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## Bro. Halliman Is Returning Home The Last Of May

Elder Fred T. Halliman is planning to return to the United States for a few months visit with his family and the various churches that support him, arriving here sometime in the latter part of May.

A member desires to have Brother Halliman visit you, then be sure that you write me at once so it can be planned in his itinerary. Brother Halliman will not be able to go back over the same territory twice, as he will only be home for a few months. Therefore, it is imperative that you let

Our friends will remember that last year Brother Halliman was home, and his visit with his family and the churches was cut short as a result of problems that arose on the mission field. There were only a few of the churches that he got to visit at that time. When he left for New Guinea, it was with the thought in mind that he would come back to the United States in 1973.



FRED T. HALLIMAN

Therefore, Brother Halliman will be home the last of May, and is planning to be with his family, help them in a move they are about to make, and have fellowship with them at least through the month of June before he attempts to visit any of the churches.

us know your desires, and we will be glad to work out an itinerary to include Brother Halliman's visit with you.

In view of the fact that we handle his correspondence and take care of his finances in this country, we are beginning to make up an itinerary for him that will take him in all four directions.

It is a joy to us to take care of this little chore in behalf of Brother Halliman. I would definitely ask you that you co-operate by writing us immediately your desires.—J.R.G.

If the church of which you are

## Is The World Growing Better?

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Any thinking person must surely admit that this question is one of more than passing interest. Out of this question grow issues of vital importance. It presents the fork of the roads at which we all must conclude whether we shall be Pre- or Post-millennialists, Evolutionists and Modernists or (what may be called) Fundamentalists, Unionists or Denominationalists.

All popular issues have two sides. He who is unwilling to face both sides is either over-prejudiced, or else he is mentally incapable of thinking for himself. We must face both sides of this question — Is the world growing better?

Some say, yes, the world is growing better in many ways. Our education, they tell us, can

be very limited, and yet we can know this truth. They argue that it is easily proved from history, that the Apostle Paul died in prison because he preached that Jesus saves; and that from his day down through the Dark Ages, and even into the nineteenth century, we see a trail of blood witnessing to the fact that multiplied millions of human lives, of both sexes and of all ages, have been cruelly murdered, some "stoned" or "sawn asunder," still others "wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented, (of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth." — Why? Because they believed and preached that Jesus saves.

On the other hand, where are the Neros of today? — as the op-

position. They tell us that we live in the Golden Age, and in the land of the free and the home of the brave, where the pulpit orator can vehemently denounce the President of these United States, and the officers of the law will yell "Amen."

Again, some affirm that inventions prove the world is growing better, because they have been of priceless moral value to us. They exclaim, "Where would the world be if it were not for printing!" Hundreds of years ago, our faithful forefathers had to travel sometimes hundreds of miles to get to see an imperfect copy of just part of the sacred Scriptures, and then it was probably written in a foreign language. They were for only the wealthy and educated. The common people had to take others' word for what the Scriptures said and meant. While today, the orphan on the street, who must beg for his bread, can, if he so desires, own a good copy of the entire Bible, written in his own language.

Those who advocate that we are now living in a "Golden Age" seek to prove their contentions by praising modern religious scholarship. Even when Spurgeon was a boy, they reason, preaching in his London Tabernacle, he had to dig out most of his Spiritual knowledge for himself; but in this generation, when, besides our seminaries and other Christian training institutions, we have an endless number of reliable commentaries, Bible dictionaries, periodicals, and books on every imaginable subject, surely we can easily understand why it is possible for a young preacher to have a knowledge of the Bible, in some ways equal, and in some ways superior, to that of Spurgeon at his death. Ah! who can estimate, they demand, the moral and Spiritual value to the world Bible scholarship has been. Some will, even plead Scripture proof for this argument when they quote, "... in the multitude of counsellors there is safety."

However, as I have said, there are two sides to this question. Is (Continued on page 6, column 1)

## A Study Of God's Decrees In His Work Of Providence

By R. E. POUND II  
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"God, who made the world and all things in it, seeing that he is LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, dwelleth not in temples made with hands, seeing HE GIVETH TO ALL LIFE, AND BREATH, AND ALL THINGS... FOR IN HIM WE LIVE, AND MOVE

"... LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us FOR THOU ALSO HAST WROUGHT ALL OUR WORKS IN US." Isaiah 26:12.

"For he performeth the thing that is APPOINTED FOR ME AND MANY SUCH THINGS ARE WITH HIM." Job 23:14.

"... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is GOD WHO WORKETH IN YOU BOTH TO WILL AND TO DO OF HIS GOOD PLEASURE." Phil. 2:12, 13.

### INTRODUCTION

In each of the texts is found, the working of God's will in us. The belief that God governs and works all things according to the counsel of HIS OWN WILL, (Eph. 1:11) is known in theology as the doctrine of PROVIDENCE. Providence is not a continuing work of God such as creation, for He has ceased from that type of work, (Genesis 2), but is an additional work which is not creative. This is God's work in government (John 5:17). This present work of God is in governing that which He has already created so as it will fulfill the course which has been determined.

God's DECREES OR PREDESTINATION are related to His providence in the following manner — God has decreed all things whatsoever come to pass; all events are inter-related to each other so that nothing is independent (Continued on page 5, column 2)



R. E. POUND

AND HAVE OUR BEING... Acts 17:24-28.

"... by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds... AND UPHOLDING ALL THINGS BY THE WORD OF HIS POWER..." Hebrews 1:2, 3.

### CRUCIFIED AND RISEN AGAIN

A little lad was gazing intently at a notable picture of the crucifixion. A gentleman approached, stopped, and looked. The boy, seeing his interest, said, "That's Jesus." The man made no reply and the lad continued: "Them's Roman soldiers." And, after a moment: "They killed Him."

"Where did you learn that?" asked the man.

"In Sunday School," was the reply. The man turned and walked thoughtfully away. He had not gone far when he heard a youthful voice calling, "Say, Mister, (Continued on page 5, column 5)

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "THE LAST DAYS"

(Read II Timothy 3 and 4).

By way of preface, I'll say that I believe that we are living in the last days. As I read this third and fourth chapters of II Timothy, I am satisfied that surely the things that are spoken of here by way of prophecy are being fulfilled and coming to pass definitely in this very day. I say then, beloved, that I believe we are living in the last days.

Paul starts this third chapter by saying, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times

shall come." In other words, Paul is saying, "This is what you can expect in the last days." Then he goes on to give to us a description of what the last days shall be like.

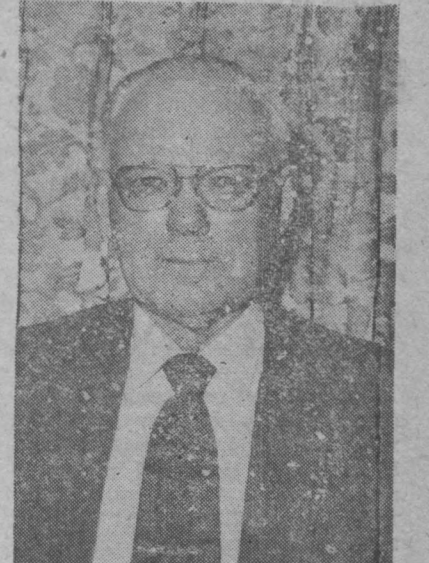
Beloved, I have a feeling that you ought to know what to expect. I have a feeling that you ought to know what is taking place and what is coming to pass. Therefore, since Paul speaks about the last days, I want to tell you the things that Paul says we can expect in the last days.

### THE LAST DAYS WILL BE CHARACTERIZED BY APOSTASY IN EVERY REALM.

In the realm of morals, ethics, government, and religion, you'll find apostasy as one of the characteristics of the last days. Listen: "Men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incon-

out of the world... that they may be one as we are." — John 17:8-11.

No clear thinking believer can ignore the fact that our Heavenly Father desires a warm fellowship to exist between all who are the product of Holy Spirit regeneration (Titus 3:5-7). However, His



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appeal was not meant for some conglomerate, the product of human invention. David referred to some who "provoked Him to anger with their inventions" (Psalm 106:29).

Key '73 is by no means an organism; it is a physical organization the product of human invention (Continued on page 6, column 3)

### BE READY FOR HIS COMING

An old Christian man, hoeing his garden, was asked what he would do if he were suddenly to learn that he was to die at sunset that day. He said, "I would finish hoeing my garden."

Be sure you are in His will — then come as near completing the job as His call for you or return for you will allow! If hoeing the garden is His will for your life today, do not let anything keep you from your job. Alas, there are many who know of the Lord's coming, who are not serving Him, but are living for themselves, and are engaged in things that are not His will. "Behold, I come quickly, saith the Lord!"

If you are a child of God, you are called to be a saint whom Christ will some day present to God faultless.

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## "The Last Days"

(Continued from page one)

continent, fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away"—II Tim. 3:1-5.

These verses tell us that there

is going to be a tremendous apostasy in the last days. In fact, in every realm there is apostasy. As I say, in the realm of morals, in the realm of ethics, in the realm of religion, and in the realm of government, there is going to be apostasy as spoken of in this passage of Scripture.

In the light of these verses, I am convinced that we are living in the last days. I tell you frankly, these things are being fulfilled before our very eyes every day.

If you will read the books that are being printed, and if you will notice the things that are being said today, you will see how apostasy is rampant so far as this world is concerned.

Take, for example, apostasy in the realm of religion. I can remember a time when you would have looked the world over to have found a Baptist preacher who believed in falling from grace. They just didn't come. The first time that I met a Baptist preacher who said that he believed that a man could be lost after he was saved, I was stunned. But now, a teacher in one of our Baptist seminaries writes a book for the students to use as a textbook whereby he teaches that a man can be saved today and lost tomorrow. Now that is apostasy.

I can remember a time when men were sound on church truth. I think there was a time when even many of the leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention were sound in the realm of church truth. Today, you would search widely to find a man who is not tainted with ecumenicalism, and who is standing for the truth of God's Word so far as the church is concerned. I say you would almost search in vain to find such.

Paul says that we can expect these last days to be characterized by apostasy, and he mentions the apostasy that we can expect in these days. Beloved, I say that we are living in those days.

### II

## IN THE LAST DAYS, MEN WILL RESIST THE TRUTH.

We read:

"Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also RESIST THE TRUTH: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith"—II Tim. 3:8.

Paul says that men will resist the truth and he predicates this, by talking about Jannes and Jambres. Who were they? They were the two men who stood in the presence of King Pharaoh when Moses went in and asked for the children of Israel to be delivered out of the hands of the Egyptians. When Moses threw his shepherd's staff down on the ground and it turned into a snake, Jannes and Jambres threw their staves down, and they, likewise, turned into snakes. Jannes and Jambres resisted the truth. Paul says that in the last days men are going to

resist the truth just exactly like Jannes and Jambres, and, beloved, they are doing it today. Men are resisting the truth.

I think the greatest and most outstanding illustration of this to be found in all the Word of God is in the 18th chapter of II Chron. when Ahab invited Jehoshaphat to go out to war with him. Jehoshaphat said, "I'll go with you. I am as thou art, and my people as thy people. We'll fight with you, for we are all Jews." Then after he had committed himself, he said, "Wait; maybe we had better pray about this matter." The time to pray is when you get ready to do something, and not after you have already decided to do it, but Jehoshaphat said, "We had better pray about this matter before we go into battle."

Ahab said, "I have the preachers," and he brought out a big crowd of them. He said to his preachers, "Tell me, shall we go to battle, or shall we forbear?" Everyone of them said, "Go to battle and you shall be victorious. You will win the battle without any difficulty."

Jehoshaphat said, "I don't like the looks of that crowd. They may suit you, but they don't suit me. Don't you have somebody

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else here — some man of the Lord? These men look like they are men of Satan? Don't you have a man of God that you can call in?"

Ahab said, "Yes, I have one, old Micaiah, the son of Imla, but he never does any preaching that I like." Ahab admitted that Micaiah was a man of God, but said, "I don't like his preaching." When Ahab admitted that Micaiah was a man of God but said, "I don't like his preaching," that shows that he was resisting the truth.

When Micaiah came in, he said, "I see all Israel scattered on the mountain, as sheep that have no shepherd," as if to say, "You are going to be killed, Ahab, when you go out to battle, and your people are going to be scattered as sheep on a mountain without a shepherd."

Ahab said, "I told you he would not preach my kind of preaching. I told you that you wouldn't like what he had to say."

Then Micaiah went on to say, "This people that you have called upon to pray for you and tell you what to do, are false prophets, and an evil spirit of the Lord is resting upon them."

One of them came up to him and said, "Which way did the Spirit of the Lord go when it left me and came to you? Which way did He go?" He took a pair of horns and put them on his head and went around butting everything and everybody, saying, "This is what Ahab and Jehoshaphat will be able to do to Syria. They'll be able to push them until Syria be consumed." It sounded good in the eyes of Ahab and Jehoshaphat, but it resulted in Ahab's death and almost resulted in Jehoshaphat's death.

Beloved, these men were resisting the truth. One man by the name of Micaiah was standing for the truth, but all the balance were resisting it. I tell you, it is a fearful thing for a man to resist the truth of God's Word.

I have a conviction that this old Bible is true from beginning to end. From Genesis 1:1 to Rev. (Continued on page 3, column 1)

# A Letter From Missionary Pietsch As To Billy Graham

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Beloved Brother Fuller:

Greetings in the name of our Lord with Isa. 59:15 and Isa. 66:5.

Thanks for your letter of the 20th of this month that has just arrived and after prayer I believe the Lord would have me answer you. You missed my whole point. Billy Graham is the most dangerous man in all the world to born-again, believing Bible Christians because he leads them into a co-operation with the enemies of the Gospel and puts before them a stumbling block as Balaam did in teaching King Balak how to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel (Rev. 2:14 and Numbers 31:15-16).

Whether Billy Graham is a Christian is not the issue involved at all as you sought to make out in your letter. I can't say he isn't and you can't say for sure that he is, can you? "The Lord knoweth them that are His" is one side of the Seal of God that standeth sure, but the other side is also the Seal of God, "Let him that nameth the Name of Christ depart from iniquity" (II Tim. 2:19).

Would you try to make out that the deliberate, defended, spiritual adultery that Billy Graham commits is from God? The man in the church in Corinth, who was living with his father's wife was a believer but the church was commanded to separate from him until he repented. He believed the deity of Christ, in His death and resurrection and yet the church was instructed to "deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus" (I Cor. 4:5-6).

The Corinthian church was being very "broadminded" as you are, and were not going to judge a Christian but Paul upbraided them, "Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven, leaveneth the whole lump?" (I Cor. 5:6). You seem to think that Graham's deliberate spiritual adultery is not really very bad, and though you are sorry about it, it isn't serious enough to separate from him about.

As I pointed out in my previous letter, if he were living with some one else's wife, in deliberate adultery and defending such disobedience, would you then say that God had told you to stay on the Wheaton Board of Trustees with him? I don't believe you would, for you would consider physical adultery extremely evil,

but you don't seem to consider his deliberate adultery so evil. Actually it is worse in God's sight to adulterate the Gospel (and than it is to adulterate marriage. Billy Graham certainly does that.) I made a very careful examination of all of Graham's books and sixty of his sermons and I came to the conclusion that he preaches what gullible, compromising evangelicals are willing to accept as the Gospel, but if he really preached the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the neo-orthodox modernists would leave him overnight. They can take part in a Billy Graham Crusade on an equal basis with Bible believers and they are honored and lauded and never have fear of suffering a moments embarrassment because of their unbelief. No one is a greater front for them than



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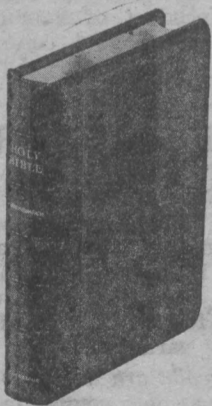
Billy Graham and no one leads more into following their ecumenical movement than he does).

One of the leading Bible Baptist missionaries here in Japan recently had to resign from the presidency of the BBF Bible School, because he went off with another woman, other than his wife. He hasn't denied the faith, and he still professes to be a Christian but what about the adultery? Would you fellowship with him as a "faithful" brother while he lives in adultery. How can you fellowship with Billy Graham as a "faithful" brother on the Wheaton College Board of Trustees?

Beloved, Brother Fuller, you do yourself great harm, the cause of Christ and the position of Biblical separation disrepute by remaining on that board of trustees with Billy Graham. Again I plead with you, for the Lord's sake and His Gospel, to get off that board of trustees of Wheaton College now. I appeal that you do it openly and forthrightly. I didn't think Dr. William McCarrell was very forthright when he left that board, for it was made out he had left simply because of age. He should have issued a statement forthrightly that he would not be a front for compromise. Your inconsistent position of remaining (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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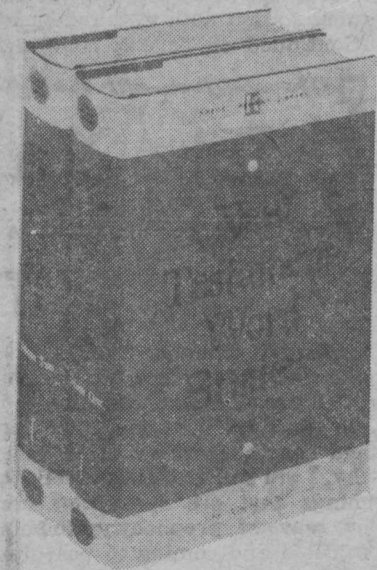
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22:21. I believe the Book and I certainly would hate to resist the truth — the truth of the doctrines of grace, the truth of the church that Jesus built, the truth as to Christian living, and the truth as to the second coming of my Lord. I would hate to resist any of those truths, or any portion of the Word of God. But Paul says to Timothy that in the last days, men will resist the truth, and you needn't be a bit surprised if you talk to somebody, and he resists what you have to say, that is of the Lord.

### III

#### IN THE LAST DAYS, CONDITIONS WILL GET WORSE.

We read:  
"Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" — II Tim. 3:13.

Are you expecting things to be better? I'm not. I fall back on God's Word. Are you expecting morals to be better? I'm not. Are you expecting ethics to be better? I'm not. Are you expecting that people are going to be more content with the things of God tomorrow than they are today? I'm not. Are you expecting that the drug store abuse and respect for law and order — are you expecting these things to be better? I'm not. I say to you frankly, the conditions are prophesied in the Word of God to get worse and worse. We needn't expect them to get better.

God pity the father and mother that is rearing a crowd of children today? God pity those children's children who may rear a crowd of children tomorrow!

We have another passage of Scripture that would indicate that things are going to get worse and worse. In the Old Testament, in the book of Daniel, Daniel gives us a picture of a man who had a dream. He dreamed about an image with a head of gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron, and feet of iron and miry clay. When Daniel interpreted the dream, he said to the king of Babylon, "Thou art the head of gold. The chest and arms of silver represent Media-Persia. The belly and thighs of brass represent Greece. The legs of iron represent Rome. The feet of iron and miry clay represent the nations that are to come out of Rome."

Notice, gold, silver, brass, iron, and miry clay. You see, beloved, there is an increase in strength, but a decrease in finer qualities.

I want to tell you, beloved, you can expect a decrease in finer qualities today. Just as Paul says here, conditions are going to get worse and worse, and we can expect it as the days pass by.

I don't expect people to flock to our church. I don't expect people to come here by the multiplied hundreds. I don't expect morals to get any better. The fact of the matter is, I expect them to get much worse. I'll go further and offer a prophecy that things that we read about that take place in the nightclubs, you can expect them to be common things so far as society is concerned,

within a very short time right here within our town.

Beloved, these are the last days that we are living in.

### IV

#### IN THE LAST DAYS, MEN WON'T ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE.

We read:  
"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine" — II Tim. 4:3.

The majority of churches are just like that today. They won't endure sound doctrine. If you want to challenge me on that statement, then may I suggest that you take a little trip and observe for yourself what kind of doctrine is being preached. If that doesn't convince you, then I suggest that you go back to each of those churches that you visited and offer to preach for them, free of charge, one Sunday, and see how many people get mad when you preach the truth.

I tell you, beloved, this passage of Scripture tells us that conditions are going to become such that men will not endure sound doctrine, and we are living in that day right now. I believe that ninety-nine per cent of the Baptist churches would vote Jesus Christ out as pastor within six months' time after He became pastor. The churches just don't want sound truth.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, that is a terrible statement." Beloved, it is a true statement. I would challenge you to visit, to look about and see if you aren't convinced that churches just don't want sound truth.

I ask you, how many preachers are there today who compromise just to hold their jobs? There are plenty of them, who for a meal ticket will sell the truth down the river. I know many good men today who were voted out of a church just because they stood for the truth, and they are doing nothing today on that account.

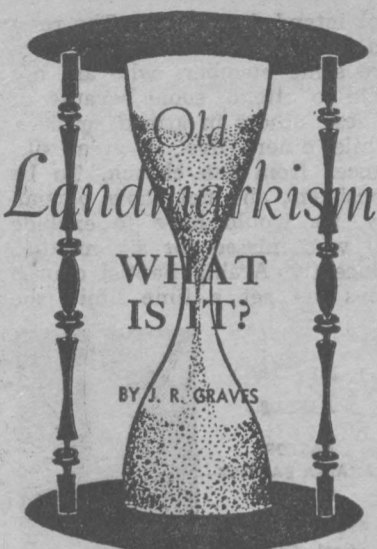
You say, "Brother Gilpin, that sounds terrible." Let me tell you something. In Spurgeon's day, the Baptist Bible Union of London tried to undermine Spurgeon and tried to get him ousted from his pulpit. What happened then is happening today, and preachers that stand for the truth are being fired right and left, and the majority of preachers today have come to the place that they will preach anything in the world in order to have a meal ticket.

### V

#### IN THE LAST DAYS, WE'LL FIND PLENTY OF FALSE PREACHERS.

We read:  
"But after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears." — II Tim. 4:3.

It is nice and comfortable to have someone to scratch your back. It is nice and comfortable to have somebody to tickle your ears when they are itching. There are a lot of people who wouldn't dare say they are infidels, or that they are modernists. They have a religious streak about them. I didn't say a saved streak; I said a religious streak, to the extent that they want to be recognized as religious people, but they don't



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want the truth, and they'll find themselves a false preacher who will tickle their fancy and scratch their itching ears.

We read:  
"Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, PROPHECY DECEITS" — Isa. 30:10.

This happened 700 years before Jesus Christ was born. That was the way the people were doing, Isaiah says. They were telling the preachers, "Don't you preach right things. We don't want the truth. We don't want right things; we want smooth things. Give us deceitful things — anything so that it won't be right things."

That wasn't only true in Isaiah's day. Jeremiah lived just a short while after Isaiah and in Jeremiah's day, the same thing was true. Listen:

"The prophets PROPHECY FALSELY, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so" — Jer. 5:31.

God says, "Even my people love to have it so." Love to have what? They love to have a false preacher. Beloved, a carnal people love a carnal preacher. Jeremiah says that these false preachers of his day prophesied falsely.

As Paul said, the last days will be characterized by false preachers. Beloved, there are plenty of them abroad today. Every once in a while, I meet up with one of them, and I am convinced from my own experience that there are plenty of false preachers in the world today. I'll say this, every preacher of the Southern Baptist Convention who is having anything to do with Key 73 is a false preacher, and he knows himself that he is leading his people wrongly.

Any man who is intelligent enough to be ordained to the ministry, knows that the things of the National Council of Churches are wrong, and when he is affiliated thereby or therewith, he knows that he is doing wrong, and thereby brands himself a false preacher.

Right here in this town, there are so-called Baptist preachers. I say so-called, because I don't think that God ever called them. I doubt seriously if they were ever saved. But there are so-called Baptist preachers right here in this town who are advocating Key 73, which means nothing else in this world but a movement to get the Baptists into the ecumenical stream whereby everybody will eventually be Protestantized and Catholicized to the extent that all will be one. Beloved, I tell you, we can find false preachers in the last days.

### VI

#### IN THE LAST DAYS, PEOPLE WILL TURN THEIR EARS FROM THE TRUTH.

We read:  
"And they shall TURN AWAY THEIR EARS from the truth." — II Tim. 4:4.

There are some truths that are mighty precious to me. The truth of redemption by blood is about

the most precious thing that I can think about. Peter said:

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" — I Pet. 1:18,19.

To me, this is precious. I like to think that I am redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ and that it is by the shedding of His blood that my sins have all been paid for. For me, there is nothing more precious than redemption by blood.

There are some other doctrines that are mighty precious to me — total depravity, unconditional election, a limited atonement, irresistible grace, and perseverance. I don't know how any man could preach that didn't believe them. To tell you the truth, I don't know how any man could preach that didn't believe those doctrines of grace. They are precious.

There is another truth that is mighty precious to me and that is the church that Jesus built. Jesus said:

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

Then there is another truth that is mighty precious to me and that is the truth of the second coming of Jesus Christ. I am expecting the Son of God to split the skies at any moment to come back to this world. I say, beloved, we are living in the last days, and if we are living in the last days, we are living in the days just before the coming of Jesus Christ. I say, I expect Him to come at any moment.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, I don't expect Him." The Bible says to beware, that at the time you think not, He cometh. Beloved, Jesus Christ is coming.

These things are precious to me, but Baptists are turning their ears from the truth. Mighty few Baptists want to hear about the doctrines of grace. Mighty few of them want to hear about redemption by blood. Mighty few of them want to hear about the church that Jesus built. Mighty few of them want to hear about the second coming. Beloved, the majority of Baptists are turning their ears from the truth.

### VII

#### IN THE LAST DAYS, MEN WILL TURN TO FABLES.

We read:  
"And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be TURNED UNTO FABLES" — II Tim. 4:4.

Let's see if we can't name two or three fables that men have turned to today.

There is the fable that the Bible is not the inerrant Word of God. Personally, I believe that the Bible is the Word of God. I believe that it is inspired. I believe that every word in it is final, and I believe that every word in it is correct, and if it had not been, God would have put another word there instead. We read:

"EVERY WORD OF GOD IS PURE: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he

reprove thee, and thou be found a liar" — Prov. 30:5,6.

In other words, this says, "Don't you dilly-dally around with the Word of God. If you do, in the end, you'll be found a liar."

This says, "Every word of God is pure." Though I believe that the Bible is pure from beginning to end, even though I believe that from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 it is God's Word, and that it is inerrant and no mistakes in it — though I believe this, the majority of people don't.


It is amazing how many preachers will tell you today that the fellows that wrote the Bible did the best they could; that they took their experiences and brought out of those experiences the best teachings that they could, but that it is not to be considered as final, for there are a lot of mistakes in it. I talked to a man just a very short time ago, and he made this statement to me. He said, "As far as the Bible is concerned, the men that wrote it did the best they could to take their experiences and tell us what they thought God meant." As I talked with him further, he went on to say that some of the teachings that they came up with were rather barbaric, and that we consider them as barbaric today.

A few years ago, a man had an article in one of the state Baptist papers of Florida in which he criticized Malachi because Malachi talked so abruptly to the people of his day. He said that Malachi taught tithing and several things that a lot of folk don't agree with. Finally, he summed up his article by saying, "Poor old Malachi! Too bad he didn't have seminary training so he would know how to deal with the people."

Beloved, that is the attitude of the world today. The world has considered the Bible not inerrant. The world considers the Bible to be just a book of fables that has grown up around men's experiences and that they did the best they could to interpret God to us but those ideas that they had were rather crude. It is pitiful to me when I think of it. It is one of the fables that men have turned to today.

There is a second fable and that is that Christ's church has failed.

You will go to 999 out of 1,000 of all denominations in America before you will find one man who will tell you that the church that Jesus built is still here in this world today. The majority of them will tell you that the church that Jesus built has failed, and that in spite of the fact that Jesus said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Mt. 16:18); and in spite of the fact that the Apostle Paul prayed, "Unto him be glory in the church, world without end" (Eph. 3:21); and that in spite of the fact that Jesus said, when He gave the commission, "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Mt. 28:20). I tell you, I rejoice when I remember the Bible teaches that the church that Jesus built is going to last forever. It is not going to fail. When the Son of God comes back to this world, He is not going to find too many true churches here, but He (Continued on page 4, column 4)



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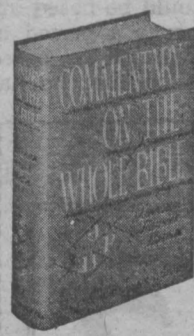
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*"Is it Scriptural to exclude a member of a church who hasn't attended services for six months, and who has stated he hasn't intended to come back?"*

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So far as I am able to know there is no Scripture that says a member should be excluded under these conditions. Neither is there any Scripture that says not to exclude such a member. So, as I see it, this is something for the church to decide. If this member has not attended the church for six months, and he says that he is not coming back to the church, and if every effort has been put forth to restore him to fellowship, I see no reason for keeping his name on the roll of the church. It seems to me that the church should just vote to remove the name from the church roll unto such time the fellowship is restored.

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If we had an arm or a leg that ceased to function for six months and would undoubtedly not be restored to use, we would amputate it. If a member stays away and has no intention of returning he should be excluded.

**"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?"** (II Cor. 6:14).

We can not be yoked with one who does not believe or one who is unrighteous. Anyone who stays away from church and does not desire to be in church is unrighteous.

We are told to purge out any old leaven that is in the church. **"Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened . . ."** (I Cor. 5:7).

The question is if a person misses six months — I am inclined to think that we should not wait that long. A person who stays away a few months and who has no acceptable reason should be excluded.

Need I remind you that the church is a very important institution. It is God's organization for us. We should not let any organization or desire take the place of the church. I am sure that those of you who are employed would not think of staying away from your place of employment for six months without an excuse. And I daresay you

would not have a job if you did return after that long. If the job is that important, how much more important is the church?

The church is the body of Christ. Paul said to the church at Corinth, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." (I Cor. 12:27). This body is important to Christ, so important that he died for it. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it." (Eph. 5:25).

We must be careful that we keep it spotless. We must keep it spotless in respect to doctrine as well as membership.

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Yes, it would seem to be right and Scriptural to exclude such a person. I don't know what the person's grievance is — it may be just, but no one has a right to back off from their church and quit attending it or supporting it. Such a person is serving as an enemy of their church, and is harming it. If they have a just grievance, they should state it before the church, and if they can't get anything done about it, they should move their membership elsewhere. To remain a member of a church and refuse to attend or back it, is wicked. And what does the Bible say about such? It says in I Cor. 5:13, **"Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person."**

Sometimes the excluding of a worthless church member will wake them up and cause them to change their behavior. I think of a man whose name was on the roll of a church where I was pastor, but who didn't pay any attention to the church. The church sent out a letter to such members urging that they change their behavior, and warning that in case they did not, they would be excluded from the church. This man came to the church and confessed that he was in the wrong. He asked to be retained as a member and promised to attend church regularly. He kept his word, and eventually he became one of the most useful and respected members we had. He has a family that is devoutly Christian. His son is now a preacher of the gospel.

Yes, it would be Scriptural to exclude one who hasn't attended a service for six months, and who does not intend to attend the worship services of the church. I do not believe that the charges for exclusion should be based upon his absence over a period of time. Rather it should be based upon his confession that he has

not intended to return. The reason for this position is that there are some members who are not able to attend, some because of illness, others in armed services, while others live at great distances from the church. To be consistent and not show partiality, we would have to exclude all who missed for six months. Since the Arabia Baptist church does not set a time limit, she

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would bring charges of contempt of the church and her head, Jesus Christ, for wilful disobedience to the command given to her members.

**"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins"** — Heb. 10:25-26.

If one is a member of the body of Christ (Baptist Church) and has no intention of ever assembling with that body, then he would become guilty of forsaking the assembling of himself with other saints, and wilful sin. Such a person is following the flesh and has come to the place where there is no fear of the Lord before his eyes and should be excluded from the church. The reason for that statement is the church (Baptist) is God's storehouse, and it is here that the Lord prepares His table of all the good things from Heaven; such as, sovereignty of God, salvation by grace, security of the saved and the second coming of Christ — just to name a few of the dishes. Brethren, seeing as how the Lord prepares His table in His church, and then issues the invitation, "Come and dine," (John 21:12), one outside the church could not say that the Lord prepared him a table. If His children do not intend to heed His (Jesus Christ) invitation to sit down at His table, then they should be excluded from the body and perhaps be made to fear.

To explain my thoughts relative to this issue, may I ask the women a question? After you have labored to prepare a table (meal) for your household and have issued the call, "come and dine," but some refuse to come, aren't you somewhat upset and perturbed at the action of those for whom the meal was prepared? Sisters, I believe that the Lord is somewhat upset when He prepares His table, and Baptist people will not sit down to eat. The Lord's reaction to this is pictured for us by Jesus so that we might better understand the importance of attending church services, and so that we might realize the seriousness of the statement, "I don't intend to come." Read Matt. 22:1-14.

In this parable, we hear the invitation to a supper. Brethren, this invitation was not given to all mankind without exception, rather it was given to those who knew the Son. Thus, the parable was given to those who knew the Son as the bridegroom. Therefore this invitation is given to the membership of the Lord's churches, who have ears to hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Furthermore, this invitation could not be heard by the unregenerate sinner for he is dead. One must be of God to hear God's voice. Read John 8:47. Therefore, this parable is teaching the importance of making provision to heed the invitation to the marriage supper of the Son for all

things were made ready by the Father. This marriage will take place in the Father's house (Heaven), and the wedding supper will also be eaten there. Our Lord told us of one who was here (Heaven) having no wedding dress — all he lacked was a wedding dress; he didn't lack life or regeneration, he didn't prepare himself for the marriage. Because he didn't have on a wedding dress, he was cast out, "For many are called, but few are chosen," to become part of the bride and enjoy the wedding supper. I believe this one picture those of Baptist churches who were called and separated by baptism, and then refused to heed the invitation of the Lord, "Come and dine." Thus, they are excluded from the rewards of reigning with Christ. If they are to be excluded by the Lord for not preparing themselves a wedding dress (righteous acts of the saints), then I contend we should exclude them from membership in the Lord's church, when they have no intention of ever assembling themselves with the saints, which was one of the commands given to the members of the Lord's church.

## "The Last Days"

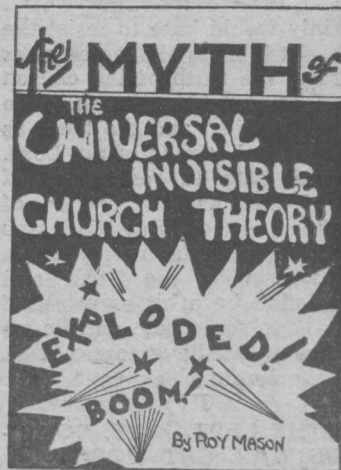
(Continued from page three) is going to find His church here.

We have gotten to the place that the majority of Baptists refer to themselves as Protestants, and they'll say that the Catholic church was the first church. Not at all, beloved; not at all! It is not even a church. Protestants are not even churches. Jesus started with a Baptist church, and His church is here within this world today. I know it is, because He said, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." We have the church that Jesus started here within this world or else we have a Saviour that lied.

There is a man by the name of Criswell who used to be president of the Southern Baptist Convention, whom I used to have a tremendously high regard for. However, my opinion of that man has fallen from heights to depths today, for now he is taking the position that we are to ecumenicalize; that all Baptists should get into the ecumenical stream, and that all Baptists should follow after Catholics and all come together in one hodge-podge, which, as we know, will be dominated by Catholicism. Of course, this is the old whore of Revelation 17. Beloved, I would say that this was one of the fables that men have turned to today.

I want to mention one other fable that men have turned to, and that is that **everybody is going to the same place:** that we just take different routes, but we are all going to the same place in the final analysis. I think the majority of that crowd are going to the same place, but, beloved,

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they are not going to the place that I am going. I am of the opinion that the majority of that crowd who will tell you that we are all going to the same place, but just take different routes to get there — I think they are all going to the same place all right, but it is going to be a hot place.

How pathetic it is to find men saying that we are all going to the same place, but we are just taking different routes to get there. That is one of the fables of today though. That is a fable because people are believing today that everybody is going to Heaven but we are going by different routes — the Methodist route, Baptist route, Presbyterian route, Campbellite route, Catholic route. Not at all, beloved; not at all!

It is true that the spokes of a wheel run into the hub and regardless of which spoke you follow, you end up at the hub. But it is not true that there is a Catholic route, a Baptist route, a Presbyterian route, a Campbellite route, and a Holy Roller route to Heaven. I tell you, beloved, there is just one route. John the Baptist pointed to Jesus one day and said:

**"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world"** — John 1:29.

If you want to know the way to Heaven, it is by Jesus Christ whose blood was shed for your sins. How I would to God that those of you who are here would turn from the fables which you have been following after, and would turn to the Lord Jesus Christ and put your trust in Him and take your stand for Him this day as your Lord, your Master, and your Saviour, knowing that the only hope that we have is Jesus Christ and His shed blood.

### CONCLUSION

As a Christian, what ought to be our attitude?

We ought to **stay away from that false crowd.**

**"From such turn away."** — II (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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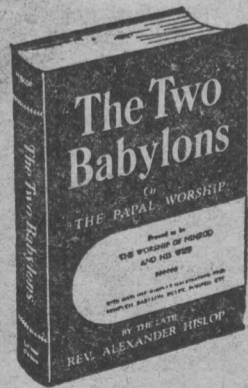
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Tim. 3:5. We ought to continue in the things that we have been taught out of the Word of God.

"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them"—II Tim. 3:14.

We ought to preach the Word. "Preach the word"—II Tim. 4:2.

We ought to watch lest we be engulfed in false teachings.

"But watch thou in all things"—II Tim. 4:5.

Brother, sister, would to God that you and I could be faithful to Him — more faithful than we have ever been before. I pray as a result of this message that God will enable you and me to be more faithful to him than we have ever been before — that we will turn away from this false crowd, that we will continue in the things that we have been taught, that we will preach the Word, and, that we will watch carefully for the things that are coming to pass within the world. May God bless you!



### Letter ... Pietsch

(Continued from page two) on the Wheaton Board of Trustees with Billy Graham, minimizes your testimony in regard to the 24 hour day of Genesis chapter one, and the Providentially Preserved Infallible Bible. Your inconsistency in this matter gives those who want an excuse to justify disobedience a very good handle.

If you can remain on the Board of Trustees of Wheaton College with Billy Graham why shouldn't GARBC pastors co-operate in a Graham Crusade? If you continue on the Board of Trustees with Graham you, by that, are saying that his calculated spiritual adultery really isn't so bad. I pray that you will have courage and forthrightness enough to take the stand the Scriptures require and not just write books about being "Valiant for the Truth." Aren't you on the Council of Fourteen of the GARBC? Your inconsistency hurts the whole of the GARBC. I am concerned because the GARBC is the last organization that extends across the country that professes a Biblical separation. If the GARBC goes, there won't be a national witness. Since I consider this matter so vital I

am going to send a copy of this letter to Dr. Joseph Stowell, the National Representative of the GARBC to the headquarters in Des Plaines. When I visited there in May, I asked if you were still on the Board of Trustees of Wheaton, with Billy Graham and Dr. Stowell answered that many had been pleading with you about this. I had heard reports that you had resigned, but your recent letter clearly shows that such is not the case, for you continue to defend such an inconsistency.

I have written from my heart with much love for the Gospel, and for you, and I pray that you will take heed now. Love in our Lord.

Yours because His,  
Timothy Pietsch



### God's Decrees

(Continued from Page One) ent of a cause; and in time God governs these events so that what HE has decreed will come to pass in His own time and way. God's decrees are two-fold . . . they are directive and permissive; direct and indirect; and pleasure or displeasure. God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked, just as we take no pleasure in bearing the rod over the wrong-doer, but the purpose of God formed in His holiness demands that the wicked die and this is His will.

### OBJECTIONS

The modern god of this world . . . the idol of free-will . . . objects against the absolute predestination and providence of God by saying that — "If God had determined all things that come to pass and then rules in this present world, then that would make God the author of sin." WHO SAYS SO? No where in the BIBLE is this found! Who said so . . . why the modern Baptists (?) the long-hairs, the sex degenerates, the feminists, the liberals and all who oppose the old and pure ways of life and Godliness. Yes, that is who says so, but one thing is sure — THE BIBLE NOWHERE SAYS ANYTHING LIKE THIS!

### ANSWER

Objections are nothing at all. If the Bible teaches what I have stated then all objections are worthless. It has been said that a fool can raise more objections in one hour than a wise man can answer in a month. And, this is true, but remember this

. . . objections have no bearing on the issue if the issue is taught in the Bible and if proven by the Bible. But, we ask the following to cause some consideration and serious thinking on these lines—

WAS GOD GUILTY OF ARSON WHEN HE DESTROYED SODOM AND GOMORRAH?

WILL CHRIST BE GUILTY OF ARSON AND MURDER WHEN HE RETURNS AND BURNS THIS EARTH AND DESTROYS THE UNGODLY?

WAS GOD GUILTY OF ADULTERY WHEN HE GAVE DAVID'S WIVES TO DAVID'S SON IN SIGHT OF ALL ISRAEL AS A JUDGMENT AGAINST DAVID?

WAS GOD GUILTY OF MURDER WHEN HE SLEW HIM WHO TOUCHED THE ARK OF GOD?

WAS GOD GUILTY OF MURDER WHEN HE COMMANDED THE DEATH OF THE CANANITES.

The truth is that most of the time actions within themselves are neither sinful nor righteous. We work holy works because the things which we do, if according to His will and Word, are holy.

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Our God has commanded certain works, and the very fact that He has commanded them makes them holy. Baptism, if by an unsaved man, is unholy. But when observed by a saved man according to God's laws, is holy. Such works are holy because issuing from a Holy God and done according to His laws. This simply means that God's elect are holy because they do holy things. BUT THIS IS NOT THE CASE WITH GOD! It is not and cannot be said that God is holy because HE DOES ONLY NICE AND SWEET THINGS! Indeed not, for the truth is that GOD IS HOLY IN CHARACTER, AND THEREFORE EVERYTHING WHICH HE DOES IS HOLY! God's acts are made holy because they are done by a HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS GOD. Our acts are holy only when done according to the laws of God. The elect receive virtue through their holy obedience, but God's works are all holy because HE, HIMSELF IS HOLY, AND HIS HOLINESS GIVES VIRTUE TO HIS ACTIONS!

### GENERAL REMARKS ON PROVIDENCE

First, there is a twofold connection between PROVIDENCE AND CREATION. BY ACTS OF CREATION God did bring into being the things which He did purpose to make and also HE DID CONFER UPON THEM their respective natures, qualities, habits, modes of being and laws of existence. Also involved were the thoughts and actions of the so-called higher orders of creation. By acts of Providence God simply keeps those things, or permits, causes decay or change in them, to such an extent and within such limits as He ALONE HAS PURPOSED. And at the same time, God in the course of HIS OWN PURPOSE, directs, governs, and guides all things in accordance with THE NATURES WHICH HE, BY CREATION

AND JUDGMENT, HAS GIVEN THEM, AND THE LAWS HE HAS IMPOSED ON THEM AS THE OBJECTS OF HIS CREATION.

Second, there is still another connection between PROVIDENCE AND PREDESTINATION. The predestination of God is His purpose according to a pre-determined plan as to what He will do and what He will permit others to do. He fixes the events which will occur as well as the means and methods which HE will use to accomplish the event. But the providence of God is the actual governing of the things which he has purposed that He, Himself, would do, or the permitting of those things which HE HAS DETERMINED TO ALLOW others to do. The predestination of God or His ETERNAL PURPOSE was formed in eternity while HIS GOVERNMENT or His providence is that which HE DOES IN TIME.

### GENERAL OUTLINE ON PROVIDENCE

The providence of God is GENERAL, ALL INCLUSIVE AND ABSOLUTE! The Bible teaches that there are no exceptions to the government of God. God governs the material creation, the angels, demons, Satan and man, both elect and reprobate. No element of creation is left to its own development by chance as independent of God, but all things are inter-related and work together for the good of God's elect and His honor and glory, Romans 8:28.

God's government is according to GOD'S NATURE. Therefore everything in His actions is holy. God never works against His own nature. There are cases where it would seem that God has changed His mind or repented, but these are only figurative expressions dealing with God's relationship with man. In the case of the flood of Noah's age, and Moses interceding with God against Israel, these are only expressions in which God used appearances to draw out man in a greater way. God knew the outcome of Abraham's offering up of Isaac and the result did nothing for God. These works with man in no way represent God changing His mind or correcting His course as I will prove later from the express statements of Scripture. Here is a rule of interpretation . . . anytime expressions are used of God which belong strictly to the human family, then they must be understood ONLY IN A FIGURATIVE OR DECLARATIVE MANNER.

When we think of God's nature the very first thing we must do is to find out the first and chief attribute of God which is not love but is HOLINESS! The judgments against man are hard for the modernists to accept because of a false view of God's love, but when holiness is found and established as the foundation of God's judgments then the various acts are no longer the problem which they were once. God destroyed the old world of Noah's days because of His holiness. In eternity God ordained the wicked to eternal damnation due to His holiness and God elected His people unto salvation due to His holiness which established the eternal covenant. This means that the only reason

that God punishes sinners and damns man is due to their sins and evil. God does not take joy in punishment, but rather His holy being demands that He punish evil beings. God's nature cannot be divorced from His government. This is why it seems to us that God is hard, when He is not, but rather, longsuffering and full of mercy and pity. His government is characterized in holiness.

God's providence is according to the NATURE OF THOSE GOVERNED. This is the major point to understand when considering man, God governs man in such a way that MAN REMAINS A FREE MORAL AGENT! Cannot God govern free moral agents without making them mere sticks or stones as the Arminians like to claim our doctrine means? To deny such would be to limit God. Such a thing, however, Arminians are found doing. God governs man, not by taking away the moral accountability of man, but by working through the very nature God had determined man to have. Man's will, though never free until after salvation, and then free only to go as God directs through man's nature, is not forced in anything which God does through man. God's elect are made willing in the day of God's power while the reprobates are simply governed by God so as not to cause the purpose of God to fail. J. B. Moody covers this in his SIN, SALVATION AND SERVICE.

Of course, there are several DIVISIONS IN GOD'S PROVIDENCE! God's rule exists over the material creation, Prov. 8:15-29; the unconscious creation, Joel 2:1-26; the conscious creation; angels and man. There should be no question about the government of God over the angels and Satan, Job. 1:6-12, but now we must face the question of the government of God over MAN! We affirm that God governs man both individually and collectively, and the ruler, the nation, and the subject, with the saved and damned . . . We affirm that the government of God over man is all inclusive and purposed by God alone.

### GOD'S ABSOLUTE GOVERNMENT OVER MAN

The UNGODLY REPROBATES, even though the children of the devil and hated by God, Psa. 5:5, exist due to the long-suffering of God, Romans 9:13-23. They are the planting of Satan in the field of the world, and are called the "tares" by Jesus Christ, Matthew 13:36-43. They exist simply to SHOW THE WRATH AND POWER OF GOD — Romans 9:22. So plainly is this stated that it should not be denied by any Bible believer . . . "THE LORD HATH MADE ALL." (Continued on page 7, column 1)



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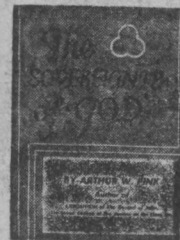
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## Growing Better

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the world growing better? I do not believe it is. In fact, I believe the world is growing worse. I am not convinced that the world is growing better as a result of religious liberty, inventions, and scholarship. These very arguments, if they prove anything at all, prove that the world is growing worse.

Religious liberty? Who has ever heard of a church, a community, or a nation that has improved morally because of religious liberty? Religious liberty has always meant spiritual decline, religious persecution has always meant spiritual growth. Of the seven churches of Asia, our Lord commended the little church at Philadelphia the most, while it had suffered more persecutions than all the rest. On the other hand, He censured the church of the Laodiceans the most, and they were the most at ease, having need of nothing. Where are the Neros? Well, we have them. They may not be rulers, with drawn swords in their hands, dipped in blood, but many times they are preachers in the pulpit, wolves in sheep's clothing leading away the simple. They may not be taking physical lives, but they are doing far worse — they are leading multiplied millions of lost souls down to Hell. Besides, let us not be too sure that religious persecution is a thing of the past. Remember, history often repeats itself. A glance at the present conditions may give us warning.

I cannot see how inventions are purifying the world, and least of all the art of printing. There may be more Bibles than ever before, but they are not necessarily making the world better. There are hundreds of thousands of American scholars who never open the Bible except to condemn it; while the world contains many more who praise with their lips the work of God, yet know nothing about the new birth. God has preserved for His own glory only a remnant who have been true, and shall be true, unto the end. And we must remember that printing presses do not confine themselves to turning out Bibles and other good literature, but they print many thousand times more of heretical teachings, lying newspapers, and impure books and magazines.

This century's advancement in scholarship has certainly proved that the world is not growing better. Any man who makes any claim to scholarship, and does not

believe in the theory of Evolution, is branded as a back number. And, even in the religious world, almost all the people would rather hear a Cadman, a Darrow, or a McPherson than a consecrated, faithful Bible preacher.

There are plenty of Scripture passages to prove the world is growing worse instead of better. I shall confine myself to two. Our Lord said in the Sermon on the Mount: "Enter ye in at the straight gate! for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." And then the Apostle Paul wrote unto Timothy these inspired words: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-

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breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: From such turn away."

If the world is not growing better, then Modernism is a joke. It lifts its hydra head and boasts of great things; but the world is going downward, instead of upward. If the world is growing worse, then Unionism is foolishness. Why leave the narrow road, and travel on the broad road? And, last of all, since the world is growing worse instead of better, then Post-millennialism is a farce. Its devotees are dreaming of a time of peace, when the Supreme Peacemaker is far away; they hope for a reign of righteousness without the Righteous Judge.

We who believe the world is growing worse instead of better are not pessimists. We, too, are looking forward to, and longing for, the Golden Age when there will be universal peace and universal righteousness. But this

time will not be until the Giver of peace and righteousness has come, in Person, to live with us. That time may not be far away. Who can tell! But whether it be in the near future or hundreds of years away, we want to say with the disciple whom the Master loved: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

## Key '73

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Jesus pressed hard for the loyalty of His own when He cried out, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Since the concern of God is so obvious, it follows naturally that He would provide such directives as would enable His children to enter into spiritual fellowships with confidence. In the New Testament we find five such directives which we choose to call standards; and the first standard to engage our attention is found in

### THE STANDARD OF SOUND DOCTRINE

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned: and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly: and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" — Rom. 16:17, 18.

One prominent figure was heard to say, "doctrine is splitting the church." Lucky for him that Paul was not alive, because the Apostle would have rebuked him sharply. The Apostle was careful to teach Timothy the importance of doctrine in the life of a believer:

"Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine, take heed to thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" — I Tim. 4:13-16.

Someone is sure to ask, "But what is the doctrine to which Paul referred?" And the answer is at hand. Since the warning is found in Romans 16:17-18, the answer will be found in Romans.

Paul's letter to Rome begins with a commentary on the DEPRAVITY of our race (Romans 1:1 thru 3:20); for our depraved race DELIVERANCE becomes a Divine necessity (3:21 thru 8:39), and this section presents a complete commentary on the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ. DISPENSATIONS are next, as in Romans 8, 9, 10, Paul discussed the past, present, and future of Israel. DEVOTION is the theme of Chapters 12-15, as the whole man is directed into right relationship with God, government, and fellowmen. Finally DISCERNMENT is the capability of all who have become conversant with the first 15 chapters of Romans.

In my files there is a brochure titled "Launching a Movement," and it was prepared by a task force responsible for phase one of Key '73. On the back page of that brochure appears a list of 134 organizations and denominations identified with Key '73 as of August 8, 1972. That list ranges all the way from staid conservatives to loose liberals, and even radical fanatical religious sects. It is apparent that no attempt was made to draft a statement of faith that would insure doctrinal purity. Rather doctrinal disparity seems to be the format for Key '73! That prompts one to review the truth found in Romans 16:18 which is a God inspired commentary about doctrinal deviates:

"They that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" — Rom. 16:18.

God's directive to His own

through the pen of Paul consists of two terse words, "Avoid them!" A second standard is found in

### THE STANDARD OF SPIRITUAL DEVOTION

This passage named several physical alliances the Holy Spirit called "unequal," (II Cor. 6:14-17), and the will of God was revealed in (II Cor. 6:17-18).

"Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord: and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" — II Cor. 6:17, 18.

One who has read the foregoing verses is conversant with the revealed will of God, and cannot plead ignorance. So if God promises blessings for withdrawing from the unequal yoke, then those who refuse to withdraw from it may not expect the same degree of favor as those who obey Him.

Key '73 is a religious conglomerate with radically diverse ideologies, and all who identify with it must bear the unequal yoke! This pastor feels that Key '73 is a sheep's pen disguise under which some wolfish religious pretenders seek to hide their true identity. Nor is this ungracious, because our Lord used the very same manner of speech in Matthew 7:15.

Paul continued by adding this statement intended to fix believers on solid spiritual ground:

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." — II Cor. 7:1.

Among the several precautionary statements found in this passage is this one, (verse 15) "What part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" Many spokesmen for several of the denominational groups affiliated with Key '73 have publicly proclaimed their infidelity. Again in my files there is a mass of literature some prominent churchmen have prepared over the imprimatur of their denomination. So by reason of such massive documentation, this pastor will be found wearing the easy yoke of His blessed Lord (Matthew 11:28-30), and not the unequal yoke of Key '73.

A third standard is this one!

### THE STANDARD OF MORAL DECENCY (EPH. 5:1-17)

This passage begins with a strong appeal to believers; Paul urged them to become a "follower" (mimentes; mimic, imitator, aper) of God. That appeal was followed by a long list of filthy physical practices which were condemned by this strong statement:

"Ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, or covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God" — Eph. 5:5.

Quickly the Apostle turned our attention to the positive side of faith, and his directive was very simple, "Walk as children of light," (v. 8). The walk of a believer proves "what is acceptable unto the Lord." Then Paul issued

a directive which enables a believer to act with complete confidence.

"Have no fellowship with the unfruitful work of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret" — Eph. 5:11, 12.

In my files there is a mass of material prepared by leading churchmen who do openly approve homosexuality, perversion, abortion, adultery, artificial insemination and masturbation. One who is conversant with the Holy Scriptures knows that such physical practices are fiercely condemned by God. The Old Testament imposed the death penalty on such evil acts as were listed above. Consider Leviticus 18 and Deuteronomy 22.

Let every moral intelligence living in this 20th century hear what God had to say about perversion and homosexuality; His opinion stands on the page of inspiration for all to read. Reference is to Romans 1:26-32 where both men and women are addressed, and the passage indicts all who "thru knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." (Romans 1:32).

Key '73 unfolds many religious groups that have issued public reports which approve such filthy physical practices as were condemned by God! I cannot be found in fellowship with "unfruitful works of darkness, but rather," he will "reprove them."

A fourth standard is this one:

### THE STANDARD OF SINCERE DEPARTMENT

The opening verse (II Timothy 3:1) fixes the time as a period called "the last days;" they were told to expect "perilous times," CHALEPOS is the Greek word translated perilous, and suggests "chaotic times because of lowered standards." It is the only time this particular Greek word is used in all of the Holy Scripture. Today we suffer because standards are lower in every area of human existence. Paul charged men with cherishing two unholy loves; first, men were charged with being "lovers of their own selves;" secondly, they were described as "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." However, these self-loving, pleasure-seeking humans would pretend at being religious by "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."

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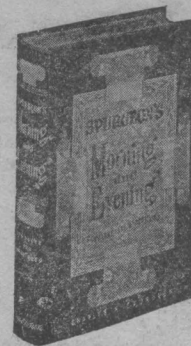
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**God's Decrees**

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**THINGS FOR HIMSELF; YEA, EVEN THE WICKED, FOR THE DAY OF EVIL.** Proverbs 16:4. The ungodly are governed just as strongly as the elect, though in a very different way. God governs the ungodly in a restraining manner by the course of sin and judgments, with but few exceptions. "Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee; THE REMAINDER OF WRATH SHALT THOU RESTRAIN." Psa. 76:10. In the world of the ungodly God exercises a permissive and yet a restraining government. No matter the event which occurs, it will not cause the plan and purpose of God to become void. There are things possible which will never occur because they would destroy the predestinated course of events for God's elect. . . . I Sam. 23:11, 12.

The GOVERNMENT OF NATIONS . . . is taught in the Word, Acts 17:26 shows this very well. Not only are the nations governed, but the course of their history is governed by God, Revelation 17:14-18. This is seen also throughout the Old Testament as God marshalled nations against and for Israel as He was pleased to do. The curse on King Nebuchadnezzar was caused because he had the ARMINIAN CONCEPT OF GOD AND GOD'S

DECREES and for that God caused him to wonder about like a beast for seven years until . . . "THOU KNOW THAT THE MOST HIGH RULETH IN THE KINGDOM OF MEN, AND GIVETH IT TO WHOMSOEVER HE WILL!"

Following the seven years as a beast the king was able to lift up his eyes to heaven and his reason returned unto him and then he made the following true and regenerated confession . . . "And at the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me (this would help in the ministry and churches today if they would get their eyes off associations, conventions and bossism . . . and the like . . . R.E.P. II) and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored him who liveth forever, whose DOMINION, AND HIS KINGDOM IS FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION, AND ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH ARE REPUTED AS NOTHING; AND HE DOETH ACCORDING TO HIS WILL IN THE ARMY OF HEAVEN, AND AMONG THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH, AND NONE CAN STAY HIS HAND, OR SAY UNTO HIM, WHAT DOETH THOU? And at the same time MY REASON RETURNED UNTO ME . . ." Dan. 4:30-36.

After his experience Nebuchadnezzar would have made a fine Seminary president in some Calvinistic school. Rule in nations is of God, at His will.

Not only does God determine the king and the kingdom, but He even determines the votes or lots cast to cause the outcome, Prov. 16:33. God determines the policy the king makes, Prov. 21:1, and the social class of the subjects, Proverbs 22:2 and 20:12.

God's appointment? The elect were chosen UNTO SALVATION from the beginning, II Thess. 2:13 and given grace according to God's plan and purpose before the world began. . . . II Tim. 1:8, 9. Notice that in each case . . . those who are saved must trace their cause in salvation to God's will, purpose and pleasure, but not man's John 1:11-13.

**GOD'S PROVIDENCE IN  
DAMNATION**

In Romans 9:14-24 the Scripture sets forth TWO CLASSES . . . Vessels of Mercy which are AFORE PREPARED UNTO GLORY . . . and then the VESSELS OF WRATH FITTED UNTO DESTRUCTION . . . THEY are here to show the WRATH AND POWER OF GOD! Like it or not . . . this is Bible and clear as well, just as clear as the sunshine on a cloudless, spring day. In Jude 4, you will find that these non-elect are evil and have been BEFORE OF OLD ORDAINED UNTO DAMNATION. And in the life of Christ, not only is it said they cannot believe, John 12, but that they were appointed to stumble and fall at Christ, I Peter 2:7-10. One group is appointed unto disobedience while others are the elect race. Strong words, but they are God's words and we need not meddle with them.

God's government is complete and absolute. God's government is such that none can stay His hand or resist His determined will. Yes, man resists God's revealed or public will as found in the Bible, but no man resists God's will of purpose or secret will . . . Isaiah 46:8-13. As I see it you have three basic choices to make . . . first you can go along with the world and play like these facts are not in the Bible — or you can say they do not mean what they say — rationalism — or you can believe them and accept predestination and become a strong, historic Baptist who worships at the altar of A HOLY AND SOVEREIGN GOD!

**CONCLUSION!**

God rules in heaven and over the earth . . . He rules everything either by determining what He will do or what He will permit others to do. But, all in all, He rules! "The LORD reigneth;

No one is facetious if he refers to such operators as "creeps" because the Holy Spirit spoke of them in similar voice; both Paul and Jude told how these men had "crept in," (II Tim. 3:6) and (Jude 4).

Tragically in our day so many religious figures have become showmen, and big businessmen. In century one our Lord cleansed the temple because priests had turned it into a house of merchandise (John 2:16), and a den of thieves (Matt. 21:13). He would face the same condition if He walked on earth today. Places once dedicated to the worship of God have sophisticated stores enticingly stocked with all manner of religious gadgets and trinkets. In other institutions ribald racketeers promise miracles for a price! Many houses once dedicated to the worship of God now resound with the snarl of drum beats, and twanging guitars provide the background for chanting performers who gyrate like savages who have not heard the gospel of Christ.

Surely Jude had this in mind when he exposed ungodly men who "turn the grace of our God into lasciviousness." ASELGEIA is the Greek word translated lasciviousness, and means "lightness, frivolity, wantonness, and in extreme usage the practice of lewdness." We grieve in our hearts because places once dedicated to the worship of God have become centers for entertainment and commerce. But it is shocking to learn that places once called churches have become centers where the vilest of physical practices are indulged in. Pot parties, lewdness, and obscenity are commonly reported in many institutions which call themselves churches.

Great care must be exercised when we read Jude's record, because he spoke of a two-fold assault on Holy Scripture. Licentious men must attack two critical Bible doctrines. First, they strive to discredit the Lord God; this is His role as creator. Secondly, these same ungodly men would challenge the Lord Jesus Christ. This is His role as redeemer. And sure enough in our 20th century some religious liberals dare to challenge the Lord in His role of creator and redeemer.

When this condition exists on earth the saints must "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Key '73 abounds with creeping licentious who challenge the creatorhood and redeemerhood of our ever blessed Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, like Paul, this pastor is "set for the defence and confirmation of the gospel." (Philippians 1:7, 17); and with Jude he must "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

In conclusion, the weight of responsibility rests with those who conceived the plan for Key '73. Let them be wise enough to draft a statement of faith that will stand the test of Biblical examination. Such a statement would be DOCTRINALLY sound, clear in matters of spiritual DEVOTION, right in issues involving MORAL DECENCY, correct in

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areas of personal DEPARTMENT, and so sound that defenders of the truth would be happy to participate.

But so long as Key '73 persists in the course they have taken, we shall "avoid" doctrinal deviates, and so escape the humiliation of being "unequally yoked together with unbelievers;" that would deliver us from embarrassment which moral degeneracy imposes, we would "turn way" from such as have the "form of godliness but deny the power thereof," and be found earnestly contending "for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Amos raised the question used as our text. It is appropo of our situation, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" This pastor is comfortable by allying with Paul whose rule of life was so simply stated in Romans 3:4, "Let God be true, but every man a liar." Since "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God . . . and is profitable for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto every good work," we remind every reader by reviewing this statement which issued from the lips of our Lord (John 13:17), "If you know these things, happy are ye if you do them."

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"AND TRULY THE SON OF MAN GOETH AS IT WAS DETERMINED; BUT WOE UNTO THAT MAN BY WHOM HE IS BETRAYED." — Lk. 22:22.

**Key 73**

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ed, cursing, drinking, rash talking maniacs.

When such pretense exists, the Word of God by Paul to Timothy was "From such turn away!" This pastor is a sport's enthusiast, but he does not encourage believers to be found at some sporting event on the Lord's Day. Neither would he go through the motions of pronouncing an invocation on such a godless mass of humanity as is commonly gathered together by such an event. The Word of God is recorded by the pen of Paul, and consists of only four words, "From such turn away!"

The fifth and final standard is found in:

**THE STANDARD OF  
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Jude spoke of a time when believers would have to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." The reason for imposing such a responsibility as this was revealed:

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**10 IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ANSWERED THAT TELL YOU HOW STANDARD LIFE'S CASH INCOME HOSPITAL PLAN GIVES THE PROTECTION YOU AND YOUR FAMILY NEED**

**1. HOW LONG WILL I BE PROTECTED?**

You will be paid the daily benefit you select when you are hospitalized, for as long as 365 days for any covered sickness or accident.

**2. WHEN DO BENEFITS BEGIN?**

Benefits begin immediately when confinement is due to accident and with the fourth day of confinement due to sickness.

**3. WHEN DOES THE COVERAGE BECOME EFFECTIVE?**

Accidents are covered from issue date. Sickness which first manifests itself more than 14 days after issue date is covered.

**4. WHAT IF I AM OVER 65?**

Even if you are over 65, this plan pays you cash — directly to you to spend as you wish — in addition to Medicare and any other insurance you may have.

**5. IS YOUR COMPANY LICENSED IN MY STATE?**

YES; Standard Life and Accident is Licensed, and conforms to all state laws, with many years of faithful service to policyholders.

**6. HOW DOES THE MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE WORK?**

Examine the policy in the privacy of your home, show it to your doctor, friends or attorney. If not satisfied, return in 10 days for a full refund.

**7. ARE THERE ANY CONDITIONS NOT COVERED RIGHT AWAY?**

In order to provide this coverage at a more reasonable premium, sickness resulting in surgery, cancer, tuberculosis, heart disease, appendicitis, hernia, gall bladder, kidneys, and diseases affecting or involving the female generative organs are not covered until the policy has been in force for six months. Conditions that existed prior to the effective date are not covered for the first two years.

**8. WHAT IS NOT COVERED BY THE POLICY?**

The policy does not cover war or any act of war; intentionally self-inflicted injuries; mental conditions or disorders; dental work; cosmetic surgery; pregnancy; venereal disease or syphilis; use of intoxicants and narcotics; or confinement in a government hospital.

**9. HOW WILL I PAY THE PREMIUMS AFTER THE FIRST MONTH?**

Within 30 days after you receive your policy, we will send you a premium notice. You may then pay one, three, six or twelve months premiums as you wish. However, you will save money if you pay other than monthly.

**10. HOW DO I JOIN THIS PROGRAM?**

Just complete the application form on the opposite page, and mail it with the First Month's Premium.

TO GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THE POLICY the first ten days are without risk to you. Here is how it works. Complete the application in full. Be sure to list all family members you want to include and check the plan desired, either \$14.28 or \$28.57 a day. Figure your own premium by totaling the individual rates for each family member using the following premium schedule. Mail your application and your first month's premium to the address shown. After you receive your policy if you are not 100% satisfied you may return it within ten days for full refund. No questions — no obligations.

**YOU HAVE A CHOICE OF TWO PLANS**

**\$28.57 A DAY OR \$14.28 A DAY FOR HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT DUE TO COVERED SICKNESS OR ACCIDENT. PAYABLE FOR AS LONG AS 365 DAYS. CHILDREN'S BENEFIT IS 50% OF ADULT BENEFIT.**

**ACCIDENT BENEFITS BEGIN WITH THE FIRST DAY, SICKNESS BENEFITS WITH THE FOURTH DAY OF CONFINEMENT.**

**RENEWABILITY:** This policy is renewable at the option of the Company only, and premiums may be subject to change.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE		
Select Your Plan \$28.57 or \$14.28 A Day		
Monthly Premium For Each Covered Family Member Is Shown Below		
AGE	BENEFIT	
	\$28.57 A DAY	\$14.28 A DAY
18-49	6.00	3.00
50-65	8.00	4.00
66-74	10.00	5.00
75-90	15.00	7.50
Children		
0-17	1.70	.85

Premiums are not increased due to advancing age after policy issue.

This offer is available only to residents of Kentucky

**YOUR MONEY BACK IF YOU ARE NOT 100% SATISFIED. JUST RETURN THE POLICY WITHIN TEN DAYS FOR A FULL REFUND.**

**APPLICATION FOR CASH INCOME HOSPITAL PLAN**

To: Standard Life and Accident Insurance Company  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73193

Gentlemen: I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ in payment for one month's insurance for your Hospital Income Plan (Form 915). Check one:  \$28.57 a day  \$14.28 a day

My full name is \_\_\_\_\_

Street or RFD No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: Mo. \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

I also hereby apply for coverage for the members of my family listed below:

FULL NAME (Please Print)	DATE OF BIRTH			AGE
	MO.	DAY	YEAR	
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
5. _____				

List additional names on separate sheet and enclose with this application blank.

To the best of your knowledge and belief, have you or any person listed above ever had high or low blood pressure, heart trouble, diabetes, cancer, arthritis, or tuberculosis or have you or they, within the last five years, been disabled by either accident or illness, had medical advice or treatment, taken prescribed medication for any condition, or been advised to have a surgical operation?  
Yes  No

If so, give details stating persons affected, cause, date, name and address of attending physician and whether fully recovered.

List health insurance that you or any member of your family listed above has in this or any other company.

Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_ Daily Hospital Benefit (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ Year Issued (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
FORM DMA-K BE4 B-2317

Mail your check or money order to:  
**STANDARD LIFE & ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY**  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73193

**IMPORTANT — Please Answer Every Question**