

THE FOLLY OF SPIRITUALIZING GOD'S HOLY WORD

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"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be made perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." —(II Timothy 3:16-17).

Generally when we read this particular passage of Scripture we stress the inspiration truth. It is true that the Bible is the Word of God and "God breathed." We rejoice in the fact that from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21



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we have God's account to us. We know that men wrote as God, through His Spirit, who told them to write. "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old (Continued on page 6, column 2)

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MOURNER'S BENCH

EDITORIAL NOTE: This article appeared several years ago in "News and Truths." Its truth is still needed today, so we here-with reprint it in TBE.

QUESTIONS FROM A "MOURNER'S BENCH-ITE"

1. Can an accountable sinner be saved without hearing, looking, reasoning, yielding, turning, forsaking, coming, seeking, praying, sorrowing, repenting or believing?
2. If so, please name the ones that can be left out?
3. Isn't Godly sorrow mourning?
4. Isn't it an altar of prayer and a mourner's bench wherever the sinner prays and mourns?
5. If the altar work, including the mourner's bench, is salvation by works, why do Campbellites fight it so hard?
6. Do Catholics have revivals and use the mourner's bench?
7. Isn't it fact that you have been inviting sinners forward for prayer in your own church?

ANSWERS

1. In the first question, the querist has "yielding" and "seeking" as if they were synonymous. If a man is yielding he isn't seeking. Yet, the querist puts yielding before seeking. That is like a Camp-

bellite putting faith before repentance. That is a sample of his legalism and reveals that his whole system is based on the energy of the flesh and not on the



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power of the Spirit. Was Paul seeking Christ when he was found by Christ on the road to Damascus? Do those who are born again seek Christ or does Christ seek them as they yield to Him? The Bible says: "I was found of them that sought Me not" and that has special reference to the Gentiles — the very folk to whom these questions and answers apply. (See Romans 10:20).

The Gospel of John is the only

book in the New Testament that was written to sinners. Most any book in the Bible will tell a sinner how to be saved; but John's Gospel was written especially to folk who were not believers to bring them to believe in Jesus. (John 20:31). In that Gospel the Master puts the emphasis on receiving and believing, not seeking.

2. Godly sorrow is not the kind of mourning you have at a mourner's bench. The kind of mourning you have at the mourner's bench in so-called altar services is the kind that Paul describes in II Cor. 7:10, which he calls the sorrow of the world and he says that kind works death. The whole appeal of the mourner's bench is to "feelings," and "feelings" as used and appealed to in altar services are wholly of the flesh—sob-stuff. When Christ is held up before the sinner, the whole appeal is to faith, not feeling, not to the emotions. That is the curse of the "altar" work, so-called. The Bible knows nothing of an "altar" in the New Testament. That is Roman Catholicism.

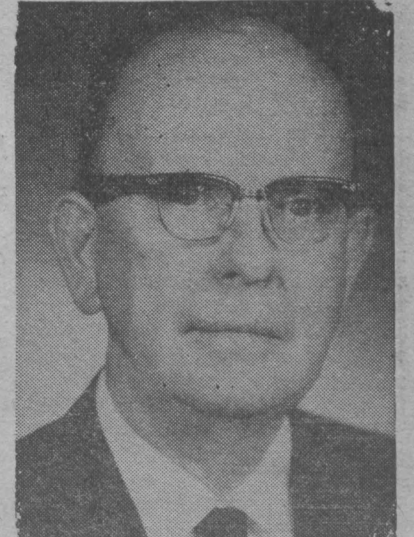
But back to what we started to say. The mourner's bench makes its appeal to the feelings, and when the sinner has wept until he can weep no more and from (Continued on page 7, column 2)

UFOs AND DISMAY PRECEDING CHRIST'S SECOND COMING

By E. G. COOK
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In I Thess. 5:2 we are told that "the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." This is one of the things that will make that wonderful day such an awful day to this old sinful world. Just when the world is wallowing in the sins she loves so much, the Lord of glory comes on the scene. It will be so unexpected to the world because she refuses to hear the announcement concerning His near approach.

My attention has just been



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called to an article written by S. T. Tolley on the subject of the UFOs in which he attributes these phenomena to Satan.

Now I do not want anyone to think that I am classifying Mr. Tolley with the world. I do not (Continued on page 5, column 2)

After One Is Truly Saved, What Should He Then Do?

By ROY MASON
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Some years ago I published a book with the title "After Conversion — What?" I had the book printed twice, then it got out of print and I have never gotten out another edition. But the need for study on the subject has not ceased by any manner of means. There can be no Christian life



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apart from conversion. No one should just "join the church." If that is all, then nothing vital has taken place. But many are converted, yet never make any growth to speak of in the Christian life. They remain dwarfed and stunted. They are spiritual runts when they ought to be vigorous, full grown Christians.

Assuming now that one has been truly saved — truly born again, what should that person do? Let us think about this for a few moments.

HE SHOULD HASTEN TO CONFESS CHRIST AND BE BAPTIZ-

ED (see Acts 2:41). (See also Rom. 10:9, 10; Luke 13:8-9). People who don't believe in such a way as to induce them to confess Christ — it is doubtful if they are saved. A truly saved person wants the world to know it.

HE SHOULD GLADLY TAKE MEMBERSHIP IN A CHURCH. On Pentecost the saved "were added to the church" that same day. Only by being a church member can one do much toward reaching other people. The purpose of belonging to a church is that one may join with others in worship, fellowship, and in the carrying on of Christ's work in the world.

HE SHOULD TAKE HIS RELIGIOUS OBLIGATIONS MORE SERIOUSLY THAN HE TAKES BUSINESS OR ANYTHING ELSE (Ephes. 4:1). When you see a person make a profession and join a church, then never start (Continued on page 8, column 4)

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An Expose Of A Rabid Lying Arminian Heretic

By JOE WILSON, SR.
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I have before me the April 10th issue of THE BAPTIST ANCHOR edited by Albert Garner. There is an article in this paper which makes false charges against THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and its noble editor. This article at the same time makes light of, and even ridicules the glorious Bible and Baptist doctrine of Predestination. What a shame it is to read the name Baptist at the head of a paper, and then on the inside to read blasphemous perversions of Baptist truth.

The article to which I refer is written relative to an article that appeared in TBE by Brother Farmer, relating to the use of crackers and grape juice by ABA churches. The Baptist Anchor denies the charge made by Brother Farmer. Now, I know nothing about the ABA churches and

what they use in the Lord's Supper. Brother Farmer did later write in TBE that if he had erred in making the charge, he apologized. Now that should settle that issue. I feel sure Brother Farmer had some source of information and thought he was right in his charge. But his apology should settle the issue.

I will say that Brother Farmer certainly told the truth when he said, "Anyone who uses crackers and grape juice is picturing a



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Christ with sin." And all those who cried out against this statement will not change the fact that it is a true statement. Those elements in the Lord's Supper do picture the Body and Blood of our Lord. Crackers and grape juice do have leaven in them. Leaven is a Biblical picture and type of sin. Therefore, to use these elements is to symbolically teach that Christ had sin. This conclusion is beyond honest dispute, and such users will have to give account to God. (Continued on page 6, column 4)

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"IDENTIFYING THE UNIDENTIFIED"

"And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke"—Acts 2:19.

This text was taken from the sermon that was preached by Simon Peter on that first memorable Pentecost following the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a good sermon. He quotes from the prophet Joel and some other Old Testament writers and he shows how those writings of the Old Testament are partially fulfilled that day. Then he gives to us a hint about the days to

come when he says that he is going to show "wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath." I am not sure as to how much of it is going to be fulfilled at the time of the Second Coming, but I am sure that every portion of the Word of God is minutely going to be fulfilled whether in the first advent or the second advent of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are living in a day when the world at large is troubled and people just don't know which way to turn. Accordingly, when the flying saucers first began to be

sighted here and there over the country, it was thought that it was the product of the imagination, or as one man said, "Folk have been eating too much ham and cabbage and they had a bad dream." When you talked about having seen a flying saucer, you were looked upon as being a sort of nut, idiot, or lunatic.

Beloved, that day has passed a good long while ago. Too many reputable witnesses have seen that which is spoken of as the UFO. Entirely too many scientific (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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men who are not given to illusions have seen objects and identified them, but they were unable to state positively what they were. As a sample, a few days ago, the Governor of Ohio said that he and his wife were driving home and they kept pace with this unidentified object for some thirty-five minutes as it seemingly observed them, and they, in turn, observed it. I am satisfied that those two fishermen in Louisiana who were picked up and taken on board a strange craft a few days ago and were later released that they might go on their way — I am sure those two fellows are not lying. I am certain if they were to be given a lie detector test that their statements would be corroborated and proven true. (Eds. note: Later, this was done and every detail they had given was proven true).

I say, beloved, we have gotten beyond the stage of saying that a man who talks in terms of flying saucers and unidentified objects is a lunatic, or that he is a kook, or that he is a quirk. We have gotten beyond that state, for too many men of science, too many intelligent individuals, too many people have seen these strange objects to deny the fact that they exist.

I'll say frankly, though I have never seen one, I am willing to take the word of these individuals who say that they have. I'll be honest with you, I have looked many times at night and hoped that I would see one. In fact, I lock my doors every night and

look out the windows with one thought in mind — I hope to see a little man standing out in my front yard. I have made it a point for a long time to observe, but I have never seen one. I have never seen the saucer, and I have never seen the individual that comes out of it, but there has been too many others who testify to the fact that they have, for me to deny that they exist.

I

I BELIEVE IN THE DEVIL.

Everybody ought to believe in the Devil, for he keeps you company enough. He is around your house. He is around your business. He certainly rides with you in your automobile enough. But a lot of people don't believe in the Devil. A lot of people think of the Devil as a figment of the imagination — that it is just something or someone that we blame our meanness off onto. I say to you, I believe in the Devil just the same as I believe in Jesus Christ. The only difference is, I believe in Jesus for good, whereas I believe in the Devil for evil.

Jesus said:

"Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the PRINCE OF THIS WORLD cometh, and hath nothing in me."—John 14:30.

The Devil is called "the prince of this world." The Bible doesn't say that he is one of the princes, but rather, he is the prince, as if to say that he is the leading character so far as this world is concerned.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he said:

"In whom THE GOD OF THIS WORLD hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."—II Cor. 4:4.

In John 14:30, Jesus refers to the Devil as "the prince of this world." In II Corinthians 4:4, Paul refers to the Devil as "the god of this world." I say, beloved, I can't read these verses without believing that there is a Devil and that he has a tremendous influence so far as this world is concerned.

Listen again:

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."—Eph. 6:12.

This is a small picture of the foes that each child of God has. We certainly have them — powers, rulers of darkness, spiritual wickedness. All this is but to indicate that we have the Devil to oppose us all the time.

Paul refers again to Satan when he says:

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."—II Cor. 2:11.

I say, beloved, I can't read verses like these without the realization that there is a Devil here

within this world. He is not doing me any good. He is not doing you any good. But he is here for evil just the same as Jesus Christ is here for good. I believe in him, and I want you to know that so far as I am concerned, I am satisfied that the Devil exists.

The Devil is not as powerful as God. I have proof of this in the first book that was ever written in the Bible — the book of Job. When Job was written, God said to Satan, "Have you noticed my servant Job, that there is not a man like him in all the earth, a man that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" Satan said, "Ah, ha, I have my eye on Job. The only reason that Job is serving you is because you are being good to him. But when you put a hedge around him, I can't get to him. You have put a hedge around his property and I can't get to it. You put a hedge around his family and I can't get to his family. If you would break down those hedges, then I would get to him."

Beloved, that proves that the Devil isn't as powerful as God.

TO GROW

1. Be diligent in secret prayer, every morning and evening.
2. Never spend a moment in mere idleness.
3. Restrain natural appetites within the bounds of temperance and purity.
4. Suppress every emotion of anger or ill will.
5. Undertake nothing from motives of ambition or love of fame.
6. Never do that which at the moment appears to be displeasing to God.

Satan only works permissively; he only works under the permissive purposes of Almighty God.

A little later in the book of Job, the Devil came back a second time. God said again, "Have you noticed my servant Job?" Satan said, "Yes, I have my eye on him. The only reason why he is serving you is that you are putting butter on his bread. You smite him and he'll curse you to your face. You didn't give me enough rope the last time. You broke down the hedge around his family and I got all of them. You broke down the hedge around his property, and I got all of it. I killed his children and I destroyed his property. I was able to do some things, but you still have that hedge around him. You wouldn't let me touch him."

Then God gave the Devil permission that the Devil smote Job with boils, from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet.

You will notice that the Devil couldn't go one step beyond what God permitted him to go. I say to you, beloved, I believe in the Devil, but he is not as powerful as God. He works permissively as God permits him to do.

The Devil has his headquarters. When the book of Revelation was written, his headquarters was in Pergamos. The church at Pergamos was the third of the churches spoken of in Asia Minor. We read:

"I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even WHERE SATAN'S SEAT IS."—Rev. 2:13.

The Lord says to this church at Pergamos, "You are living, you are located, you are situated in the same town where the Devil has his seat." The word "seat" is the word for "authority" or "headquarters." In other words, He said to this church at Pergamos, "You are located in the same town where the Devil has his headquarters."

You say, "Brother Gilpin, where does he have his headquarters today?" Well, the way things have happened over in Washington recently, I wouldn't be surprised but what it might be there. The way things happened a few years

ago prior to World War II, I wouldn't be surprised if perhaps it wasn't Berlin. The way things have been happening for the last fifty years, I have thought often that it might be that the Devil has his headquarters now in Russia. Beloved, I am going to give you something squarely in the eyes: I think the Devil has his headquarters in Rome, and that he is working through Rome, and out of Rome. When I say Rome, I am not talking about the political system of Rome in Italy; I am talking about Rome as the ecclesiastical head of the Roman Catholic Church. I think that is where his headquarters is.

What an outreach those headquarters have! I just couldn't begin to compare it to anything. I couldn't begin to imagine how great is the outreach of Rome, which I think is the headquarters of the Devil today. I think the most of the work that the Devil is doing, he is doing through Romanism.

II

THE DEVIL HAS HIS HELPERS.

I think the Devil has some angels helping him. In fact, I know he has. Paul says:

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

Paul says that there is nothing that can take a saved man out of the hand of God, and in saying it, the third group that he mentions is angels. Why would an angel want to take a saved man out of the hand of God? A good angel wouldn't. An angel that was serving the Lord would not, which would indicate to us that there are some other kinds of angels besides the angels that are serving the Lord. When he says, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels," I think that Paul is talking about a different kind of angels to that which you and I like to associate with ourselves.

I believe, beloved, that the angels are ministering spirits sent forth to minister for the heirs of salvation. That is what Paul says in Hebrews 1:14. I think you and I are surrounded by them daily. I am certain of that as can be that we have not a guardian angel, but guardian angels, that surround us all the time. I believe as surely as I am here that I would have been crushed two weeks ago on Friday had not God put a great number of angels under that tractor and held it up so that I didn't get but a very small fraction of the weight that passed over my body.

I believe that God has angels that accompany us who are the heirs of salvation. As I say, I don't believe in a guardian angel, but I surely do believe in guardian angels. When I turn to this passage in Romans and read about these angels that might be interested in taking a saved man out of the hand of God, I know they are not God's angels for us. I know that there are different

WHY A PREACHER "LOST OUT"

The doctor quit reading his medical journals, and he "lost out."

The teacher quit reading his works on pedagogy, and he "lost out."

The lawyer quit reading his books on law, and he "lost out."

The electrician quit reading his journals on the science of electricity, and he "lost out."

The banker quit reading the latest and most approved methods of banking, and he "lost out."

The farmer quit reading his agricultural journals, and he "lost out."

The politician quit reading his political paper, and he "lost out."

The preacher quit reading his Bible, books and periodicals on theology, and Christian works, and he "lost out."—Sel.

kinds of angels. I say to you, the other angels besides the ones that God uses for the heirs of salvation, would take you out of the hand of God, they would cause you to lose your salvation if you could, they would work against a Baptist church, they would work against the cause of Christ, and they would do anything and everything they could to kill the cause of Christ so far as missions is concerned.

The Apostle Peter says concerning these other angels:

"For if God spared not THE ANGELS THAT SINNED, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."—II Pet. 2:4.

Beloved, the Devil has his angels. When he sinned in rebellion against God, God kicked him out of Heaven. No longer was the Devil the covering angel — the highest of all the angels of God. He was fired completely from his position, and when he fell, one-third of the angels fell with him. (Rev. 12:5). The Bible says that they are now cast down to Hell and "delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment." The Devil has his angels.

Notice another Scripture concerning the fallen angels:

"And the ANGELS WHICH KEPT NOT THEIR FIRST ESTATE, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."—Jude 1:6.

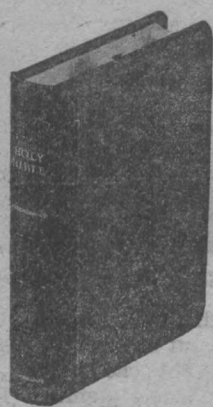
Today, down there in Hell, chained up, waiting for the judgment, are the angels that fell with Satan. They are there in Hell awaiting a time when they are going to be judged, and then eternally tormented in a Devil's Hell. I am saying, beloved, that the Devil has some angels as his helpers.

Also, the Devil has some demons. Don't you think for a moment's time the demons that he has are the same, because they are not. The Word of God very definitely and carefully makes a very positive differentiation. Jesus refers to the demons against God, God kicked him out when He says:

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"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first." —Mt. 12:43-45.

This is talking about demons. It is talking about unclean spirits. Unsavory people particularly are taken with unclean spirits, and it takes the power of God to get rid of them. These unclean spirits, these demon spirits, had taken possession of the man we read about in this Scripture. God says that sometimes men will reform put the Devil out of their own accord. But the demons don't stay out when they are put out that way. They come back.

Here is an old demon that slips around and looks at a man. Maybe he was a drunk. Maybe he drank all the time, and now then, he decides when the first of the year comes, "I'm going to clean up my life. I'm going to reform." He reforms and puts the Devil out, but he doesn't put Jesus in.

Beloved, you are in a bad shape when you reform without Jesus Christ regenerating you. Look at this man! The old demon comes back afterwards and says, "I used to live in that fellow. I wonder how my house is. I wonder how he is getting along." He slips around and looks in and sees that fellow. He has his house all empty, swept, and garnished — all cleaned up, and it looks pretty good, but there isn't anything on the inside — it is empty. The fellow has reformed, but he hasn't been regenerated. He has reformed, he has turned over a new leaf, he has quit his meanness, but he hasn't been saved. The demon goes out and gets seven other spirits more wicked than himself and they enter in, and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

Haven't you seen some fellow on the first of January decide, "I'm not going to drink again" and he throws away his bottle and reforms? A few weeks goes by — two or three weeks are usually enough — and he is worse than he was before.

A woman came to me one year on the Sunday after New Years and said, "Brother Gilpin, I am so happy. My husband is in church this morning. He has finally seen the light." I said, "Has he been saved?" She said, "Oh, no, he hasn't been saved, but he has quit his drinking. He said that he wasn't going to drink any more." I said, "Sister, don't get your hopes high. Don't you be disillusioned. He is getting ready for the biggest drunk he has ever

had in his life. He doesn't know it, but he is."

Beloved, it wasn't three weeks until that old demon that he put out came back and brought seven others. I saw him going down the street. He didn't own just the street; he owned the whole town and the surrounding county. He was really drunk.

I say to you, beloved, the Devil has his demons and they slip in. You can put them out for awhile, but they get back in.

In Mark 5, we have perhaps the best story about the demons. We have the story of the maniac of Gadara, and the Word of God tells us about this maniac how he was taken with demons and they asked him his name. He said:

"My name is Legion: for we are many." —Mark 5:9.

Here was a fellow that was taken with demons — a great number of demons — and the Word of God tells us how those demons were cast out by the Lord Jesus Christ, and how the hogs that they went into were drowned in the sea. But the thing that I want you to notice especially is the way that Luke records it, for Luke says concerning the same event:

"And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep." — Luke 8:31.

Notice that word "deep." It is a reference to Revelation 20:1-3, which says:

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit."

These demons that were cast out of this man in Mark 5 and in Luke 8, said, "Don't put us into the deep. Don't put us back into the bottomless pit. We don't want to have to go back to Hell."

Beloved, listen to me, behind every man today who is a false prophet, there are scores and scores of demons working through him, just exactly as they worked through this man that we read about in Mark 5 and Luke 8. For proof of that statement, listen:

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many FALSE PROPHETS are gone out into the world." —I John 4:1.

Behind that false prophet are many evil spirits — demons.

Let me say that I have no use for these healing evangelists — Oral Roberts, for example. I have been to Tulsa and I have seen Oral Roberts' headquarters three different times — his original small building, about the size of an ordinary bungalow; then his mammoth office building which towered above the entire city and was greater than any building in the city; and now the Oral Roberts' University. Be-

loved, that man has milked or bilked (I don't know which would be the better word) multiplied thousands and millions of dollars out of the American public, thinking that he is carrying on the work of the Lord in healing people. If he could heal people, why doesn't he go into all these cancer clinics all over the country and see those individuals who are eaten up with cancer and perform a miracle and heal them all? I want to tell you, behind every false prophet there are multitudes of evil spirits. As it says in God's Word, "try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." You see the false prophet, you observe his work, but behind him, there are demons, demons, demons. I contend that Oral Roberts (I cite him as one example, and I could cite others) and many other false prophets are demon-possessed, and that they are carrying on their work through the power of demons. The Devil has angels at his command, and the Devil has demons in his possession and at his command, and the Devil is carrying on his work of deception today.

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IDENTITY OF UFOs.

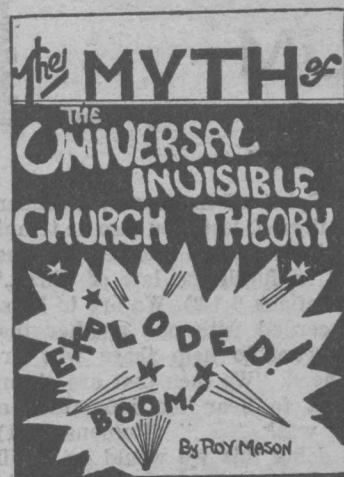
Have you ever noticed that everything that God teaches, the Devil and the world is against? Take for example, salvation by grace. God gives to us this glorious teaching of salvation by grace through faith, plus nothing, minus nothing — just saved by the grace of God. Paul said:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith." —Eph. 2:8.

Oh, I thank my God that I am saved by grace. If it would depend on works, I'd never get to Heaven. But while God teaches salvation by grace, what does the world teach? Just exactly opposite — salvation by works or salvation by the city's waterworks. I say, beloved, there's not a thing in this world that God has ever taught but what the world and the Devil has taught something just exactly opposite.

Take for example Xmas. It won't be long until fathers and mothers will be lying to their little children about Santa Claus. They will say: "Now you be good and Santa Claus will come to see you." They'll be lying — plain out lying. If the children were to come and tell them a lie that was half as big as the lie that the parents tell the children about Xmas and Santa Claus, they'd probably take the hide off them, yet the parents will lie and they will talk about Xmas and the world goes in for it, as you well know. I tell you, there isn't anything in the world that the world enjoys more than Xmas. That proves to me that it is not of the Lord. The fact that the world likes it so much proves that it is not of the Lord. If it were of the Lord, the world would not enjoy it. The fact that the world en-

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joys Xmas proves to me that it is not of the Lord. God says to us, "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil" (Ex. 23:2).

Everything that God does, the Devil and the world does something just exactly the opposite. God never said one word in the Bible about them observing the birthday of His Son, not one. The world, though, practices, enjoys, and revels in Xmas and Santa Claus.

The Lord Jesus established His church. My, what a power that first church was! But look at what's called churches today. I say, beloved, it is true that everything that God has ever done, the world does something different. God gives us salvation by grace, and the Devil and the world comes along with salvation by works. God never said a word about observing Xmas or observing a day in honor of His Son, yet the world goes wild in what they call an observance of Christ. God gave us a church, and the Devil and the world have fought that church and established thousands of counterfeit ones similar to the original. Everything that God ever does, the world and the Devil tries to do something just exactly opposite.

We are warned of them, for we read:

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." —Isa. 55:8,9.

I say, beloved, everything that God has ever done, the Devil has tried to do something the opposite. Today, the world is talking about UFOs and they say that it is somebody from outer space, that somebody from outer space is about ready to invade this earth. No, no, beloved! God's ways and God's thoughts are never like the thoughts of men. I am not saying that the UFOs are from outer space, for they are not. I'll tell you where they are from. They are not from outer space, but they are from inner space or under space. They are the Devil's demons. They are the demons of Hell. You may ask what they are doing here. To use a common expression, they are "casing the joint."

Now let me give you some Scripture. Listen:

"I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit."

And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have

not the seal of God in their foreheads.

And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses, prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breast plates of iron; and the sound of their wings were as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon." —Rev. 9:1-11.

Beloved, listen, there is a tribulation day coming. Oh, what a day it is going to be when God brings tribulation upon this world! For three and a half years men would rather die than to live. This is a part of the trouble that is going to come on this godless world during the tribulation. It says that one of the things that is going to happen is that Hell is going to be opened — that bottomless pit, the abyss, the deep, the place that the demons of Mark 5 and Luke 8 did not want to be cast back into. It tells us that this bottomless pit is going to be opened and that out from it are coming the demons of Hell that are going to overrun this world during the tribulation period.

What are they doing here today? If that is what is going to happen then, what are they doing today? I'll tell you why. As I said a moment ago, to use a common expression, they are here to "case the joint" today to see what is going on. They are getting ready. They are not from outer space, but they are from under space or inner space. They are out of the deep, they are out of the abyss, and they are here to see what this world is like, getting ready for the tribulation period. Beloved, I say to you what I have said for the last several months, we are nearer the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ than we ever thought we were.

I am not a sensationalist and I think those of you who have known me for many years know that I do not delve into sensational things. But I believe with all my heart that the coming of the Son of God is very near. It is only a matter of time until He puts in His appearance here within this world. When that time comes that He takes the saints of God away and the unsaved are left here within this world, what a day it is going to be of suffering, when men are struck with these scorpion-like locusts to the extent that they, for five months would rather die than live.

Can you imagine it — hospitals crowded beyond capacity? Can you imagine what it is going to be like when all over the country people will be suffering for five months, praying to die and can't die, all because of the demons of Hell that have been turned loose upon this world? Out from that bottomless pit they come (with the Devil as their leader), to the extent that there are so many of them that the sun is darkened in the sky. I say, beloved, what we are seeing today by way of flying saucers and UFOs is nothing else but an invasion from inner (Continued on page 4, column 4)

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FORUM

"Please explain Galatians 6:2 and 5."

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Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear ye one another's burdens" and in seeming contradiction verse 5 says, "For every man shall bear his own burden."

No sensible writer would write something and then contradict it the next minute. Least of all would the Holy Spirit who is the real author of these words. So, there must be a suitable explanation. I believe it is this: We are to seek to share the troubles and burdens of our fellow Christians. I have seen persons get sick, and their Christian friends sat up with them and looked after their needs night after night. Sometimes they stepped in and bore some of the financial load they were under. Their care, their financial help, their encouraging words and prayers, helped to lighten the load of the sick person tremendously. But what does it mean when it says here that "every man must bear his own burden?" I think it means that there are burdens that no other person can bear. The sick person just mentioned, for instance, has terrible pain and suffering and weakness and helplessness that friends cannot take over, so "he bears his own burden."

We all know that what we have just said is true. One can bear burdens of others, and that ought to be done as far as is possible, but there are certain burdens that are so personal that no one can shoulder them, and these we each must bear.

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In this passage of Galatians, Paul is continuing his instruction to the church as to a godly life. In the chapter before he has spoken of our liberty in Christ and admonished us to consider it wisely. "For brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." (Galatians 5:13). He then went on to show that we are to walk in the Spirit and not the flesh.

With this in mind we readily see what is being taught in these verses. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in

the Spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:1-2). We are to be so concerned with one another that we want to help those who are in need. "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak..." (Romans 15:1). In doing this we would be fulfilling the commandment of Christ to love one another or as it is said in Galatians 5:14, "For all the law is one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

By helping one who is weak or in need of help we are not removing their guilt or taking their burdens from them. Each person is still responsible for his own sin and each person still has to bear his own burdens. "For every man shall bear his own burden." (Galatians 6:5).

We can be with a person in comfort and strengthen them but we can't remove the responsibility which is theirs. "So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God." (Romans 14:12).

As we consider this we are encouraged by the promise given in I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

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Here is a case where it is absolutely essential that the original Greek be checked. To the casual reader this is an outright contradiction. But there is no such thing as a contradiction in God's Word. In verse 2 we are commanded to help our brother with his burden, but in verse 5 we are told that he is to bear his own burden alone. However, when we check the original we find there is no contradiction, and our problem resolves itself.

In verse 2 the word "burden" comes from BAROS which literally means a heavy weight that the brother needs help with. I recall a beautiful story in one of my school books in my young days that illustrates what I mean. During the Revolutionary War a corporal had his squad of men building a fort. They were trying to lift a heavy log up to the place for it, but it was just more than they could do. The corporal was telling them to try harder, but he did not touch the log himself. Another man came along, put his shoulder to the log and helped the men put it in place. He then asked the corporal why he did not help his men when they needed it. He informed the man that he was the corporal. The man who had helped the men lift the heavy log unbuttoned his top coat and

showed the corporal his uniform as he said, I am General Washington, and the next time your men find the log too heavy for them, send for me. General Washington had fulfilled the command in Gal. 6:2. And in so doing he had also fulfilled the law of Christ. According to Gal. 5:14 the law of Christ is summed up in the words "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." He proved to his men that he loved them and had compassion on them in their heavy burden.

In verse 5 the word "burden" comes from PHORTION which means something carried. It has to do with responsibility. In Mt. 11:30 our Lord says, "My burden is light." This word "burden" comes from PHORTION. Our responsibility to our Lord is not grievous, nor is it too heavy for us to bear. If we love Him as we should, the things He requires of us are a joy. All we need in the way of help with this kind of burden is to be taught what it is. When we stand before the judgment seat of Christ, no one can help us. We must bear the burden of that responsibility alone. So there is no contradiction here at all.

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space or under, trying to find out what this world is like, getting ready for the time when they are going to invade the world.

If they were good angels, they would go to church. Angels go to church to learn. Listen:

"Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into."—I Pet. 1:12.

"For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels."—I Cor. 11:10.

The angels want to learn. They have to learn. They are just like you and I are. We have to learn. We don't have knowledge given to us to start with. We have to learn. The angels have to learn. The good angels go to church to learn. Where do these demons, these men of the flying saucers, go? They go to the world. They come to the world in order to learn. They are trying to find out what is going on.

And what a report they have to take back to Apollyon, their king!

What a report — Independent Baptists divided.

Protestant churches standing for nothing with modernism rampant throughout them all.

Romanists preaching ecumenicalism, doing their best to bring everybody into the fold of the Catholic church.

Cardinal Spellman went over into Canada a few years ago and said, "Let's forget about history." Well, if I had the history that Rome has, I'd say, "Let's forget about history" too. I would beg the world to forget it. Consider the fact that they killed fifty million Baptists during the Dark Ages. I don't blame him for saying, "Let's forget about history." They are doing everything they can today to bring everybody under the sway of ecumenicalism. What a report these demons have to take back!

What does it say about morals? Morals are gone. Nobody has morals anymore. The only place that you find morals in America is in the dictionary. Morals are a thing of the past. If you don't believe that, just read "Dear Abby" for one week's time and see if you don't find to be true, what I have found to be true, that over ninety per cent of the letters that are sent to "Dear Abby" are letters that are contrary to the moral code

Appreciated Correspondence

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Missionary to Japan

Beloved readers of the Baptist Examiner:

Greetings in the love of our Wonderful Lord with I Cor. 15:58.

We are greatly rejoicing in the Lord and in His Delightful Character and Providence (Psa. 37:4). We are so thankful for the privilege of being entrusted with His Gospel (Luke 16:11) and being permitted to serve Him here in



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this needy land where less than one half of one percent of the people profess to have any relationship whatsoever to Christendom.

Because we have many hundreds write to us in response to the Gospel messages we preach over local Japanese radio stations and they request a free copy of the Gospel of John that we offer on each broadcast to any one who has never seen any part of the Bible, this does not mean that the churches are flourishing. The average Japanese still is very reluctant to enter a Christian church building for it would identify him as interested in the Gospel. To make large statistics is very easy but to bring to fruition the leadership for the local churches in the

of the Ten Commandments. Morals are a thing of the past. What a report these demons have to take back!

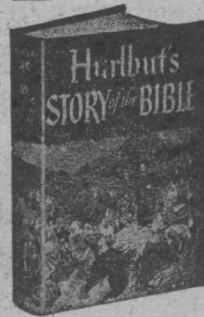
Our government — the government of the United States — infiltrated by Communists, homosexuals, liars, thieves, and extortionists. Those are hard words, but they are true words. The best days of the United States are gone. I don't think we have any future like what we have had in the past. Our government is in a pitiable condition. Mark it down, we are standing not at the crossroads; we have gone beyond the crossroads into a pitiable state. What a report these demons have to take back!

School teachers. I can remember the time that you looked up (Continued on page 5, column 3)

New Testament pattern is the most difficult thing we have experienced in this country. It is in the local church that the issues of marriage of believers to unbelievers must be dealt with (very few pastors in Japan will take a faithful stand on this issue) and compromise with idolatry and the inroads of the new evangelicalism (Billy Grahamism). It is my firm conviction that those who do not directly work for the establishment of local N.T. churches are not missionaries and no man is qualified to work in anything else until he has brought to birth a local N.T. church. The greater proportion of missionaries in Japan work on some project outside of the local church. The local N.T. church is ignored or treated as just another "project" because they are adding numbers to the "invisible church." It is the local N.T. church that is "the ground and pillar of the Truth" (I Tim. 3:15), that is the local church is the holder and upholder of the Truth. The "invisible church" is like motherhood, but motherhood never had a baby or raised one.

With great pomp and ceremony the sacred mirror, which is the whist of the sun-goddess was moved to its new building on the 2nd of October. This was televised throughout all of Japan by the Japan Broadcasting Co. which is a public corporation of the Japanese government. The second son of the tenno (heaven's descended majesty) meaning the emperor was the official representative of the Imperial family at this ceremony, for the sun-goddess is regarded to be the ancestress of the Imperial family. The question is not whether the "tenno" is a god or not, but are his ancestors gods. (Again in the public schools of Japan it is being taught that the sun-goddess is the ancestress of the Imperial family). For the 5th time the pro-Shinto government of Japan, which holds a majority in the Diet, presented a bill that Yasukuni Shinto Shrine, where the war dead are deified and worshipped as the guardian gods of the nation, be nationalized and supported with public taxes. This bill again died in committee but the government insists that it will be again presented to the next regular session of the Diet. If this bill should pass it would make Japan again officially a Shinto country. Public announcements have been made that President Nixon will soon visit Japan. Pray with us that he will not visit a Shinto Shrine while he is here. When Pres. Eisenhower was scheduled to visit Japan he was to lay a wreath at Meiji Shrine, where the grandfather of the present emperor is worshipped. It would be tragic if the president of the USA should attend a Shinto Shrine. Please pray for us. Love in our Lord. Luke 9:23.

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"AN HEATHEN WIFE"

Let's take a stroll down History's pathway and meet one of the wives of King David. Her name is Maachah. We can learn many lessons from the result of David's marriage to her. Since the Scriptures say very little about her, personally, let's view her via her children.

First of all, we know that Maachah was an heathen woman. Her father was the king of Geshur. Being a princess, she was right at home in the palace of King David. When David took Maachah for his wife he disobeyed the plain commandment of the Lord. "Neither shalt thou make marriages with them: thy daughter thou shalt not give to his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son." (Deut. 7:3) All through the Scriptures this command is repeated. Christians shall not marry the ungodly. "Can two walk together except they be agreed? What fellowship hath light with darkness?" To transgress this command puts us on very dangerous ground. Even as we see David doing this, we see the severe chastening of the Lord upon him.

Of this marriage between David and Maachah were born two children. Tamar and Absalom were both very beautiful. David was no doubt very proud of the beauty of his heathen wife and their two children. Tamar's beauty was so exquisite — it caused her half-brother, Amnon, to be physically sick with desire for her. We are told he was vexed and tormented by this. The end result was incest. David knew the commandment of the Lord. Because he would not hearken, we have this tragedy. When we sow to the wind — we reap the whirlwind.

Young ladies — those of you who love the Lord and desire to be married — don't be in a hurry. He will provide a Christian boy for you. If you date the unsaved boys, chances are you will marry one of them. Should this happen you will have a life of heartache and severe chastening. The Lord will not wink and look the other way. Every child He loves, He chasteneth.

The son, Absalom, was beautiful, too. "But in all Israel there was none to be more praised than Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him." (II Sam. 14:25).

The men of Israel were so impressed with Absalom's beauty that they were drawn away from following their king, David, and followed that which pleased their eyes. These is not even a hint that Absalom ever thought of God. Yes, Israel forsook Jehovah to run after this worldling. We can't help but wonder if the church has profited from this example or if she too has formed alliances with the world. So many churches seem to be attracted to that which pleases the flesh. They have substituted professional singing for that of the congregation. Often more time is spent rehearsing the choir than in preparing the sermon. All kinds of worldly devices are used to "draw" the young people. Our flesh, too, will be drawn away from our King when we gaze upon the forbidden fruit. Absalom was a clever politician and we are told "he stole the hearts of the men of Israel." Yet for all his scheming, he was still a young man when he died.

What a sad commentary for a marriage: May it please the Lord to enable us to see the pitfalls of marriage to the unsaved.

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(Continued from page one) know enough about him for me to attempt to classify him with anybody. But I do feel that he just may have obscured one of the signboards along the way that leads to the wonderful day of the Lord. While we are told that the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, we are also told in verse 4 that it should not be as a thief in the night to the brethren. Now what makes the difference? This difference is brought about by the fact that the Lord's people are not only looking for Him to come at any time, but we are, or should be, familiarizing ourselves with the signboards along the way which speak of the nearness of that glorious day.

If I read Mr. Tolley correctly he is saying the UFOs are the work of Satan for the purpose of deceiving the people. But the question comes to my mind, what is he trying to deceive us about? Certainly I want to agree with Mr. Tolley that Satan is permitted to have a lot of power. And that he uses that power to deceive the people. But I am persuaded that he must use some of his servants in performing his miracles if he is to deceive anybody. In Rev. 13:13-15 we see him deceiving the people through his devoted servant, THE antichrist. In verse 14 we are told that the purpose is to deceive the people.

I am unable to see how Satan can hope to promote his cause by sending these signs in the heavens without the help of some of his servants. In Mt. 24:24 we

read, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders: insomuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." This is the way that Satan works. He uses his false christs and false prophets. And in Mt. 7:16 we are told that we can know them by their fruit, that is, by their teaching, see Mt. 12:37.

However, I see, or at least I think I see, in the UFOs, not a warring so much, but rather an assurance that we may be very near to that wonderful day of the Lord. In Lk. 21:11 we read, "and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from Heaven." And in Acts 2:19 God says, "I will shew wonders in heaven above." So, since I find no mention in my Bible of Satan send-

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ing signs and wonders in the heavens above, and since I do find that God does say that He will do this, I prefer to just leave Satan out of this picture. And since our Lord ties these signs and wonders in with the nearness of His coming back, I urge you to heed what He says in Lk. 21:28 where He says, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

All this may, and indeed it does bring dismay and consternation to the world. Those who reject the Lord of glory have every reason to become greatly disturbed, and to suffer anguish of soul because of the signs and wonders in the heavens above us. But, if you have been born again, these signs and wonders should be the cause of comfort, and great rejoicing. So let us comfort one another with the thought that the wonderful day of the Lord is very, very near, even at the door.

"The Unidentified"

(Continued from page 4) to a school teacher almost the same as you look up to God, second only to the preacher. Now the majority of school teachers are not respected. They are not looked up to. School teachers get out and strike the same as any other worldly organization. You say that they have a right to do so. Maybe they have, but there is such a thing as having a right, and in not using that right and I can't think that it is right for school teachers to strike.

Suppose we put it on this basis: I am not a member of a preacher union. I am a member of Calvary Baptist Church. But suppose somebody decides that we will have a union of preachers, and I join it, and next Sunday morning when you come to church and find a sign on the church door saying that this church is closed and that I am on strike. You say, "Bro. Gilpin, that wouldn't be right." No, it isn't right, and it isn't right for school teachers to deny little

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DO YOU REALLY HAVE A . . .

QUIET HOUR

If we needed authority for observing an early morning quiet time, the writings and example of men of God in all ages would supply it. But the practice of our Master Himself, who "rising up a great while before day . . . went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed," a sufficient evidence of its supreme importance for us.

Read the story of His crowded day in Mark 1:21-34. Notice how in spite of the great pressure of work, He was up long before dawn to seek His Father's face — and then ask yourself whether your excuses for omitting a quiet time can ever be valid.

Fellowship With God

That God desires our fellowship is, perhaps, one of the most amazing facts conveyed to us through the Scriptures.

"The Father seeketh such to worship him." Let this reflection fasten itself upon us, and it will inspire us with a passionate desire to seek His face morning by morning. The usual conception — that we read our Bibles and say our prayers for our own benefit and satisfaction — will fade into insignifi-

cance. Let this simple thought of His desire for our fellowship obsess us morning by morning and day by day.

Let us beware lest, if we do not immediately derive any subjective satisfaction or conscious appreciation from this exercise, we conclude that it is of no avail. God is seeking for men and women who will worship. Let us then worship, whether we derive any conscious benefit from it or not. Christ is worthy to be praised.

The one object of our devotions should be to eliminate everything that will keep us from believing God utterly. "This is the work of God," said Christ, "that ye believe." "All things are possible to him that believeth."

In all our Bible reading, therefore, and in all our praying during the quiet hour, do let us see that before we leave the room, faith has brought us into this quiet resting place — of wonder that God desires our fellowship, of worship at the place called Calvary, and of working throughout the day the "work of God," even an affectionate confidence in His dear Son.

children the right of going to school.

Yes, beloved, these demons have all kinds of reports to take back. Capital and labor — this situation will never get better than it is now. Strikes, one after another. It is amazing how, since World War II came to an end and the various restrictions and red tape and government controls were taken off, that we have had one strike after another, one difficulty after another between capital and labor.

Our country is given to playing and eating. We have eating places on every corner. We have places to play — and games to play — football, basketball, baseball, tennis, bowling — all kinds of playing. Where is prayer meeting? "Oh, I haven't got time." Play, play, play, but nobody has time to pray, pray, pray. It breaks my heart when I think of the worldly living on the part of church members. It truly grieves me when I think of the drug abuse and when I think of drink. We have gotten to the place that it is not considered wrong for a man to take what he calls a social drink. I have personally been invited by other people many times to have a drink.

Some few years ago, I got a letter from a whiskey company in November inviting me to buy my whiskey for Xmas gifts for my members from them. If I received such a letter, then thousands of other Baptist preachers got the same letter. Can you imagine Brother Gilpin handing out a "fifth" to you on Xmas morning? I tell you, beloved, it is a drift of the day. It is what the demons have to report. It is what

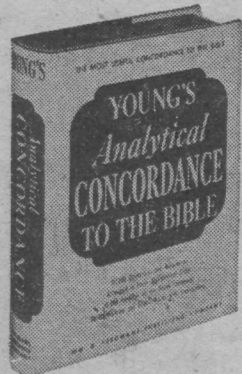
they are taking back to the abyss to tell what this world is like.

I think how the world powers are anxious to take over Israel. You talk about this truce that we have at the present time. It amounts to as much as the proverbial hill of beans. It amounts to nothing. If it were not for the fact that Russia is afraid for a confrontation with other powers of somewhat equal size, Russia would march to Palestine tomorrow to take it over. Russia wants Palestine. The Word of God tells how that they are going to eventually attempt it, and they would march tomorrow if it weren't for a confrontation with other powers of equal strength. But some time they are going to do it, and that peace amounts to nothing.

When the demons go back to Hell, to the abyss, to report on what they find, they are going to have to say that authority is a thing of the past. The police have no authority. School teachers have no authority. In most schools, you can't even whip a child anymore. There is no authority to be found any place. In prison, the prisoners are telling the guards and the superintendent how to run the prison. Authority is a thing of the past.

I am saying to you, beloved, I believe with all my heart that there is a day coming when the demons of Hell are going to overrun this world, and this world is going to get the punishment that has been reserved of Almighty God to be meted out to the unsaved of this world. I think that we are nearing that time. I think we are getting closer and closer to that day when (Continued on page 7, column 4)

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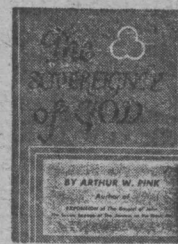
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One beautiful morning, off I roamed as usual, with the gun over my shoulder, and my lunch in my pocket, in search of game. After a while, feeling rather tired and very hungry, I sat down on the trunk of a fallen tree to rest, and to enjoy the sandwiches I carried.

While seated there, my attention was attracted by the cries of a bird, which was fluttering over a leafy spot, which contained, doubtless, her tiny nest. She was apparently in great distress, and I could not help rising to ascertain, if possible, the cause of her trouble. I soon found out. I saw creeping slowly along toward the tree, one of the most venomous snakes in South America, with its small glittering eyes fixed on the bird and her nest, and his forked tongue darting quickly out and in, as though anticipating his prey.

Presently I saw a curious thing happen. The male bird flew quickly away, hither and thither, as though in search of something. In a little while I saw him return, like Noah's dove, with a small twig covered with leaves in his beak. Perching near the nest, he laid the twig carefully across it, covering his mate and her young entirely; and then, taking his place on one of the topmost branches of the tree, he seemed to grow calmer and quieter, and there waited the approach of the enemy. By this time the snake had reached the spot, and bent upon his object, he twisted himself around the trunk, and climbed up the tree. Then gliding along the branch, until he came close to the nest, he lifted his venomous head, ready to dart upon the poor bird. His small glittering eye watched the nest for a moment, and then — suddenly throwing his head back, as if he had received some sudden blow, he turned around and as fast as possible made his way down the tree, and disappeared in the long grass.

You can imagine how curious I felt as to the cause of this. I could not understand why he had turned aside from his prey at the very moment when it seemed to be in his power.

I climbed up the tree, and examined the little broken branch, the leaves of which were curious in shape and col-

or. I carried it home, and told the whole story to a native friend showing him the twig, and learned from him that it had been plucked by the bird off a bush which is poisonous to the snake, and which he is never known to touch. The poor, little, helpless creature had used it as a shield of defense in its hour of danger.

Satan is called in Scripture "that old serpent." He is intent on the destruction of the children of men, helpless as birds against his attacks and his wiles. The unsaved are already in his control, according to Ephesians 2:2, which describes him as the "spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience."

But God has told us in His Word of a tree that is as poison to our enemy, and certain protection for us, old or young. I mean the cross. Christ, "His own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree" (I Pet. 2:24). "By his stripes we are healed." Are you as wise as the bird that protected its nest? Are you sheltered by the blood of Christ shed on Calvary's tree? "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."—Condensed from "Faithful Words."

Spiritualizing

(Continued from page one) time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:20-21).

Profitable

Even though the truth of verbal inspiration is a blessing there are some other blessings found in this passage. We are told that the Scripture is profitable. It is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness. The profit comes in knowing more of God's teachings, being guided into proper paths, and into a Christian maturity, (the word "perfect" means "complete").

The Psalmist recognized this blessing in the Scriptures.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

The book of II Peter tells us to take heed to the Scriptures.

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye

do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts" (II Peter 1:19).

We are again told in Romans 15:4, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

Satan

Now Satan does not want God's people to grow spiritually. He does not want them to be godly in their daily lives, nor does he want them to become strong in doctrine. In order to fight against this he teaches against the Bible. He will cause people to question the inspiration of the Bible. He will bring arguments that sound logical to explain away certain miracles. He will cast doubts on certain books, chapters, or verses in the Bible. He does this in the church and even in the ministry.

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works (II Corinthians 11:14-15).

Another method that Satan uses is to cause God's people and even His ministers to try to understand the Scriptures through a new or different method. In other words, instead of believing the Scriptures and taking them literally, we have some who spiritualize away the Scriptures. Brethren, this is dangerous. If we can spiritualize the Scriptures in all the ways that we see it done today, where is the stopping point? Do we spiritualize creation or do we interpret it literally? Do we remove the personal experience in salvation and spiritualize it away?

Literal Interpretation

Personally, I believe that we must interpret the Scripture literally. There are passages that show beyond a shadow of a doubt that it should be literal.

"The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again." — (Eccles. 1:6-7).

Here in verse 6, we have the Bible telling us of wind currents such as the trade winds. In verse 7 we are taught about evaporation. Can I say that this is not literal when science knows that these truths are correct? Can I spiritualize and say that the wind must be taken to mean the Holy Spirit as He moves from one church to another?

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." (Leviticus 17:11).

This passage tells us that life is in the blood. We know this to be literal. Let a person get cut, and lose his blood, and he dies. Do I spiritualize and say that Christ did not literally shed His blood as a sacrifice for us? No, a thousand times no.

The Word Builds Up

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." (Acts 20:32).

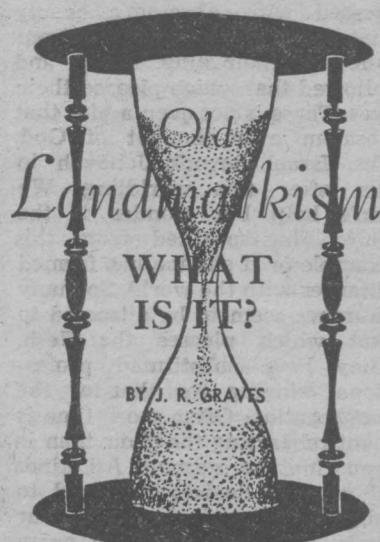
We must turn to the Bible to learn how to live. It is God's method of building us up. It is our instruction and guide. We should never say that it doesn't mean what it says. We cannot say that it has a spiritual meaning when it speaks of something physical.

"And whatsoever ye do in word

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or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Colossians 3:17).

How can we grow and be at peace, if we cannot be sure that what we read means what it says? God gave us the Word. Let us read it, obey it, and rejoice in it. May the Lord bless you.

Joseph Wilson

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My article at this time does not have to do with these subjects. In the course of the BAPTIST ANCHOR article, the author says, "The vicious and false statement appears in The Baptist Examiner whose editor and editorial position is that everything that a person does is foreordained and predestinated and WHAT-EVER HE DOES HE CAN'T HELP IT." The article goes on to say, in seeming ridicule, "Of course the editor of the Baptist Examiner 'cannot help' running this because it was foreordained and predestinated and according to him the brother who told the falsehood on our people could not help telling it for the same reason." The article further says, "It is hoped that none of our brethren will feel too hard against the brother nor against the editor of the paper that run it, since evidently 'birds of a feather flock together.' Since everything is foreordained and predestinated, it was foreordained and predestinated that this brother should tell and circulate this falsehood."

Now these quotes from this article in THE BAPTIST ANCHOR reveal that the author is ignorant of the Bible on the doctrine of predestination, ignorant of the true and proper Baptist position on this doctrine — and further, editor with teaching that God is that he has an intense hatred of this doctrine which leads him to slander and ridicule it. It is most certainly true that the Bible teaches that God works all things after the counsel of His own will. It is true that the Bible teaches, again and again that God has predestinated all things that come

to pass, and that God works out all things according to His eternal predestination.

It is certainly most true that the historic position of Baptists has been the same as the above stated Bible position. One could quote from Baptist Confessions of Faith and from Baptist preachers to show that this is true. Therefore, the author of this article in The Baptist Anchor does not believe the Bible on predestination, and he is not a Baptist in the historic meaning of the term.

Now, why is it that so many today want to hold onto the name "Baptist" while they deny and bitterly oppose the doctrines for which that name stands? I consider it to be a fundamental dishonesty to act in this way. If the BAPTIST ANCHOR desires as much honesty as it seems to cry for in this article, why does it not print an article admitting that the paper is not in line with the historic Baptist position on predestination. This paper has really hit our Brother Farmer for what they call his lie about them in the elements of the Lord's Supper. Brother Farmer has apologized for this. Now, I am hitting THE BAPTIST ANCHOR for their lie about claiming to be Baptists while they oppose and ridicule a Baptist doctrine. Will THE BAPTIST ANCHOR apologize for their lie? I think not. But until they are willing to be open and honest before the world in what they really are, let them not make so much ado about what they consider to be a lie against themselves.

It has been a continuing puzzle to me. This dogged holding on the name "Baptist" while, at the same time, denying and fighting against what the name stands for. Maybe THE BAPTIST ANCHOR, with its great concern for truthfulness, will come out with an article explaining this. But until they do explain why they pretend to be what they are not, we will not be greatly impressed by calling other men "liars." The records of history are certainly clear that Baptists have historically stood for the doctrines of sovereign grace and for the absolute predestination of all things. So, it is clear that THE BAPTIST ANCHOR is neither Biblical or Baptist, and that it is not nearly concerned for truthfulness as it pretends to be.

Now, I would like for the author of this article in THE BAPTIST ANCHOR to show in the writings of John R. Gilpin in The Baptist Examiner where he ever said of man's acts of sin, that man could not help it. The clear and repeated meaning of THE BAPTIST ANCHOR article is to charge The Baptist Examiner with teaching that God is the author of man's sin, and that man does not have a responsibility in the matter of his sin, and that man can't help it when he sins. Now this is a slanderous attack on Brother Gilpin, on nearly all the writers in TBE, on TBE, again and again that God has predestinated all things that come

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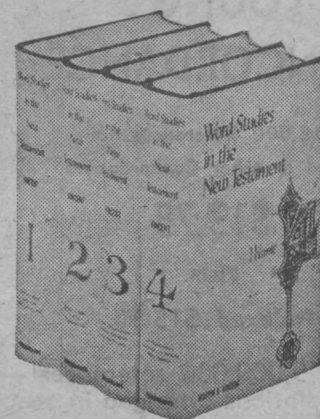
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Predestination. Until the Baptist Anchor can show his charges in the words of Brother Gilpin, the paper, and the author of this article in the paper, they stand convicted of the charge they brought against Brother Farmer.

Speaking for myself, and I think, for most of the men who have written in TBE, we do not believe that God is the author of man's sins. We do not believe that a man's sins are such that "he can't help it," as charged in THE BAPTIST ANCHOR. Let me emphasize here most emphatically, that predestination does not deal with the subject of the CAUSE of all things, but with the CONTROL of all things. Predestination as taught in the Bible and in TBE, and in Baptist teachings, is not that God is the AUTHOR and CAUSE of all things, but that God is the CONTROLLER of all things. That man sins, is from himself. He is the sole cause of his sins. He sins because of the depravity of his nature (or does THE BAPTIST ANCHOR deny depravity also?). I repeat, that man's sins, is from himself, that in sinning man performs such and such an action, is controlled by and according to the eternal predestina-

tion of God.

Now, this is the position of nearly all who call themselves believers in God's sovereignty. I do not deny that there are some — miserable wretches that they are — who charge God with their sins, and use the doctrine of predestination as a cover and excuse for their sins. I should have said they misuse the doctrine, for the doctrine itself is no excuse for any man's sin. The above distinction between CAUSE and CONTROL will go a long way in settling this issue. That Judas sinned was from himself. That, in sinning, he betrayed the Son of God into the hands of those who crucified him, according to the eternal predestination of God. That men sinned in crucifying the Son of God is from themselves. That in doing this sin, they did that which had been before determined of God is from the eternal predestination of God. That Joseph's brethren sinned was from themselves. That in their sin they delivered Joseph into the hands of those who carried him to Egypt, where he became the "eventual" deliverer of his people — this was according to the eternal predestination of God.

So we see that there is no ground for the false insinuations of the writer of the article in THE BAPTIST ANCHOR. I rather think that this writer either does, or should know these things. I would say — I would make this charge — that the writer of this article is either a deliberate liar, or he is inexcusably ignorant as to what true and sound Baptists believe about predestination. If he does not know this, he could know it, and he should know it. Baptists who believe in predestination have made it clear again and again in their preaching and writing that they do not believe God is the author of sin, and that they do not absolve man of responsibility and accountability in the matter of sin. They do not say that in performing such and such a sin, a man can't help it.

Now, let the writer of this article in THE BAPTIST ANCHOR come forth and admit that he has lied, or let him apologize for his ignorance in the matter, or let him produce the proof that Bro. Gilpin as editor of TBE has taught, or that it is the editorial policy of TBE that "whatever man does, he can't help it." Until he does one of these, he stands convicted of the charge he made against Brother Farmer. Brother Farmer has revealed that he had a source for his information. Bro. Farmer has apologized for saying what he did if it were not true. Now let the author in THE BAPTIST ANCHOR come forth and clear himself of his actions in this matter. We will wait for this. But we are not holding our breath until then. God bless you all.

Mourner's Bench

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sheer exhaustion quits, they tell him he's "got it," to get up and tell it. "The last state of that man is worse than the first." He got nothing but a shadow. When Christ lays hold of the sinner and

he receives Him, he does not have to be told he's "got it." He knows for himself that Christ is his and his heart is filled with peace and rest and satisfaction.

3. "An altar of prayer and a mourner's bench may be where a sinner prays and mourns," the querist suggests; but when Christ is preached and the sinner receives Jesus, it is neither an "altar of prayer" nor a "mourner's bench." It is heretical to talk of an "altar of prayer." It is penance instead of repentance to talk of a "mourner's bench."

There are two words for "altar" in the New Testament. One refers to the heathen altar spoken of in Acts 17:23. The other is found 23 times in the New Testament. Twenty-two out of the 23 times it is used in the New Testament, it refers to the altar in the temple or in heaven, and when

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the temple veil was rent from top to bottom, everything connected with that altar in the temple was done away with. The only instance in the New Testament where the word "altar" refers to believers is Hebrews 13:10. There it refers to eating. There is not in the New Testament anything that looks like an altar of prayer. All the talk about "an altar of prayer" is Romish and ritualistic.

4. His sixth question wants to know why Campbellites fight "altar work," if "altar work" is a species of salvation by works. For exactly the same reason they fight the Jews and the Mormons and the Holy Rollers and the balance of the heretics, who teach salvation by works.

5. Roman Catholics have what they call revivals. They call them missions. Roman Catholics teach penance instead of repentance. Roman Catholics teach "seeking" and go on for years seeking peace and not finding it, just like the "mourner's bench" folk. Martin Luther sought it from all his higher officials in the Roman Catholic Church but the burden got heavier instead of rolling away. Finally he went to Rome. The Pope told him to ascend the steps of the Vatican so many times a day on his knees and stop on each step and say a prayer, and that if he would do this so many days he would find peace. One day this Scripture was brought to his remembrance: "The just shall live by faith." Right there he received Jesus and went back to Germany to make Europe and the world tremble because of his mighty polemic in favor of justification by faith.

The "mourner's bench" crowd go through the same process that Luther did, when he was seeking peace in Rome. If they ever get the relief that Luther got, they will go to work on the unconverted members and preachers in their churches like Luther did in his.

6. His last question misses the mark as far as the others. I never talk of a "mourner's bench" and an "altar of prayer." I do not even invite men to come to be prayed for. I do sometimes invite inquirers to come to the front for instruction. Then I take time to

tell what the Bible means by repentance and go over it again and again, because of the radical misconception many folk have that tears and prayers constitute repentance.

I learned my lesson many years ago. I aided in a meeting at Flint. I was a young preacher. We had 60 odd additions and a big baptizing. That hot-air, high-pressure meeting practically killed the Flint church in time. I have confessed my sin many times; but that has not put life back into the church nor has it opened the blinded eyes of those who got into the church during that meeting. Some of them are already in Hell. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

So much for the questions. But that isn't all.

II.

The querist does not ask about this. But while we are on the subject we want to call attention to "The Evils of the Mourner's Bench."

1. It magnifies a bench or "altar," instead of magnifying Christ. There isn't an instance in the New Testament of an "altar of prayer." The Holy Spirit knew all (Continued on page 8, column 1)

"The Unidentified"

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there is going to be a tribulation period, the like of which this world has never seen. I say, beloved, we are getting close to that time, and the demons of Hell are getting anxious to know what this world is like and what they are going to do, and that is where the UFOs — the unidentified objects — are coming from. They are not from outer space; they are from inner space or under space, and they are here in this world to "case the joint," to see what this world is like.

CONCLUSION

If you are saved, I have two Scriptures that I want to read to you. Listen:

"Little children, it is the last time."—I John 2:18.

"Though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."—Hab. 2:13.

Beloved, it is the last day. We are in it. Just be patient for a little while. The Second Coming of Christ can't be far away. It will surely come. Just tarry a little while and wait for it.

It is a glorious thing to be a Christian. Isn't it wonderful to be a child of God? The chorus says:

"Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and all day Sunday. Isn't it grand to be a Christian? Isn't it grand?"

It is, beloved, I don't care what the UFOs do. I don't care what the demons of Hell do during the tribulation. I am not going to be here then. I am going to be with my Lord yonder in the skies.

I think about those who are lost. Oh, what a horrible day is

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Right now, what is God doing? Beloved, He is just winking at sin. He is just letting the world go on. He is just letting the world do as it pleases. But He has appointed a day out yonder in which He is going to judge the world. He is waiting for you.

The father says to his boy, "You do that and I'm going to punish you." If he keeps his word (and if he is a good father, he'll keep his word), that boy knows that he is going to be punished.

Unsaved man, unsaved woman, you are going to be punished. You are going to go to Hell. There is a Hell awaiting you outside of Jesus Christ. Might it please God just to reach down and cause you to realize that the only hope that we have is Jesus. May you trust the Son of God as your Saviour this morning. He died for your sins. Believe it today that He died for your sins. Trust Him today and come out on God's side and profess your faith in Him.

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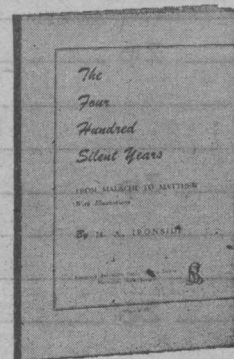
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Mourner's Bench

(Continued from page seven) things and He tells of folk being saved everywhere except at a "mourner's bench."

2. The "mourner's bench" puts mother or wife or a preacher as a mediator between the sinner and Christ. It is as bad as Roman Catholicism. The Bible says there is one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. The song, "Tell Mother I'll Be There in Answer to Her Prayer," has damned thousands; it has led them to go out into eternity depending on mother's prayers to save them instead of depending on Christ.

All so-called conversions that

sob-stuff are spurious. No man is saved except by the truth. "If the truth shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." The mediation of Christ, not the prayers of mother, is what saves lost sinners. God has respect to Christ in His intercession and to nothing else.

3. The first parable the Master gave was the parable of the sower. Only one out of the four hearers was saved. The wayside hearer, the thorny-ground hearer, the stony-ground hearer were all lost. The good-ground hearer was saved and he alone. Men and women whose main stock in trade is dying testimonies and pathetic stories damn many and do not save any. Philip took time to

teach the eunuch until he understood the Scripture. That is how men are saved. Understanding the Word is essential to the salvation of any sinner. The average mourner's bench" is a regular babel or bedlam. Even an honest inquirer cannot understand anything in a confusion like that.

4. The contention of the "mourner's bench" crowd is that it takes tears to save. It isn't so. The publican, the thief, the woman at the well, Saul of Tarsus, Matthew and a host of others shed no tears. Faith saves, not tears. Weeping will not save. The water that runs out of a sinner's eyes will no more save him than the waters of baptism.

5. The gospel that saves is a gospel of grace. The gospel of tears is as truly the gospel in water as the Campbellite gospel, which they call the gospel of water. Neither one of them ever did or ever will save a lost sinner.

6. The "mourner's bench" magnifies seeking Christ instead of receiving Christ. Christ is seeking the sinner. The whole "mourner's bench" theory is wrong. Christ's work is a finished work and the preacher is Christ's representative, beseeching the sinner to trust Christ. II Corinthians 5:18-21. What would you think if you had provided a sumptuous feast and announced that all things are ready and invited whosoever will to come, and some one should begin to mourn and wail and run around seeking and begging something to eat? The whole "mourner's bench" system is a slander of the finished work of Christ.

7. The "mourner's bench" belongs to a gospel of works and has the idea that a man has to seek and do penance and get better, and then when he gets good enough, he may finally get the Lord Jesus in the notion of saving him. It is a gratuitous slander of God's free and abounding grace.

8. The "mourner's bench" is another gospel from that Paul preached in Galatians 1:6-8, II Corinthians 11:2-3. Paul preached Christ's finished work; they plus the work of Christ with man's prayers and tears and penance and works.

9. The "mourner's bench" gospel is Arminian and not Pauline. The mourner's bench came from Methodism, not from the Bible.

10. "Mourner's bench" gospel is wholly a gospel of "confidence in the flesh." The feelings belong to the flesh. Paul "had no confidence in the flesh," but depended wholly on the Spirit, not on feelings.

11. The "mourner's bench" gospel is no gospel. The gospel is received by faith, not by feeling. Justification is by faith, not by feeling. Sanctification is by faith not by feeling. Eternal life is received by faith, not by feeling. Pardon is received by faith, not by feeling. Sonship is by faith, not by feeling. No man would ever know he had the blood except by believing the Word. "Faith comes by hearing (not by feeling) and hearing by the Word of God."

12. The "mourner's bench" manipulators and the Campbellites are exactly alike in a good many ways. One of the chief ways in which they are alike is that both of them make salvation to depend upon some bodily act. The bodily act the "mourner's bench" folk depend upon is not baptism like Campbellites, but it is kneeling or shaking or waving hands or beating them on the back or some other bodily act. I have heard them again and again come out in the open and tell those engaged in altar work to get them up and get them to doing something. That makes salvation depend on the activity of the body. Salvation is wholly of the Lord and men are saved by believing with the heart, not by bodily acts.

13. Talking about altars, Roman Catholics have altars, Episcopalians have altars, Methodists

have altars, the Masons have altars, the heathen idolaters have altars, Holy Rollers have altars; but there are no altars in New Testament churches. A throne of grace, not an "altar of prayer," is the Bible form of sound words. All who speak of an "altar of prayer" put works of the flesh somewhere, somehow in the place of the finished work of Christ.

Altars belong to ritualists and formalists. They speak the language of Judaism, not of Calvary. When Jesus cried "It is finished" and the temple veil was rent from top to bottom, every thing that an altar typified was fulfilled. The Book of Hebrews was full proof of that. The only time an altar is spoken of in New Testament worship is Hebrews 13:10. There it is spoken of as a place to eat, not a place to pray. The Lord's Supper represents all altar work as finished and belonging to Old Testament types and shadows. Altar work was a shadow, and in Colossians 2:13-17 Paul shows all shadows had been done away. Paul plainly says in Hebrews 13:10 that all who do altar work have no right to the Lord's table. Altar work belongs to types and shadows and so had to do with the unfinished work of Christ. The Lord's Supper symbolized the finished work of Christ and that meant all altar work was dead.

14. The "mourner's bench" legalists, like the Baalites, in Elijah's day, think that they are heard for their noise. "Cry louder," is their call, wave your hands and say "glory." Make more fuss. Beat them on the back; perhaps the demons may be driven out that way. God pity such perversions of the gospel of grace.

In conclusion, may I give one more testimony to the finished work of my adorable Lord? Preach Jesus and His finished work if you want men saved. The Holy Spirit delights to honor Jesus as we hold Him up. Anywhere that men see and receive Him, they are saved. No sort of manipulations, no "altar," no bench, no hitting the trail, no anything between the soul and Christ. Preach Him and the Spirit will reveal Him. Paul found Him on the road, the thief found Him on the cross, the publican standing in the temple, the woman at the well, Zacchaeus up a tree. Matthew at his business, the blind man in the crowd.

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(Continued from page one) into prayer meeting or Bible School he will amount to little. The new convert who starts right in, and is present at the regular meetings of the church — who is willing and eager to serve in any right way, will grow and develop and be worth something.

HE SHOULD MAKE A CLEAN BREAK WITH HIS FORMER LIFE. "Old things" should pass away. One need not insult nor hurt former friends, but if their way is that of dissipation and worldliness, one should let them know this: "I cannot and do not want to go that way any more."

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Nearly always a converted person can win at least some of his former companions to Christ, if he goes about it in the right way.

HE SHOULD INVEST HIS MONEY AND MEANS LIBERALLY IN THE CAUSE OF CHRIST (Acts 20:35). It is highly inconsistent for one who has been bestowing all on the Devil, when he turns to Christ to refuse to even share the tenth with Him. The new convert who gives little or nothing — who fails to begin to invest in the cause of Christ, will not make much growth. Not less than one tenth of one's income should go into the Lord's treasury constantly and consistently. The U. S. government allows us to deduct 20 per cent when we make out our income tax report, for religious contributions. Every Christian should take advantage of that allowed deduction. Just as sure as a new Christian begins to invest liberally in the Lord's cause, he will come to have a deep interest in it.

HE SHOULD START THE HABIT OF WORSHIP IN HIS HOME IF POSSIBLE. The Bible should be read openly, and prayer should be offered daily. Also, of course, there should be personal, private worship in addition. Multitudes of professing Christians have no family worship. This usually happens because no worship habit is instituted at the beginning of the Christian life.

HE SHOULD START THE PRACTICE OF SEEKING TO WIN OTHERS. Of one of the disciples we read, "He first findeth his own brother . . . and he brought him to Jesus." Mere "church work" is a poor substitute for winning others to Christ. Everybody can win somebody, if he will try hard enough and long enough. This involves prayer and patience and effort, and above all, a consistent Christian life and walk.

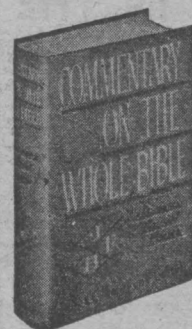
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