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"THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST"

By WILLARD WILLIS — MONROE, OHIO

(Conclusion)

"And have hope toward God, both of the just and the unjust." —Acts 24:15.

We come now to the judgment of the living and of the dead. Let us note first of all that certain judgment is on its way. The following Scriptures make this fact very evident:

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to EXECUTE JUDGMENT upon all . . ."—Jude 1:14,15.

"And He shall JUDGE the world in righteousness, He shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness."—Psalm 9:8.

"For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."—Ecc. 12:14.

"Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him

from the dead"—Acts 17:31.

"But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ"—Romans 14:10.

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"—Hebrews 9:27.

The judgment of God that was vent upon His Son at Calvary is past, therefore, judgment for sin is past as far as the believer is concerned.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall NOT come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life"—John 5:24.

"There is therefore no condemnation (judgment) to them which are in Christ Jesus . . ."—Romans 8:1.

Our sin debt was fully satisfied at Calvary. There is, however, a future judgment for believers. This future judgment, however, will not have to do with the penalty for

sin, in view of the fact that our sin debt has been settled at the cross.

"Who His own self bore our sins in His body on the tree . . ."—I Peter 2:24.

The future judgment of believers, then, has to do with the works of believers.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that



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he hath done, whether it be good or bad"—II Cor. 5:10.

The time of judgment for believers is defined in I Corinthians 4:5:

"Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and THEN shall every man have praise of God."

Our Lord will "make manifest the counsels of the hearts" by inspecting our works. Every good work, of course, will result in the "praise of God." This inspection and praise, however, will not occur until the rapture.

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me AT THAT DAY; and not to me only, but unto them also that love His appearing"—II Tim. 4:8.

It is my firm conviction that all who are not members of New Testament Baptist churches and faithful in these churches, will re-

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FRED T. HALLIMAN
New Guinea Missionary

Dear Friends:

Greetings to each of you once again from New Guinea. We continually have you in our thoughts, and often in our prayers. Mental pictures of those of you whom we have met personally flash before our eyes often, and we thank God for every remembrance of you. Those of you whom we have met only through correspondence, we try to imagine what you look like, resting with confidence in the Lord that one day we shall see you also, if not here on earth, in that glorious land beyond if you know our Saviour.

Things around the Sovereign Grace Baptist Mission here in New Guinea, are coming along fine. Some are being saved, and there is solid evidence of the Christians growing in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord.

Our literacy class got under way again about the first of the year after about seven weeks break. We have quite a number enrolled this year, and many of them are preachers, some of which are well into their second year of school, and they are making fine progress. Several of them can do quite well now in reading the Scriptures.

Our entire ministry now is more of a teaching ministry than anything else. Of course, when one is truly teaching God's Word, he is teaching Christ and hence the gospel. In each service we try to present that which is the power of God unto salvation, as well as teach doctrines.

Our outside work has been, and still is, being hindered to a great extent due to the wet weather we are having. You no doubt have noted on your newscast that this part of the world has had an exceeding amount of rain since the first of the year. Australia is having some of their worst floods in the history of the country, and many parts of the northern half on



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the continent are reported to be virtually an inland sea, with entire towns being swept away by the floods. Since the southern part of New Guinea is not very far from the northern part of Australia, we are sharing in this unusual wet weather. However, since we have very little flat ground in New Guinea, we are not plagued with floods.

On the sixth of January, there was a baptizing held here on the Mission Station. Four churches joined in the service, and each of them had some candidates to be baptized. It was a nice day for the

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Why Not Observe The Lord's Supper Outside The Church?

By JOE WILSON, SR. — GLADWIN, MICHIGAN

"And keep the ordinances, as I delivered them unto you" I Cor. 11:2.

"When you come together therefore into one place" I Cor. 11:20.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" Matt. 28:19,20.

What a world of truth as to church doctrine and practice is wrapped up in these portions of God's Word. Here we learn that the authority to do God's work in the world is given

Supper and Baptism are the two church ordinances, but didn't they 'break bread from house to house' in the early church. And don't Baptists baptize other places than the church building. Aren't we told that where 'two or three are gathered together that He will be in their midst'? I believe that Catholics and Protestants do this as a sacrament and believe it has something to do with keeping their salvation. I am sure Baptists don't believe this."

Let me answer the last part of this question first. Catholics and Protestants do refer to the ordinances as sacraments. They do seemingly teach a magical power in the ordinances themselves, and that there

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to His churches. We learn the authority to observe the ordinances is given solely to true churches of Jesus Christ. We learn that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are not "Christian ordinances," or "family ordinances" given to the individual believers, but they are church ordinances.

I have before me the following question by a reader of TBE which I desire to kindly answer, and hope the answer will be of help to this reader and to others who read this great paper.

"Will you please tell me what is wrong with serving the Lord's Supper to shut-ins who are unable to attend church. I know that the Lord's

The Fault, Folly, Filth, Fruit And The Fathom Of Sin

By MILBURN COCKRELL
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PART II

In my former article I treated of the definition of sin. I disclosed the fact of sin. Then I dealt with the fountain of sin. Today I want to continue this same subject again.

Fault Of Sin

Sin in its nature is egotism. It causes a person to put self before God. Selfishness is at the bottom of all disobedience. Isaiah 53:6 reads: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way . . ."

Sin causes us to set up ourselves and our own ways in competition with God and His ways. This is the fault of sin. It makes us walk stubbornly in the way of our own hearts and corrupt passions instead of walking obediently in God's way. The evil in us prompts us to be our own masters and to do our own things. "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25).

The fault of sin can further be seen when we look at what was necessary to redeem us from its penalty. Only the obedience and death of God's Son could atone for it. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21). The only remedy for sinners was for the sinless One to be made a sin offering for sinners.

The evil consequence of sin discloses the fault of sin. It made an angel a devil! Ezekiel 28:15 declares: "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast



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created, till iniquity was found in thee." It makes man to have less sense than an animal: "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider" (Isa. 1:3). How pitiful that animals know their owner and sustainer, yet poor man does not!

Sin has brought all the misery upon man that is in the world. "The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor" (Job 15:20). Of men the Apostle Paul said: "Destruction and mis-

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"THE FUEL SHORTAGE AND THE RETURN OF CHRIST"

"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle" — Zech. 14:2.

Every once in a while, I like to take a current event and make a sermon out of it. I don't think that I do any violence unto the Word of God by doing so. I find that in the days of our Lord Jesus Christ, even He preached thus.

You remember, I am sure, in Luke 13, how the disciples came and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. I can hear them now as they came rushing

into the presence of Jesus telling Him how these Galileans were on their way to the temple of God to worship, with their sacrifices along with them, and that the soldiers of Pilate swooped down upon them and mingled the blood of the worshippers with the blood of their sacrifices. When they rushed into Jesus' presence to tell Him about this, they asked the question, "Master, do you suppose that these Galileans were sinners above all sinners?" In other words, "Were they greater than anybody else in their sinning because they suf-

fered such things?" The Lord Jesus Christ took this current event, which was an experience that had actually taken place at that particular time, and preached unto them a sermon on the subject of repentance. He said:

"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish"—Luke 13:5.

In this instance, Jesus took a current event and preached to the congregation, using the current event as a springboard that He might jump off of this and give

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I think I have the finest and most reliable help in the world. However, even they, as well as I, are capable of making mistakes. If any has been made, I would appreciate greatly hearing from you.

This refers to subscriptions, and especially our recent book sale, as well as anything else that pertains to our work. Please write us if anything needs to be adjusted.

May I ask that you remember me especially in prayer.



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To them a message concerning the Word of God.

Many times through the years of my ministry, I have done this. This morning, I want to talk to you, using the fuel shortage, and the energy crisis, and the lack of gasoline, and the Mid-East situation — I would like to use all this as a current event to bring you a message that I think should stir your heart and be a warning to everyone of us here within God's house today.

I

THE JEWS ARE GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE.

Whether you like the Jew or not, makes no difference, the Jews are God's chosen people. I am satisfied that there's something about the majority of Jews which make them more or less repulsive to the majority of people. One preacher friend said to me, "God just has to save a Jew before you can love him, and even then you have a pretty hard time loving many of them after the Lord saves them." I think there is an awfully lot of truth in what this preacher friend said. In spite of the fact that the Jew is not, generally speaking, loved by the world — in spite of that fact, the Jews are God's chosen race. We read:

"The Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed"—Gen. 12: 1-3.

In this, you find that God is

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promising to make Abraham's descendants a great nation. He says that He'll bless the man that blesses the Jew and He'll curse the man who curses the Jew.

There used to be a Jewish merchant here in town. He had one of the junkiest places in the city. It wasn't really a good store, but I used to go there often. He said to me one day, "Why is it that you come here to my store?" I said, "I'll tell you why. Genesis 12:1-3 is the answer." Of course, he didn't know what that was and I had to quote it. I said, "God has said that He'll bless the man that blesses the Jew and that He'll curse the man that curses the Jew." I said, "I want to get in on God's blessings so I just naturally come to your store and trade with you on that account." We became good friends, and I wouldn't be a bit surprised but what I have gotten several blessings from the Lord as a result thereof.

I go back in history and I find that every nation that has ever risen up against the Jew has suffered. Egypt — look how they suffered. Look how Pharaoh and his army were destroyed in the Red Sea. Babylon — look how they suffered. Look at Rome. I could tell instance after instance of nations that have risen up against the Jews, and every time the Jew has been blessed and prospered, and the nation that has risen against them has suffered.

We can come down even to current days. Some of us can go back to World War II and remember how the Jew suffered greatly at the hands of Hitler. I am sure that multiplied thousands of Jews were butchered and horribly mistreated during World War II. Lamp shades were made out of the skins of Jews. Pocketbooks were made out of the skins of Jews. Soap was

ONLY A FEW REMAINING

We have purchased all of the original stock of books that were published by Turner Lassetter of the works of John Gill. There are 40 copies of "The Cause of God and Truth" which will be sold at \$7.00 a copy. There are 122 copies of "A Body of Divinity," to be sold at \$12.00.

These are the original edition, and not the cheaply bound counterfeit edition that is on the market today.

As you can see, there are not many of these; and when these are gone, that will be all. If you ever plan to buy a copy of either of these books, buy them now.

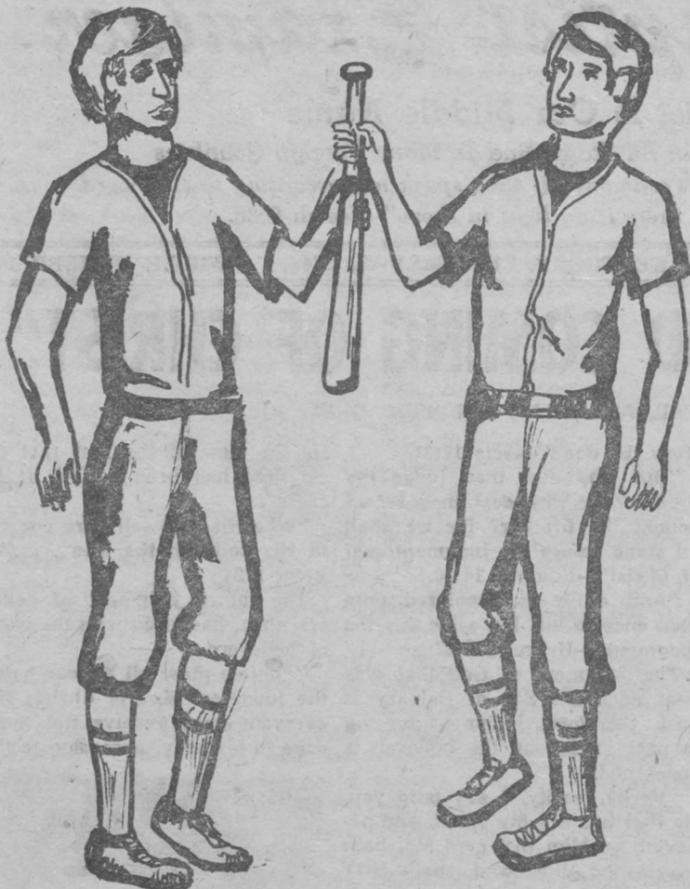
made out of the bodies of Jews. Jewish people suffered greatly prior to World War II. It is rather a coincidence that the man who developed the atomic bomb was a Jew who was living in Germany and was expelled from Germany by Hitler, and later, that man developed the atomic bomb. It is highly conspicuous that Hitler drove away the greatest friend that he could have had, and that friend developed the atomic bomb which brought an end to World War II.

I say to you, beloved, it doesn't pay to rise up in opposition against the Jew. It pays to be a friend to him, because God said, "I'll bless the man that blesses the Jew and I'll curse the man that curses you," and I am willing to believe what God says every time.

Notice another verse of like nature: "For thou are an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord HATH CHOSEN thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth"—Deut. 14:2.

This was spoken fifteen hundred years before the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. There were some mighty strong nations in existence at that time—Egypt, China, Babylon, — strong nations, but God said He had chosen this little insignificant nation of the Jews to be a peculiar people unto Himself,

IT IS TIME TO CHOOSE SIDES



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It is time for our friends to choose sides. We would like to have you on our side — on the side of the truth for which TBE stands.

DON'T BE A COMPROMISER

Take your stand on one side or the other!

above all the nations that were upon the earth.

Listen again:

"Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went TO REDEEM FOR A PEOPLE TO HIMSELF, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemest to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods? For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel TO BE A PEOPLE UNTO THEE FOR EVER: and thou, Lord, art become their God"—II Sam. 7:22-24.

I would hesitate seriously before I would do anything against the Jewish people, because it says that God has chosen them and confirmed them to be His people forever. I would certainly be mighty cautious lest I rise up against the people that God has confirmed unto Himself to be His people.

Notice again:

"For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet WILL I NOT MAKE A FULL END OF THEE: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished"—Jer. 30: 11.

Here is a verse that tells us that God is going to scatter His

people, the Jews, among the various nations of the earth. He is going to punish the Jew because of his sin of disobedience, especially his rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is going to correct the Jew in measure and is not going to leave them unpunished, but so far as the other nations are concerned, He is going to make a full end of all these nations whither He scattered them.

That has certainly been proven true down through the years. They were scattered in Egypt, and what is Egypt today? Not even really a second rate power in the world. They went to Babylon, and where is Babylon? They are completely forgotten. The great city of Babylon is no longer in existence — just a heap of stones. You can call the roll of the nations where the Jew has been scattered and God has done exactly what He has said — He has made a full end of these nations. He hasn't discarded the Jew. He has chastened Him. He has whipped him. The Jew has a hard time. But God's hand is still on him. He is still God's man.

Notice another Scripture:

"Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of (Continued on page 3, column 3)

FROM A BELOVED BROTHER IN JAPAN

Brother Timothy Pietsch who is a missionary to Japan and whose articles quite often appear in the columns of this paper definitely appreciates TBE.



TIMOTHY PIETSCH

In a recent letter Brother Pietsch says:

"We love you dearly in our Lord and pray much for you. Your Baptist Examiner is one of the very few papers that will publish the truth without fear or favor, and I count it an honor that you publish some of my feeble efforts to honor our Lord."

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"And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and HATH DETERMINED the times before appointed, and THE BOUNDS OF THEIR HABITATION."—Acts 17:26.

It is interesting to notice the Word of God says that God has determined "the bounds of their habitation." This means that God has determined where we live, and thus each of us are living exactly in the place that God has determined.



Your Editor and Brother Byley on the last day of their attendance with us at Calvary Baptist Church.

Well, here is a family that God wanted me to get acquainted with, and He has moved them all the way from Texas to Eastern Kentucky to build a pipe line in 1973. This is the family of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Byley of Bronson, Texas. He was welder foreman on a gas line that was being built in this area. Through the providence of God, he and other friends who worked for the same company came to worship with us, and thus we were drawn together.

Of course, when the pipe line was finished they left this area, and moved back to their home in Texas. I don't know when I have ever seen anyone leave the attendance of Calvary Baptist Church that has grieved me quite as much as to see this family move away. I consider them truly the "salt of the earth."



The Byley Family: Kay, Kathryn, Benny, Sharon, Bradley and Benny, Jr.

Brother Benny and I hit it off from the very beginning. First of all, in the way in which we both dress. He wore western clothes and boots, and of course all our readers know that I have never worn anything else for many, many years. He wore his pants on the outside of his boots, and I wear mine tucked down on the inside. Western tradition says that if a man owns the cattle on both sides of the road that he wears his pants tucked inside both boots. I don't own too many cattle, but they are on both sides of the road. However, if I did not own any cattle on my farm, I would still wear my pants tucked inside the boots.

The last Sunday that Benny's family was with us, he came to church with his pants tucked inside in true western style. He said that he did not own any cattle, but he owned horses on both sides

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Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. Thus saith the Lord; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord"—Jer. 31:35-37.

Notice, Jeremiah says that God has given the sun for a light by day and the stars and the moon as an ordinance for the night, and if those ordinances shall ever fail, then God will cast off the Jews from being a nation before Him. In other words, he is saying that if you walk out and see the sun shining by day and the moon and the stars shining by night, then you can be certain that the Jew is still God's chosen people. Furthermore, if the time ever comes that you can find out the foundations of the earth beneath, and can ever measure the heavens so that you will fully know everything that is to be known, then He'll cast off the seed of Israel for all that they have done.

Beloved, the Jews have done lots of things that they shouldn't. God knows that the Jew has certainly not been the man that God would have had him to be. God certainly knows that the Jew has not been the kind of man that would bring honor and glory to the Lord down through the years, but God says, "He is still my man; I'm not going to cast him off."

Notice again:

"If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them"—Jer. 33:25,26.

God is saying that if it be possible that His covenant with day and night fail, then He'll fail so far as Israel is concerned. He goes on to close that chapter by saying that He will cause their captivity to return and have mercy on them.

Beloved, some of these days, God is going to cause the Jews'

captivity to return. In other words, the Jews are going to go back to Jerusalem and God is going to have mercy on them.

I have taken time to read these six passages of Scripture to show you that while the Jew is not living as he should, while he is in disobedience, while he is in rejection of Jesus Christ, and while the average Jew's life is repulsive to the majority of individuals, in spite of that fact, the Jew is still, has always been, and will always be, God's chosen race. God has chosen them for a purpose, and He is dealing with them, and will continue to do so right down to the end of time, when He restores them to their land, and when He shows mercy upon them ultimately in the land of Palestine.

II

ALL NATIONS WILL BE TURNED AGAINST THE JEWS.

My text says, "I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle."

Ordinarily, the free world defends the little nations. That's why we were supposed to be in Vietnam, to defend the little nation of Vietnam. That's why it was for eleven years that the United States had soldiers in Vietnam. They were defending this little nation, that wasn't able to defend itself. Multiplied thousands of American boys were killed over there, and multiplied millions, and even billions, of American tax dollars were spent needlessly and uselessly, I think, over there. I cite that as a sample.

The free world usually defends the little nations, and usually, the underdog is the one that is loved. Nearly always it is true that the underdog is respected and loved. But that certainly has not been true of the Jew. It certainly isn't true of the Jew today. Four times in the last twenty-five years the Arabs have failed, and the Jews have taken new ground and moved forward. Isn't that strange? The Arabs with all their thousands and millions of men have four times in the last twenty-five years gone to war against the Jews, and, in every instance, the Arabs' guns have failed. They couldn't fight the Jew. They couldn't stop

the Jew. He has taken more and more land all the time.

But, beloved, the Arabs finally found the key to fight the Jew and that key is oil, for fifty-three per cent of the oil of the world is controlled by the Arabs, and they turned off the oil. Japan immediately rose up and said that the Jew has to give back the land to the Arabs that he has taken in the last twenty-five years so that the spigot can be turned, and the oil will flow again. One by one, the nations of the world have done likewise. Finally, the United States has done the same thing. The soaring price of gasoline, with the truckers blocking the highways, with cool offices that are supposed to be kept five degrees lower than ordinarily, and with a plummeting stock market that has continuously gone down in the last few weeks — all these things have finally caused the United States to reconsider its friendship with the Jew.

Everybody knows that it was United States' tanks that the Jews were using. It was United States' artillery that the Jews were firing. It was United States money that was being used to further the Jews in their aggression against the Arabs to gain back the land that God gave them originally. But when Japan said the Jews have to give back the land, and nation after nation began saying the same thing, so that the Arabs would turn the spigot once again that the oil from Arabia shall flow — when the nations began speaking thus, it wasn't long before Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Nixon called Golda Meir in from Israel and said to her, "You have to do it." She left that first conference and said, so the papers tell us, that they would draw back, that Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Nixon were now calling the shots. I thought that the time would never come when the United States would turn her back on the Jew. In the years gone by, the United States has stood by the Jew when nobody else would. Three different times, England (Continued on page 4, column 4)

of the road, therefore, he felt eligible to follow western tradition.

I mention this that you might know that we had good fellowship together. It was just like an oasis in a desert to see Benny and his family come to church on Sunday.

Then, there was the spiritual fellowship that we had since Benny and his wife believe so strongly the doctrines that I have preached for years. Truly it is a joy to find any family that is given over to the acceptance of the great doctrines of God's Word like this family. In the Providence of God, I truly thank Him for bringing us together.

As I have already said, they have gone back to Texas; and I regret greatly their leaving, yet in my memory, I shall always thank God for them.

I had a letter from Benny this past week and in it, he said:

"We have talked and discussed you so much with our friends. I certainly have missed those good strong sermons. I am thankful for TBE. I can still read your sermons. We are so thankful that you meant so much to us. You will always be remembered in our lives.

It seems a shame to think so much of someone and live so far away, but it's good to know that there is a day of rejoicing coming when all Christian friends can be together.

I love the sermon on "What Manner of Persons Ought Ye To Be." I have been called on to give the devotional next Sunday night at our church, and that is what I am going to give my devotional on. I certainly wish it was possible for you to come to our church and hold a revival. This country needs your strong and bold sermons, and the way things should be done.

I certainly wish that Christians in this country could be enlightened as I was from your sermons.

We have remembered you in our prayers, we have thanked God for putting you in our lives. I wish that I could write or even say what you have meant to us. May God bless you with a long and fruitful life."

Coming to church with the Byleys on most of the Sundays was Brother Jim Stanley Reppond and his wife of Marion, Louisiana. It was a real joy for me to see Brother Byley as foreman of the job and Brother Reppond and his family who worked with Brother Byley, in the service from Sunday to Sunday. I haven't heard from the Repponds since they returned to Louisiana, but I am grateful for the fact that He sent them this way and for our opportunity to get acquainted and to have fellowship around the Word of God.

Yes, He establishes "the bounds of our habitation," and I am truly grateful to God that He established the Byleys and the Repponds here in Eastern Kentucky for a few short months.

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The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"We agree that women are to keep silence in the church. Is there any Scripture that will allow a woman to give someone else's testimony in song? In other words, is it right for a woman to sing alone a 'special' in regular church service?"

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It may be possible that some of us go overboard on this subject. I am persuaded that the Scriptures make it clear as to how, or why the woman is to be silent in the churches. In I Tim. 2:12 we read: "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." Whether we realize it or not, there is really no reason for anyone to speak out in the church, except for the purpose of teaching the church what we think best for the church. This being true, there is just no way for a woman to speak out in the church without her trying to teach the men in the church.

There are those who would ask why women are to keep silence in the churches. The only reason I know for this is what I read in the Book. In I Tim. 2:13-14, we read, "For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." Whether we believe it or not, Adam was not deceived by old Satan in the garden of Eden. But Eve was deceived by him. That is why the Word of God says the woman is to be in silence in the churches.

But I do not feel that we should go beyond what the Book teaches concerning this matter. The Scriptures make it very clear to me that the woman is not to teach the man. And there is just no way for her to express her views without her trying to teach the men in the church. However, so far as I am able to know, there is no Scripture that says she must not sing God's praises in the church, whether alone, or with others. If we say the word "silence" includes singing a solo in the church, maybe we should go all the way and tell her she must not sneeze or cough in the church. She sure cannot do either of those things silently.

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In dealing with the question of woman's place in church, I don't think we ought to ignore and violate God's prohibitions. When we push women into doing what they are told not to do, we push them into chastisement. But, on the other hand, we are not warranted in preventing women from doing things that are all right for them to do. This is to keep them from the rewards that they might obtain by rendering God service.

As to women SPEAKING in the church, this is definitely prohibited in I Cor. 14:34 which says, "Let your women keep silence in the churches for it is not permitted unto them to speak." Further, it says in verse 35, "It is a shame

for women to speak in the church." Any one can understand these verses. Baptists as well as others disregard what is plainly said here though, I read recently about two instances in which Baptist women were ordained to the ministry.

Not only are the Scriptures just mentioned perfectly clear, it is likewise clear that singing is in no wise referred to, and it would seem wrong to make these Scriptures prohibit something that isn't even under consideration. I do not know any Scripture that tells a woman to sing in a choir or that tells her to sing a solo, but I likewise don't recall any Scripture that tells men to do so either.

My own belief is that a woman has a right to sing in a choir or to sing a solo, since I know of no Scripture that prohibits her from so doing.

In Israel, the men took the place of leadership, but women sang. In Exodus 15, we read about their celebration following the crossing of the Red Sea. Miriam, the sister of Aaron, took a musical instrument and led the women in song. Verse 21 says, "And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously . . ." We don't find anything to indicate that the Lord was displeased because of women singing, or at the solo Miriam sang.

I don't want to help promote women into doing things the Lord tells them not to do, but I also don't want to keep them from doing any service to the Lord that he has not prohibited.

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I suppose that I have heard this question more than any other in respect to the place of women in the church. Let me say that I know of some who will disagree with me completely on my position in this matter and they might be right. My answer will be of necessity simply my opinion as far as singing is concerned.

There are some things that are clearly and definitely taught. Those who disagree in this are deliberately rejecting God's Word. For example, a woman is not to teach or usurp authority over men. "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." (I Timothy 2:12). In fact, they are not to speak in the church. "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church." (I Cor. 14:34,35). There are several things that we could include, such as appearing in services with uncovered head, not offering public prayers, and not appearing in immodest or showy apparel, but due to lack of space we will not.

Because of the prohibitions on speaking, the question naturally comes up about singing, and especially, singing a solo. I admit that I sometimes wonder about it, especially when a woman obviously goes out of her place in singing.

I have seen some who go to the pulpit stand and sing from that which is dedicated for the purpose of the preaching of the gospel. I prefer to see them stand by the piano and sing their song. I have seen others who stand in front of the people with such immodest apparel that the purpose of the song is destroyed.

Even though there are some who do this, there are multitudes of others who, through meekness of spirit and love of God, sing their song to the glory of God. I think that we must try to determine the purpose of the Scriptures used above. Obviously, the purpose is that women are not to speak and take over the services. While singing might be considered a form of speaking, yet it is not. As long as a woman does not speak, such as announcing her song, I do not see anything wrong with her singing a special. I believe that the talent of music is God-given, and therefore, she should use it.

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All of the disclaimers notwithstanding, Scripture plainly teaches that women are to keep silent in the church (I Tim. 2:11,12; I Cor. 14:34,35).

Many men and women conclude, from these passages that the Apostle Paul was an intense hater of women, and many other men who believe these passages conclude that they are automatically superior to women. Neither of these conclusions are correct.

Paul, in his many written greetings, saluted "beloved women," and further taught that a man is to LOVE and care for his wife as if she were his own flesh (Eph. 5:25).

There are many women recorded in Biblical history who were greatly used of God in a way that far exceeds what many men of their days (and our days, too) accomplished. There are so many examples to show that women have excelled in many areas of secular accomplishments. Many are wiser and more intelligent than a lot of men I know.

What Scripture teaches regarding the woman in the church is her place, or order. There is a reason for this, and the reason goes all the way back to the first woman (see I Tim. 2:13,14) and the first man, for man was created first.

God, in His wisdom has decreed that His churches would function better if the women remained silent. Any disagreement on the subject should be taken up with the LAWGIVER.

From these teachings, it appears that women should neither individually speak or sing in the Lord's churches.

As long as we are on the subject of women, permit us to add that the Bible also teaches that women are to allow their hair to grow AND wear a head covering when worshipping and praying (I Cor. 11:1-16). A great number of women are rebellious against the Word in this regard. Alas!

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(Continued from page three) has expelled every Jew from English soil. Five times, France has done likewise. The only nation that has never stained its statute books with laws against the Jews is the United States. I never thought the time would ever come when the United States would rescind its friendship with the Jew — but it has.

I tell you, when an office building is cut down five degrees in its heat, and you can't keep warm when you are working, when the truckers strike and you can't get anything delivered to you, and when the fuel shortage becomes so acute that your car becomes stranded on the highway, it just naturally makes a person take a little bit different attitude. So Kissinger has said, "We'll call the shots," and consequently, the Jews are beginning to pull back and give up some of the land that they have conquered just because the nations have turned against them.

Now, I don't say that this is a fulfillment of Zechariah 14:2, but I say that it is a type or a picture of what will take place some of these days. It may be the beginning of it now. This verse says, "I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle." Of recent date, I understand that the Russian people have practically the entirety of their Navy stationed in the Mediterranean Sea, that they could fire upon Jerusalem any day. This text says, "I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle." What is gathering them together against Jerusalem? The spigot—the oil supply.

I repeat, I am not saying that this is a fulfillment of this today. It may be. I am saying that it could very easily be the fulfillment of this Scripture. Some of these days, God is going to gather the nations of the world against Jerusalem. As I said, we used to think

that everybody loved the underdog. We used to think that the free world defended and came to the rescue of the little nation. But here is a little nation — one of the smallest nations of the world, some forty miles wide and some sixty to seventy miles long. Can you imagine a nation that small, and all the nations of the world gathered together against her?

III

A WARNING TO THE UNITED STATES.

This is twice that the United States have sold out our friends. A few years ago, we were in the midst of a depression, back in 1929 and through the '30's. Most of you don't remember it, but it was a depression and conditions were bad. I can remember when in my own home food was a mighty scarce article. I can remember when, during the depression, that I was so hard up that I have preached with my toes hanging out of my shoes, and I have preached with shoes of two different pairs on, in order to carry on my work. In 1930, we were passing through a depression, and everybody wanted to know, what is the way out? Wouldn't you want to know the way out, if you were in that condition? Certainly, and everybody wanted to know.

Japan said, "We'll help you. We need scrap iron. Ship your scrap iron over to us." It is true that Japan was at war with China. It is true that China's millions were being killed. But what's a Chink—kill a few of them — if we can get out of the depression. If we can get silk stockings for my lady's legs, and if we can get money by selling scrap iron to the Japs, what difference does it make if they do kill a few million Chinks — there are plenty of them. They say that right now China has 200 million men that they could put in arms any day. So, what's a few Chinks?

Ah, but listen! The United States had a non-aggression pact with China — a pact signed with China on the basis that either one of them would come to the other's rescue, or that either one would come to the other's defense. The United States completely forgot about that pact, and sold the scrap iron to Japan. Well, we got it back. Some of us are old enough to remember World War II. Some of us are old enough to remember Pearl Harbor. I happen to know one lad, that when they fished a screwdriver out of his leg, it had the words "Singer Sewing Machine Company" on it. It was a screwdriver that had been a part of the scrap iron that was sold to Japan, put into bombs, and at Pearl Harbor was dropped into a (Continued on page 5, column 3)



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"CHASTE"

"The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, CHASTE, ..."

(Titus 2:3-5).
In our modern age, the word chaste or chastity has become almost obsolete. It is a word that is associated with the old Victorian Age and considered too old-fashioned for us to use today. But the word is much older than that. It is a Bible word, and since the Bible is never "old-fashioned," it should be an up-to-date word for the Christian woman. The word "chaste" comes from the Greek word "hagnos" which means: pure from defilement (not contaminated), pure from carnality, or modest.

Our teen-age young women would do well to search the Scriptures and see what great value our Lord places on chastity. Ladies, He would have you remain pure. Fornication and adultery are gross sins. They defile a woman beyond compare. Some sins we can confess, and then make restitution, but not with this. Confession, yes, but there is no way of going back and restoring to the former condition.

The second definition is to be pure from carnality. Carnality is the

lusts which have their sources in our corrupt and fallen nature. It is when we are governed by our human nature instead of the Spirit of God. This is a battle we fight daily. We need to practice being chaste in our actions with others. It takes much prayer and Bible study to fight the desires of our flesh. Perhaps one of the biggest battles is to admit to the power of the flesh. When we fail to recognize the evils that lie therein, we become careless in our defense against it. We need to recognize the enemy, respect its power, and turn to the One Who is greater, to fight our battles for us. Oh, isn't it marvelous to have a Saviour Who is the Captain of our souls?

The third definition of chaste is to be modest. I know we get tired of someone always "harping" on the way we dress. Yet, it is vital to our relationship with our Lord Jesus. Just for a moment, think of your wardrobe. Look at what you are wearing right now. If the Lord Jesus were sitting beside you, would you still wear the same thing? Would He think it proper apparel? Is it modest enough for Him? Would you wear it to church? Ladies, the clothes we wear do more than cover our body. They influence others around us. We encourage others to dress like us. It is our responsibility, before God, to obey His admonition concerning being chaste.

Paul told the Corinthian church, "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a CHASTE virgin to Christ." (II Cor. 11:2). In Ephesians we are told the husband and wife relationship in marriage is a type of Christ and His church. Let us lead a chaste life that we might not mar this picture.

Peter tells us we are to be chaste in our conversation. "Likewise, ye

wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of their wives; while they behold your CHASTE conversation coupled with fear." (I Peter 3:1,2). We truly need to bridle our tongue, don't we? How often have we uttered things that it is a shame even for the ungodly to speak. Criticism, lies, insinuations, suggestion, etc., are all an example of unchaste conversation.

Lastly, we need to be chaste in our thoughts. How often have we been sitting under the preaching of the Gospel and had impure thoughts invade our minds? Ever been in prayer, and suddenly, shocked at the realization that you had ceased praying, and were dwelling on some unclean thing? Chastity is not just of actions. It includes speech and thoughts also.

"Finally, brethren, (sisters) whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." (Phil. 4:8).

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ship that this boy was on. We got our scrap iron back all right. World War II was the result of it.

I tell you, beloved, an individual cannot, and a nation cannot, go contrary to principles or ethics or morals and expect to get by. That is once that we sold out our friends when we sold out China before World War II, and we got our scrap iron back, and plenty of it. Now the United States is selling out the Jews. This doesn't worry me except that I hate to

be a part of a country that goes contrary to its convictions and its principles upon which it is built. I hate to think of our country with a pact with the Jew, and then going contrary to that agreement.

IV

A SIGN OF THE NEAR RETURN OF CHRIST.

The reason why this doesn't worry me is because it is a sign of the near return of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I bow my head this morning and say, "Thank you, Lord; speed the day when Jesus Christ comes back to this world."

We read: "Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh"—Luke 21:20-28.

This is talking about the time when you will see Jerusalem compassed with armies. That time is coming. My text tells us that all nations are going to be gathered together against Jerusalem. This text in Luke tells us that we are going to see the city compassed about with armies. What a day it is going to be when the woman that is carrying an unborn child, or the woman that is giving nourishment, nursing a child — what a day of distress it is going to be for such!

And how the people are going to fall by the sword when Jerusalem is going to be trodden down by the Gentiles! As surely as there is a God in Heaven, this is going to come to pass. Just like it says in Zechariah 14:2 that all nations are going to be gathered together against Jerusalem, so it is going to come to pass that Jerusalem is going to be trodden down by the Gentiles.

Men's hearts are going to fail them. There is going to be distress of nations with perplexity. What hope is there for us? "Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

I like to put Zechariah 14:2 and this passage in Luke together and look at them, and see in it a sign of the near return of Jesus Christ to this world. I don't say that all this is going to come to pass before the day is over, nor all of it is going to come to pass tomorrow, but I do say this, that in the very near future, we can expect to see the nations of the world rising up against Jerusalem, and we are going to see Jerusalem trodden underfoot. We are going to see these things come to pass, and God says, "O Zion, glorious Zion, look up, your redemption draweth nigh."

I am looking for the return of Jesus Christ. I'm looking for these oil spigots that have been cut off, I'm looking for these nations that have risen up and demanded that the Jew give back to the Arab all of his land — I'm looking to it as a sign of the fact that Jesus

Christ is soon coming. When your gasoline gets low and you get stalled on the highway, and the truckers strike and you don't get your shipment of goods that you had expected — when all of these things take place, just say, "Thank you, Lord; Jesus Christ is bound soon to come."

I tell you, beloved, I look at the things that happen, I look at these current events, and I see in this the return of the Lord Jesus Christ back to this world. I look at the stock market nearly every day, and I have seen it go down, and down, and down, in the last three years' time. Stocks have gotten to the place that they are practically worthless. I don't know what it is going to take to bring it out. But I just say all this is only a picture of the return of Jesus Christ to this world. Don't worry about the fact that you don't get your freight in on time. Don't worry about it. Instead, look up. It is a sign that Jesus Christ is coming.

V

A WARNING.

To that unsaved person, I say, get ready. I know God has a time and a place for the salvation of every one of His elect, and I know that not one of His elect is going to be lost. But I speak to you this morning as though every one of you were His elect, and I say to you, get ready. Tomorrow may be too late.

To the saved, I say, whatever you are going to do for Jesus Christ, you had better do it quickly. My brother, my sister, I think we are closely nearing the end of this age, and that Jesus Christ is coming. If you are a saved person, quit dragging your feet. If you are saved, follow the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism and become a member of His church, that you might be in His Bride when He comes. If you are saved, and you are planning to talk to somebody that is lost, do it now. Do it quickly.

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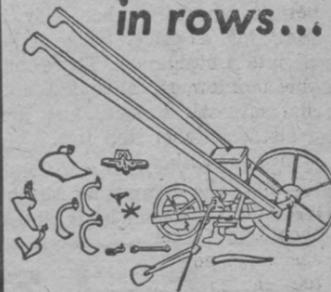


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Sin

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ery are in their ways" (Rom. 3:16).

Sin has made this world the evil place that it is. James calls this planet "a world of iniquity" (Jas. 3:6).

That evil thing called sin wrong man's soul: "But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul; all they that hate me love death" (Prov. 8:36). It darkens the understanding: "Having the understanding darkened" (Eph. 4:18). It warps the judgment: "And ye . . . are become judges of evil thoughts" (Jas. 2:4).

Sin makes men call evil good: "Woe to them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" Isa. 5:20. It impairs the ability of man to distinguish between truth and error: "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (II Tim. 3:7). It stupefies the conscience; it benumbs its sensibilities; it sears it with a hot iron: "Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron" (I Tim. 4:2). It perverts man's will: "And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life" (John 5:40).

Folly Of Sin

When we sin we act against right reason and our true interest. Sin enslaves a man: "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin" (John 8:34). The smoker, the drinker, the adulteress and the adulterer know that this verse of Scripture is true by their experience. They all want to quit and can't!

Those who make a practice of sinning are in bondage to a hard master. The worst tyrant a man can serve in his own selfish heart. By rejecting God's authority in the interest of supposed freedom, he sinks into the most hopeless slavery. Of him it may be well said as of Ahab of old: "Thou hast sold thyself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord" (I Kings 21:20). A sinner does the work of sin and must receive its wages.

Sin is folly because it torments: "He that is cruel troubleth his own flesh." (Prov. 11:17). Look at the prostitute who offers her body to a man for a price. This action turns into a nightmare. There may be broken homes, alienated children, venereal disease, lost jobs and an eternity in Hell fire.

Consider the heroin addict. As he continues to commit his sin, his life wastes away and he is "hook-

ed." The telltale witness to his miserable condition is the needle trackmarks up and down his arm. Then there the glazed, staring eyes that reveal he has missed the purpose of life and turned aside to Satan.

Sin is folly because it breaks communion with God: "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isa. 59:2). What mischief there is in sin! It puts a partition wall between us and God. It provokes God to anger; it makes Him to withdraw His gracious presence from us.

Sin deprives the soul of happiness: "There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked" (Isa. 48:22). Why are people so unhappy? Why so restless and tense? Because sin abounds in men. Holiness is indispensable to happiness. "O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea" (Isa. 48:18). "Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them" (Ps. 119:165).

Sins prevent God's blessings upon us: "Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you" (Jer. 5:25).

Sin excludes one from Heaven: "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Rev. 21:27). "Blessed are they that have washed their robes, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sojerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie" (Rev. 22:14-15).

Filth Of Sin

Sin makes us odious to God. We, like the lepers of old, are all unclean: "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags: and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away" (Isa. 64:6). Our sins make us obnoxious to God's justice and odious to His holiness. We are guilty of that abominable thing which He hates and cannot look upon. Even our righteousnesses are corrupt. We are so corrupt that those who pass among us for righteous men are filthy rags, fit only to be cast into the garbage dump.

There is not only filthiness in

our bodies, there is also filthiness in our souls. Man has a filthiness of spirit; he has corrupt inclinations and lusts that lurk in the spirit. It is possible that a life may be free from blame in the eyes of men like the Pharisees, yet be full of sin within. "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness" (Matt. 23:27).

The filthiness of sin excites the wrath of God. The wrath of God continually abides upon the children of wrath. "God judgeth the righteousness, and God is angry with the wicked every day" (Ps. 7:11). "And the Lord's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the Lord, was consumed" (Num. 32:13).

The very nature of God demands that sin be punished. He "will by no means clear the guilty" (Ex. 34:7). "Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not go unpun-

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ished" (Prov. 11:21). The flood, the tower of Babel, Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot's wife, and Calvary are monuments to prove that God punishes sin!

Fruit Of Sin

The first fruit of sin is physical death: "Bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee" (Psa. 55:23). "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (Jas. 1:15). "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23).

Death is due to a sinner when he has sinned as wages are to an employee when he has done his work. Death is the wages of the least sin. "But the sorrow of the world worketh death" (II Cor. 7:10).

Achan sinned by stealing a Babylonian garment and some silver and gold. For his sin he was stoned to death in the valley of Achor (Josh. 7). Judas sinned by selling out Christ for thirty pieces of silver. He ended up hung by his neck until dead. These examples prove how sin brings physical death.

Spiritual death is caused by sin: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). An immortal soul cannot cease to exist. In that sense it cannot die. The soul is dead when separated from God the source of spiritual life. Sin is the act of the soul. The body is only "the instrument of unrighteous" (Rom. 6:13). Therefore, the punishment of sin is "the tribulation and anguish" of the soul (Rom. 2:9).

Those who die in sin remain in sin for eternity, hence they must suffer "the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jude 7). Spiritual death is not mere non-existence, but wrong, wretched, debased, devilish existence. The second death, which is the final outcome of a life of sin, is defined in the New Testament as torment for ever and ever (Rev. 14:10-11).

Sin on earth has brought groaning to the lower creatures: "For we know that the whole creation

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Rom. 8:29,30: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called . . ."

Eph. 1:5: "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will."

Eph. 1:11: "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will" (Isaiah 46:9,10).

John 6:37: "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me . . ." (verse 39).

John 6:44: "No man can come to me, except the father which hath sent me draw him . . ." (verses 64, 65).

John 3:27: ". . . A man can receive nothing except it be given him from heaven."

John 10:26: "But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep . . ." (verses 27,28,29).

John 10:16: "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice . . ." (Christ had a definite work to do, and thus a definite number to die for).

Acts 18:10: "For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city."

John 11:52: "And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were abroad."

John 17:6: "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: . . ."

John 17:2: "As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him" (rather definite is it not?)

Jer. 1:5: "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee . . ." (Matt. 7:23, "never knew you!").

Gal. 4:28: "Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace, to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; . . ."

Isaiah 53:10: ". . . When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, . . ." (Who are his seed? See Gen. 3:15).

Webster says, that sovereign means "supreme in power, independent of and unlimited by any other." Who can we attribute this to but God? Surely His Word we have been considering, and what is yet to follow, indisputably shows God as sovereign, not only in salvation but in all things and in all His ways.

Rom. 9:22: "What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much long-suffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction."

Rom. 9:13: "As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." (verse 11).

Rom. 9:21: "Hath not the potter power over the clay; of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor?" (Isa. 45:9).

Isa. 64:8 "But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand."

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groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now" (Rom. 8:22). Sin has brought the inferior creature into the bondage of corruption. Every sound produced by nature is in a minor key, speaking of the tragedy of sin. The sighing of the wind, the rustling of the leaves, the chirping of the birds. (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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Sin

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the murmuring of the brooks, all are nature's groanings under the suffering of sin.

Fathom Of Sin

The Scripture speaks of open sins: "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment" (I Tim. 5:24). In opposition to this, there are secret sins: "And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the Lord their God" (II Kings 17:9).

A secret sin is an evil act committed by a person of which the general public has no knowledge. It is a wicked deed that a person is afraid to commit publicly, lest he be scorned by his fellow creatures. Secret sins are heart sins (Matt. 5:28) and go no further than the heart in some cases. Though we may have sins that to men's eyes are hidden, they are an open book to God: "Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance" (Psa. 90:8). Therefore, our prayer should be: "Cleanse thou me from secret faults" (Psa. 19:12).

The Bible mentions wilful sins: "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins" (Heb. 10:26). There is also sins of ignorance: "And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance . . ." (Lev. 4:13).

A wilful sin is a sin committed presumptuously and deliberately with full knowledge and warning of its consequences. On the other hand, a sin of ignorance is the act of an offender who is ignorant of the law of God. However, ignorance does not excuse sin.

The Word of God tells us about sins of omission. Christ told the Pharisees: "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the others undone" (Luke 11:42). There are sins of commission. Both kinds are seen in Isaiah 1: "Cease to do evil; Learn to do well" (Isa. 1:16-17).

Many have the idea that sin consists in doing some terrible immoral evil, but it is sinful to refrain from doing good. To know right and not to do it, is as sinful as doing wrong. "He that does not the good he knows should be done, as well as he who does the evil he knows should not be done, will be condemned" (Matthew Henry).

Strictly speaking, all sin is committed against God (Psa. 51:4), but specifically speaking, sin can be

committed against the public (Ex. 20:13), against property (Ex. 23:8; Lev. 19:12), against persons (20:15), against an animal (Ex. 23:5), and against self (Prov. 6:32). When one violates the first two of the Ten Commandments, he sins against God. When one breaks the other eight, he sins against man.

We must distinguish between sin and sins. Sin is that tendency to sin that we inherit from Adam; it is the principle of sin which dwells within each mortal. Paul called it: "Sin that dwelleth in me" (Rom. 7:20). Sins are specific acts of sin that we commit as the results of our tendency to sin.

Conclusion

The Lord commands that men repent of sin: "Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be

recorder. Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire"—I Cor. 3:12-15.

We, at the rapture, are scheduled to meet our Lord in the air. The words "to meet," as they are used in I Thess. 4:17, indicate a planned or scheduled meeting. We can be sure that the matter of the believer's works will be one of the first orders of business.

The result of this particular judgment will be that only faithful members of Scriptural churches will compose the Lord's Bride — the chaste virgin.

We also have in Matthew 25:31-46 another judgment which is yet future. This particular judgment will involve the Gentile nations. We have, in Joel 3:1,2, a reference to this judgment.

"For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall again bring the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will JUDGE THEM THERE FOR MY PEOPLE and for My heritage, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted My land."

It is obvious that these verses

eternal." The "sheep," that is, those who are kind to the brethren (144,000 Jewish preachers), will enter into the millennium from the tribulation with the "all Israel" that are to be saved from the tribulation.

"And it shall come to pass that every one that is left of all the nations which come against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of Hosts, and keep the feast of tabernacles"—Zech. 14:16.

"Thus saith the Lord of Hosts: In those days it shall come to pass that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you; for we have heard that God is with you"—Zech. 8:23.

We come now to the last judgment — the judgment of the wicked dead. This judgment is described in the following verses:

"And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and heaven fled away, and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged out of these things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell delivered up the dead that were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire"—Rev. 20:11-15.

This last judgment will occur at the end of the one thousand year reign of our Lord upon the earth. Our Lord, during this last judgment, will sit upon a great white throne. It will be from this throne that He will make a final settlement in His controversy with fallen man. It will be a time when the graves of all the wicked dead shall be opened and the wicked of all ages will receive their sentence. It will be a time when the dead "small and great" shall stand before Him. I hasten to point out, however, that the redeemed are never termed "small and great." They are all one in Christ, therefore, they will not be in this class.

Those who stand before the great white throne will be raised from the place of the dead, but not from the state of death. There, in fact, as we have stated previously, are to be two resurrections: one of these is "unto the resurrection of life," and the other is "unto the resurrection of damnation."

"And shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation"—John 5:29.

The sentence which will be imposed upon all who stand before the great white throne will be the second death.

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and (Continued on page 8, column 3)

your ruin" (Ezek. 18:30). He demands that we forgive sin: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isa. 5:7).

The God of the Bible promises to forgive those who confess and forsake their sins. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Prov. 28:13). Those forgiven are warned not to continue in sin: "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14). "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof" (Rom. 6:12).

Second Coming

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ceive no rewards. These individuals will be saved, and "so as by fire."

"Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, pre-

recorded by Joel refer to the same as that recorded in Matthew 25:32, since both refer to "all nations." The Greek word in the New Testament that is translated "nations" is "ethnos." This word occurs 158 times and is rendered "Gentiles" on 92 occasions, "nation" or "nations" on 61 occasions and "heathen" on five occasions.

It is very significant to note that there is no resurrection referred to at this judgment — the judgment of nations. The reason for this is because the rapture will have already occurred seven years earlier. The wicked are to remain in their graves until after the millennium, therefore, they are not to be resurrected at this time either. Who, then, will compose these nations that are to be judged? The answer is that those involved in this judgment will compose three classes — sheep, goats, and brethren. The sheep and goats, however, are the only two classes that will be judged. These will be separated on the basis of how they have treated the "brethren" — the "brethren" being the 144,000 Jewish preachers who will preach during the great tribulation. The sheep will be those who are kind to the brethren, even though their kindness will place them in grave danger. Their kindness, of course, will not be the evidence of it. They, if they were not saved people, would not love the brethren and show such love even to the point of death.

We see, then, that the judgment of nations is the judgment of Gentiles in the various nations. We can be sure that the reference is to individuals in the various nations, since the "goats" are to be cast into "everlasting fire" and the "sheep" are to enter into "life

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is some strange connection between them and salvation. Baptists do not believe this. We believe, and the Bible teaches, that the ordinances are acts of obedience to the Lord. There is a blessing attached to them as acts of obedience, as to all acts of obedience. Since these ordinances are special commands to God's churches there are special blessings given in their observance. This is not because of any magic in the ordinances themselves.

In the Scriptures which head this article we see that the ordinances are given to the church. The Great Commission informs us that baptism is given to the church, and the command to teach the church to observe all things includes teaching the church to observe the Lord's Supper. I Cor. 11:20 informs us that it is not possible to observe the Supper when there are divisions in the church, it still teaches a coming together of the church in order to have the supper.

"And breaking bread from house to house" Acts 2:46. The breaking of bread in Acts is referred to in 2:42, 46; 20:7, 11; 27:35.

It is a fact that we break bread before we partake of it in the Lord's Supper. But we just have to break bread before we can pass it and eat it. The breaking of bread in the book of Acts does not refer to the Lord's (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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(Continued from page one) baptizing, but a big rain had come that night, and the water was so swift we had a hard time keeping our footing, trying to baptize. A very large crowd attended this service, and some from the Methodist Mission Station, about six and one-half miles away, were here. This no doubt, was the first baptizing they had even seen. Perhaps they had seen what the Methodists call baptizing, but what they call baptism just does not measure up to the Scriptures.

There is not a single group, regardless of what they denominate themselves, outside of Baptists, that can qualify as being able to administer Scriptural baptism, and some who claim to be Baptists today would fall short of this also. The Sunday following the bap-

tism here on the Mission Station, another baptismal service was held at a location about two miles from here. There were five churches that had candidates to be baptized at this service. I believe this was one of, if not the largest attendance, that I have ever seen at any of our services. There were 33 people baptized at this service, making 50 that had been baptized in the two Sundays.

Most of these had been saved while I was home in 1973. Of course, we have some who object to our having a waiting period with these people before administering baptism to them, but since we cannot please everyone, and in view of the fact that we are not over here to try to please anyone, from any special point of view, other than the Lord, we just try to run things as we feel that is best for the work, and the people,

and let it go at that. Not only do we have a waiting period before baptism, but each candidate is questioned privately and must produce some Scriptural evidence as to why each wants to be baptized. All that petition to be baptized are not received, due to being unable to satisfy the church they have petitioned with sufficient Scriptural evidence that they have truly been born again.

As we labor here in the vineyard of our Lord, we truly need and desire your prayers. It is encouraging to us to hear from individuals letting us know that they do remember us to the Lord in prayer.

May our Lord continue to watch over each of us, and we ask Him daily to bless each of you in a very special way, because of your faithfulness to Him in the support of this work that He has set out for us to do.

A Progress Report On Bro. Gilpin's Physical Condition

We would like to make a progress report on the condition of Brother Gilpin who is now in the hospital undergoing treatment which we hope will be of help to his eye which remains closed.

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to have the Lord's Supper for it, or to take the Supper to others for it. The church must partake of the Supper as a church gathered together, and in church capacity. So there is a difference in baptism and the supper in this respect.

It is true that where two or three are gathered together, Jesus is in the midst. Sea Matt. 18:20. Now Scofield may call this "the simplest form of a local church," but Scofield did not know anything at all about church truth. I may go to Ashland, and little Joe may come to Ashland, and we may meet with Brother Gilpin there, and talk about the things of the Lord. As we meet there in the name of the Lord, and talk about the things of the Lord, and maybe pray together, the Lord Jesus will meet with us, and be with us. But we do not constitute a church, and we could not baptize nor observe the Lord's Supper. The Lord is with each one of His children every moment. But that does not mean that one can sit down and observe the Lord's Supper just because Jesus is with him.

So none of the verses mentioned will permit us to serve the Lord's Supper to shut-ins by themselves. No verse in the Bible will permit this practice. It is utterly un-Scriptural. And the verses which head this article clearly tell us that the Lord's Supper is given to the church and there must be a coming together of the church in order to observe the supper.

Now here is what a church could do. Let us say that our church has a dear member who is shut-in and cannot get out to the church services. Let us say that this member earnestly desires to observe the Lord's Supper in remembrance of our Lord and Saviour. The church can vote to gather as a church in the home of this shut-in member, and as a church — gathered together in church capacity — with proper church authority — the church can observe the Lord's Supper in the home of the shut-in member, and the dear member can join right in with the rest of the church in this observance. So a church can be true to the Word of God and still make it possible for a shut-in member to join in the observance of this ordinance. I hope this answer will be of help to the reader of TBE who asked about it, and to others as well.

May God bless you all.

Fuel . . . Return

(Continued from page five) to the unsaved but to the saved. I am going to be traveling more in the future than I have in the past.

Second Coming

(Continued from page seven) sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death"—Rev. 21:8.

What about you? Are your sins under the blood of the Lord Jesus, or will you be required to stand before the great white throne and give an account to Him for every evil act and thought that you have ever committed? May it please the Lord to clear your record by placing your sins under the blood of His dear Son.

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(Continued from page 7) Supper, but to breaking bread in a meal. The Plymouth Brethren and Campbellites get their every Sunday observance of the Lord's Supper, and the Lord's Supper in private homes from misunderstanding this fact. If you will note Acts 20:11 and 27:35, you will see that the Bible is simply talking about taking bread, breaking it, and eating it in a meal and not talking about the Lord's Supper. It is a misunderstanding to teach that the words "breaking bread" mean the Lord's Supper. We must "break bread" in order to have the Lord's Supper, and we must break bread in order to eat a meal. This is just because we break bread in order to eat it. Where the Lord's Supper is referred to, it is made plain in the Scripture. So the above Scripture, Acts 2:46 just refers to the disciples having their meals in different houses.

Furthermore, the early churches used homes as meeting places. And even if they did observe the Lord's Supper in homes — and they did — it was as a church meeting together in that place, and not as individuals apart from church capacity.

Now, of course Baptists baptize other places than in a church building, because often the building does not have a baptistry — because the building is not the church, but the body of baptized believers is the church. Now understand that the church does not baptize itself, but it authorizes one of its men, usually the pastor to baptize. So the authorized agent of the church may do the baptizing without the church being assembled together, as a missionary might do when he goes to a new field and some are saved and baptized into the church back home by the authority of the church back home without that church being there.

Now note that the Church authorizes its pastor to baptize for it. The church does not authorize its pastor

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Oh, how I thank God this morning for that blessed thought that some of these days, I am going to be traveling away from this world. I am going to leave behind all the aches and the pains and the sorrows that we have. I am going to leave behind all the troubles and the burdens that we have. I am going to be traveling, traveling, traveling up to meet my Lord in the sky.

May God save you, and may God help you to be true to Him until He comes soon to receive us unto Himself.

May God bless you!

OMNIPRESENT

He was just a little lad, and on a Sabbath day was wandering home from Sunday school, and dawdling on his way. He scuffed his shoes into the grass; he found a caterpillar; he found a fluffy milkweed pod and blew out all the "filler." A bird's nest in the tree overhead, so wisely placed and high, was just another wonder that caught his eager eye.

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