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## BAPTIST CHURCH PERPETUITY

By J. W. PORTER

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Last, but by no means least, among the items of the world's indebtedness to Baptists, is the fact that they have verified Christ's promise of perpetuity to His churches. Concerning His churches Christ said: "On this rock I will build my church, and the gate of Hades shall not prevail against it."

If these words teach anything, they teach that the churches instituted by Christ and the apostles would never die, but would reproduce and multiply and perpetuate themselves to the end of all time. If the words of the Master are true, and they are, there has never been a moment since the days of Christ when His churches were not in existence. If there has been such a time, then the words of Christ have failed of fulfillment. Our contention is that Baptists have been used to fulfill the words of Christ,

and that Baptist churches are not only identical in faith and policy with the churches instituted by Christ, but are the legitimate successors of the churches organized by Christ and the apostles.

Has Christ's Promise Failed?

As has been said: We must either suppose that there has been a Christian people existing in every age from the apostolic to the present, characterized by the same doctrines and practice, or that there were periods in the intervening history when apostolic faith and practice had absolutely no representative on the face of the earth.

Are we prepared to take the latter alternative? Have there been such hiatuses (gaps) in the history of Christianity? No church, no Christian people, to uphold the standard of a pure gospel, and bear witness to the truth as it is in Jesus amid a perverse and crooked generation? What, then, became of the Saviour's promise? Reasoning "a priori," we must infer, I think, that there must be a continuous

line of witnesses for the truth, not only as individuals, but as organized bodies, keeping the faith as originally delivered to the saints, and practicing the ordinances as instituted by the Head. It cannot then be "arrogant"—nay, it is a duty we owe to the truth—to go into a careful and thorough investigation of historical sources, to find out if possible, such an uninterrupted line of witnesses.

We beg leave to ask, if the continuous line of witnesses from the apostles to the Reformation were not Baptists, what were they? Surely no one of the present sects, having no earlier an origin than the Reformation, will claim them. Were they, then, Latins, Greeks or Baptists?

Differences — Succession And Perpetuity!

It is well to bear in mind the difference between church succession and church perpetuity.

Apparently, it would be impossible to establish the uninterrupted succession of any given church through the years, even should such a church have a continuous succession. As a matter of fact, many Baptist churches have had no successors. Our contention is (Continued on page 8, column 5)

## How Modern Baptists Are Following The Roman Whore

By W. J. FARMER  
Flat Rock, Michigan

More and more as this age continues to draw to its completion, we see greater apostasy all around us. How surprising to see those called Baptists take on the characteristics of the Great Whore (Roman Catholicism). We expected the Whore's children (all denominations except Baptists) to resemble their mother but not Baptists! Let us look closer at the resemblance.

women to the mission field are Southern Baptists. Women are not scripturally qualified to be preachers (or missionaries). I Cor. 14:34. But, of course no one should criticize the "greatest mission program in the world."

III. REPLACING THE BIBLE WITH TRADITION

Roman Catholics are at least forthright in saying that their doctrine is based on "tradition and many Scriptures." However,

I. WORSHIP OF SAINTS

Catholics worship and pray to the "saints" and to Mary as their mediator. "Pagan," you say, but yet it is true. Now, how about the Southern Baptist Convention who has "saint" for all occasions. A. T. Robertson is the patron saint of Greek scholarship. Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong are the saints of foreign and home missions. Someone will say that this is an exaggeration. Well, O.K., let's jog over to any S.B.C. church at Christmas time and listen to the greatness of "dear old Lottie Moon" expounded. This glorification of men rather than God has virtually ruined the S.B.C. (and A.B.A., that's right Bro. Camp!).

II. NUNS

Yes, that's right, "nuns"! What else can you call denominational employees that are old maids? These S.B.C. "nuns" may be found on the mission field and here at home directing music in churches, preaching ("devotionalizing"), in conferences, etc. It is a real shame to see the only Baptists to ever send unmarried

the SBC never has been even as honest as Catholics in this matter. The "Cooperative Program" is a good example. Most all literature printed on the Cooperative Program calls it "thoroughly Scriptural," yet, no one seems to know just which Scriptures mention the Cooperative Program. But few will admit that it is (Continued on page 5, column 2)



BILL FARMER

## What It Is Like To Be Married To A Modernist

Have you, who have Christian husbands, wondered what it would be like to be married to a man who is a modernist?

How do you think you would feel if your modernist husband was the pastor of a beautiful church? John (that is not his name) and I have had "Reverend and Mrs." before our names for 15 years. Often I have wondered why I ever married him. But he is a delightful person, good company, loyal, dependable, having all the qualities that make an outstanding professional man. The only lack is that there is no evidence of his having been born again.

As a child of 12, I was troubled and went to our pastor to ask him whether, if I died, I would go to Hell.

He laughed as he patted my hand and answered, "Don't worry your pretty head about such things — just go on being a good girl."

I was far from being a good girl, and at 22 years of age, I realized God would remove my sins as far as the east is from the west. A peace came into my heart that has never left — and then I met and married John.

No Message For The Needy

The first week in our new parish a knock came at the door late at night. A nurse from a nearby hospital asked for the minister to come quickly to a dying man.

As he entered the sick room the man gasped, "Preacher, what shall I do?"

Do you know what my husband told me he answered him? "Man, you'd better pray!" he said.

It was a sad day in our little community when Maebelle died. A devoted Christian mother to her little daughter of two years, she looked forward to her second child.

My husband called to plan for the funeral and I reminded him, "Be sure to say something to him

about Christ — her husband is not a Christian."

When he returned, I asked John whether he had mentioned Christ to the man and he replied, "There wasn't an opportunity."

At the cemetery John shook hands with the distraught man and told him, "Stay close to Christ and everything will turn out all right." I have often wondered what went through that lonely father's mind at those words.

In this small church, John was also president of the Kiwanis Club, and busy at Red Cross and other community enterprises. Then a call came to a larger church with double the salary.

At the first interview, a committeeman warned us, "Don't say anything against the second coming or you won't get the church."

I could scarcely wait until we were alone to ask what the second coming was. John replied, "I don't know — there are several theories."

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## Bro. Jethro's Worldly Wise Suggestions

Owing to lack of religious co-operation with him, Moses sent his wife back to her father in Midian, as he was on his way to Egypt to accomplish the deliverance of God's people. The host of Israel is now in the vicinity of the place where God commissioned Moses, and had told him at the time that he would lead them along this very way towards the promised land.

Jethro, Moses' father-in-law therefore, took advantage of the propinquity of the wandering host to bring Moses' wife and children to him. Moses received Jethro with honor, provided a banquet for him at which Aaron and the elders were guests. Moses recounted to Jethro the wonderful works of God's power in delivering his people, which made such an impression upon Jethro that he admitted that the God of Israel (Continued on page 7, column 4)

## Let Us All Read Carefully The Results Of Backsliding

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PART III

In our last study I dealt with the effects of backsliding. The seven effects were: Loss of communion with God, loss of the joy of salvation, no appreciation for church and pastor, becoming useless instead of useful, at ease spiritually, a critical spirit and the shunning of spiritual believers.

Today I call your attention to the results of backsliding. There are in reality only two primary ones. First, there is the corrective chastening from God upon backsliders. Second, there is the loss of rewards to the backslider for disobedience.

CORRECTIVE CHASTENING  
Backsliding always results in corrective chastening. God does not overlook or forget the sins of the saints. God judges His people for their sins. He cannot condemn sin in the alien sinner and condone it in the life of a saint. No believer can indulge in sin and get away with it. Colossians 3:25 declares: "But he that doeth

wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons. Again in Hebrews 12:6 I read: "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." Every saved person has his faults and follies which need to be corrected.

I am not speaking of the matter of salvation, but of correction and chastening of those who are



MILBURN COCKRELL

God's children. I Corinthians 11:31 says: "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged." Self-judgment will deliver us from Divine judgment. If we confess our sins and repent of our backslidings, we will not be chastened of the Lord.

Then verse 32 declares: "But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." The believer will never be condemned with the world, though severely chastened of the Lord. Chastisement does not result in the loss of salvation as Arminians teach. Instead, it is God's way of restoring a backslider without having to condemn him to the fires of Hell. (Continued on page 4, column 4)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "THESE NECESSARY THINGS"

(REPRINTED FROM AN ISSUE OF YEARS AGO)

"... these necessary things."

—Acts 11:28.

Let me remind you, beloved friends, that every man born into this world is born spiritually dead. He is just as dead to God as a corpse is to this world. Most people don't like to face that fact, but it is the truth just the same. A corpse can get out of the casket, lay aside the burial shroud, and walk out of the building, unaided and unassisted, just as easily as a lost man can save himself apart from the Spirit of God.

That is why it is that an unsaved man can't do anything to save himself. It is impossible for you to do anything whereby you might be saved.

"There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God."—Rom. 3:11.

Some preacher may tell you to seek the Lord, but the Word of God tells us that there is none that seek after God. How could you expect a dead man to seek the Lord? How could you expect a man who is as spiritually dead as

a corpse is physically to seek the Lord? Beloved, it is the Lord that does the seeking.

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he finds it?"—Luke 11:4.

Notice, beloved, the sheep doesn't seek the Saviour. It is the Saviour that seeks the sheep. The sheep doesn't get on the shepherd's shoulders, but it is the (Continued on page 2, column 1)



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ELDER WAYNE COX

Monday, September 24, and lasting through Sunday, September 30.

Brother James Hobbs is pastor of the church. He, Brother Cox, and your editor would insist upon all of our friends to pray for the meeting and, those who can, to attend.

## Necessary Things

(Continued from page one) shepherd, when he has found the sheep, who puts the sheep upon his shoulders and goes home rejoicing.

Beloved, no man seeketh after

God, for every unsaved man is spiritually dead, and a dead man can do nothing.

That leads me to say that there are four things necessary for one to be saved.

I

**GOD MUST ELECT ONE UNTO SALVATION.**

Chronologically, that is the first thing that must be done for you. If God doesn't elect a man unto salvation, that man will never be saved.

I have been impressed within the last few week's time in listening to an evangelist of national repute, by the number of times that he urged the people to seek the Lord. I listened to him for twelve evenings, and in not one of those twelve sermons that I heard him preach did he ever tell a man how to be saved. Instead, his invitation was for them to seek the Lord. On one of those evenings, I heard him make this statement: "I won't guarantee that if you seek Him, He will save you; but I will tell you that He never yet has saved anybody that did not seek Him."

Beloved, that is a lie. Saul of Tarsus wasn't seeking the Lord the day that Jesus Christ saved him. Saul was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christians. He wasn't seeking the Lord. He wasn't seeking salvation. Instead, beloved, he was doing everything he could contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. When God spoke from Heaven and smote him and knocked him from his horse, it was a humble man that got to his feet and said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Saul wasn't seeking the Lord; it was the Lord that sought him.

Listen again:

"I am found of them that sought me not."—Isa. 65:1.

I say to you, God is found in men who never one time sought the Lord. Rather, the Lord sought them.

It is not necessary that men seek the Lord, but rather, above everything else, God must elect one unto salvation. Unless God chose you unto salvation before the foundation of the world, you will never be saved. It is God that makes the choice.

"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."

—II Thess. 2:13.

It is God who chooses men unto salvation. I don't say that the choice God makes is salvation, but it is unto salvation and results in the sinner's salvation. It is God that makes the choice.

I'll never forget when Evangelist Hyman Appelman came to Ashland several years ago. One night as he was preaching, he looked down in my direction and said, "I understand that there are a number of people around Ashland who are troubled about the doctrine of election." Beloved, I always had a feeling that he was saying it for my special benefit, for he was looking straight at me. Anyway, he went on to say, "I

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can explain election to you like this: God votes for you, the Devil votes against you, and you cast the deciding vote." I could not shake my head negatively fast enough against that kind of preaching, for, beloved, you don't cast the deciding vote. The deciding vote was cast by God before the foundation of the world when God chose you in Jesus Christ.

"And when the Gentiles heard this they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as MANY AS WERE ORDAINED TO ETERNAL LIFE BELIEVED."

—Acts 13:48.

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."—John 6:37.

I challenge you to find anywhere in the Bible where a person ever believed who wasn't first chosen of God unto salvation. There isn't a promise in all the Bible where there will ever be anyone else come to Jesus Christ other than those who were the love gift of the Father to the Son before the foundation of the world. You can seek the Lord until you are black in the face. You can start seeking Him right now and keep on seeking Him every day of your life until you die, but if God didn't choose you in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world, you will never be saved.

Listen again:

"But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you."—John 10:26.

In Jesus' day, some of the people did not believe. God's Word does not leave us in doubt as to the reason, for Jesus tells them that they have not believed because they were not His sheep. They had not been given to Him by the Father as a love gift before the foundation of the world.

We read:

"Therefore they could not be-

lieve, because that Esaias said again, HE HATH BLINDED THEIR EYES, AND HARDENED THEIR HEART: that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them."—John 12:39, 40.

"For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ORDAINED TO THIS CONDEMNATION, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."—Jude 1:4.

This would tell us, beloved, that there are people who can't believe, and who are ordained to condemnation. These will bring just as much glory to God as the salvation of others, as both will vindicate His Word.

I say then, in the light of God's

Word, God has to elect a man to salvation before that individual can be saved. Perhaps you may not believe it, but I fall back on this: God said it, I believe it, and that settles it. Or, perhaps you don't understand it. Beloved, if you could understand everything that God did, you would be just as big as God. The God I preach to you is a God who made the world and who fills the universe — a God of majesty and sovereignty and power.

The first thing that is necessary for one to be saved, is that God has to choose that one unto salvation.

II

### JESUS CHRIST HAD TO DIE.

If the Son of God had merely come into this world and lived a perfect life, which He did live, but had not died, not one individual would have ever been saved. You can't be saved by your goodness, nor by the goodness of Jesus Christ. You can't be saved because Jesus Christ lived a perfect life when He was here in the days of His flesh. Beloved, there is only one way that any man can be saved, and that is that Jesus Christ died to pay his sin debt and died in his place at Calvary.

The Word of God tells us that Jesus Christ had to die.

"Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."

—Mt. 26:36-39.

What was this cup about which Jesus was praying? It was the cup of death. It was the cup which was filled with the dregs of the sins of all the elect of God, from the first one that was saved to the last man that shall ever be saved. As Jesus neared Calvary, burdened down with the weight of the sins of the elect of God, though He came into this world to die for their sins, He prayed that "this cup" might pass from Him.

Beloved, it wasn't possible that that cup pass from Jesus Christ. It wasn't possible that the Son of God should escape death. Instead, it was written from before the foundation of the world that He was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

"... the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

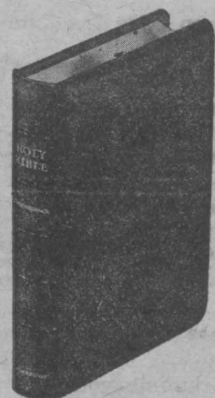
—Rev. 13:8.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS according to the scriptures."—I Cor. 11:3.

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PAGE TWO



# How The Blood Of Jesus Washes Whiter Than Snow

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## II Kings V

Leprosy is the terrible disease of Eastern islands. It is inherited; it shews itself as age advances. The hair falls off; the eyes fall out; the limbs drop off; it is a living death; it is a daily dying. It is a fitting type of sin, beginning at birth, developed day by day, growing with our growth, it ends in the destruction of the soul that is cursed with it. Rank, nor power, nor wealth, cannot ameliorate it nor hide it.

Naaman was a great captain and honorable, and yet he was a leper. You may be a king on the throne, the blood of generations may course in your veins, nevertheless you are a leper; you are a sinner, and this the Scriptures teach; they teach that all men are sinners, both by nature and practice; and with the same loathing that men look upon the leper, so does God look upon the sin and sinfulness of men. But mercy was being brought to Naaman. There was a little captive maid who brought to the leper the good news of a remedy for his disease. She told him about the man from God: the man's name was Elisha, and that signifies "the salvation of God." Though she was only a child, she brought the leper into contact with the prophet. This is our mission as Christians, to bring the sinner into contact with Christ, who is the salvation of God. This is to be done as the little maid did it. She told the news of it. So are we to work; preach the Gospel; tell the good news that Jesus saves.

The prophet commands the leper to go wash in Jordan seven times. Jordan signifies judgment; seven is perfection, that which is complete or finished. To go into Jordan under its waters seven times, signifies to go down under the finished work of judgment on the cross. The water sets forth the Word. Through the Word we are brought into contact with Christ. Washing in Jordan seven times is, therefore, accepting the Word of God, concerning His Son Jesus Christ. Accepting the judgments against Him as against us, and, therefore, presenting them unto God as the payment for our sins. It seemed too simple to Naaman. He wanted matters to take very different shape. He came with thundering steeds and rolling chariots; he expected Elisha to clap his hands over him and looked with intense desire for some mighty convulsion in Heaven and earth. There are many like him; they come prancing to the gospel feast and roll up on the chariot wheels of their self-complacency, bedecked and bespangled with the pride of flesh, and they expect when they are converted that Heaven and earth shall quiver in their course. They expect concussion both in soul and body. Many are not will-

ing to be converted unless they can be blind and dead for three days; then they want to awake to the sound of rolling thunder and the lightning's flash. Naaman's difficulty was unbelief. He wanted evidences before he obeyed. He was not willing to take the simple testimony of the prophet and make it his law. This is the trouble now; so many want evidences before they believe. They want feelings and realizations first; in fact they want to enjoy salvation before they get it. Finally Naaman takes the prophet at his word; instantly he is made clean; his flesh comes upon him like a little child. All this resulted from obedience to the word spoken. You must obey the word first; that word is, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." The moment you do, God rolls the Jordan waves of Christ's death over your sin. He imputes His sufferings and death upon the cross as though you had suffered and died, and this frees you from the law's demand, and at once you are legally clean. Then our Lord Jesus Christ imparts His own life, His own nature; it is begotten within you as a little babe, the new nature from God; you are no longer a leper, but washed whiter than snow.

Wash, friend, in the blood, the Jordan of the New Testament, and thou shalt be clean "every whit."

## Necessary Things

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OUR SINS in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.—I Pet. 2:24.

"For Christ also hath ONCE SUFFERED FOR SINS, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."—I Pet. 2:24.

In the Old Testament we read the story of the Passover lamb. The Israelites were getting ready for the observance of that first memorable Passover, and they were told to kill a lamb and put its blood on the sideposts and on the lintel, above the door. God said:

"And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."—Ex. 12:13.

Beloved, that Passover lamb had to be killed for that first-born to be saved. The Passover lamb is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ, for we read:

"For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us."—I Cor. 5:7.

The Passover lamb had to die. Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of that Passover lamb, and He had to die that you and I might be saved.

In the days of our Lord, when Nicodemus came in the night to talk to Jesus, Jesus urged upon him the necessity of the new birth. Jesus used a familiar illustration, for He said:

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up."—John 3:14.

When the children of Israel were bitten by the serpents, in order to get a remedy for the snake bites, they were to lift up a serpent made of brass on a pole within the center of the camp. Everyone that looked to that brazen serpent would be healed of his snake bite. Likewise, beloved, any individual that is saved from his sins, has to look up to

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the Cross where Jesus Christ died to pay for these sins.

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## III

THE WORD OF GOD HAS TO BE PREACHED.

There will never be any person in Glory except on the basis that he heard the Word of God, which told him about the Lord Jesus Christ and brought salvation to him.

Some preachers' specialty is sob stories. I knew of a church that has been cursed for years by a preacher whose specialty is one sob story after another. There are thousands of such churches. The Word of God has never said that God will honor a sob story, nor a funny yarn, nor any kind of a story, but He has promised to honor the Word of God. Listen:

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."—Rom. 10:17.

Beloved, you have to hear the Word of God in order to be saved. That is why it is that some folk don't like to come to this church—they don't like to hear the Word of God. Brother, it is the Book that you are going to be judged by. When you get up before God at the judgment, you are going to answer for this Bible. You are not going to answer for some preacher's yarns that he has told, but you are going to give an answer to God in the light of His Word.

In the darkest jungles of Africa, in South America where the missionaries have never gone, in the Orient where the Word of God has never yet been preached, and in Ashland where the Word of God flares and flashes at you every time you come into the house of God, regardless of where you are, if you die without hearing God's Word, you are eternally doomed and damned for Hell. God has said that men have to hear His Word to be saved.

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: THAT BY THESE ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."—II Pet. 1:4.

"Who shall tell thee WORDS, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved."—Acts 11:14.

"And that from a child thou

# Some Very Pertinent Facts About The Bible

About forty men were engaged in the writing of the Bible, during a period of about 1,600 years—that is, from 1500 B.C. to A.D. 100.

These men wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (II Peter 1:21). They wrote not in words of human wisdom, but in words divinely taught (I Cor. 2:13).

The Bible contains 3,566,480 letters, 773,746 words, 31,102 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 books. The Old Testament contains 39 books; the New Testament 27 books. In point of length, the average word of the Bible contains fewer than five letters. What a lesson for the fellow who has a mania for big words!

The word "Jehovah" occurs 6,855 times.

The word "Lord" occurs 1,853 times.

The word "and" occurs 46,277 times, and the word "reverend" but once (Ps. 111:9).

The book of Esther contains ten chapters, but neither the word "Lord" nor "God" is to be found in it.

The middle verse in the Bible is Psalm 118:8.

The middle book of the Old Testament is Proverbs.

The middle chapter of the Old Testament is Job 29.

The middle verse of the Old Testament is I Chronicles 1:25; the longest, Esther 8:9.

The middle book of the New Testament is Second Thessalonians.

The middle chapter in the New Testament is between Romans 13 and 14.

The middle verse in the New Testament is Acts 17:17.

The middle chapter and the shortest is Psalm 117. It contains only two verses.

The shortest verse in the New Testament in English, is John 11:35; in Greek, I Thessalonians 5:16.

The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9; it contains ninety words.

The longest word in the Bible is found in Isaiah 8:1.

All the letters of the alphabet, except j, are in Ezra 7:21.

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The first English Bible printed in this country was in 1782. The first translation of the Bible made in America was printed in 1808. It was the work of Charles Thomson. The first translation of the New Testament published in America was printed in 1826 by Alexander Campbell. It first appeared under the title, "Sacred Writings"; later, "Living Oracles." It was largely a compilation of the works of Doddridge, Macknight, and George Campbell.

It is not generally known that Noah Webster, author of the famous "Webster's Dictionary" and the "Blue-Back Speller," made a translation of the Bible, which was published in 1833.

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# The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"If a man got outside the perfect will of God, what do you think he would have to do to make God take his physical life? Or if the man got right, do you think that he would be insane from the Lord's chastening?"

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That is hard for me to say. In I Cor. 11 the Corinthians were making a mockery of the Lord's Supper. In verse 29 Paul says, "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." Their great sin was their failure to see in the bread and the wine a picture of our Lord's broken body and His shed blood. And in verse 30 we see that many of them were weak and sickly, and many had died.

It would seem that making a mockery of our worship, or of the ordinances of the church is a very dangerous thing to do. However, I have known people whom I fully believe were born again children of God who made a mockery of baptism by their being sprinkled. They make a mockery of the Lord's Supper in every conceivable way. But still God permits them to go on their merry way. So, I say again, it is hard for me to say.

God's purpose in chastening His children is to teach them, or to train them. Even when they suffer pain and affliction at His hand it is for the purpose of training or instructing them. The Greek word for chastening is PAIDEUO as a noun, or PAIDEIA as a verb, and these words have the meaning of training or instructing a child. I doubt that this chastening would drive a person insane. That is not God's purpose in chastening them. I am persuaded that God is able to carry out His purpose, and running a child of His insane would not train him.

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I do not think that any of us stay very long in the perfect will of God. If we received chastening every time we got out of that perfect will, we would probably be so heavily laden with scars as to be scarcely recognizable. But it certainly is true that when we persist in sin, and do not ask forgiveness, we get chastized. We are told that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all iniquity."

We need to realize that sufferings and afflictions and chastisements are from Satan. God simply removes his protective hand from us, and Satan works on us. Do you remember that story of how Jesus healed the woman and said, "Lo, Satan hath bound this woman these many years." Her sickness was not of God, but of Satan. Now as to what one would have to do in order to forfeit his life. I don't know of anything ex-

cept "the sin unto death" mentioned in I John 5:16. It says, "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and He shall give him life for them that sin not unto death."

What is the "sin unto death?" I must confess that I don't know, but this Scripture would seem to indicate that there is a sin that a Christian can commit that would cause God to take him out of this life.

The question is asked, "If the man got right, do you think he would be insane from God's chastisement?" Would an earthly parent punish a child until it went crazy? If he had any love for the child he wouldn't. Let us remember that our Father in Heaven loves us far beyond the love of any earthly parents. Chastisement is designed to correct faults. It is not administered by a God who has fits of vicious anger.

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I don't believe that God's chastisement will make a person insane. I am aware that King Nebuchadnezzar was made insane by God's wrath or punishment, however I do not believe that this happens to His people. The reason that I cannot believe this is because of the clear Biblical teaching of the purpose of chastisement.

Let me show some examples. Job 5:17, 18 says: "Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of the almighty; for He maketh sore, and bindeth up; He woundeth, and His hands make whole." I can't see an insane person pictured in this verse. Psalm 94:12, 13 shows it to give rest. "Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law; that thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked."

We also see this in Hebrews 12:11. "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

The Bible teaches us that chastisement is because of God's love toward us. "My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of His correction; For whom the Lord loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth." (Proverbs 3:11, 12). This brings about closer service to God. "Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now have I kept thy word." (Psalm 119:67).

We are told how to turn God's chastisement away in II Chronicles 7:14. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

As for a sin unto death. The Bible teaches that there is such a sin but I haven't been able to find where it teaches what it is. "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him

life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death; I do not say that he shall pray for it. All unrighteousness is sin; and there is a sin not unto death." (I John 5:16, 17). As I say I don't know what it is nor do I know of anyone who I felt had committed such a sin. If we strive to live a life that brings honor and glory to the Lord, we don't have to worry about this sin.

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There is no man living, nor dead, who was ever outside the perfect will of God. The Holy Spirit in inspiring the Scriptures has placed within them undeniable proof that God is working all things after the counsel of His own will, and that He is reigning over every kingdom, everyone and everything within these kingdoms.

"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will" Eph. 1:11.

"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure" Isa. 46:10.

Job, in order to explain the sovereignty of God over all things, gave instructions to ask the beast, fowls, earth and fish for they know that the life of everything and breath of all mankind is in the hand of God.

"But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee, Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind" Job 12:7-10.

Brethren, the beast, fowl, earth and sea know who is their maker and that He is in control over His creation, and that everything is in His hand to do with as He pleases. Because He is God, we, His creation (elect), cannot make Him do anything. In fact, He has appointed the hour of our death as Eccl. 3 reveals: "There is a time to die," and that time is not yours or mine, rather it is the predestinating work of God.

Romans 9 makes it known that Pharaoh was but a puppet in the Lord's hand for he was born and raised up to do the things he did, thus we can say that even Pharaoh

was never outside the perfect will of God.

Because God's perfect will can never be violated, I am assuming that the querist is referring to the Lord's revealed will which is revealed in the Scriptures. There are many Biblical examples where this will is violated. Moses, for instance, violated the revealed will of God when he smote the rock after being told to speak to it. This man of God repented of His sin, but was not forgiven, and was finally told by the Lord not to speak to Him anymore about it for he was to die before the crossing of Jordan, and the reason for this, the Lord revealed, was his disobedience. This was a sin unto death or an unpardonable sin which was not forgiven in this world, nor the world to come. Thus, it was blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, which I firmly believe can only be committed by one who has the spirit, and has knowledge of his leadership, then willfully walks contrary to that knowledge. Such disobedience is not forgiven now, and in the world to come (Millennial), they will lose their rewards.

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful; he cannot deny himself" II Tim. 2:12-13.

Aaron and Miriam, brother and sister of Moses, as well as all the Israelites who murmured and turned back at Kadesh-Barnea, committed the unpardonable sin. Though Israel repented and would have entered the Land of Canaan, she was not forgiven and they died in the wilderness, and God took their children into the promised land.

Aaron made the Golden Calf, Miriam questioned God's leadership of Moses, and these two died because of their sin. If one willfully walks contrary to the revealed will of God, and repents, he is not granted immunity.

Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Spirit and were slain before the eyes of the members of the first Baptist church. Thus, they committed sin unto death or unpardonable sin.

## Backsliding

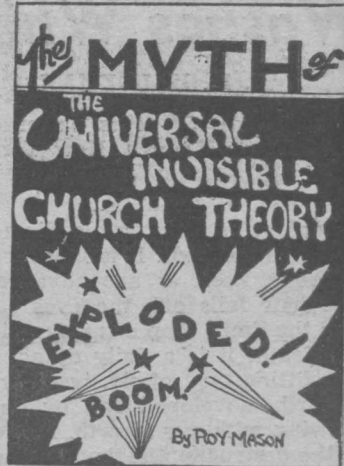
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Those not chastened by the Lord at any time are the children of the devil. Hebrews 12:8 reads: "But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons." There is chastisement for every disobedient believer, but never condemnation to Hell. Romans 8:1 declares: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus."

## SICKNESS AND WEAKNESS

God chastens his children in

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four ways. First, there is weakness and sickness. I Corinthians 11:30 informs us that the Corinthians were observing the Lord's Supper in a careless and irreverent manner. Therefore, the Lord punished them with sickness and weakness (I Cor. 11:30). Lamentations 1:5 says: "For the Lord hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions." While God often punishes His people with sickness for backsliding, it does not follow that every sick believer is in a backslidden condition.

## THE SCAR REMAINS

Second, the Lord sometimes chastens one of His children the rest of his life for a sin. Let me illustrate. If a child of God gets in a brawl and loses an eye, the Lord will forgive him if he repents of his sin, but the guilty person will have to go through life with only one eye. The scar is there to remind him that he cannot be disobedient and escape the chastening of God.

## A SATAN-SIFTED SAINT

Third, the Lord turns us over to the devil for a sifting. In Luke 22:31-32 I find these words: "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat; But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."

Notice how Satan desires to have God's children in his hands to try and test them as he did Job. He wanted to sift Peter as wheat. The devil cannot sift one of God's children without Divine permission. Job chapters 1 and 2 make this plain. But God does permit Satan to sift the backslider. As long as a saint is obedient, as long as he keeps himself

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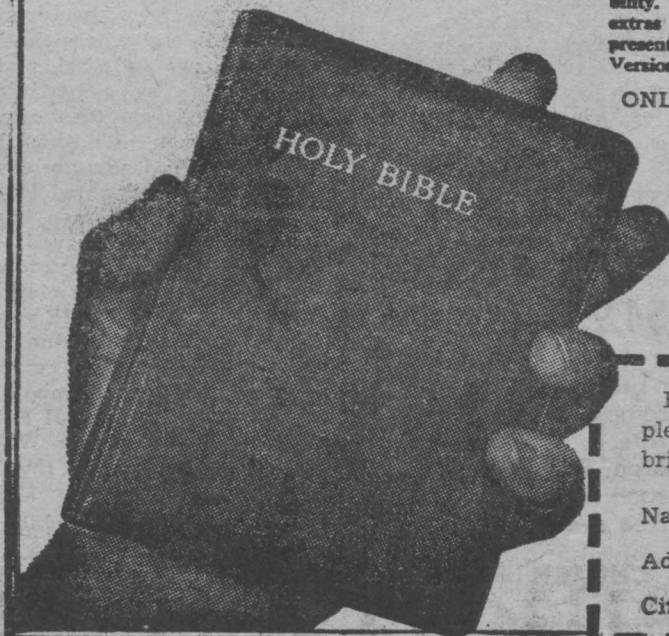
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## "BE NOT DECEIVED"

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man (woman) soweth, that shall he (she) also reap."

The above Scripture is often used for unbelievers. But in reality, it was meant for you and me. Oh, it is true, the unbelievers ought not to be deceived. God will surely see that they reap destruction for the sin they have sown. The ungodly may say, "God didn't mean it when He said, 'that sower to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.'" By their reasoning they try to mock God.

When we apply this to the ungodly, we use such examples as Haman in the Book of Esther. Haman was determined to hang the Jew, Mordecai, on the gallows but instead, he and his ten sons were hanged thereon. And, of course, there were the men who threw Daniel into the lion's den. They had hoped the lions would have a feast of Daniel. Instead, the men, their wives, and their children were the main course for the lions' dinner. Then there was Jezebel who plotted so carefully and all that was left of her was her feet, skull, and the palms of her hands. Yes, it's easy to apply this to the unbeliever and certainly the application would be true. But what about the Christians to whom it was written? How about you and me?

Be not deceived. What does that mean? The dictionary gives the impression of a deliberate act of trickery or fraud. Have you ever been chastened of the Lord and you knew at the time what it was for. But later — you tried to tell yourself you might have been mistaken. That probably wasn't what it was at all! My friend, you were deceiving yourself, and the Scriptures say you are trying to mock God. But He will not be mocked. Not by you or me or anyone else.

One of the definitions of deceive is "to lie." Have you ever said something harmful about someone and had it get back to that person? You immediately

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said, "I didn't mean any harm," when it wasn't true at all. We may lie to others and think we are getting by with it, but we can't lie to God. He knows what our true motive was. Be not deceived, God is not mocked. Sapphira tried it and died on the spot.

Yes, if we sow to the flesh we shall reap only that which is corruptible.

Then there was Mary, who loved to sit at the feet of Jesus. Nothing was more important to her than what the Lord Jesus had to say. She rejoiced at every word He spoke. Though her sister rebuked her and reported her to the Lord, she did indeed reap life everlasting. Have you ever wished you knew the Word better? This never comes from sowing to the flesh for the Word is Incorruptible. We don't deceive God. He knows if we truly desire a closer walk with Him or if we are content with our present position. He isn't impressed with our empty words. Many times we deceive ourselves. We say we want to know the Lord Jesus in a closer way and then deliberately stay away from the source of this knowledge. We put off reading the Word. We miss church and Bible study at the slightest provocation. Prayer time is often shoved back in the corner of our lives and taken care of when there isn't something better to do. May it please the Lord to open our eyes, so we might see ourselves as He sees us. Only then will we be able to crucify the flesh and sow to the Spirit.

"Teach us, Oh, Father, that we cannot sow to the flesh and reap holiness."

## Modern Baptists

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The same tradition (not Scripture) has dominated a number of S.B.C. myths. And in the same way Roman Catholic belief has changed, S.B.C. belief has too! They now believe in a "universal church" which they officially did not believe until 1963 ("Faith And Message"). They now believe in women preachers and deacons; they now believe in "open" communion and grape juice. None of these things are in the Bible so they must have come from the same place that rosaries, missals, statues, and mass came from!

## IV. OVEREMPHASIS ON MONEY

Catholics use the sale of candles and indulgences and the playing of "bingo" to raise money. They also go door-to-door and beg. The S.B.C. in a similar way pushes money more than missions, more than evangelism, more than anything! The S.B.C. has, like the Great Whore, become a money-hungry monster. It has always been a mystery to me how every state convention always breaks all "giving" records every year all at once!

## V. "BISHOPS"

"Bishop" is a scriptural title for a church's pastor; however, among Catholics (and other heresies), bishops are a hierarchy that rule over several local pastors. Now, among Southern Baptists, there are workers whose function is never made plain to anyone. As a one-time S.B.C. pastor, I have known a number of "associational missionaries." And these guys seem to exist to help keep local churches in the program and many times would backshoot pastors and force them from their churches. Can these "missionaries" possibly be classified as anything but bishops?

## VI. SPECIAL DAYS

Catholics have taken days from paganism and made them "Christian holidays." The two most notable of these are Christmas and Easter, both finding their origin in sun worship and in some ways from witchcraft. The S.B.C. encourages its churches to observe these two special days

and even has special mission offerings on these days. Also, the S.B.C. encourages other special days. How about "tithing month" where the pastor preaches every service for a month on tithing, or "integration Sunday" where a preacher from another race will fill the pulpit of white churches, or how about "double-tithe Sunday." (See point IV).

All these things point out what many already know, and that is the Lord was through with the S.B.C. 20 years ago. In spite of what Dale Moody, Nels Ferre, Wayne Oates, Wayne Camp, Duke McCall or anyone else may say, the only real Baptists today are Independent Baptists. May the Lord help the S.B.C., A.B.A., G.A.R.B. and other such unscriptural groups to realize this!



## Backsliding

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in God's will, the devil cannot touch him (I John 5:18). But when he fails to keep his body in subjection, the sifting begins.

Did Peter fall from grace when the devil sifted him? Did he lose his faith when he denied Christ? No! His faith quenched the fiery darts of Satan (Eph. 6:16). Though

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Peter's faith had its imperfections, it failed not during his temptation and denial.

Why did Peter's faith fail not? Look again at verse 32: "But I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not. . ." This is why no believer's faith ever fails. Jesus Christ "ever liveth to make intercession for us" (Heb. 7:25). Will His intercessory work be efficacious for us as it was for Peter? Christ Himself answers concerning His prayer for the saints by saying to the Father in John 11:42: "Thou hearest me always." The backslider may lose his rewards, but he will never lose his faith in Jesus Christ.

It is an awful thing to say that the backslider loses his faith and goes to Hell. To do so is to accuse Christ of great carelessness. It is to say He loved one enough to die for him and then carelessly forgot to pray for him and let him sink down to Hell. Or, worst still, it is to deny that the Father hears Christ's intercessory prayer!

Peter backslid by his denial of Christ. God let him fall into sin, but he did not let him remain there. He who falls into sin and is God's child must be converted. Not re-saved or re-born again, but converted, turned back to God. He must be recovered "out of the snare of the devil" (II Tim. 2:26). He who leaves his first love, must return to his first works. When God converts him, he is to help restore other backsliders.

## THE SIN UNTO DEATH

Fourth, God, in extreme cases, kills the backslider and leaves him to be straightened out at the Judgment Seat of Christ. This is seen from I Corinthians 5:5 when Paul said of the incestuous man:

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# How The Lord Made A Calvinist Of Spurgeon

By CHARLES H. SPURGEON

After I had found grace and salvation, a little time elapsed before I had surveyed the work of the Lord upon me; and when I did I learned much. Sitting down one day, I meditated upon where I was, and what I was. I said to myself, "I have believed in Jesus Christ, and I have passed from death unto life. To God be praise!" Then my train of thought run thus: "How have I come to be in this condition? Did I make this change in myself? No. Must I praise my own free will? No. Was there originally in me some betterness which led me to Christ, while my companions have not come?" I dared not say so, and therefore I perceived that the difference was made by the sovereign grace of God.

I do not know whereabouts in theology I might have wandered else, but those reflections made me a Calvinist, that is to say, one who traces salvation to the Lord alone. I saw that my salvation was of the Lord from first to last, and I have never had a doubt about the matter since.

It is no wish of mine to preach salvation by the will of man, or by the will of the flesh, but salvation all of grace, from beginning to end, according to the eternal purpose which the Lord purposed in Christ Jesus before ever the world was.

It did not need any intricate reasoning to land me on the rock of free grace doctrine. If the Lord saved me, He did not do so by accident or inadvertence. Then if He intended to save me, there

could be no reason why that intention should begin at any one moment. He must have purposed to save me from all eternity. God



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has His plan and purpose, and what He actually does must have been known to Him, and purposed by Him, from of old.

Then I saw, as in a glass, the ways of God toward me; but it was not till the Lord Himself, had appeared unto me that I had this conception of His ways. He Himself by His spirit, expounded to me the whole system after this fashion: "I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." We understand the drawings of the Lord after we have seen the Lord Himself, but not till then.

"Deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." I John 5:16 makes it clear that there is a sin unto physical death which a believer can commit. John says: "There is a sin unto death."

## LOSS OF REWARDS

When we stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ we will have to give an account of the life we lived from conversion until our earthly pilgrimage is over. Romans 14:12 declares: "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." II Corinthians 5:10 reads: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that, he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

At the Judgment Seat of Christ the saints will be rewarded in justice and be assigned their rank and place in the Millennial Kingdom. Listen to I Corinthians 3:13-15: "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire: and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burn-

ed, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

This judgment is not to determine whether one is saved or not. All at this judgment are saved. Even the man who has all his works burned up is saved. This judgment is to determine who is to be rewarded for faithfulness. The passage shows how faithfulness will be rewarded and unfaithfulness will be punished. Here the implication is that it will be painful and humiliating to be found among those who "suffer loss." The backslider is the one who is said to "suffer loss."

Lot was a backslider. He lost his possessions and some of his family in the fire of Sodom. He was saved from the destruction which came upon the city, but what else can be said of this backslider? He had nothing. Will you be a Lot at the fiery trial of the Judgment Seat of Christ? Will you be a saint with all his works burned up? Will you be a penniless beggar on skid-row in the Kingdom Age?

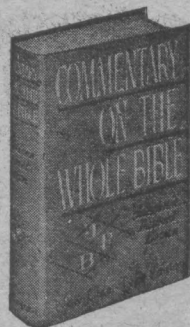
## ASHAMED AT HIS COMING

I John 2:28 reads: "And now, little children, abide in him; that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming." (Continued on page 6, column 3)

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## Four Steps In Taking Up Of One's Cross To Follow Jesus

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Matthew 16:24

Matthew 10:38, Jesus said these words, "And He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me is not worthy of me." In order to follow Jesus one must first have been to the cross and drank of the water of life (Romans 8:9).

You must follow the Lord in truth in order to please the Lord. The Lord has given His truth to His Church — a true Missionary Baptist Church (Jude 1:3 and Matthew 16:19).

I

First step in taking up the cross one must be obedient to the Lord's command in Baptism. Mark 16:16 says "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." This verse teaches two things: First, God in His sovereign grace brings His elect under the preaching of the gospel. The Holy Spirit draws to Christ (John 6:44). Second, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 1:13), then one is saved for eternity.

Scriptural baptism which is Baptist baptism after one is saved adds to the church.

"Then they that gladly received His word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." — Acts 2:41.

So being a faithful member of a true church (of which you cannot without baptism), the life is saved for God's glory. He only gets glory in His true Baptist Churches (Eph. 3:21).

One cannot be in the Bride of Christ without Baptist baptism and faithfulness in His church. In Rev. 19:7-8 we find His wife has made herself ready.

Baptism qualifies for special gifts in His church, which could not be received outside. In Acts 2:30 we read, "Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Baptism shows you have put on Christ (Gal. 3:27).

II

The second step in taking up the cross and following Jesus is faithfulness to God's word.

His word keeps us separate. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee" (Ps. 119:11).

No wonder so many professed Christians are living like the

world. The majority of churches today are not preaching and standing for God's Word. Jesus said in John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth."

The truth separates from error:

"And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" John 8:32.

His word teaches us to be faithful in church attendance, in



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our giving, and in all things for the Lord's glory.

III

Third, in order to follow the Lord you must honor His man.

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your soul as they must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you" Heb. 13:17.

Ephesians 4:11 tells us that God gives His true Baptist Churches pastors that they might feed His sheep by declaring the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27).

Every God-called pastor will give account at the judgment seat of Christ as to how he has fed the sheep. God's people will give account as to how they obeyed. Many people have their eyes on man and not the Lord. That's not what the Bible teaches. You are to follow your pastor as he follows the Lord (Heb. 6:12).

IV

None of these things will you do without recognizing the Lord-

ship of Jesus. God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36). When Paul came to know Jesus on the road to Damascus, he trembled and astonished said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" Acts 9:6. After Paul was saved he had a desire to follow Jesus. He did follow the Lord in Baptist baptism and church membership and faithfulness to his calling. Isaiah, after seeing the Lord high and lifted up, heard the Lord call, and said, "Who will go for us? Isaiah said, Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

No man calleth Jesus Lord but by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:3). The Holy Spirit glorifies Christ (John 16:14). Everything must be done in His church (Eph. 3:21).

"Jesus said, Follow me and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).

One must fish with authority. The true Missionary Baptist Church has all the authority (Matthew 16:19), and (Matthew 28:18-20).

Jesus leads His people into the blessings of the Lord (Psalm 23:3).

May the Lord bless you.



### Backsliding

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ing." Those who will have confidence at Christ's coming are those who will receive a reward for faithfulness. Those ashamed at His coming are the backsliders, those who have lived in a careless manner in this world after they were saved.

The backslider who tithed to be seen of men will be ashamed at Christ's coming. The backslider who stayed away from church will be ashamed. The lay believer who failed to pray and to read his Bible will be red-faced. Am I describing what is going to happen to you?

#### CROWNS FORFEITED

Crowns are promised to faithful believers in many places in the Bible. Colossians 2:18 warns: "Let no man beguile you of your reward." The backslider is letting Satan beguile him of his reward. II John 8 says: "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward." Backsliding cost the splendid attainments earned in the school of Christ. It cost one the higher elevation of the glory world. Revelation 3:11 cautions: "Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." Backsliding deprives us of the crown we hope to receive on the great day. The persevering Christian shall win the prize from the backslider.

#### CHRIST ASHAMED OF A CHRISTIAN

In Mark 8:38 Christ said: "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." This verse indicates some believers will not be ashamed of Christ and His Word in this sinful world. Others will be ashamed of their relation to Christ and ashamed to be seen with His Word. These backsliders cannot bear to be frowned upon and despised by the world. Of such Christ will be ashamed at His second coming.

#### UNFIT FOR THE KINGDOM

In II Peter he speaks of a group of believers who add to their faith, who never fall or backslide. He speaks of them having an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ spoke of another kind of a person in Luke 9:62: "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking

## Why You Should Be A Church Member, If Saved

By ROY MASON  
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Some people place too great stress on church membership, and some others place too little. Some really depend on church membership for salvation, and others who claim to be Christians never take membership with any church. Both are wrong.

Second in importance to salvation is church membership. It



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is not only important that a Christian be a church member, but likewise that he be a member of a true, Scriptural church.

### WHY SHOULD A SAVED PERSON BE A CHURCH MEMBER?

#### Because Christ Expects it.

When He commanded (Matt. 28) that believers be baptized, that involved church membership, for when one is truly baptized, he is baptized into a local church. This is made plain in Acts 2:41, 47.

Because of the example of New Testament Christians. Read the story of New Testament conversions, and you will find that they immediately followed Christ in baptism and church membership. It was so on Pentecost. It was so wherever Paul preached, for churches sprang up everywhere. People of New Testament times did not turn to Christ, then refuse to be baptized and to have fellowship with a church.

Because the nurture and development of Christians depends largely upon church membership. When people do not associate themselves with a church, it is seldom that they learn much about the Scriptures or develop in the Christian life. It is not enough to merely have spiritual life — there should be growth. (See II Peter 3:18).

Because churches have kept alive the gospel through the cen-

back, is fit for the kingdom of God." A believer cannot serve God with a divided heart any more than a man can plow and not look at the furrow. "Looking back" does not mean actual return to the world, but a reluctance to break with it like Lot's wife. The reference is to a backslider. What is to be done with this one who is unfit for the (Continued on page 7, column 3)

turies. Had churches been entirely blotted out, the gospel would have ceased to be preached, and all of us would be lost in our sins. Jesus knew this, so he promised that the institution which he designated "my church" would never be put out of business during this age. (See Matt. 16:18).

Because the church (considered as an institution) is precious to Christ. (See Ephes. 5:25). If Christ loved and gave Himself for the church, can any true believer be indifferent concerning it?

Because Christ left his affairs in the hands of the church that he began. The Great Commission stated in Matt. 28 makes clear that Jesus addressed those disciples — not as individuals — but in "corporate capacity" as constituting an organized group that would be perpetuated unto the end of the age. He promised "I am with you always . . ." He could not be with something that ceased to exist. Jesus never committed his work to any institution save the one that He started. No club, lodge, or organization of any kind, save the church, has any commission from Christ. And remember — no so-called church that was started by men this side of Jesus, has any divine commission.

Because nearly all conversions are brought about through the influence and work of churches. Question almost any one you please, and you will find that they were saved through the activity of some church. If in connection with a revival meeting — that meeting was sponsored by some church. If under the ministry of some preacher — that preacher was ordained by some church. With all their imperfections, churches are directly or indirectly responsible for the conversion of perhaps 99 per cent of those who are saved.

Because every Christian needs the fellowship and encouragement furnished by a good church. Association with those who have a like faith, like ambitions, similar outlook, and same hopes, cannot fail to help and encourage in the Christian life.

#### TOO MUCH MEAN CRITICISM

Churches are often bemoaned and criticized. Some of the criticism is merited, but much of it is unjust. To be sure there are counterfeit churches. To be sure there are glaring imperfections. Is it not to be expected that Satan would counterfeit and hinder? Some of the biggest critics of churches are persons who know little about them through personal experience.

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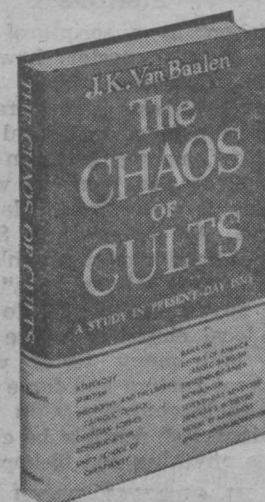
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## Married...Modernist

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No Longing For God's  
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As soon as we reached home I found a godly woman who said, "I'll come over tonight and explain — have your husband there, too."

I drank in every word but he listened only diffidently. In the years since then I have become a firm believer, but his training has never let these deeper truths become part of his life.

In this larger church he has become president of the ministerial union and is a popular speaker at clubs.

He makes his calls on the congregation where they will count the most for our church, our denomination or his personal standing. His sermons are clever, but in all the 17 years I have never heard him mention the name of Christ outside the pulpit.

Whenever I chide him he tells me, "Honey, you bring in the name of Christ at such odd in-

tervals. You say 'Praise the Lord' just to have something to say."

I try to be careful not to offend him.

My husband is not the man God wants in the pulpit—he does not say what God wants him to say or go where God wants him to go. I have tried to get my husband to leave the ministry, but although he was at one time a schoolteacher, he likes this life the best.

### A Wife's Task

I consider my greatest ministry outside the home to be encouraging and building up the Christian faith of other minister's wives, some of whom are in the same situation as I am. John does not oppose Child Evangelism, so I have a class in our home. Women of the church come to me with their problems, and though loyalty keeps me from ever saying anything against the minister, I can always point the troubled ones to Christ Jesus.

I can rejoice when I see our 13 and 15 year old daughters, true born-again Christians, leading their young school friends to Christ.

Just this word: Next time you who have Christian husbands, think the going is hard, remember me!

—King's Business



## Necessary Things

(Continued from page three) testify." Beloved, do you know what it is that it stirs? It stirs your emotions; not your spirit, but your emotions. You don't need to hear someone tell of his experience. What you need is to take God's Word and let that Word be implanted within your soul. That Word, beloved, will bring you face to face with Jesus Christ, and will show you the Son of God as your Saviour. You will never be saved apart from the hearing of the Word of God.

### IV

## THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS TO QUICKEN YOU.

It is the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, who takes the Word of God and applies it to your heart and quickens you and makes you alive in Christ Jesus.

"No man can come to me, except the Father, which hath sent me DRAW HIM: and I will raise him up at the last day."

—John 6:44.

"IT IS THE SPIRIT THAT QUICKENETH: the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."—John 6:63.

We read the story of the lost coin how the woman who had ten pieces of silver, lost one. That coin which was lost didn't get up and find the woman. Rather, the Word of God says that the woman lighted a candle and swept the house and sought for the coin until she found it.

Beloved, that woman represents the Holy Spirit. The work of a woman is on the inside. This woman sought for the coin. The work of the Holy Spirit is inside. He seeks for the sinner and unless the Holy Spirit quickens an individual and brings that one to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ he will never be saved.

Listen again:

"And when he is come, HE WILL REMOVE THE WORLD OF SIN, and of righteousness, and of judgment."—John 16:8.

Has the Holy Spirit reproved you? Did you join the church without being reproved by the Holy Spirit? Is sin just as lovely to you as it was before you made a profession of faith? I ask you, has the Holy Spirit of God reproved you of your sin?

In order for you to be saved, God had to elect you, Jesus Christ had to die for you, the Word of God had to be preached

ments, and taught, by his example, other people to do the same.

The parable in Matthew 25 pictures two kinds of people in the kingdom when Christ establishes it. To the faithful He will say: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:23). To the backsliders He will say: "Thou wicked and slothful servant" (Matt. 25:26). The "unprofitable servant" will weep and gnash his teeth as he "suffers loss" of rewards and is deprived of his crowns and made "least in the kingdom."

### DENIED BY CHRIST

I find these words in II Timothy 2:12: "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us." The backslider denies the Lord that bought him by his worldly life. Hence Christ will deny him a seat at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. It is the backslidden church members who will knock for entrance and be denied by Christ. "Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not." (Matt. 25:11-12). Christ does not say: "I never knew you," but "I know you not" as to a seat at the marriage feast. No wonder John wrote: "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." (Rev. 19:9).

## Jethro

(Continued from page one) was greater than all other Gods, and Jethro made a burnt offering to God.

As Moses' guests, Jethro observed the routine business of Moses as leader of the host, and noticed that from early morning till late evening Moses was working at high tension and without intermission adjusting the various causes of the people who came to his headquarters for decisions.

It seemed to Jethro that Moses was doing more than one man ought to, or could do, and he remonstrated with his son-in-law about it. Moses answered him by intimating that there was nothing else he could do about it seeing "that the people come unto me to inquire of God."

Jethro then told him that any man doing what Moses was doing would soon wear away, as well as the people to whom he ministered. He then proposed the following plan which he considered would, to a large extent, remove the burden of administration from Moses' shoulders.

### Jethro's Plan

1. Moses was to select from the people "able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness (Ex. 18:21). (This is a wonderful description of necessary qualifications for those who are to hold public office).

2. These selected men were to be divided into four groups. (a) Rulers of thousands; (b) Rulers of hundreds; (c) Rulers of fifties; and (d) Rulers of tens. (This organization translated into terms more familiar to us would be as follows: Over every thousand men there would be: One colonel; ten captains; twenty lieutenants, and one hundred sergeants or corporals. This is a sound military

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organization to which our regiments, companies, and squads conform).

3. Moses was to act simply in the capacity of being an intermediary with God for the people. "Be thou for the people to Godward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God."

This plan sounded good to Moses. "So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said." (v. 24).

What fault then can be found with this plan? Wasn't it wise? Yes. Worldly-wise. From the standpoint of human organization it was a perfect plan, but God's word from one end to the other discounts the wisdom of men. The administration of God's spiritual kingdom cannot be effected by the rules governing human affairs. In the spiritual kingdom men are to walk by faith and not by sight. If the wisdom of men were sufficient unto all things, there would be no necessity for the manifestation of the power and wisdom of God. One of the greatest causes of failure of the Churches of Christ today is the adoption of plans devised by human wisdom, instead of submissive obedience to the Scriptures, and a willingness to be led by God's Spirit. Churches project causes over a banquet table instead of in a prayer meeting. Stupendous programs are set out, and "drives" started in which all the ways of the world are employed, even to the point of in-porals. This is a sound military (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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to you, and the Holy Spirit has to quicken you. What is there left for you to do? Beloved, all you have to do is to furnish the sinner and God will do the saving.

I like to think of Jonah. God called Jonah to preach but Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh. He wanted to go someplace else. You remember how that he was swallowed by the fish and was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights. When that fish vomited him upon dry land he had been brought five hundred miles to Nineveh, instead of a thousand miles in the other direction which he wanted to go. When he stood up on the shores of Nineveh, he said:

"Salvation is of the Lord."

—Jonah 2:9.

Beloved, when God wants you to do something, you might just as well do it, because you will have to do it in the end. God ordained that Jonah should preach in Nineveh. Though Jonah didn't want to preach there, God brought him to Nineveh by way of the fish's belly and when old Jonah stood on the shores of Nineveh, he was ready to preach, as God had ordained that he should.

Listen to me, sinner friend, salvation is of the Lord. May it please God to open your heart and reveal Jesus Christ to you as your Saviour. Oh, may you trust Him and be saved today.

May God bless you!

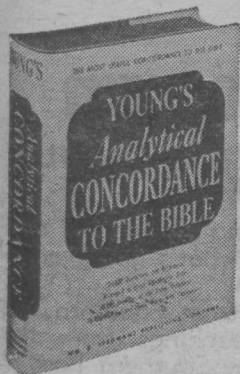


## Backsliding

(Continued from page 6) kingdom? I believe Christ gives us the answer in Matthew 5:19 when He spoke of one being "least in the kingdom." This man will be in the kingdom, he will be saved, but "he shall be called the least in the kingdom." He is least because he has constantly broken the Lord's command-

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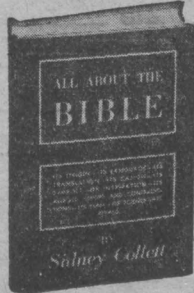
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LET'S LEARN SOME . . .

# Wisdom From A Watermelon

By William Jennings Bryan

"I was passing through Columbus, Ohio, some years ago," says William J. Bryan, "and stopped to eat in the restaurant in the depot. My attention was called to a slice of watermelon, and I ordered it and ate it. I was so pleased with the melon that I asked the waiter to dry some of the seeds that I might take them home and plant them in my garden. That night a thought came into my mind — I would use that watermelon as an illustration. So, the next morning when I reached Chicago, I had enough seeds weighed to find out that it would take about five thousand watermelon seeds to weigh a pound, and I estimated that the watermelon weighed about forty lbs. Then I applied mathematics to the watermelon. A few weeks before, someone, I know not who, had planted a little seed in the ground. Under the influence of sunshine and shower that little

watermelon seed had taken off its coat and gone to work; it had gathered from somewhere two hundred thousand times its own weight, and forced that enormous weight through a tiny stem and built a watermelon. On the outside it had a covering of green, within that a rind of white and within that a core of red, and then it had scattered through the red, little seeds, each one capable of doing the same work again. What architect drew the plan? Where did that little watermelon seed get its tremendous strength? When did it find its flavoring extract and its coloring matter? How did it build a watermelon? Until you can explain a watermelon do not be too sure that you can set limits to the power of the Almighty or tell just what He would do, or how He would do it. The most learned man in the world cannot explain a watermelon but the most ignorant man can eat a watermelon and enjoy it. God has given us the things

that we need, and He has given us the knowledge necessary to use those things, and the truth that He has revealed to us is infinitely more important for our welfare than it would be to understand the mysteries that He has seen fit to conceal from us.

"So with Christianity; if you ask me if I can understand everything in the Bible, I answer, No. I understand some things that I did not understand ten years ago, and if I live ten years longer, I hope some things will be clear that are now obscure. But there is something more important than understanding everything in the Bible — it is this: if we will only try to live up to the things that we DO understand we will not have time to worry about the things that we DO NOT understand."



## Jethro

(Continued from page seven) timidity for those who demur, or do not jump when somebody cracks the whip. Results: Tremendous debts on the churches, and a discouraging state of affairs in all the enterprises of the churches.

### II—What Was Wrong With This Plan?

1. There was no prayer or request for God's approval on it. Moses simply yielded to the worldly wisdom of his father-in-law "and did all that he said." We do not read in the Bible that Moses consulted God about it. That is why the plan failed.

2. Israel was not a military organization, but a free people redeemed from slavery by the power of God. As such Israel was a type of the church. It would have been a paradox for God to deliver them from Egyptian taskmasters and then to abandon them to the petty tyrannies of small politicians or military powers. That is why the plan failed.

3. There are no grades of ministry or authority in the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ of which Israel was the type. "One is our Master, even Christ, and all we be brethren." The Bible makes no provision for a graded ministry. These rulers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens, is a human device. God's purpose in calling and ordaining men to the ministry, is to the end that they serve God's heritage and not rule over it. They had a hard time and many are doing more work than from a human standpoint they ought to do, just like Moses. But don't worry. If God requires the work, He will give the strength. It was reprehensible in Moses to so readily yield to the notion that he was killing himself. He had forgotten God's wrath at Horeb when he advanced that very demurrer. God then provided that Aaron should bear part of the responsibility. Soon now Moses is going to be punished for not yielding to God's plans. Aaron is going to give him a deep stab, as all these other appointed rulers are going to do. Well meaning people like Jethro are ruining preachers every day by getting them into a state of sympathetic self-commiseration. Moses worked hard enough it is true, but so far from killing him, he died at the age of 120 years "his eye not dim, nor his natural force abated." Proportionate to the fidelity with which they discharge their work God will strengthen his ministers.

4. Jethro's plan failed because it provided too much government. There were 131 people in authority over every thousand. Over thirteen per cent of the population were officials. This is too much government for a free people. Too much government is bad — perhaps worse — than not enough government. Many of the political evils of this country today spring from this same root.

### III—God's Plan—Enough Government

We must turn to the eleventh chapter of Numbers to see that his system failed completely, that it was abolished by God, and that God gave a plan of government that was adequate. Under this plan Israel made conquest of Canaan, settled the land and built her cities. It would have endured to this city, had Israel not murmured for a "King like other nations have."

God's plan for the government of His people was democratic. Here is God's plan (Num. 11:16-17): "Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel \* \* \* and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee \* \* \* and I will take the Spirit which is upon thee and put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not by thyself alone." Here it is. "Seventy elders." Men of mature years who would not be likely to have inordinate ambi-

smitten with leprosy. Most of our churches are organized to death. The average Baptist church of 1000 members or less doesn't need any organizations except a Sunday School under the control of the church. Most organized classes are a positive hindrance to Bible study and Bolsheviks against the authority of the church and the pastor. We have modern Jethros and have gotten a long way from the simplicity of New Testament days. But God will take a hand as He did in Moses' day. The Lord Jesus be Head and He Alone!



## Perpetuity

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not for apostolic succession, or church succession, but for the perpetuity of Baptist churches, from the organization of the First Baptist Church of Jerusalem to the present time, and to the end of all time.

Should any Baptist deny the fact that the first church established in Jerusalem was a Baptist church, we would like to insist that he kindly tell what kind of a church it was. To know that it was not a Baptist church implies a sufficient amount of knowledge to determine the character of the church.

John — A Baptist Preacher

We may even go so far as to assert that there was a Baptist preacher before the organization of a Baptist church. The first Baptist preacher was John the Baptist. We learn from the Scriptures that he was a Baptist and a preacher, and certainly it is impossible for a man to be a Baptist and a preacher and not be a Baptist preacher.

Alexander Campbell says: "It was for having his brother's wife in his brother's lifetime which procured a rebuke to Herod from

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the first Baptist preacher. In ranking John among the Baptists, I hope they will forgive me; for although John lived before the Christian kingdom began, he was, upon the whole, as good a Christian as most of us Immerser preachers." (Alexander Campbell, Christian Baptist, Vol. VI, p. 70).

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Instead of an official force of several hundred thousand, as planned by Jethro, God cut the number down to 70 and Moses and Aaron. No women. Miriam

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