, THUS DEFENDING  
HIS OWN.**

God told those wise men how to leave that city under cover of night so nobody would see them, and for them not to go back to Herod. Thus God defended His own child. Listen:

"And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way." Mt. 2:12.

God re-directed these wise men. Why? In order to protect His own child.

Beloved, it blesses my heart today to know that we have a God who takes care of us, a God who defends His own people. I suppose that you and I think sometimes that it is up to us to take care of ourselves. That is the way of the world. The world reasons thus, but we have a God to take care of us. We read:

"For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." — Heb. 13:5.

I look at the Apostle Paul. He goes to Jerusalem for his last visit. Acts 21 tells us how Paul was arrested. If it hadn't been for God, he would have been destroyed right there. They would have pulled him to pieces. Here is a man who hears about what is going on and he rushes in with his army and saves Paul's life. It is a wonder the centurion didn't say, "Let them have their fun. It is just one little Jew down there for them to kill. It won't hurt anything. There will be another one take his place." But he didn't do it. He rushed in, so the Word of God says, and defended Paul and saved Paul's life. Why? Because God takes care of His own.

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## "TASTE AND SEE"

"O taste and see that the LORD is good"—Psa. 34:8.

Sometimes it seems that all we care to talk about is food. A couple of women aren't together very long before they begin to discuss the high cost of feeding their families, sharing a recipe, or expounding the merits of "natural" foods. It is certainly true that the cost of food rises almost daily. It takes a wise shopper to stay within the budget. And there are many new recipes. It's fun to use some imagination when we prepare meals for our loved ones. And we are told we can eat pine trees, sunflower seeds, certain weeds, and sap from trees. We are cautioned against using commercial fertilizers and insecticides lest we poison our family. I don't know much about all this. Perhaps there is a certain amount of truth in what is said. We realize there is a danger in over-eating or having an unbalanced diet. But when we get to the end of the matter, the most that can be said is that we have cared well for these physical bodies — these temporary tabernacles. But what about our spiritual food? The Psalmist said, "O taste and see that the Lord is good." What did he mean? How can we taste the Lord? The Psalmist answers this in another place when he says, "How sweet are Thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth." (Ps. 119:103).

Just as our natural bodies need to be fed daily with proper food, so our spiritual being needs its food. The Word of God is the spiritual diet needed. The Word of God is sweet. Even diabetics can have all these sweets they can eat. If you are a baby in the Lord, Peter says to drink the sincere milk of the Word that you may grow thereby. One time the disciples were concerned because the Lord Jesus didn't have any food to eat. He calmed their fears with — "I have meat that ye know not of. My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work."

Sometimes our spiritual diet is lacking. Not because there is any shortage of food, or that it cost too much. Sometimes it is lacking because it is not given to us in big enough helpings. Some

preachers spoon feed their people with very small helpings of the Word. But most of the time our malnutrition is our own fault. Our diet is insufficient because it is not a balanced diet. We get too much "milk" and not enough "meat." Or we try to get by with one meal a week instead of feasting every day at home. (It's more fun to go out and eat on Sunday). Perhaps the food we are eating is tainted with error and so we are not nourished properly. We are weak and sickly Christians. We need to have our problem diagnosed and begin to eat properly. Job had the right attitude when he said, "Neither have I gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." (Job 23:12). Oh, that the Lord would "feed me with food convenient for me." (Prov. 30:8).

## Epistle Of James

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that the rest of his works amounted to nothing. We can be sure that Abraham performed many other good works. It becomes very obvious that this verse is not teaching that Abraham was saved by the act of offering up Isaac.

We, in order to understand the verse before us (James 2:21, must understand that the word "justified," as it is used here, does not mean to excuse, but it means to prove (the word "justify" sometimes means to excuse and sometimes it means to prove). We read in Matthew 11:19 that "wisdom is justified of her children." The meaning is that wisdom is proven to be true or false according to the conduct of her children. We read in I Timothy 3:16 that Christ was "justified in the Spirit." The word "justified" in this verse, means that Christ proved by His deeds and teachings that He possessed the divine nature. We find the word "justified" to be used in the same sense here in James 2:21. The word "justified" means that Abraham's action in offering up Isaac proved his faith in God. He was simply letting the light of his faith shine for all to see.

There were, no doubt, many acts of faith in the life of Abraham which the Holy Spirit could have used, but his offering up of Isaac was his greatest act of self-denial. His light shone brighter here than at any other time in his life. It was at this point that Abraham proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that God-given faith is alive and active.

"Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?" (James 2:22).

"Seest thou," that is "O vain man," can't you see from this example of Abraham that faith is productive? Can't you see how that faith is made perfect by works; that is, don't you see how that faith is proven by works? Works bring faith out in the open for all to see. I may tell you that there is a rattle snake outside the door and you may not believe me, but if I bring him inside, then you will believe me. My words, or testimony regarding the snake are made perfect or revealed (proven) to be perfect when I bring the snake inside. It is like II Cor. 12:9 where we read, "My strength is made perfect in weakness." We know that our weakness adds nothing to God's strength. The meaning is that God's strength, through our weakness, is revealed to be perfect. In like manner, "by works was faith made perfect" means that faith was proved to be perfect. In like manner, "by works was faith made perfect" means that faith was proved to be perfect.

"And the Scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness, and he was called the friend of God" (James 2:23).

Abraham by his works "fulfilled," or proved the Scripture to be correct when it declares,

"and Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness." His works did not save him, but only declared (proved) that he was saved.

"... And he was called the friend of God."

Abraham had been God's enemy. He had walked in his own way, but now he is governed by the power of faith which made him pleasing to God and a friend of God. The Scriptures declare that we are God's friends if we keep His commandments (obedient).

"Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only?" (James 2:24).

Beloved, I hope that it is clear in your heart and mind how that

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a man's faith is proven by his works. I hope that it is also clear that we are not saved by works.

"Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified (proven) by works, when she received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?" (James 2:25).

Faith doesn't need a great man like Abraham to operate in. It will operate just as well in the harlot Rahab. Abraham was a man and Rahab was a woman, thus faith works in both men and women.

Rahab's faith was outstanding in that she placed the will of God before her country, and placed her own life on the line. She, in so doing, proved the faith that was within her (she turned on her lights and proved that she had a generator).

"For as the body without the Spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead" (James 2:26).

The body without the Spirit is dead and reveals this death in that it can do nothing spiritual. In like manner, a faith (so called) that does not generate good works is also dead.

## Priesthood

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tion. John 17:24 reveals Christ as saying: "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovest me before the foundation of the world." When we see Him as He is we shall be made like Him. (I John 3:1-2).

## FOR WHOM DOES HE INTERCEDE?

Our Great High Priest intercedes for all the elect, those who believe and shall believe on Him, the children of God that are scattered abroad in the world. In John 17:9 Christ said: "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine." In the Old Testament the high priest bore upon his heart, in the breastplate of judgment, only the names of the children of Israel (Ex. 28:29-30). He appeared before God for Israel. Even so Jesus Christ makes intercession for spiritual Israel whom He died for and whose names He bears upon his heart.

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Our High Priest intercedes for those for whom He died. I read in Romans 8:33-34 these words: "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Christ not only died and rose for a people, But He also answered to and removes all charges brought against these same people. Paul calls those for whom Christ died and now intercedes "God's elect."

## NATURE OF HIS INTERCEDING

Christ's intercession is always heard. His mediation is always acceptable. It is ever successful. The Father always hears the prayer of Christ (John 11:42). He fills His office freely and cheerfully. He is always ready to offer up the prayers of the saints. "And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand." (Rev. 8:3-4). Christ intercession is perpetual: "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25).

## BLESSING HIS PEOPLE

Aaron and his sons were appointed to bless the people of Israel in the name of the Lord (Num. 6:23-26; Deut. 22:5). They could not confer a blessing. They could only pray for one. Christ not only intercedes for blessings for His people, but He actually confers them upon His people.

This branch of Christ's priestly work was prophesied unto Abraham. Genesis 12:3 declares: "And in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Galatians 3:16 explains Genesis 12:3 by saying: "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one. And to thy seed, which is Christ." By all nations in Genesis 12:3 I understand the chosen vessels, the redeemed of the Lamb, those who believe on Him in all nations. Acts 3:25-26 speaks of Christ blessing His people: "Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

Christ as an eternal high priest is ever blessing His seed. He blessed them under the Old Dispensation. Jacob said: "The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads..." The Angel in this verse is our Great High Priest. He is the Angel of

the covenant, an uncreated angel, a pre-incarnate appearance of the Word.

Christ, having offered a sacrifice for the people, now blesses His people. He blessed them before His ascension to the Father. Luke 24: 50-51 says: "And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."

Jesus Christ is "over all, God blessed for ever" (Rom. 9:5). God has made Him "most blessed for ever" (Ps. 21:6). All the blessings of the Covenant of Grace are in our great High Priest. Ephesians 1:3 declares: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." To all of those whom the Father chose in Him before the foundation of the world, the great High Priest will one day say: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Matt. 25:34).

## FALSE THEORIES ABOUT PRIESTHOOD

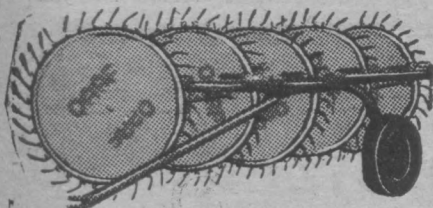
The priesthood of Christ is the one and only fundamental priesthood in our dispensation. While believers are priests in a sense, there are aspects of our Lord's priesthood which are unique and incommunicable. The only priesthood on earth is the inward and spiritual priesthood of all Christians. According to the Scriptures there is no outward ordained priesthood on earth. To ascribe priesthood to an outward religious order of men who wear special clothes is to go beyond what is written. To speak of the clergy and laity is to reveal a misunderstanding of the Holy Writ, for the New Testament teaches the priesthood of all believers.

In the third century after Christ the Roman lawyer, Cyprian promulgated a new interpretation of the priesthood. He conceived a special priesthood and a special sacrifice to offer. The universal priesthood of all believers gave place to a high priestly class, and the spiritual sacrifices gave place to an actual sacrifice offered to God in the Eucharist. Cyprian's revolutionary views were influenced by Greek and Jewish religious ideas and by Roman political organization.

Cyprian's doctrine caused the bishop to become the representative of Christ and the priest of God. This was a denial of the priesthood of all believers. Thus a concept of the universal priesthood of all believers all but vanished at the Council of Carthage and was not greatly revived until the times of Martin Luther. This doctrine suffered eclipse but not extinction. It survived in spite of Cyprianic teaching among the Waldenses, the Cathari, the Lollards, and others. These ever protested against the Roman hierarchy. Their protests were sporadic and localized, although by no

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### ATTACK UPON CHRIST'S SACRIFICE

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This ridiculous view is held in spite of the plain teaching of the Bible about the perfection of Christ's one sacrifice. Hebrews 10:12 says: "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God." The Bible teaches the efficacy of Christ's one sacrifice endures forever. It is the one and only oblation for ever; no other will supersede it or ever be needed. Hence the mass is needless and vain.

The mass, which professes to be the frequent repetition of one and the same sacrifice, is seen to be unscriptural. Not only is Christ's body one, but also His offering is one and His suffering is one. A repetition would imply that the former once-for-all offering of the one sacrifice was imperfect. We surely cannot imagine that any man can add to the sacrifice of Christ.



## The Lord's Supper

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parties but is based on the works of one of the parties. Under the Old Testament law, the agreement was based on man's works and the way he kept the law. This agreement could not work because of man's inability to keep the law. Therefore, a New Testament was and is necessary. This new covenant or agreement is based on God's works not man's (as under the law). Jesus is the completion of the law, without His blood all are still under the law. "This is My blood of the New Testament."

Second: The Supper is a memorial of Jesus himself. "This

do in remembrance of Me" (I Cor. 11:24; Luke 22:19). Christ Jesus is the greatest thought that can cross the mind of man. When a man remembers Jesus, his mind rests on the greatest resting place of all. When the Lord's Supper is taken each partaker should think on the words of John the Baptist, "He must increase but I must decrease. He that is from above is above all" (John 3:30-31).

Third: The Supper is to "show the Lord's death till he come" (I Cor. 11:26). Jesus died for our sins, "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities" (Isa. 53:5). His shed blood and bruised body are a vital part of the commemoration. The return of Christ is also viewed in connection with His death. "Till He Come." Jesus came the first time to die. His Bride is to show, to remember, and to picture the death until He takes His Bride to a place where there is no death. Remembering His death reminds us that He controls death (Rev. 1:18). His death gives life, and His death should always be remembered when the Lord's Supper is taken.

Fourth: The Lord's Supper is a time of self examination for each local Church member (I Cor. 11:28), because the Lord's Supper is a time to look at Jesus and the great sacrifice He made for us. So each Child of God in the local Church should be humbled by the thought of the great sacrifice made by Jesus Christ. In looking at Him we can see what we really are. No man can judge himself without looking through the crimson lenses of Calvary.

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Third: A universal body or a like faith and order body can not "come together." Only a local Baptist church can carry out (I Cor. 11:19) "When you come together in the Church." No "in-

visible," "universal" or "Catholic" body has ever "come together" in one place. However, many of these will "come together" in Hell. Paul also condemned this Church for not being of one mind and one accord. If a local Church had difficulty being of one mind, then how could a group including all believers or even those of "like faith and order" possibly be of one accord with some believing in salvation by works, others believing in salvation by baptism and others believing they have to add to or take away from salvation. The independent local Baptist Church is the only assembly that can scripturally take the Lord's Supper.

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## "The Slaughter"

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The Word of God tells us about the conspiracy on the part of forty men to kill Paul. They weren't going to eat or drink until they had slain Paul. The news got out. One little boy heard the whole thing and he told what he had heard. He got the news to the centurion, and the centurion got the news to the governor. Look what they did! They gave two centurions to take care of Paul with 200 soldiers, 70 horsemen and 200 spearmen. That was 470 soldiers of one type or another. They said, "Make ready at the third hour of the night," which is 9:00 o'clock, "to get out of this place and take Paul and save his life." Why didn't they just let these 40 men go ahead and put an end to Paul? They had said, "We are not going to eat or do anything until we kill him." If they had kept their word, they would have been on a fast for an awfully long time. But God took care of Paul. God defends His own.

We read in Acts 27 of Paul on board that ship. He said to the shipmaster, "You had better stay here at Fair Havens." The shipmaster said, "No, we are going forward. We are going on." He attempted to do so and lost the vessel. They lost their cargo. They lost everything except the people on board the vessel. The Word of God says, "Neither sun or stars in many days appeared."

Beloved, I have had my sunless days and my starless nights. I have had my days when the sun didn't shine, and nights when there wasn't a star to be seen. But I had a God to take care of me just like Paul did.

I look at Paul on board that ship and God takes care of him. When the ship strikes land and they say, "Let's kill the prisoners; they might escape," the chief captain spoke up and said, "No; we are going to save Paul. If you can swim, all right; but if you

can't, get a board." As result, they all escaped safely to shore. Don't tell me we haven't a God who takes care of His own.

Then I see Paul when he got over there on that island and they started to build a fire. Paul was gathering sticks like the rest of them. He wasn't lazy. He was getting some firewood. An asp, a poisonous deadly beast, crawled out of the sticks and fastened itself on Paul's arm. The people said, "Oh, he is a terrible killer. Vengeance suffereth not to live. He escaped the storm, but he is such a terrible killer that vengeance is going to get him right here." But Paul struck the asp and it fell in the fire and he went on about his business. They looked at Paul then and said, "He must be a god."

I tell you, beloved, we have a God that takes care of His own. He defended Paul and our God takes care of His own.

It came to me as I lay in the hospital sick, God isn't through yet. The first week was a terrible week. The second week was still worse. I suffered and said, "No, God isn't through." I say to you, we have a God who takes care of His own. You are immortal as long as it pleases God. When God's time comes for you to go, you'll go; but you are immortal for as long as God wants you to live. All Hell can't put you to death as long as He wants you to live. We see here how God defended His own.

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### WHY DID GOD ALLOW OTHERS TO SUFFER AT THE ADVENT OF HIS SON?

All the mothers in Bethlehem that had children two years old or under suffered. Oh, the grief and the sorrow that those women had! Why did God allow those women to suffer? Why was it that God allowed them to suffer at the advent, or the coming, of His Son into this world? Beloved, I think I know the reason. I think we have a God who is controlling this world and that He does everything according to His own pleasure and purpose.

When Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost, he said:

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In other words, Peter said, "Your wicked hands are responsible. You are responsible for the death of Jesus Christ, but you are doing just exactly what God predetermined, what God foreordained, and what He planned by His own counsel."

I think that is the story of these women suffering because of the death of their children. I think (Continued on page 8, column 4)

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## Women Deacons

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indeed, they ever held God's Word.

I have before me the Jan. 13th issue of the Western Recorder. This is the official paper of the Kentucky State Convention. In this issue, there is an article defending Crescent Hills ordaining of women deacons. This article is written by Mr. E. Glenn Hinson. I am told that Mr. Hinson is a professor in the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. I do not know this man. I will say that he ought to be a giant of a man, for he has undertaken a giant task. But then, I find he is a pigmy instead, for he does such a small job. But really, we should not criticize him for the poor job he did. After all, to try to prove women deacons from the Bible is a job that no man could successfully do, and Mr. Hinson has, I suppose, done as good a job as anyone could. In this article, we learn once again, that a highly educated man in the eyes of the world, may prove to be an ignoramus in the Word of God.

Mr. Hinson says, "To be sure, it is not possible to cite a text which shows that women had hands laid on them as men did." Well, so far, so good. Why does he not go on and tell us that it

tells of a woman holding the office of Deacon. This would put the issue on a Scriptural basis, and settle it once for all. But he does not do this. He endeavors, by some fancy twisting, and turning, and perverting of Scripture, to defend women deacons. For my part, if a woman is in such rebellion against the Bible, as to accept the office of deacon, she is beyond my trying to defend her. Let her answer for herself.

Let me digress a moment. I have heard that many S.B.C. churches are against this practice. Well, what are they going to do about it? Nothing at all. They will blow off a little steam to ease their conscience, and then go right on as members of, and fully supporting the S.B.C. Why don't they put up or shut up? They will. They will shut up. There are two kind of folk in the S.B.C. between which I have a hard time deciding which is the most obnoxious. There are those who teach heresy in doctrine and practice. There are those who blow off a little hot air about such heresy, and then go right on supporting it. Both courses or action are detestable. Mr. Hinson refers to the fact that several letters have appeared in the Western Recorder Baptist Forum against women deacons. Well, I predict that the writers of those letters will stay right with S.B.C., and continue their support just as they have done in the past. Why don't you boys just shut up. Thinking people are getting sick of you mouthing off about what is wrong with the S.B.C., and still supporting that wrong.

Mr. Hinson points out that there are only four places in the N.T. where there is a clear indication of "laying on of hands" in ordination, and that only one of them refers to deacons. He does this to answer the argument (which he admits) that here is no text where hands were laid on women. Well, can Mr. Hinson point us to a text where there is an ordination service without the laying on of hands? No, he cannot. He admits that in these specified ordinations, only men are subjects of ordination. So, it is absolutely certain, and admitted by Mr. Hinson, that there is no example in the Bible of a woman being ordained to office of deacon. So far, Crescent Hills is in admitted rebellion to God's Word.

Now, Mr. Hinson conducts us to the tired, old, and worn argument about Phebe, in Rom. 16:1. The word "servant" in this verse is a translation of the Greek word "diakonos." This is the word that is used whenever N.T. deacons are referred to. Mr. Hinson's first argument here would be that the same word is used in both places. His second argument, upon which he lays most emphasis is that the Greek word used is in the male gender in the Greek, though it refers to the female: Phebe.

Vine, in the Expository Dictionary of N.T. Words, says about this word. "Primarily denotes a servant, whether as doing servile work, or as an attendant rendering free service, without par-

ticular reference to its character. . . . It occurs in the N.T. of domestic servants, John 2:5, 9; the civil ruler, Rom. 13:4 . . . the servants of Christ in the work of preaching and teaching . . . those who serve in churches . . . false apostles, servants of Satan, II Cor. 11:15."

I found, by consulting the Englishman's Greek Concordance, that this word in its verbal and noun form is further used of angels ministering to Christ, Mat. 4:11; Of Christ in His ministering, Lk. 22:27; of one serving meat at a table, Lk. 22:27; Of Martha preparing a meal, Lk. 10:40, etc. Now here is one of the strong arguments for a woman deacon: the same Greek word is used to refer to Phebe as to N.T. deacons. Well, if this argument proves Phebe was a deacon in a N.T. church, it proves that civil authorities, servants about the

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house, women preparing meals, angels, and false apostles are deacons in N.T. churches. No sane man can accept such an argument.

A second argument from the case of Phebe would be that she is referred to as "a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea." Rom. 16:1 (servant, being the word "diakonos." The answer to this is that every member is a servant of the church of which they are a member. Note the word "diakonos" means servant. This word is applied to the office of deacon because a deacon is a servant of the church. But the word is also applied to other kinds of servants and other forms of service. Please note this statement. Every N.T. church deacon is a servant (diakonos), but not every servant (diakonos) is a deacon of a N.T. church. Every saved person should be a member of a N.T. church. Every saved person is a servant of God. Every saved person is to serve God as a member of, and under the authority of, a true church. It is in this sense that Phebe was a servant of the church at Cenchrea.

The third argument from the case of Phebe is that the word used is in the male gender though it refers to Phebe. Mr. Hinson says, "In the application of a noun with a masculine ending (diakonos rather than diakone) there is a very strong suggestion that Phebe held the office which men held." He further says, "You see, if Paul had been speaking in general terms, as he sometimes did of men, he would have been required to use the feminine form of the noun. The very fact that he used the form which had a masculine ending probably means that he was talking about the office." Now please note that Mr. Hinson says that this masculine ending is a "suggestion" that Phebe held the office of deacon, and that it "probably" means this. You see, Mr. Hinson, by his own admission, has no stronger argument for women deacons than a "probably," and "suggestion." Now, brother, surely we must admit that this is mighty weak argumentation for such a serious departure from the practice of our Baptist forefathers in this matter.

Please note this. Here is a seminary professor. — An S. B. C. "scribe," a "doctor" of the law — and the best he can give us in defense of women deacons is a "probably" and a "suggestion." It is so good to have these great Greek teachers to help us understand the Bible. But it would be much better if they would be honest in their usage of Greek. Lest Mr. Hinson "snow" us with his Greek, let us look at some other authorities.

Wuest says about this verse, "Servant is diakonos, a word that could be used in either the masculine or feminine genders." Wuest was pretty good in Greek.

Vincent in Word Studies In The New Testament, says, "The word may be either masculine or feminine." Vincent was pretty good in Greek. Actually, according to Marshall's Interlinear, the word used is not "diakonos" as Mr. Hinson says, but "diakonon." Of course, this word is a form of the word Mr. Hinson uses.

But, according to Bagster's Analytical Greek Lexicon, "diakonon" (the word actually used) is accusative singular, masculine and feminine. Now, I am not a Greek scholar, as Mr. Hinson undoubtedly is, but I do try to be honest in my exposition of Scripture, and in my arguing against a point, or proving a point. Such honest handling of the Word of God would help Mr. Hinson. It would do away with his defense of women deacons, but that would be no great loss. I am not a Greek Scholar, but I do have some helps, and I do seek to use them if I am going to use Greek in argumentation. Mr. Hinson has simply deceived and misled his readers, and given them a "snow-job" with his parade of Greek. He has ignorantly or deliberately misrepresented the Greek, and in ignorance, such ignorance is inexcusable in a man in his position.

So much for the arguments for women deacons taken from the case of Phebe. Poor Phebe. She was a faithful servant of the church as all members ought to be. How she would grieve if she were here, that her faithful service were used to justify open rebellion against the Word of God. The three women of Crescent Hills may hold office in this religious organization that calls itself a Baptist church, but Phebes they are not.

I Tim. 3:12 tells us, "Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife." Now, if one bows to the authority of the Bible, this will forever settle the question of women deacons. When a woman can be the HUSBAND of one wife, she will have one (and only one) of the qualifications of a deacon. Shall I go into a long list of arguments to prove that a woman can not be the husband of one wife, or shall we act like we have half sense (which is more than many seminary professors have) and believe the obvious? Mr. Hinson says of this statement in I Tim. 3:12, "Exactly what this statement means is far from clear." Brother, how thick-headed can a seminary professor be. Why is this statement far from clear? It is very clear. A deacon should be the husband of one wife. How much clearer could anything be? Poor dumb, thick-headed, ignorant seminary

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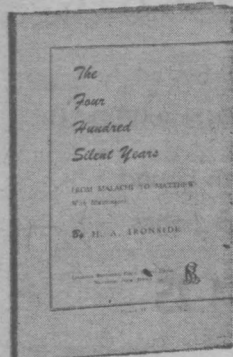
Mr. Hinson says of I Tim. 3:11, "It may be argued rather strongly that this verse refers to women deacons . . . the most natural way to interpret it, since the passage is dealing with deacons, is as a reference to women who serve as deacons . . ." Brother, for a man who is unable to see what is clear in v. 12, to be able to see women deacons in I Tim. 3:11 is really something to behold. Mr. Hinson's vision is so distorted that he cannot see that "a deacon being the husband of one wife" in I Tim. 3:12 means that deacons are to be men — yet, he can see women deacons in I Tim. 3:11. I hardly know what to say about such vision. I think the man needs to go to the Great Physician, the Lord Jesus Christ, and have his eyes anointed with eye salve that he might see. He is worse off than the fellow who "saw men, as trees, walking." The most natural way to interpret I Tim. 3:11, is not to see women deacons in it, as Mr. Hinson does, but, since he is referring in v. 6-13 to the office of deacon and the qualifications for this office, and since Paul says the deacon is to be the husband of one wife, we (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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## Women Deacons

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should interpret the Greek word for women in this verse (11) as referring to the wives of the deacons. Why would the Holy Spirit inspire Paul to refer to a woman as a deacon in v. 11, and then say in v. 12 that the deacon is to be the husband of one wife? Such foolishness might be written by a seminary professor, but not by men inspired of God.

Dear reader, would you believe that, after mis-using the Greek of Romans 16:1, and after not seeing male-only deacons in I Tim. 3:12, and seeing women deacons in I Tim. 3:11, Mr. Hinson — after all this — accuses those of us who do not believe in women deacons of "nitpicking." I looked this up. It means, "to fuss over . . . trivial details with the aim of finding fault." Is seeking to know the Word of God and seeking to obey

it a trivial thing? Evidently Mr. Hinson thinks it is. If we are nitpickers, what is Mr. Hinson. He is a rebel against the Bible. Then to justify such rebellion, he mis-uses the Greek, and perverts the Word of God. I guess I'd rather be a "nitpicker." But of course, I am not even that, for to seek to know and do according to the Word of God is not fussing over trivial matters. Obedience to the Bible may be a "trivial" thing to Mr. Hinson, but not to true Baptists.

"But now, having shown that there are more grounds for believing that women served as deacons in the New Testament period than the critics have supposed." This quote from Mr. Hinson reminds me, in its colossal conceit, of the ant who crossed the bridge on the elephants back, and said, "My, didn't we shake that bridge." Mr. Hinson has not shown any ground for belief in women deacons in the N.T. He

has shown his ignorance of the Bible. He has shown his deceitfulness in using the Greek. He has shown his rebellion against the Bible. He has shown his determination to justify false practice by the Crescent Hills religious organization by any means, fair or foul. This is what Mr. Hinson has shown. But, as to showing women deacons in the N. T., he has miserably failed, as sound Baptists knew he would.

Mr. Hinson then falls back on the old "love" argument. Some who oppose women deacons have not shown enough "love" to suit

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Mr. Hinson. Brother, I am sick and tired of this. Every time a person stands for the Bible, and stands against that which is opposed to the Bible, those heretics who are against the Bible accuse such a person of lacking in "love." I love Jesus Christ for saving my soul. I love the Triune God of the Bible. I love the Word of God. I love the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. I don't love as I should, but by the grace of God and the power of the Spirit, I do have some love, and I praise God for it. But when the Holy Spirit gave me this love in regeneration, He also gave me a hatred for that which is contrary to the Bible. Because Jesus hated iniquity does not prove that He had no love. Because we hate heresy, does not prove we have no love. Our love for truth demands and produces hatred of that which is contrary to the truth. This is necessarily so. Let Mr. Hinson love his heresy of "women deacons," but let sound and true Baptists have love only for that which is according to the Word of God. God bless you all.



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son knows.

5—The Human Race Is Busy Rejecting God's Son And Salvation. No day passes without thousands of people deliberately refusing the Saviour provided and the salvation so freely offered. The mass of mankind won't even attend church, but among those who attend, more leave without Christ, having rejected him, than leave having accepted him. Ungodly men and organized religion put the Son of God to death. The world would do the same today. Any follower of Christ who follows with any strictness will receive the most hateful persecution in any community, town or city in this world. Only Satan can account for such hostility.

6—The Human Race Is Building Up For The Coming Of Anti-Christ, the most fearful monster that the world shall ever know—one who is spoken of in Scripture as "the Beast" (Greek says "wild Beast"). This will mean that the human race will forsake the true God utterly and will go off after a man — and the worst man of history at that — to worship him.

7—In Short, The Human Race Is Busy Going To Hell! This is not pessimism — it is stark reality. THE CHRISTIAN'S BUSINESS IS THAT OF RESCUE. Our business is to spread the gospel of Christ that God may call out of the lost world a "people for his name." We Christians are to separate ourselves from the world such as to live unworldly lives. We are not to "love the world, neither the things that are in the world." Our "citizenship is in heaven" from whence we are to look for the Lord Jesus Christ. The real life of the Christian is in that FUTURE that is sure and certain — made so by the Son of God.

## "The Slaughter"

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the reason why these folk had to suffer at the advent of the Son of God was for one thing, and one thing only — our sovereign God planned it thus.

That is why I thank God for Romans 8:28, for it says:

"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."

That is why I thank God for I Thessalonians 5:19, for it says:

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

What does it say? "In everything give thanks."

I can thank the Lord for the easy things, the pleasant things, and the good things. But we ought to accept the tragedies that befall us, the problems that come to us, the difficulties that are ours. We ought to accept them, though we may not understand them. Whatever befalls us, comes because God is a sovereign God. I like the words of that old hymn:

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea,  
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines  
Of neverfailing skill,  
He treasures up His bright designs,  
And works His sov'reign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy, and shall break  
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
And scan His works in vain;  
God is His own interpreter,  
And He will make it plain."

I tell you, beloved, I think that is the answer why God allows tragedies to come — why God allowed others to suffer at the advent of Jesus. I think we have the answer. He is a sovereign God and someday He'll make it plain.

VI

### THE GIFTS THAT THE WISE MEN BROUGHT TO JESUS.

I have always liked this part of the story when the wise men brought gifts to Jesus. I don't know how many wise men there were. You say there were three of them, but I don't know. I do know there were two, because the word "men" is plural. There may have been three or there

may have been a dozen. There were three gifts but that doesn't mean to say there were three men. Two men could have brought the three gifts.

You say, "I have seen pictures of them." Yes, that is the trouble with too many people. They have gotten their theology from pictures and hymnbooks instead of getting it from the Word of God. God's Word doesn't say how many wise men there were. All we know is that they were wise men. We read concerning these wise men:

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." — Mt. 2:11.

As we are in the early part of this year, I am wondering about those of you who are saved. I am wondering about you presenting to the Lord yourself first, and bringing your gifts to the Lord this year as you have never done before. These wise men presented gifts as they worshipped Him. As you come here to worship the Lord this morning, God help you to present your gifts — yourself first, then all that you have — to Him as you worship Him today.

I think about those of you who are unsaved. I think about those of you who come here Sunday after Sunday and know not the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Might it please God to reach down and save you this morning, that you might give to God your life and service in 1973.

This is a terrible story that we read about. Only one time in history has it ever been matched so far as a parallel is concerned, and that was when Hitler led his legions, goose stepping across the low countries of Holland and Belgium. Hitler was riding high on the wave of popularity. Everybody was calling, "Hail, Hitler! Hail, Hitler!" It looked like he was going to rule the world. Non-Aryans were being killed by the thousands. Hitler said they were not fit to live in this world. Unless you had German blood you weren't fit to live, and all the non-Aryan's were being killed. Every Jewish woman that Hitler could find that was pregnant was aborted by the state so she couldn't bring another non-Aryan baby into the world. I tell you, it is terrible when you read about things like that. It is terrible when you read this story in the Word of God. But just remember this: Up yonder in Heaven there is a God who is looking after us. He is controlling us. His will is being done so far as our lives are concerned.

Might it please God to save someone here that is lost and might it please God to add you to this body.

May God bless you!

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