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## COUNTERFEIT CONSECRATION

By ROY MASON  
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Christian people should lead lives of separation and consecration. Lack of this today results in worldly churches whose members are very little different from the people of the world. The Bible plainly commands a separated life. We read (Acts 13:2) that the Lord "separated" Paul and Barnabas to serve as missionaries. The Scripture exhortation, "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate" can be applied to the life of any Christian.

Now it is possible for a person to be separated from the world and yet fail to be consecrated unto God. The hermit is a separated person. He gets clean away from the world, but he may be merely selfish—not consecrated. Many times people have lived lives in which they abstained from the

various worldly practices of others, but they had no deep love for the Lord, nor did they serve him in any worthy way. A good example of consecration is found in Acts 21:1,3 where Paul is re-



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corded as saying, "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die . . . for the name of the Lord Jesus."

As in all other things Christian,

Satan has some counterfeits to take the place of real, genuine consecration. Let us note some of these counterfeits.

**I—CONSECRATION TO "DOCTRINE."** This is one of the most delusive things that the devil ever used to deceive. There are people who come to love "doctrine" for the sake of doctrine. It is an end in itself. We recall a man who was devoted to the doctrine of salvation by grace, and he loved to get hold of a Campbellite and to devour him in argument, yet he let his children grow up unevangelized and unsaved. He never sought to win anybody to the Lord. His specialty was argumentation. Some preachers are like that — they become enamoured with a certain doctrine and they serve it for breakfast, dinner and supper.

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## Burket Tells Of Visits And Labours With The Navajos

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Dear Friends:

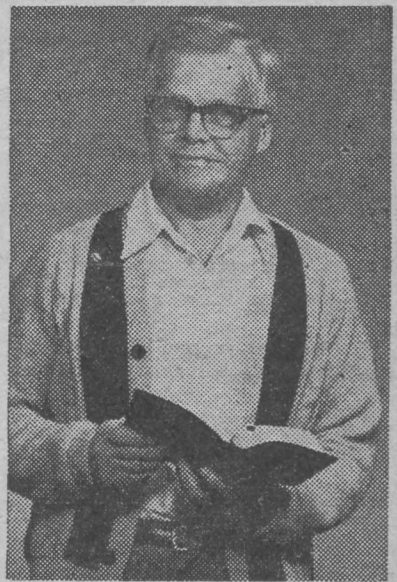
In this report, I will begin where I left off the last time and bring you up until the last of October.

On September 27, 1973, as I went preaching the gospel from house to house in Lukachukai, I was encouraged in a great measure. This seemed to be one of those perfect days to which a missionary looks forward, but that seldom takes place. On this day, there was some one at home at each house. No one was too busy or had some excuse to get rid of the missionary. Quite the opposite was true,—everyone's heart seemed open to receive the message of the gospel. We know, of course, that this is only possible whenever the Lord the Holy Spirit is pleased to perform His work of grace.

The first man that I met tried so hard to converse with me although we had a little communication problem due to a language barrier. But at the next house, I met a young man at work on his car, and all barriers were down—as he forgot about his mechanic endeavors and gladly listened to the Word of grace. This was the same house in which I had preached the gospel to three other young men

last May. They were away at another place at this time.

At the next house, I preached the gospel to a man a little ways from his house, as he was constrained to forget his cares for a while and listen to the story of redeeming love. Jessie and I



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had been here quite some time ago whenever they were shearing the sheep. We had a friendly conversation at that time; but it wasn't the time for proclaiming (Continued on page 6, column 5)

## PROPER INTERPRETATION OF GOD'S WORD

By JOSEPH M. WILSON, SR. — GLADWIN, MICHIGAN

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

This verse, which is on the front of every issue of TBE, is a most appropriate one to head the article I now propose to write. If one does not properly interpret the Word of God, he is not speaking according to the Law and the Testimony. If one perverts the Bible by a false spiritualizing thereof, he is guilty of this sin. To give a false meaning to the Bible by absurd spiritualizing is the same in its result as to deny the Word of God.

I have just read Milburn Cockrell's great message on "Spiritualizers, The Great Curse Of This Modern Day." It is a great message by a great preacher. It is a message that is greatly needed in this day. I hope that every reader of TBE will give Bro. Cockrell's message a careful study. In this article, I would like to add some of my own thinking and some of my own observations to this subject.

Brother Cockrell did a great job setting forth the history of this false system of Bible interpretation. It is too bad that all the history is not past, but that it is with us even today, and among some who are dear to us, this spiritualizing heresy is at work making them utterly unsafe guides as to Bible truth. Bro. Cockrell set forth two of the great evils of this spiritualizing of Scripture. 1. That it does not interpret Scripture at all, but sets forth the opinion of man. Brethren, if the Bible does not mean, basically what it says, then your guess is as good as mine. Men set forth their own, oftentimes absurd opinions and pretend that this is the teaching of the Bible. 2. Bro. Cockrell points out that with such a system, we have an inspired interpreter rather than truly say that our bodies do not

an inspired Bible. And this is what such a system adds up to.

Bro. Cockrell gives us some examples of how this is applied to the interpretation of prophecy. The spiritualizing method of interpretation applied to prophecy has destroyed the prophetic teachings of God's Word. This is the only way in which a man can be A-Millennialist or a Post-Millennialist. The Bible plainly teaches the Millennium and that Christ will come before the Millennium. Opposers to these doctrines have admitted that a literal interpretation of the Bible proves Pre-Millennialism. But many have spiritualized away the clear teaching of the Bible on this subject. The modernist has applied this spiritualizing method, and done away with the Virgin Birth and many other truths. Others, have in this way, done away with many great

truths of God's Word. **Spiritualizing of Scripture is the greatest enemy there is to a true and prop-**



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er interpretation of the Bible. Please read this sentence again and again. Let me give a lengthy quote from Bro. Cockrell's mes-

sage which needs much emphasis in our day.

"The growing trend among sovereign grace Baptists to spiritualize the Scripture is alarming to this writer. Some have gone crazy over the church. They can almost find it in every verse in the Old and New Testaments. Even historical and practical matters are symbols of either the true church or the Great Whore. They further say that the only sin you can commit is a doctrinal sin; that is, to teach heresy. They say you can do nothing good for God except to teach the truth. Unless there is a speedy return to the historic Baptist position of a literal interpretation of the Word, there is soon to be an insurmountable obstacle to fellowship among the brethren." Oh! that readers of TBE and lovers of Sovereign Grace and Church Truth would pay much heed to this statement by Brother Cockrell.

One man comes forth with new, absurd, and unheard of views which he gets from ignoring the

plain statements of Scripture and applying his spiritualizing method to Scripture. It seems that some men are afflicted with a peculiar disease. They cannot read a verse of the Bible, and believe and teach it just like it says. They must look and look until they discover something different in the verse — something no one else has ever seen. Actually, what they see is not in the verse, but in their own perverted and heretical imagination which they substitute for the plain teaching of Scripture. Now, ONE MAN comes forth with these before unheard of views. Then a multitude of his followers, who cannot think for themselves, swallow everything this man says as being the very truth of God. Then these followers stand around and talk about "how deep" this inspired interpreter is, and look down on the rest of us who will not follow this man-made teaching. I would ask these men: Has God hidden His truth from the preceding generations of Bible-believing children of God so effectively — that it is not until now after nearly two thousand years of Bible study — and now to one man — that God reveals His truth? Brethren, if you should discover something in the Bible that no one ever heard of before, I urge you to study it most carefully and be most sure before you put it forth as the teaching of God's Word. Just who do you think you are? Heaven's special pet. No one ever was deep enough to see this before you? Brethren, I am exceedingly slow to adopt interpretations which none of our Baptist forefathers saw before. Now, I wish to give some examples of this spiritualizing method of Scripture which I have heard or read.

It has been said that when God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul," that what God

few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened. And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail; because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets; and the grinders cease because they are

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "ENDURING"

"Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed."—John 6:27.

I would remind you of the fact that there is so little about us in life that is of an enduring nature. For example, our bodies do not endure. We get older and as the days pass by we become more and more feeble. Our health gets poorer and poorer as with such a system, we have an inspired interpreter rather than truly say that our bodies do not

endure in any wise at all. Solomon would remind us of that when he said:

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are

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## "Enduring"

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about the streets: Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity." — Eccl. 12:1-8.

In these verses Solomon is reminding us that the proper time for anyone to turn to the Lord is in the days of his youth, because, as Solomon says, as the years pass by and as one gets older, he comes to the place that he says within himself that he has no pleasure in them. Then Solomon gives to us a very wonderful picture of old age. He says that the keepers of the house—that is, the hands—shall tremble. He declares that the strong men shall bow themselves. You know how this is true—that the legs get mighty tottery and mighty feeble. He tells us how the grinders shall cease because they are few and the sound of the grinding is low. That, of course, is a reference to the teeth. The sound of the grinding is that of eating. He declares furthermore that even those that look out of the windows will be darkened. Obviously, that is a reference to the eyes. People can't understand how it is when they reach forty years of age, or thereabout, that their eyes begin to fail them and they need extra help that they have not needed heretofore. It is hard for folk to understand why it is that those that look out of the windows are darkened. Well, it is just a fulfillment of the prophecy of the Word of God.

He goes on to tell us how in old age people want to stay in the house—that is, the doors will be shut against the street. In

old age one will rise up at the voice of a bird; the older one gets the lighter he sleeps and the easier he is to be awakened. He says that the silver cord some of these days is going to be loosed. Well, the silver cord is the spine. The golden bowl he declares will be broken, and that is the head. The pitcher shall be broken at the fountain. That is a reference to the lungs, and the wheel broken at the cistern of course is obviously a reference to the circulation of the blood. Now all this is to tell us that our bodies are not enduring. Our bodies are not made of an enduring substance, but rather as we grow older in life the bodies themselves get more and more feeble and decrepit as we go toward our long home.

What is true of our bodies is likewise true of even our houses. I was impressed in studying through the Word of God this past week to notice that Job even declares that our houses—the house that we live in doesn't endure, for he says:

"He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand; he shall hold it fast, but IT SHALL NOT ENDURE." — Job 8:15.

Our houses in which we live certainly don't endure. It is surprising how soon after you construct a house that you have to begin making repairs concerning it. It is surprising how soon that you have to begin doing things to keep it from deteriorating and disintegrating. Just a few months after a house is built you have to start the repair program or else it just means that the house does not endure.

The same thing is true so far as our friends are concerned. Our friends don't endure. We have lots of acquaintances and lots of associates in life, but look back across the days of your life and recall how few of them have endured down through the years.

The Lord Jesus in John 6 gave His sermon relative to Himself as the Bread of Life. The day before He had fed five thousand men, not counting women and children. Now when he preached this great sermon on Himself as the Bread of Life, He preached a number of doctrines that the audience did not like. For example, He talked about depravity. He talked about security. He talked about eternal life. He talked about the fact that one has to be drawn of the Father to be saved. His audience didn't like those truths a bit better than the average audience likes those truths today. The result was when He had finished His sermon we read that "from that time went many of His disciples back and walked no more with Him." Five thousand adult men had followed Him the day before. Now He has the twelve apostles that stayed with Him. His erstwhile friends, not necessarily saved people, but just friends, followers, acquaintances, those who were at least learning of Him, turned back and walked no more with Him. They didn't endure.

Thus we can see as our bodies do not endure, as our houses do

## APPRECIATED LETTER

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I just learned about your accident (?) yesterday when I received this week's TBE, and I am so thankful that those angels just happened (?) to be at the right place at the right time for them to lift some of that weight as all that machinery passed over you.

I hate to think what we would do without you and the work you are doing for all of us. However, I realize that when you have finished the work He has for you to do He will take you home to Him just as He did Paul and all the other great warriors through the centuries. But I am indeed thankful, and grateful to Him that you have not yet completed that work.

Certainly He is our rock, and our sure defense. May it please Him to keep you on the job until we hear that glorious shout, Come up hither.

Yours by grace,  
E. G. COOK

Editor's Note:

We have dozens and dozens of letters like the above, and for each of them we are most grateful. I have chosen this one to print just in order to tell all our friends that we are deeply grateful to them for their best wishes and for a speedy recovery.

This is being written four weeks after the experience with the tractor and machinery. Although I am still suffering greatly with soreness and bruises, I am getting along well. I thank God for His goodness.

Getting in and out of bed and in and out of a car is still a chore, but I am grateful to God that He has spared me.

Truly, we are all immortal until our work is done.

not endure, as our friends do not endure, so the Word of God likewise makes it clear that unsaved professors do not endure either. Jesus said:

"And have no root in themselves, and SO ENDURE BUT FOR A TIME: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended." — Mark 4:17.

This would indicate to us that there are folk who are professors but not possessors. They make a start but they don't continue. They begin but they do not follow on. The result is, as He declares, "They endure for a time." They then turn back. Well, beloved, unsaved professing believers who know not the Lord Jesus Christ don't endure. We can look about the world and see the nations of the world how that crowns and thrones do not endure. The old saying is: "Un-easy lies the head that wears the crown." Well, certainly that has been proven true in your lifetime and mine. When you think of the countries that have been in existence, that no longer are in existence, you can easily see how that crowns and thrones do not endure. We read:

"Thy kingdom is an EVER-LASTING kingdom, and thy dominion ENDURETH throughout all generations." — Ps. 145:13.

While it is true that God's kingdom, and God's throne and God's dominion endure throughout all generations, it is likewise true that the kings and the crowns and the thrones of this

world perish. They do not endure. They are not of an enduring substance.

The same is true of our homes. Divorces come and deaths come. Our homes do not endure. It is certainly true that homelife doesn't endure. It comes to an end just the same as our homes, just the same as our friends, and just the same as our bodies. Homes do not endure.

It is likewise true that our sorrow and our weeping do not endure for long. We read:

"Weeping may ENDURE FOR A NIGHT, but joy cometh in the morning." — Psa. 30:5.

"And God shall WIPE AWAY ALL TEARS from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." — Rev. 21:4.

You can't read these verses without realizing that weeping and sorrow only last for a little while. How glad we ought to be! How thankful we should be that the hardships, the sorrows, the heartaches, the problems, the burdens, the vicissitudes of life

change them, and they shall be changed." — Psalm 102:25, 26.

"The glory of the Lord SHALL ENDURE for ever." — Psalm 104:31.

"But the Lord SHALL ENDURE FOR EVER." — Psalm 9:7.

Unlike all the material things, God lasts. Unlike the former things with which we live and about which we associate, God endures. I am glad in contrast to our houses and our homes, in contrast to our friends, in contrast to the crowns and the dominion of earthly rulers, I am glad that we have an enduring God. Beloved, it blesses my heart, and thrills my soul, to know that God is going to endure forever.

I think of all the kings that have lived back through the years. Do you realize that there is only one dominion today that can trace its ancestry back beyond the days of the Lord Jesus Christ and that is the ancestry of the king of Ethiopia, Haile Selassie? Do you realize that he can trace his ancestry back to the incestuous union between the Solomon and the Queen of Sheba? Do you realize that the king

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which seemingly are so much against us, only last for a little while.

I might mention many, many other things about life, but these few will indicate to you there is so little that is of an enduring nature. Our bodies don't endure. Our houses don't endure. Crowns and thrones do not endure. Our homes do not endure. Even weeping itself does not endure for long.

Well, beloved, as I think about that, I turn to the Word of God and I ask, is there anything that is of an enduring nature? Is there aught that will last, and last, and last throughout all time, and all eternity? When I ask that question, I turn to the Word of God and I am thankful to say that there is that which is of an enduring nature.

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AN ENDURING GOD.

We read:

"But thou, O Lord, shalt ENDURE FOREVER." — Psalm 102:12.

"Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but THOU SHALT ENDURE: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou

of Ethiopia is the only king in the world whose throne has been in existence as long as even the lifetime of the Lord Jesus Christ. Beloved, I thank God that while these things of the world are of a perishing nature, the God of the universe is a God that shall last forever.

I think of that great book, "Ben Hur." I don't know whether you ever read it. I don't know whether you ever saw it on the screen. I don't know whether you ever have been acquainted with it, but I would suggest that if you want to read a great life of Christ, read Lew Wallace's book entitled "Ben Hur." Lew Wallace started out as an infidel to write a book to disprove Christianity, and ended up, writing the greatest life of Christ that was doubtlessly ever penned. When Ben comes back from the crucifixion of Jesus, he stands on the veranda of his home and he and his mother look off in the distance to see the crosses—the cross on which Jesus was crucified and the cross on which each of the thieves were crucified. They talk about the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ in whom they had such great hopes is now dead. Then, Ben makes this statement: "He is not dead, but will live on forever in garment; as a vesture shalt thou

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PAGE TWO

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# The Best Way To Tell Us You Are Thankful For TBE Is To Shout So We Hear You. Money Really Talks. Your Support Is Needed Now!

## "Enduring"

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the hearts of His followers." I say to you, I thank God that we have an enduring God—a God that will always be God.

During World War II, a friend of mine sent me a poem. It has proven a blessing to me and surely illustrates the truth that God is enduring.

"They can not shell His temple,  
Nor dynamite His throne;  
They can not bomb His city,  
Nor rob Him of His own.

They can not take Him captive  
Nor strike Him deaf or blind;  
Nor starve Him to surrender,  
Nor make Him change His mind.

They can not cause Him panic,  
Nor cut off His supplies;  
They can not take His kingdom,  
Nor hurt Him with their lies.

Though all the world be shattered,  
His truth remains the same;  
His righteous laws still potent  
And Father still His name.

### II

#### AN ENDURING BIBLE.

I am glad that we have a book that will always be here. We read:

"His TRUTH ENDURETH to all generations."—Psalm 100:5.

The word for "truth" is the word which means "the accumulated truth or the whole body of the faith"—and the teachings of the Bible, and this verse declares that it shall endure to all generations. That is exactly what the Psalmist had in mind when he declared:

"For ever, O Lord, thy word is SETTLED in heaven."—Psalm 119:89.

The word "settled" is the word "established," which literally means that the Word of God is established yonder in Heaven. I often say you can go into the libraries and destroy every book that even refers to the Bible; you can go into the art museum and remove the statuary that refers in any wise at all to the Bible; you can burn up every song book and every Bible, and when you have finished, you couldn't destroy the Bible, because there is

a copy on file in the registry of the sky. The Word of God says, "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."

We think this world is exceedingly secure, we think it is of an enduring nature, but I tell you that the Bible is more enduring than this world. Listen:

"Heaven and earth SHALL PASS away, but MY WORDS SHALL NOT PASS away."—Mt. 24:35.

This earth that we walk on is going to pass away. We read in the book of Revelation how that after a while there is going to be a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth will pass away. Though this earth that seems so solid and so substantial and so enduring shall pass away, I thank God I have a Book that will never pass away, for the Bible declares: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

The Apostle Peter speaks the same truth, for he says:

"But the WORD of the Lord ENDURETH for ever."—I Peter 1:25.

In the preceding verses he tells how the grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away, but

#### EVER THOUGHT OF PRAYER CONDITIONING YOUR CHURCH ? ? ?

in contrast to the withering grass and the fading flower, we have an enduring Word that shall last forever.

How foolish old Voltaire would feel if he could come back to this world today, in view of the fact Voltaire wrote that within fifty years' time there would be no Bible. He said, "I have gone through the Bible and just as a woodsman goes through the trees, I have cut down the Bible. There let them lie. The priests and the preachers of religion may attempt to replant them, but they can never make them grow. Within fifty years the Bible will be a thing of oblivion." Today, instead of the Bible being a thing of oblivion, it is printed in better than 1100 languages and ten-

gues and dialects of the world. Thank God, we have an enduring Bible.

I like the words of that little poem which says:

"Last eve I paused beside the blacksmith door  
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime  
And looking in upon the floor,  
I saw old hammers worn with beating years of time.

'How many anvils have you had,' said I,  
'To wear and batter these hammers so?'

'Only one,' said he,  
'The anvil wears the hammers out, you know.'

And so, I thought, the anvil of God's Word  
For ages skeptics' blows have beat upon,

But though the sound of falling blows was heard,  
The anvil is unhurt, the hammer's gone.

Yes, we have an enduring God and we have an enduring Bible.

### III

#### AN ENDURING CHURCH.

We read:

"Unto him be glory in the CHURCH by Christ THROUGHOUT ALL AGES, world without end. Amen."—Eph. 3:21.

It helps me to know that the church isn't something that comes on the scene and passes away in a little while. Lodges are started, and sororities and fraternities and all kinds of worldly conclaves are gotten together that pass away, but the church that Jesus built is going to last world without end throughout all ages. I rejoice when I think of it.

A few weeks ago I was in the company of a man who is a member of a fraternal order. I was talking to him about the fact that his order revealed within the past few years there had been a gradual decline in membership. Every year showed that there had been a decline in their membership. I asked him to explain it. He said that he couldn't explain it, but that he would offer a prophecy that within twenty-five years his lodge would be a thing of the past.

Beloved, I am glad that I am a member of an organization that

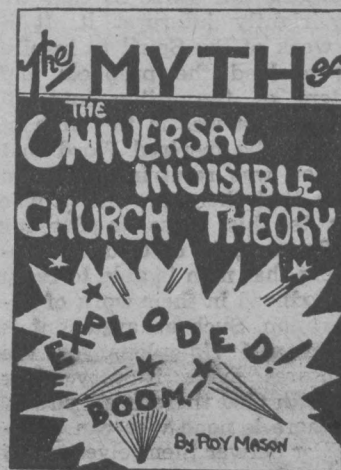
is not going out of existence in 25 years, or even when this world is on fire. I am glad that the church is going to endure throughout all ages, world without end. Did not Jesus say:

"Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT"—Mt. 16:18.

Without entering into a deep discussion of the gates of Hell, I'll just say that frankly it means utter destruction, and Jesus says the one thing that is not going to go the way of destruction is the church.

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Jesus, in giving the Great Commission said:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD."—Mt. 28:19, 20.

That word "alway" means "all the days." It means the days of sunshine and the days of shadow—the days of sickness and the days of health—the days of prosperity and the days of adversity. Thank God, the church to which Jesus gave the commission, the church to which Jesus gave the marching orders, that church is going to last unto the end of the age. I thank God that while we have an enduring God and an enduring Bible, we also have an enduring church.

Doesn't it help you to know that the church which you are a member of is going to last? I just don't mean to say that all so-called churches are going to last, but the church that Jesus built, the one that He established when He was here in the days of His flesh is going to last. I thank God that I am a member of it. In contrast, there are lots of churches that have not been started by Jesus, and He says concerning them:

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

Yes, there is a rooting up time coming. There is going to be a day when all of these false

churches are going to be completely destroyed. They are going to be rooted up. They are going to come to naught. We read:

"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her DESOLATE and NAKED, and shall EAT HER FLESH, and BURN HER with fire."—Rev. 17:16.

The seventeenth chapter of Revelation gives to us a picture of those described as an "old whore and her harlot daughters." Many times from this pulpit I have explained this chapter, verse by verse. I haven't time to do so today, but I insist, in the light of previous explanations, I believe beyond any shadow of a doubt that the old whore refers to Roman Catholicism, and her harlot daughters represent Protestant churches that have come out of Rome. If that be true, then all that is said in this chapter definitely refers to Roman Catholicism and Protestantism.

You can't read this without realizing that some of these days they are going to come to naught. The Word of God says that they are going to be burned with fire. They are going to be made desolate and naked, which means utter, complete destruction.

Beloved, I am a firm believer in the historicity of Missionary Baptists. I have a feeling which is based not only on the Bible, but on history as well, that the Lord Jesus Christ in the days of His ministry established a Missionary Baptist Church, and that there have been such churches in existence in every age from the days of Jesus until the present.

Beloved, the church that Jesus built is an enduring church. It helps me to know that I have an enduring God. I preach to you an enduring Bible, and I am a member of an enduring church.

### IV

#### AN ENDURING ELECT.

Do you realize that the elect themselves are going to endure? We read:

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, but that all should come to repentance."—II Peter 3:9.

Now Mr. Free-Will says this just means that the Lord is going to give everybody an opportunity to be saved. No, no, beloved. He does not say one thing about the world at large, but he talks about "us-ward," the saved, the elect of God, and he says that God is going to keep His promise. Every one of His elect are going to come to repentance. Not one of them is going to perish. All of God's elect are going to be brought into the fold of God.

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

The elect are going to endure. Not one of them is going to be lost. Not one of God's elect is going to Hell. I am not worried at all about even one of God Almighty's elect perishing in Hell. Isn't that what Jesus meant when He said:

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Here again we have an instance in which it is important to read the context. The words are those of Stephen. He recalled the rebelliousness of the Israelites of old, during their experience in the wilderness. The Lord gave them right direction, but they became so rebellious and idolatrous that he turned them loose to go their wicked way, (v. 42) Let us be reminded of the fact that we would all go the way of Satan, if left to ourselves. There would be no chance for any of us were it not that the elect of God had their names written in the Book of Life before the foundation of the world. (Rev. 13:8 correct translation) It is inevitable that those whose names were thus written should be brought to receive Christ as Saviour. Those who are unsaved rebel against the goodness of God, and refuse His Son and His Salvation. Yes, they resist the Spirit of God, they resist the gospel, they resist every effort to win them to Christ, but there is a vast difference between those who resist these in general and those whom the Spirit deals with in a particular sense. When the Holy Spirit goes after an elect person He always brings him, for as the Bible says, "Who hath resisted his will?"

Some would picture a vast multitude of unsaved, who are seeking to be saved and yet can't be saved because they don't belong with the elect. This is a false picture, for the lost don't want to be saved, and they resist every appeal made to them. The ones who want to be saved, will be saved, for God placed that desire for salvation within them. Yes, those evil people of Stephen's day resisted the Spirit, resisted the words of the Saviour, and resisted Stephen's sermon. Saul of Tarsus resisted also, and helped to murder followers of Christ, but he was in God's eternal plan as a preacher of the gospel, and God knocked him down and brought him to salvation.

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This verse is spoken by Stephen in his defense before the Sanhedrin (Elders of Israel), who had him brought before them on the charges of speaking blasphemous words against Moses and against God. Read Acts 6:9-15. They employed false witnesses against him because, "They

were not able to resist his wisdom and the spirit by which he spake" Acts 6:10. He, being led by the Holy Spirit, revealed to these self-righteous people that they were like their fathers (Israel in the Old Testament) who resisted the Holy Spirit. In our study of Israel, we learn that they did resist the revealed will of God when they hardened their hearts, and for this sin, the Lord took their lives, and they died (physically) because of their unbelief. Read Heb. 3:7-19.

Brethren, I would have you notice that the fathers as well as the Sanhedrin were charged by Stephen with resisting the Holy Spirit. He made no charge of their resisting the Father or the Son. This gives us the key to unlock this verse so that we may rightly interpret it. It is the work of the Spirit to inspire and to lead the prophets and writers of the Bible into all truth, and it was in this area of resisting the inspired Word that Stephen was referring to. I am aware that there are many who refer to this verse in denying the Sovereignty of God, by contending that man is able to resist the Godhead in their work of regeneration. Such an argument is absurd and ridiculous for the Scriptures make it very clear that with God there is all power, and there is none who can withstand or deliver themselves out of His hand.

"Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand" Job 10:7.

In the realm of regeneration, those whom God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit overshadow are dead; therefore, they have no power of resistance. The work of the Godhead in resurrecting the dead from among the elect is to create a new heart (new nature) by giving them a new spirit; thus making (creating) them new creatures. To resist the Spirit, as God, one must of a necessity have more power than the Spirit. If I were to ask each reader who has the most power, perhaps everyone would agree that the Spirit is much wiser and more powerful than those to whom He is sent; therefore, there is no truth in the contention that a sinner can resist the Spirit in His work of giving God's elect Spiritual life.

"Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which showed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers" Acts 7:52.

This verse reveals that it was the prophets whom the Sanhedrin and the fathers had resisted. The prophets spoke to the fathers concerning the things of God, but they received their messages from the Holy Spirit, and Israel resisted the prophets who were inspired by the Holy Spirit, and thus they became guilty of resisting the witness (Scriptures) of the Spirit. Stephen charges religious leaders with resisting the same Spirit of truth as did their fathers in turning away from the Scriptures which revealed Jesus Christ as the Son of God who came to them in the flesh but they received Him not.

Our Lord is speaking to His church called the spirit, "The

Spirit of truth."—John 14:17. It was the Spirit of truth that Stephen rebuked the council for resisting. Brethren, things have not grown better, for even now there is the Spirit of the Anti-Christ who opposes the written Word by advocating the Spirit of error rather than the Spirit of truth. Brethren, may we study that we might know the truth so we will not be guilty of resisting the Spirit of Truth as did Israel in old Testament times, and the Sanhedrin in the days of Jesus Christ.

"We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error" 1 John 4:6.

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Several years ago at a Bible Conference a dear preacher Brother showed me this verse and said, You see, people do resist the Holy Spirit. I had to admit that people do, or did do that. However, at that time I felt that this resisting the Holy Spirit stopped when Satan decided he could accomplish more by substituting and imitating than he could by outright persecution and killing. But when the old religious world sets forth a salvation by baptism, doing the best you can, or any other way that leaves the Holy Spirit out of the picture, that just might be resisting Him in one sense.

The only safe way that I know of to interpret a certain Scripture is to do it in the light of its context, and in the light of other Scriptures that deal with that particular subject. The world is overflowing with false doctrines today because people (and some of them the Lord's people) take a Scripture and give it the meaning they want it to have without any thought of the context, or of other related references. That is exactly what the above mentioned Brother was doing. He believed that a person who was under conviction, as most people call it, could run

off, get drunk, and forget all about it. But Phil. 1:6 says, "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." When the Holy Spirit convicts, or quickens a lost person, He never stops until the job is completed. If there has ever been a person who would have resisted the personal work of the Holy Spirit it would have been Saul of Tarsus. But in Acts 9:6 we hear him saying, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" A person cannot even want to resist the Holy Spirit when He makes a personal call, and begins that good work in him. He may run from the preacher's graveyard tales, but he will have no desire to run from the personal work of the Holy Spirit.

In the Scripture before us Stephen tells the old religious world that they resist the Holy Spirit in the same way their fathers before them had resisted Him. And in the next verse we find that their fathers resisted the Holy Spirit by persecuting and killing those who were preaching God's Word to them.

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We have here a very interesting portion of Scripture. One, I feel, that very clearly shows our responsibility in respect to the Scriptures. You see, I believe in the absolute sovereignty of God, and the responsibility of man. This is shown in Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost. "Ye men of Israel, hear these words, Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." (Acts 2:22, 23). God purposed it yet they were guilty of bringing it to pass. We are told that God has made His power clearly seen so that man is without excuse. "For

the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made,

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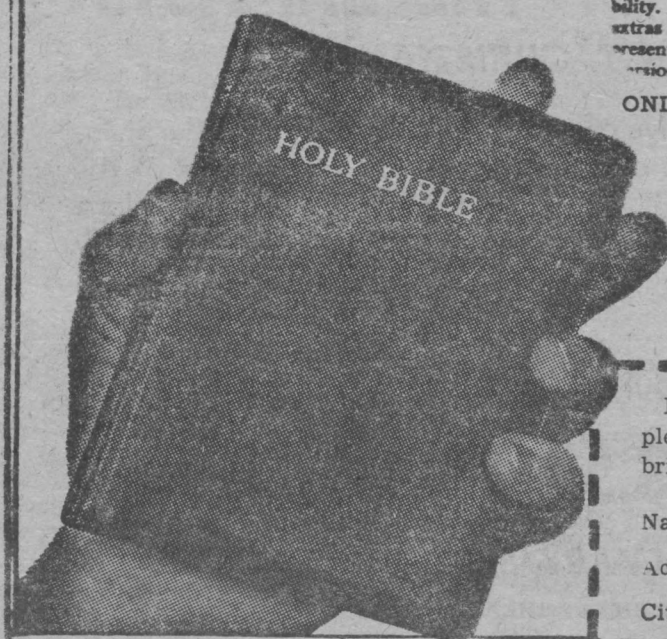
even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse." (Romans 1:20).

Acts 7:51 is teaching the fact that the chosen people were guilty of rejecting the word of God which is the work of the Holy Spirit. "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye." The next two verses show that they rejected the prophets and the law.

The Holy Spirit works indirectly to the lost through the word. "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (II Peter 1:21). Those who hear the word of God and reject it will be punished more so than those who never hear. Christ taught this when He pointed out that Tyre and Sidon would not be punished as much as the people of Israel who rejected. (see Matthew 11:20-24). Paul said that God will "... render to every man according to his deeds." (Romans 2:6). He goes on to say, "For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law." (Romans 2:12)

By rejecting the message of God's word the people of Acts 7:51 were resisting the Holy Ghost as their fathers had done before.

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"But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22).

Our text would imply there are some of us that are hearers of the Word, and some that are doers of the Word. A hearer of the Word will go from sermon to sermon hearing much, but doesn't seem to digest the food. Of such were the Pharisees in Jesus' day. He told them, "Ye SEARCH the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life." They were satisfied with just the reading of the Word. So it is today. Some go to church to hear pleasing words. They delight themselves in that which tickles their ears. Ezekiel said,

"Thou art to them as a lovely song, or one that hath a pleasant voice, but they hear thy words and do them not" (33:32). Many of us are like the woman in Luke 11, Jesus had been preaching, and she cried in a loud voice praising His mother. Jesus corrected her by saying, "Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the Word of God and KEEP IT."

When we tell the preacher, "That was a good sermon," what do we mean? I am being polite — or I agree — or that was well organized — or I'm just making small talk? How many times have we said, "I needed that, and am determined, with the grace of God, to correct some particular thing in my life?" In other words be a doer of the Word. The Apostle Paul knew the best commendation he could receive from man was growth in the lives of his hearers. "Ye are our epistle (letter) written in our hearts, known and read of all men." (II Cor. 3:2).

Peter said we are to desire the sincere milk of the Word that we may grow thereby. David said he

hid the Word in his heart that he might not sin against the Lord. Preaching is not entertainment. Going to the Lord's house is not sin against the Lord. Preaching is not entertainment. We may need it later. "Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come?" (Isa. 42:23).

When we only hear the Word and not do it, we deceive ourselves. We are not like the silly women of II Timothy. They were ever learning, and never able to come to the truth. They were deceived by others. But here it says, we deceive ourselves. If we can't trust ourselves, if we are the enemy of our own soul, we are indeed most miserable.

Are we hearers of the Word, only? Let's take inventory of this past year. In what areas of your Christian life have you grown? Be honest, now. Is your prayer life better this year than last? Have you witnessed more? Has your Bible study meant more to you? Have you done more visitation? Have you had victory over any particular sin? Do you love the brethren more fervently? Has your giving increased?

If our answers are "no" or "just a little" to most of these questions then we have been hearers only. We have deceived ourselves. They are well aware of our spiritual plight. They can tell by the things we say, the way we act, that we are hearers only. John said, "Hereby, we know that we know Him, if we keep (be doers of) His Commandments."

May it please the Lord to make us doers of the Word and not hearers only.

Joseph Wilson

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breathed into man's nostrils was blood. I have read much in Genesis. I do not know but one man who ever thought of such a thing

as this referring to blood. This is a spiritualizing of Scripture which ignores the clear statement of the Bible, and puts in its place the invention of man.

It has been said that the "Sons of God" marrying the "Daughters of Men" in Gen. 6 means that true churches unionized with false churches. Not a word of truth in such an interpretation. The church of our Lord Jesus Christ is an institution that was started in the New Testament. Church truth is not taught in the Old Testament and certainly, the reference in Gen. 6 has no application at all to true and false churches. This is an example of Bro. Cockrell's statement that some men have gone crazy over the church and find it in almost every verse of the Old and New Testament.

Another example of the above absurdity is found in that it has been said that Samson and Delilah represent true Baptists losing

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their power by joining in with false churches. We ought to be warned by the life of Samson of the effects of not living separated lives to the glory of God, but Samson's sin was following the lusts of the flesh and not that of joining a false church.

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Psalms 66:18.

The above verse has been interpreted by a modern day apostle of spiritualizing Scripture, as referring, not at all to sins of the flesh in the heart and life, but to false doctrine. It has been emphasized that the verse could not refer to sins of the flesh as adultery, drunkenness, lying, etc. Brethren, surely, the works of the flesh will hinder our prayer lives as certainly as the holding of false doctrine. False doctrine is not the ONLY sin a man can commit. It is wicked and well nigh blasphemous to make so much of the sin of holding false doctrine, and then to make light of the multitude of other sins that are condemned by God's Word. To hear some men preach, there is no sin in all the world except holding false doctrine or being in a wrong church. Brother, of all the false doctrines ever taught man, there is not one any worse than the FALSE DOCTRINE that false doctrine and false churches are the only sins there are. The man who teaches this is a heretic and a teacher of false doctrine.

It is taught that the Gospel is not used in giving spiritual life to dead sinners. This is a heresy of heresies, and immediately brands those who hold it as Hardshells. Men come to and support this heresy by perverting and spiritualizing the plain teaching of God's Word. They spiritualize Rom. 1:16, I Cor. 1:21. They utterly ignore I Cor. 4:15, where it is clearly stated that men are begotten through the gospel. They spiritualize James 1:18 and I Pet. 1:23-25 which clearly teaches that we are born again with the Word of God. One advocate of this heresy sought to prove it by spiritualizing the miracle of the net catching fish, and the miracle of the blind man being healed not knowing who healed him. You see the fish were alive before they were caught in the net. The gospel is the net, and this proves that sinners are made alive without the gospel. Tommyrot and hogwash. All this proves is that the fish were alive before they were caught. It says nothing at all about the gospel and the giving of Spiritual life. It takes a perverted and absurd spiritualizing of Scripture to try to prove Hardshell heresy from this miracle. People have taken leave of common sense when they seek to interpret Scripture in such a way. Miracles and parables are not to be used to prove truth, but to illustrate truth that is clearly taught in God's Word.

When the Bible clearly teaches that a woman is to have her head covered in the church, it is spiritualized as meaning that she should have her husband covered, whatever on earth that could mean.

We have been told that the wine in the cup at the Lord's Supper represents the Holy Spirit. Well, hurrah for this! Until so informed, we had taken the words of Jesus that the wine represented His precious blood which was shed for many for the remission of sins. And frankly, we still hold this.

We have been informed that churches should not be lukewarm or hot, but that they should be cold according to this new way of interpreting Scripture.

We have been told that I Cor. 7, instead of teaching truth about sex and marriage as we thought it did, and as it seems to, teaches

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A true story told by my Sunday School teacher:

A man, who is Christian, went to visit Israel. He was walking around the country side with his guide and saw a flock of sheep. He took his guide and went up to talk to the shepherd. As they were talking, using the guide as interpreter, the man noticed that one of the sheep was staying right next to the shepherd. On further looking he saw that the sheep had its leg in a bandage and splinted. He asked the shepherd what had happened and this is the story which the shepherd told him:

As is customary with sheep they tend to wander away from the flock and into danger. This particular sheep kept wandering off and wandering off. So the shepherd took his staff and broke the sheep's leg. And the sheep being now crippled stayed very close to the shepherd and the flock."

So Christ as our shepherd has to break us sometimes to keep us close to Him.

about true and false churches.

We have been told that Mark 9:42-50 — which we thought was a warning, a terrible and emphatic warning against Hell—is really some sort of teaching about being in or not being the church, and that it applies to saved people. Brethren, this passage teaches that nothing is worth going to Hell over. It teaches nothing at all about the church.

We are told that a Bishop being the husband of one wife means that he should not fool around with false churches. We thought it meant what it said.

We have been told that a woman being free to marry another if her husband is dead, has reference to her dying to sin, or Christ dying for her and her being married to Christ. We thought it meant what it said.

We have been told that "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, (Continued on page 7, column 5)

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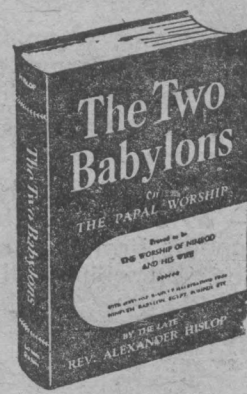
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## "Enduring"

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**"And I give unto them ETERNAL LIFE: and they shall NEVER PERISH, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and NO MAN IS ABLE TO PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY FATHER'S HAND."**  
 —John 10:28, 29.

Brother, sister, if you are saved, you are in a mighty safe place. You are in the hand of God. If you are saved, as the elect of God, you are going to endure.

Listen:  
**"HIS SEED also will I MAKE TO ENDURE FOREVER, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David, His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established forever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah."**  
 —Psalm 89:29-37.

Notice, it says that God's seed is going to endure forever, and He gives us a sign—the sun that rides in the sky by day and the moon that shines by night. He says that as long as the sun is in the sky by day, and as long as the moon rides majestically in the heavens at night, just that long we are going to endure. Tomorrow morning if you get up and knock the sun out of the sky, you had better be careful, the Devil is liable to get you. If you can knock the sun out of the heavens tomorrow, watch out. You are on dangerous ground, and you are liable to go to Hell. If when you walk out of this auditorium and the moon is shining—if you can take a rock and throw it into the moon and cause it to fall out of its orbit, you had

better be careful. You are on dangerous ground, and you are liable to go to Hell. Beloved, until you can knock the sun out of the sky by day, and remove the moon from the heavens at night, until that takes place, you and I are going to endure.

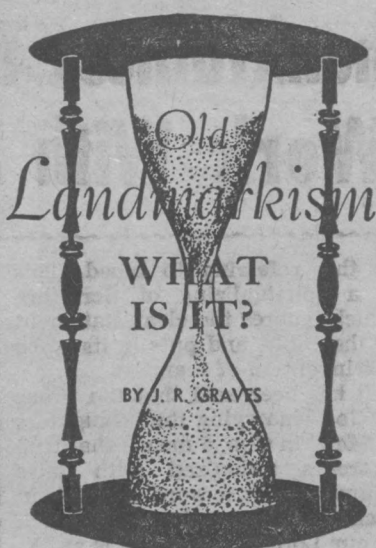
I rather imagine that our endurance is pretty well assured. I rather imagine that our endurance is definitely assured to us, and we are positively certain that he threw in a little word, "Selah." He says that our endurance as the elect of God is just as sure as the shining of the sun by day or the moon by night. Selah! Think of that! That is what the word "Selah" means — "Think of that." Brother, sister, it is something to think about, just to know that we are just as secure, and just as lasting as the sun and the moon. Yes, we have an enduring God, an enduring Bible, and an enduring church, and we ourselves are an enduring elect.

### AN ENDURING HEAVEN AND HELL.

I wish I didn't have to mention the latter, but I can't be honest, and I can't tell you the truth, if I don't tell you that Hell is just as enduring as Heaven itself. We read:

**"And these shall go away into EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT: but the righteous into LIFE ETERNAL."**—Mt. 25:46.

Beloved, in this one verse we have both an enduring Heaven and an enduring Hell. How pathetic to think that men will die and go to Hell — there to endure forever. If a man is sick with a fever he has hope that some day the fever will abate and he will be well. If a man is in debt \$250, or \$5,000 or \$1,000,000, he has hope that some day he will be able to pay his debt. If a man is in prison he has hope that some day the governor will give him a pardon, or by good behavior he may get out, or in some manner there may come a termination to his period of staying within that jail. Beloved, the man that goes to Hell is worse than the man that is sick of a fever, he is worse than the man that is in debt, he is worse than the man that is in



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jail, for he realizes that when he goes to Hell that all hope is gone.

Dante, in his "Inferno," says, when he describes Hell, that over the gate entering into Hell, are these words: "All hope abandon, ye who enter here." Mr. Spurgeon used to say that even the chains of Hell had the word "forever" burning upon them, and the pain that grieved the conscience of the man outside of Jesus Christ was the fact that Hell was forever. He said that even the flames themselves leaped up to say "Forever."

I tell you, beloved, we have an enduring Heaven for the saints of God, and an enduring Hell for the man outside of Jesus Christ.

### CONCLUSION

In closing, let me remind you that you are not enduring, and your body isn't enduring. Some of these days, if our Lord tarries, you and I are going to bid goodbye to this world. We are going to shuffle off the mortal coil of life and we are going out into eternity. We are going to die. Just like the thousands and the millions that have died in the days goneby, so you and I likewise shall die. We are not enduring, but you have a soul that is going to endure either in a topless Heaven or bottomless Hell. That soul is going to endure either with the Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven, or with the devil in Hell. I thank God for this fact that the man who is saved has a hope of enduring himself in Heaven, but the man that is not saved knows that there is no hope for him in an enduring Hell that never shall come to an end.

May God help you to realize this truth, that the only hope you can have, is to have as your Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. If you believe that God is an enduring God, if you believe that the Bible is an enduring Bible, if you believe that our church is an enduring church, if you believe in an enduring Heaven and an enduring Hell, then I tell you, beloved, you need to be mighty sure that you believe in Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.

May God help you, and may God save you, and add you to this body, for Jesus' sake.



### Consecration

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We think of a young preacher who has gone off "the deep end" on election. That is the burden and theme of his preaching, until people complain that election is about all they get from his ministry. His consecration is a doctrine, and he neglects other and important truths. Election is going to succeed anyhow. Just as well butt your head against a stone wall as to oppose election, for God is going to make it work out exactly in the end. Why spend all of one's time trying to get people to believe in election, when Christ's command is to be "Witnesses." (Acts 1:8). Our Commission is to "preach the gospel to every creature" — not to make electionists out of people. True, election is a truth that ought to be taught — but in reasonable proportion.

We have known other preachers who had other favorite doctrines, and they rode them like a hobbyist riding his hobby-horse. They had a mental satisfaction in preaching "doctrine" no matter whether anybody was saved or not. No man ought to preach doctrine just for the mental satisfaction he gets out of it. Paul was a doctrinal preacher, and yet he made the most practical applications of doctrines. So should we. If a preacher has a hobby it ought to be that of preaching Christ and salvation through faith in His name to the lost. The burden of the lost ought to be on our hearts. And it is not true that people are going to be saved who never hear the gospel. Read Rom. 10:13-15. People are not saved apart from the "MEANS" that God has ordained. The means are appointed as well as the end.

**2—CONSECRATION TO A SYSTEM.** When ardent denominationalists speak of consecration, they mean consecration to their denominational set-up, involving the plans and programs outlined and handed down by their "beloved denomination." The Roman Catholic clergy has long been devoted to their hierarchical system, to which they give slavish and unquestioned obedience. The Jewish leaders who managed the crucifixion of Christ were exceedingly devoted to their system.

Protestantism has its ecclesiastical systems, and Baptists during recent years have been creating systems. A pastor can be devoted to Christ and the Bible, but if he shows any independence—if his church does not support "the whole program," his name becomes mud among the brethren. Consecration to a system and a method of co-operation is deemed of greater importance than consecration to Christ and His cause. On the other hand a pastor can be modernistic and loose doctrinally, and of questionable character, but so long as he gives full "co-operation" he is in good standing. This is an utterly false standard of consecration. Genuine consecration is devotion to Christ and His Cause — it is a warm personal attachment to Him, and not a slavish devotion to an ecclesiastical system.

## Burket's Report

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 the Word of life. Then again, under my memoirs for May 17, 1973, I recorded this—"In the afternoon I visited at the house with the yellow green stones around it. The lady was grumpy and wanted nothing (meaning, she not only did not want to hear what I had to say, but wanted none of my literature"). But, Praise the Lord! This time, the man was compelled to listen to the glorious gospel of the Son of God.

At the next house, there was a lady all alone, who invited me in. In the first part of our conversation, I ascertained that she had a Mormon background. But she had no hope of eternal life, as is so, with all who profess this religion. I proceeded to preach to her Jesus Christ, and Him crucified, the only hope for sinners. I believe salvation came to her this day, as she professed to put trust in the One presented in the gospel. This, Lilli Willie, then related to me that she had eleven children and that her second husband, Larry, was in the hospital unconscious due to an auto accident. She couldn't even visit him, due to the fact, that his people were blaming her for the incident, although she had been nowhere near to the scene of the tragedy. It turned out that this was the same man for whom I had been asked to pray a few days previous while visiting another one who was in a similar condition. Larry Willie died a couple days after this time. Pray for this widow woman, that God will have His way in her life.

After I left the above house, I ended up out in the wastelands where there weren't any houses, only a few sheep; and once a woman and a boy drove some cattle from the road to let me pass. I was beginning to wonder why I had gone so far off in this direction when I finally came to a settlement.

As I left my pickup and walked towards a house a young lady walked out to meet me. This, Wanda, received the Word of God gladly and then told me how that she was a widow also. Her husband was killed in an auto mishap about six weeks ago, leaving her a widow at the age of twenty with one child, after only four years of marriage. Pray for Wanda, as she is thinking about returning to high school to finish her education.

As I returned to our camper late for my lunch, I was reminded of the disciples words in John 4: 31 "Master, eat." And our Lord's reply, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of."

In our next week at Lukachu-  
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### Burket's Report

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kai, my wife and I first visited at the home of a "revivalist" or Pentecostal woman. This woman is the one on whose property the revival tent had been a few weeks previously. I started out by giving her an opportunity to tell me about the hope of her salvation. The best that she had to offer, was that she was trusting in trances and feelings. Oh! the multitudes that are going to Hell looking to an experience or emotions instead of the righteousness and the perfect sacrifice of the Son of God. I warned her of the way that seemeth right and told her of the "only way."

We next visited with a man who was very forward in telling us about the old Navajo religion.

Then, I was enabled to show him God's way of salvation as recorded in His word from the type given to Adam in Genesis all the way to God's lamb revealed in the New Testament. Although he gave it a good hearing, I believe it was only with the ears. As he apparently turned away from it, he said, "The Navajo religion and the Catholic religion are alike." The old whore is still very versatile, amalgamating all religions into herself in order to make merchandise of men's souls. Read II Peter 2:3.

The afternoon of this day, I was enabled to preach to four more. But I must pass on to the next day. This morning started off southeast of Lukachukai beyond the gravel pit, where everyone was either too busy or away from home. But just before noon, in another area, I had a glorious time preaching to a Virginia and two sisters, Suzan and Julia. Virginia professed faith dating from a previous visit of last May, and the other two professed salvation after hearing the gospel message. I came into the knowledge, also, that this Virginia was a widow also, her husband and three others were killed recently in a truck accident in which alcohol was involved. I also learned that our Christian friend, Julia B., passed into the presence of the Lord last night. This is the one of whom we reported concerning our visit to her in the hospital in my last article.

This afternoon was spent mostly in revisiting those as Rita and Wanda who have professed faith in Christ. It has been a real blessing lately in preaching the "good news" of the Lord Jesus Christ to a few, and then upon revisiting them, finding that they are friendly and glad to see us again.

In order to keep this report brief enough to bring it up to date, I must quote briefly some references from my memoirs sometimes.

In the next morning, I preached the gospel to two sisters, Virginia and Rose. Virginia, 13 years of age, said the gospel was for her. Her older sister, Rose, was undecided. At the next settlement a husky man didn't want "white man's religion." He said, "There's the road back out that way, buddy." Next gave gospel to 13 year old boy across the fence. Said he received it. Older brother would not come out of house.

During the next day, I went to the Catholic cemetery for the graveside ceremony for Julia Bizardi. Very few were in attendance. Here was a strange situation. Her Holy Roller friends seemed to have just about forsaken her. And though we had

ministered to her the most with the Word of God and in other ways, due to her confinement to the bed and a wheel chair, I had not been able to baptize her. The Catholic priest glorified in that at one time she had received their baptism and ate the body and blood of Christ in their communion. The Revivalist had failed to see her legs straightened by a miracle. And the hospitals had tried so hard to straighten her legs that it might have contributed towards an untimely death.

The next Lord's Day was a first in Lukachukai, in that, we had a worship service in a home. We were hoping to have three of the women present who had professed salvation. But only one of them with her mother and some children were present. The following Lord's Day, two of the women were present at the service, as we sang, prayed, and I preached the Word of the Lord.

The next day, I visited with Rita, confirming her in the faith. And then, to the young lady whose brother is still unconscious in the hospital. Just about two weeks ago, I was present in this home when her father and moth-

I sit down beside him and preach to him and his wife, even though they were nursing a bottle of wine between them. I preached to them. But I left them with a lively illustration at the end. As the bottle of Roma sat on the floor, I asked them that I might have their permission to throw away the unfinished bottle of wine and would they be content to give the Lord first place in their lives. They didn't seem prepared to go this far.

This noon, I revisited Ben Lee, who was friendly and still seems to receive the Word of the gospel gladly.

The next morning I gave the gospel to a young husband and father while he was confined to his bed with the flu. I had given the gospel and a New Testament to his wife on two previous occasions. I believe he received the gospel readily. At least, I am sure that I might have received his flu, as my wife and I are feeling the effects of his virus for the past week.

On another day I revisited Lilli whose husband died recently. On this occasion I had the privilege of preaching to her and one of her eleven sons.

Next day, I spoke to a lady who didn't want to be anything other than Pentecostal and as to what she was trusting in—that was none of my business. At the next home I preached the gospel to a young Navajo lady and her Apache friend, Barbara. Marie is an old friend with whom I had hoped it was well with her soul. But I am afraid that these two are putting too much trust in the perverted gospel of the Pentecostals that has to do with "tongues" and emotions or feelings. Also preached the gospel to Mabel B. whose husband is supposed to be some kind of Baptist, although she claimed to be Catholic.

Later, this morning, I preached the gospel to Harry N. He was watering down the dust on the dirt floor of a hogan in preparation for a peyote meeting. He seemed impressed with the gospel. At last, he invited me to come around again. And said that I could preach to his group sometime. This will only be possible if the Lord gives me the power and liberty.

I will close this report by saying that this last week was cut short, as we were asked to move out on Thursday night by the man who has allowed us to park our camper on his property while doing mission work in Lukachukai. He said, "You better leave, because of the controversy." Because he was drinking, I didn't ask for an explanation at this time. We just moved out. This family has been very friendly towards us, but the man has been drinking and the Catholic priest visited the home one day this week. I don't know what Satan is stirring up. Pray for us. The Lord bless you.

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### Joseph Wilson

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and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." Rev. 22:15 means that these folk are regenerated, but they are not saved. We thought they were lost and sent to Hell.

We have been told that men are regenerated, but they are not born again. We thought "re" meant again, and generated meant born. We still think so.

We have been told that the body which is the temple of the Holy Ghost is not our body, but the church, and that the individual child of God is not indwelt by the Holy Spirit. We thought that, "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His," and we still think so. These spiritualizers of Scripture have taken the Holy Spirit away from the born-again child of God: a theft of vast proportions.

We have seen, as Bro. Cockrell said, men go completely crazy over the church. These spiritualizers have taken everything but spiritual life away from the child of God as an individual and put (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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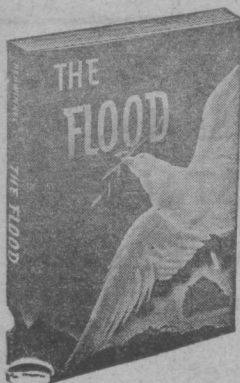
er were present with her, and three from the "Revivalist" who had arrived there before me. Quite an emotional service ensued, and at one point in the service, the Revivalist brother advised me that he was talking about being born again. There was much wailing and weeping and hand trembling by the two revival sisters and brother, as they tried to sweep the three subjects into the kingdom of God. Although I spoke much to Marcella about the gospel and being born again, at this present visit, as far as I know, she has yet to be born again. And I must affirm, that I still believe John 1:13.

I next went to visit Wanda for the third time. But the providence of God would have it otherwise as she was not home, and in her stead, I spent over three hours with her brother-in-law, Johnnie, proclaiming the gospel and the things of God's word. Pray for Johnnie. He has tried all kinds of christianity and religions and found them wanting.

The next morning I spent quite some time with another young man, Art J., who like Johnnie, has been exposed to all kinds of religion. He listened gladly after a few prejudices were put out of the way. Lord, have your way!

I next came into the home where I had preached before to the two sisters, Virginia and Rose. This time the father and mother were present. And he insisted that

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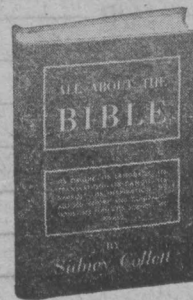
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them in the church. We are told today that there is no faith, no prayer, no praise, no knowledge, no justification, no sanctification, no anything almost, outside of the church. Phooey, phooey, tommyrot and hogwash. Not a word of truth in these absurd, ridiculous, and wicked teachings. Why, in the last few months I have learned that a man cannot be saved unless he hears the gospel through Baptist influence. Wow, how many of the readers of TBE will that doctrine send to Hell? Brethren, let us teach church truth. Let us magnify the church of our Lord Jesus Christ, but let us not falsify Scripture in order to do so.

We have been told that the only sins for which one can be excluded from the church are sins of false doctrine. One can be a not be a member of a church

drunk, an adulterer, a liar and a thief, a murderer and you name it. But he cannot be put out of the church for these things. But if he should be off on one doctrine of the Bible, he is to be excluded forthwith. Brethren, this is blasphemy. This is wicked. In there ever was a false doctrine, this is it, and the teacher of such should be excluded from his church for teaching false doctrine. A pastor friend told me that he was approached by another man on the matter of church membership. But before joining the church this man wanted to know what the pastor and church would do if they caught him in a motel with another man's wife. He was informed that he would be approached by the pastor, by the pastor and others, and if not repentant would be brought before the church and excluded. He informed the pastor that he would be approached by the pastor, by the pastor and others, and if not repentant would be brought before the church and excluded. He informed the pastor that he would be approached by the pastor, by the pastor and others, and if not repentant would be brought before the church and excluded.

like that. Praise God! Hallelujah! Glory to God! What true and sound church would want a man who held such heresy as a member to start with. And this man got this heresy that you can't exclude a man for literal fornication, only for spiritual fornication, from this absurd spiritualizing of Scripture.

To sort of cap it all off and to bring these examples of heretical spiritualization of Scripture to a close, we have been told that only the elect of God can commit the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. Wow! How deep can you get? Here is one no one else ever heard of before. But it is foolish and absurd spiritualizing of God's Word and there is not a word of truth in it.

Now it is sad that men will go to such extremes as I have mentioned in teaching God's Word. But they do this because they adopt the spiritualizing method of Bible interpretation. In these examples, and many more could be given, we can see the foolish absurdity, and the sinfulness of the spiritualizing of God's Word. Just believing what the Bible says, without trying to be so deep and to see what no one else saw would preserve a man from the awful heresies and false doctrines in the examples I have given. I would wish that anyone who interprets the Bible in such a way, would see the awful error thereof, and come to a sane and sensible and proper method of interpretation.

It is doubly sad to see many following one who interprets the Bible as described in this article. I would say to such, "Quit following man." You know you did not get these things from God's Word. Think and study for yourself. Do not let your love and admiration for man lead you into such terrible heresies as in the examples of this article. The trouble at Calvary Baptist Church has come about because of man following man in this heresy of spiritualizing Scripture. Let us pray for this great church and its able and noble pastor, that God will give them more than they have lost. That God will bless them in their continued stand for God's Truth.

Let us ask for the old paths, wherein is the good way. Let us walk therein. Let us have nothing to do with these new doctrines which have first seen the light of day in very recent times. Brethren, in the realm of Bible teaching, beware of new things. The truths of God's Word are old truths. Let us stand by them.

It is sad to write an article like this. It is sad that this spiritualizing heresy has invaded the ranks of sovereign grace Baptists. It is past time for the unmasking of this thing. It is past time for those who believe the truths — truths learned by the literal method of Bible interpretation — to take a strong and unwavering stand against the false doctrine of spiritualizing of Scripture. The teachers of these new things — which they learned by spiritualizing Scripture — which are contrary to the true and literal meaning of Scripture — these men are the false teachers, and they teach false doctrine. May God help us in this so important matter. Oh, that we might not have this "insurmountable obstacle to fellowship among the brethren" to which Bro. Cockrell refers. But if it comes, let us be found on the God-honoring, Scripture-honoring side of believing what the Bible teaches by the literal and proper method of interpretation. God bless you all.

## A STUDY IN THE DOCTRINE OF . . .

# ELECTION

A. W. PINK

The doctrine of Election is clearly taught in God's Word; from cover to cover, the Bible is full of it. It is one of the great foundation doctrines of the Scriptures. The very first Book in the Bible has God's Sovereignty for its central theme. Cain the elder is passed by, while Abel the younger is accepted. Ham and Japheth are ignored, while Shem the youngest is selected for the line from which the Messiah was to come. To Abram the junior, not to Nahor the senior brother is given the inheritance of Canaan. Ishmael the firstborn is cast out unblessed, while Isaac the child of his parents' old age is blessed. Esau the generous-hearted and forgiving spirited is denied the blessing, though he sought it carefully with tears, while Jacob the treacherous, underhanded schemer, is fashioned into a vessel of honor. Though the eleventh son, Joseph, is the one who receives the double portion. When Jacob, guided by God, is blessing Joseph's sons, Ephraim the younger is preferred before Manasseh the elder.

The limits of our space will not permit us to go right on through the Bible; we can only now quote a few sample texts, but they are sufficient. "I am found of them that sought Me not." (Isa. 65:1). "For many be called, but few chosen." (Matt. 20:16). "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you." (John 15:16). "I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given Me." (John 17:9). "As many as were ordained

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to eternal life believed." (Acts 14:48). "There is a remnant according to the election of grace." (Rom. 11:5). "He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Him." (Eph. 1:4).

During Old Testament times, the principle of Divine Election was clearly exhibited in God's dealings with the human race. At the Tower of Babel God, for a time abandoned His direct dealings with humanity as a whole and singled out one man—Abraham—from whom descended the nation of Israel. This nation was His chosen people. He revealed Himself to them, as to none other. Israel was His peculiar treasure. They enjoyed direct fellowship with Jehovah, while other na-

tions were left to their sins. But why? Why should God single out Abraham's descendants to be the recipients of His special favors? Had they a greater natural claim than others? Assuredly not. The Egyptians were a far wiser race than the Hebrew nomads. The Chaldeans were more ancient, more numerous, more civilized, and albeit, exerted a much greater influence upon the rest of the world. Ah! but God passes by the wise and learned and chooses the



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weak and despised. Why? To demonstrate His Sovereignty and exemplify His Grace. Why? "That no flesh should glory in His presence."

And the same great principle has been fully displayed again during the last thousand years. During the past millennium the vast majority of God's people have been gathered out of the race—the Anglo-Saxon! The testimony of history unmistakably rebukes the folly of those who deny the teaching of God's Word upon this subject. Tell us, you who reject the doctrine of Divine Election, why has the Anglo-Saxon race been singled out for the enjoyment of nearly all the favors of the Gospel? Were there no other people equally needy? The Chinese practiced a nobler system of morality and were infinitely more numerous. Why then were they left for seventeen centuries in a worse than Stygian darkness? Why, again, should the whole African continent be left for a thousand years before the Sun of Righteousness shone there once more with a healing in His wings? And why is America today a thousand times more mightily favored than India, which has thrice our population? To all these questions, we are compelled to fall back upon the answers of our blessed Lord, "Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in Thy sight." (Matt. 11:26).

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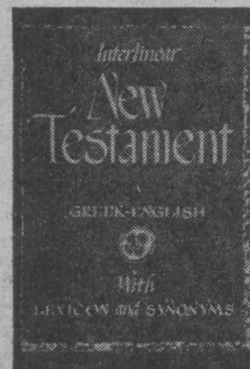
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