

A Very Brief But Appreciated Letter From Bro. Halliman

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Your letter of January 17, along with several copies of TBE and the mission check, plus other enclosures was received on Monday of this week. This took 18 days which seems to be about normal now. We used to get mail from the states in between 8 to 12 days, but not any more. It was a blessing to hear from you though, regardless of the length of time it took.

I must say that while I always enjoy hearing from you, this time I did not enjoy much of the contents of your letter. It was indeed a great sadness to hear that you are so sick. At the same time, I have the utmost assurance that your life and number of days are exactly on schedule with God's time-table. Personally, I hope that God has it worked out for you to be around for many more years yet, and if I were asked to make any predictions, in view of the way he has preserved you and brought you through things in the past couple of years, I would say that you will be with us for quite some time to come yet.

Regarding your message on "Tangents," I had already had some most favorable reports on it before I received your letter and the paper carrying the sermon. After reading the sermon, I would say that perhaps it would be the capstone of your entire ministry. I feel that the sermon ought to be put in a booklet or tract form and widely circulated. I will gladly donate \$100.00 of my scanty personal funds to see this done.

I have kept pretty well abreast of your sermons now for well over 20 years, and I can't recall but one other sermon, while they all have been good, that I thought would be anything like this one, and anything like touch this one, and (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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

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We're Still Fighting!

About a month ago, I dictated an editorial entitled, "The Die Is Cast!" It was dictated flat on my back in a hospital. I thought in all probability it would be my last. I hardly expected in view of my physical circumstances, to go any way but for the worst. If it were my last one, I wanted everybody to know that I'm still standing for the same truths, and against the same heresies that I had contended against, for years.

Somehow, in God's providence, it wasn't the last. I had another editorial, in the issue of March 2nd, telling of my most recent hospital experiences at Marlinton, W. Va., of my improvement, and of my vigor in still contending for the truth of God's Word. In the providence of God, my physical condition had improved just a little, and I felt more impressed that my work was far from done.

Now, today, I greet you again to tell you of my physical condition and of my hope for the future. From the standpoint of my body, I am much improved. Apparently, the treatment I have been taking has worked wonders in my behalf. The hardened arteries have been much relieved. Six weeks ago I was told I had a most dangerous heart condition, but now I can walk a considerable distance, and even jog without the slightest chest pain. Humanly speaking, I

feel that God has used this treatment that I have been taking in unclogging my hardened arteries, adding possible years to my life expectancy.

As for my eye, it is much improved. The medics say that I had suffered paralysis of the third

friends to daily remember my eyes in prayer. I'm so grateful to God that we've gotten along so well in the last six weeks in editing TBE, but in a special way, I'm asking all my friends and readers to pray for complete restoration of my eyes that I might continue, effectively, my written ministry.

Knowing human nature, I am sure that our enemies have rejoiced greatly over my condition. Those who believe in Conventionism, Universal-churchism, Ecumenism, Unionism, Arminianism, Feminism, alien immersion, open communion, and in the spiritualizing of the Scriptures — these have probably had a "field day," thinking that I'm done for. I rather imagine there have been lots of hats thrown in the air, and shouts of joy because of my sickness.

The old saying is, "He who laughs last laughs the longest." I have a feeling I'm going to get the last laugh and the longest laugh. I believe I'm going to be completely well in a very short time.

I, therefore, call upon my friends and supporters to stand by me now as you have never done before. Please don't let me down.

We've had a hard time getting paper on which to print TBE. Now that problem is solved. We have enough paper on hand to print in the Bible, and only in the New (Continued on page 8, column 1)

THE HOUR OF DECISION

Our editorial of February 16 was entitled, "The Die Is Cast." We followed this with a story written from Marlinton, W. Va. (Page 6, March 2, 1974). In this issue, we challenged all of our readers to take a stand — either for us, or against us.

It will grieve us for you to take a stand against us, but it would grieve us more for you to compromise. May we ask that you take a stand for a literal interpretation of the Word of God, or go along with those who would spiritualize the Bible. In other words, do you believe in an inspired Bible, or an inspired interpreter? Might it please God to put it into the hearts of thousands of our readers to write us encouragingly just now! If you can add an offering, either small or large, please do so. It was never needed as much as it is needed today.

It would seem a shame for our enemies to be victorious, now that I am lying flat on my back. I do not believe that they will! Pray for us. Send an offering, or write a brief note of encouragement.

It is the hour for you to make your decision. By the end of March, we'll know who loves the truth and the doctrines taught in TBE, just as we'll know where the balance of our readers stand.

nerve of the left eye, caused by the hardened arteries. Well, the arteries are better, the chest pains are gone, and the eye is gradually improving. I do not mean to say that it is completely recovered; however, it is much improved. The lid that I could not move at all, at first, I can now raise half way. I'm beginning to be able to move the eyeball. My chief concern now is that the two eyes will begin to focus together. There is so much that is dependent upon my eyes that I feel it most imperative that I call upon my

A Bible Study Of The Mysteries Of The Word Of God

By WM. J. FARMER
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"Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience" (I Tim. 3:9).

This verse speaks to deacons, specifically, and preachers and other church members, generally. The seven mysteries of God's Word are indeed **mysteries**, because 99 per cent of the "Christian world" knows nothing of all or part of them, and about 90 per cent of Baptists know little or anything about them. I



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doubt that any deacon or preacher has ever been asked about these mysteries at his ordination. The ancient religions (which are imitated by most secret orders and lodges today) all had hidden secrets just for those who learned the most. The Bible is the handbook of Christian mysteries. Let us begin to consider more about these mysteries.

The words "mystery" and "mysteries" are used twenty-seven times in the Bible, and only in the New (Continued on page 3, column 3)

The Dust Curse Revealed In The Pages Of God's Book

By OSCAR B. MINK
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Text: Psa. 103:14:

"For he knoweth our frame, he remembereth that we are dust."

In God's infinite wisdom there ever remains the thought that man is dust. This thought has its foundation in the wonderful grace of



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God, thus, it is that mankind is not cut off immediately and ever-

Scripture Emphatically Declares

1. **WHO YOU ARE.** Who you are has to do with your relationship to God either as a son of God, or as an enemy of God. Even they which have been caused to realize their sonship in Christ were at one time bitter enemies of God.

"When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son."—(Rom. 5:10).

"And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled."—(Col. 1: 21).

So, it is at this very moment every person is either a child of God or an enemy of God. Jesus made this truth very plain when He said,

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."—(Matt. 6:24).

A man cannot be neutral in his relationship to God. He is in every aspect of his life either for or against God, either a son of God or an enemy of God.

2. **WHERE YOU ARE.** Where you are has to do with your relationship to the judgment of God.

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

I would to God that ALL which (Continued on page 5, column 4)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"Bro. Gilpin's First Sermon"

This sermon was preached the Sunday following Bro. Gilpin's paralysis of the eye. Even though preached under these adverse conditions, we feel that it honors the Lord, and that it will be a blessing to our readers. Other sermons which appear in the next few weeks were preached prior to this one. We're trusting as to how soon he can resume his regularly weekly preaching.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven"—Mt. 5:16.

I go back tonight to that Thanksgiving Day morning years ago when I preached my first sermon, and read to you the same text that I read at a little school house high upon a mountain side, in a coal camp in Eastern Kentucky, known as Bon-Jellico, Kentucky. The coal camp is out of existence, the com-

missary is torn down, the buildings are all removed, and the school house is gone. However, nearly fifty years ago, I read this text for my first sermon on a Thanksgiving morning. I don't remember too much that I may have said then, except my subject, which was "Turn on the Light," which was a good subject in view of the text, which says:

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good

works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

I might say one reason why I have stayed away from this text from then down to this time is because I felt that I did it so much injustice that I ought to at least retire it for the duration of my lifetime. Therefore, I never preached from it again. But due to the fact that the text talks about shining, which indicates vision, and (Continued on page 2, column 1)

Halliman's Work Proceeds Despite Roman Opposition

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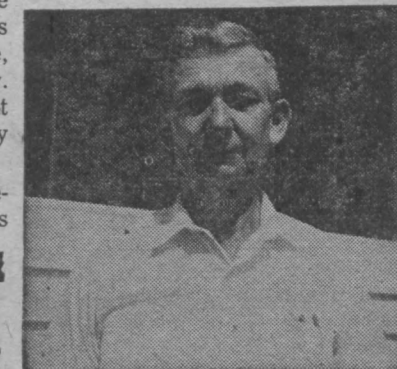
Dear friends:

Once again it is with joy in the Lord that we greet you from New Guinea. Those of you who prayerfully and financially support this work are in our thoughts every day and our prayers often. We also have many friends who do not support the work and we count it a joy to pray for you folk, also. Some folk who do not support the work financially have been used of the Lord over the years to write to us and encourage us, and therefore, they have supported us morally. We always thank God for those that are friendly towards us, and try to pray for those who despise us.

We are thankful to be able to report to you that the Lord continues

to bless the work here in spite of the fact that there are heretical workers continuing to try to erode our work.

We have never had any outright clashes with the Catholics as we have with the Protestants; however, that does not mean that we are not bothered by them. The Catholics are more subtle and they usually use the local people themselves, while the Catholic Priest sets back on the sideline and directs the battle from there. You have heard a lot, in the past few years, about Military Ad-



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visers. Well, believe me when I say that all of them have not been stationed in Vietnam.

Satan has a great task force at work here in New Guinea, which go under the name of Missionaries, but in reality are nothing more than military advisers.

Just yesterday the Catholics sent two of their missionaries into our ranks to try to recruit some people. There were several people working on a house just across the road from the Mission Station, and these two local fellows came along and tried to do some preaching. When the folk would not pay any attention to their preaching, then they resorted to (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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"First Sermon"

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due to my present physical condition, I felt that there would be no text that would be more appropriate and certainly no time more appropriate than tonight; therefore, I read this text to you and go back to my very first sermon that I ever preached, to re-preach some of it, with some added material, to you in this hour.

I presume that it wouldn't be necessary that I make mention of my physical condition. I am satisfied that you can see for yourselves what my physical condition is so far as facial expression is concerned. I guess it is really not necessary that I make mention of it except that I will say, in the providence of God, I have suffered this paralysis of what the doctor calls the third nerve of the eye. What that may mean, I don't know. Nevertheless, two weeks ago, I started having pain in my left eye, and little by little, it closed itself so that last Friday afternoon, it was practically closed. I got an appointment with a neuro-surgeon in Huntington and he put me in the hospital on Monday night and they made all kinds of tests this past week. I couldn't begin to say how many X-rays they made. It would be an impossibility, but it was certainly a tremendous number of X-rays that were made. One day, to my knowledge, they made over 226. I was so worn and tired, I lost count after that.

I think of it from this standpoint, that it is in the hands of the Lord. I have tried to take a jovial attitude. In fact, I think I would laugh if I were dying. I think I would always see something funny in anything that takes place. I have been trying to figure out how I can make a little extra money now that I am in this condition, and I think I have come up with a pretty fair idea. I think I'll get me a plumber's friend and put it on my left knee and make a peg leg out of it, and then put a black patch over this left eye. I believe I could then double for a Long John Silver. You don't know — you may see me around these fish-eating places that go by his name, advertising for him, for I don't know what else I am going to do. Nevertheless, I try to take a jovial attitude, knowing that it is in the hands of the Lord, and if He wants this eye to recover, it will.

Somehow, I have a feeling that I am going to be able to see again, although I must say at the present time, it is anything but pleasant, and it certainly does not give me much to look forward to so far as eyesight is concerned, particularly since you remember that I have less than 20 per cent vision in the other eye. For the last six years,

I have referred to my right eye as my bad eye, with about 20 per cent vision, and I have referred to my left eye as my good eye. It was perfect. Now my good eye is gone and that leaves me with a mighty small amount of vision to carry on my work.

Why it has happened, I don't know. What caused it, I don't know. All I know is that it has happened. All I know is that it is in the hands of the Lord. All I know is that it is in His will and purpose and sovereignty. All I know about it is that God has some purpose whereby He has either temporarily or permanently blinded the best eye that I have.

So I don't know why except, as I say, I know that He knows and it is in His purpose and I am perfectly content. I am as happy as can be and I feel that the Lord has had His way in regard to it, and whatever is His will, will be accomplished. I see in this experience the sovereignty of God as clearly as in all my experiences in life, because if God had so desired, He could have smitten my right eye, which is my bad eye, and left me with this good eye, or He could not have smitten me in either eye. But in His own sovereign purpose, He has seen fit to either temporarily or permanently cause blindness to come upon me so far as my work is concerned. I can see in it the sovereignty of God, knowing that God has done that which pleased Him, and realizing that whatever He has done is well done, and I have no cause for grounds in any wise at all to accuse God of being anything but the most gracious and loving Father in this world.

I say again, as I have said before — why He has ever let me live as He has is beyond me. Why He hasn't smitten me lots of times and taken me home to Glory is beyond me. But I thank Him, and I praise Him, and I rejoice tonight to be here to speak these few words to you from the Word of God.

I

"LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE."

My text says, "Let your light so shine," which implies that you have a light. It implies that the Lord has already saved you and has put some light into you, and that that light shines out unto others. That is a great implication. There are some people of whom we know that that is true. There are other individuals that we hope it is true. There are still other individuals who are church members that we know almost certainly that it isn't true. But the implication is that the Lord has shined into your heart, that He has put a light there, and that that light in your life is to shine out unto others.

We read:

"ARISE, SHINE; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee"—Isa. 60:1.

Thank God if that is your experience. If the glory of the Lord is risen upon you, and if God's light has been placed within your life, you have something to thank God for. Therefore, He says by way of exhortation, "Arise and shine."

Listen again:

"Let your loins be girded about, and YOUR LIGHTS BURNING"—Luke 12:35.

Oh, what an exhortation to saved people! We are so slack. We are so prone to be careless about our lives and about our shining. But He says, "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning."

The Apostle Paul, speaking about shining, says:

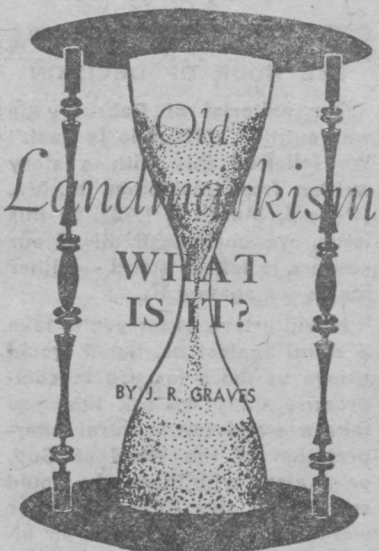
"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT"—Eph. 5:8.

Here is a verse of Scripture that ought to challenge everyone of you who are saved. He said, "One time you were darkness," and that certainly is true. There was a time when your life was dark. There was a time when you were in sin and the darkness and blackness of sin rested all about you. He says that that was one time, or some-

But what is our condition today? "But now are ye light in the Lord." How are we light? In church membership? No. How did we become light? By being baptized? No. "Now are ye light in the Lord." It is the Lord that has put the light in our lives.

You are not saved because you turned over a new leaf. You are not saved because you signed some kind of a pledge card. You are not saved because you signed a decision card. You are not saved because there was a decision day held in your church. If you are saved, you are saved because of what the Lord has done for you—you are light in the Lord.

Beloved, if the Lord hadn't done it, there wouldn't be any light in your life. Therefore, He says, "Walk as children of light." All this in these three verses from Isaiah, Luke and Ephesians is just to say this to you, as my text does, that we are to so shine. "Let your light so shine." You



have a light inside you if you are saved, and the Lord Jesus Christ is urging you to so live that your light — the light that is inside you — is going to so shine that men will see the good works of your life and will glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

I think about the proper place for a light if it is going to shine. The Bible, as I recall, talks about three places that you can put a light. You can put it under the bed, you can put it under a bushel, or you can put it on a candlestick. I don't think there is any place mentioned in the Bible as to where you can put your light. But look at these. The bed is usually considered a place of rest, and if you so desire, you can put your light under your bed. In other words, you can just be slothful and restful and do nothing, and let your light just barely shine as it is pushed back under the bed, so that you might have a little light there within your bedroom at night. But nobody will see it. Nobody will get any benefit from it. Even you yourself will get mighty little benefit from a light under those conditions.

The second place He says that you can put a light is under a

bushel. Well, that is entirely too big. I think that if we could rewrite the Bible, we could talk about a pint cup, for I think the average church member wouldn't need a bushel to hide his light under. A pint cup would be about all that he would need. I'm not trying to be like the fellow that wrote the Living Bible and brings it down to modern words and modern phraseology. I'm not trying to do as he does, but I'll just say frankly, I think the average church member doesn't need a bushel to cover over his light — a pint cup would be big enough.

Then He talks about a candlestick. That is the third place to put your light. Where is a candlestick? The Word of God would indicate to us that the candlestick is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen:

"The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches"—Rev. 1:20.

Notice, our Lord says to put your candle on the candlestick. In Rev. 1:20, He says that the candlestick represents our Lord's church. Now what does it say? If you are saved, you are to put your light in a New Testament Baptist Church. I think that is as plain as can be. If you are going to shine for the Lord, if you are going to do anything by way of service for the Lord, you ought to let your service go out through your church.

I don't believe in "free lanceism." I don't believe in a fellow going first one place and then another. I don't believe in a person not being affiliated with a local church. I think that everyone of us ought to be a member of a local New Testament church, and that we ought to thus have our candle on a candlestick, and our life shining through that church. If you are saved, that is the place for your candle. You don't want to put your candle back under the bed. You don't want to put your candle under a bushel. You'll want your candle on a candlestick. You will want your life to be lived in a New Testament church so that when our Lord comes, you won't be ashamed. You'll be in His institution — the only institution that He ever established. You'll be in His church and thus a part of His Bride, when He comes to gather out of this world His own.

II

WHATEVER YOU ARE GOING TO DO BY WAY OF SHINING, DO IT NOW.

I say this in view of my own condition. I think if I had known this past week that I would be blind in one eye, there were some things that I would have done two weeks ago. There are several things that come to my mind that I definitely would have done if I had known that I was going to be in the condition that I am tonight. Therefore, I say to you, whatever you are going to do for the Lord by way of shining, you had better do it now. You don't know, you might be in the same condition that I am next Sunday night. You don't know, you might be plucking

on a harp next Sunday night in Glory. So I say to you who are saved if you are going to do anything, don't put it off — do it now.

I might go further and say that that is especially true in view of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to this world. I believe in the second coming of the Lord Jesus, and I am positive as can be that His return cannot be far away. In the light of all the Scriptures of God's Word that I am acquainted with, I would say that the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ surely can't be far away.

I don't believe that anybody will be in the Bride of Christ that is not a member of a true Baptist church when Jesus comes. That is why it is that I would never want to be, as a saved man, outside of a Baptist church. There was a period in my life when for some three months I wasn't a member of any church. I can say to you truly, it was three miserable months when I didn't know the will of the Lord for my life. All I know was that I was miserable because I wasn't a member of a Baptist church. If I were you, in the light of this exhortation that we are to let our light so shine, I would certainly say to you — do it now. Jesus is coming — do it now. You may not be able to do it next week — do it now. You may not be physically able next week to do what you would like to do now.

III

AN EXHORTATION TO THE UNSAVED.

Speaking personally, this past week has been a trying week for me. When the lights begin to grow dark in the evening and the darkness sets in, it is about the worst feeling in the world for me to realize that there is a lot of darkness in my own physical body. I have been sitting in a hospital room thinking about the darkness on the outside as it begins to fall, and I think about the darkness so far as I am concerned.

Then I have sat here this past week and thought about those of you who are here that are in darkness. Oh, brother, sister, the darkness of Hell is all around you. Maybe you don't realize the sadness of your situation. You can't realize the sadness of sins if you are not experiencing it. But I tell you, when the evening shadows fall over the earth and the darkness comes over the land, it is a terrible depression that sets in so far as I am concerned — so much so that I am fearful in the evening from six o'clock until ten o'clock when I go to bed. It is almost a living nightmare with the darkness all around me.

Then I think, what is that in comparison to you. The only thing is that you don't realize it — I do. I feel it—you don't. What a sad thing it is to think of you who are unsaved, who are in darkness tonight spiritually, and that darkness is getting worse — impenetrably worse all the time. As time goes by, things get darker and darker, and as you go on down to the end of life's way until you are

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Heb. 2:13: "... And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me." (If God had given all without exception to Christ, then all must or will be saved. Read again John 6:27, etc.; John 10:29).

Phil. 1:29: "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake."

Col. 1:12: "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light."

Heb. 2:10: "For it became him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory."

Heb. 6:17: "Wherein God willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, ..."

Eph. 3:11: "According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Rom. 9:20: "Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?" (Are not our mouths stopped at His word?) (Isa. 29:16).

Eph. 2:8: "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

Matt. 20:23: "... but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father."

Matt. 16:17: "... for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

Mark 10:26,27: "... Who then can be saved? And Jesus looking upon them said, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible."

James 1:17: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

Isa. 14:24: "The Lord of hosts hath sworn saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand" (verse 27).

Isa. 43:21: "This people have I formed for myself ..." (verses 1, 13; Chap. 8:18).

Isa. 44:24: "Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things; ..." (verses 1, 2, 18).

"First Sermon"

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seventy years of age, until your allotted three-score and ten years of age things are going to get darker and darker with you.

We read:

"The children of the kingdom shall be cast out into OUTER DARKNESS"—Mt. 8:12.

The children of the kingdom in this particular instance were the professing Jews that were unsaved.

In other words, they were unsaved church members. Jesus says that they are going to be cast out into outer darkness — the kind of darkness that you can almost feel.

I visited a man in prison some time ago who was in solitary confinement. The only way that I knew he was there was because I could feel him. I reached over and put my hand on his hand and I knew he was there. Other than that, we were in total solitary darkness.

When I think about you, my dear sinner friend, that is your status as you go on in life. Darkness is going to enshroud you more and more, and some of these days, you are going to find yourself in absolute darkness — in outer darkness — cast there by the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Peter speaks of such an experience when he says: "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.

If God has done thus with angels that have sinned, God will do the same with you who are sinners. You'll be delivered into chains of darkness.

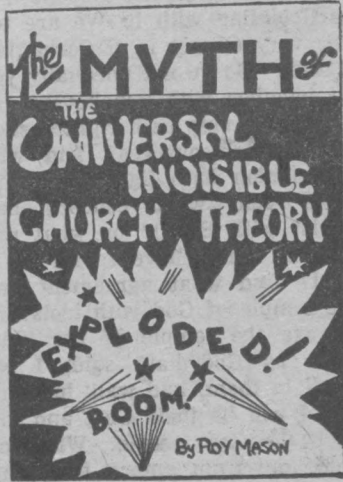
I say to you, if you are lost, God pity you. I speak to you with this thought in mind — I know that only the elect of God will be saved, and I know that all the elect of God will be saved in God's own

appointed time. But I speak to you tonight as though everyone of you were God's elect, and as though this was God's appointed time for everyone of you to profess faith in Jesus Christ. As I talk to you about my own condition, I say to you that are lost, God pity you, God save you, and God deliver you from the spiritual darkness that might settle down upon you. You can't save yourself. I can't serve you. This church can't save you. But I can tell you of one who can — the One who came to take men out of darkness to light — Jesus. May God tonight reach down and touch your soul and save you in this very hour.

CONCLUSION

I said awhile ago that this was my first sermon that I ever preached. It might be the last one that I'll ever preach. I may be able to preach more. I hope I shall.

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But it could easily be the last message that I'll ever preach. Therefore, I urge those of you who are saved to put your light on the candlestick, and let that light shine for the Lord. I urge those of you who are lost, that tonight, the light of life shall shine into your life and you'll be saved and come out on God's side and say so. May God bless you!



Mysteries

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Testament. Each time the word is used, it is used regarding one or all of the seven mysteries which are the essence of New Testament teaching. These mysteries are hidden (Rom. 16:25); they are God's wisdom (I Cor. 2:7).

Church members are commanded to know these mysteries (Eph. 6:19): they are to be suffered for (Col. 6:3). We are to be stewards of these mysteries (I Cor. 4:1), holding them forth (I Tim. 3:9). Why are so many ignorant of these mysteries? It seem that the Holy Spirit reveals nothing new to those who reject and "correct" the King James Version of the Bible. In addition to this, most people have little appetite for any of the deeper teachings of God's Word.

I. THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS

This mystery concerns Jesus Christ (I Tim. 3:16). "Mystery" contains seven letters and God works by sevens! The mystery concerning Jesus Christ indicates how we become godly through Him. I Tim. 3:16 summarizes the finished work of Christ, which is indeed a mystery.

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

This verse indicates that the fact that Jesus appeared in the flesh is a great mystery, and this word refuses to acknowledge that Jesus was,

and is, God! It would rather believe anything else, but this. This mystery is also called the mystery of His will (Eph. 1:9), the mystery of the gospel (Eph. 6:19), the mystery of Christ (Col. 4:3). This is the foremost truth of the Bible and the greatest mystery God ever revealed to any person.

This mystery is given to every man that trusts Christ as Saviour, at least to a degree; however, it is given to New Testament churches (see I Tim. 3:15) to preach and proclaim. Christ is the marrow of all truth; apart from Him there is no doctrine, no Bible, and no mystery. It is a mystery how God could love man enough to pay for his sin.

II. THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM

"Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom OF GOD" (Mark 4:11).

"... it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom OF HEAVEN" (Matt. 13:11).

Jesus came and established the Kingdom of God. This kingdom is evidently composed of all saved people on earth at a given time. The Kingdom of Heaven (fully expounded in Matt. 13) is the future earthly physical kingdom to be established during the millennium when our Lord will reign 1,000 years. Most "scholars" and preachers say that Kingdom of God and Kingdom of Heaven are "used interchangeably." They evidently can't see that God is a person and "Heaven" is a place. When a man is saved, he becomes a part of the family of God and the Kingdom of God, because the Kingdom of God is His spiritual kingdom existing now. The kingdom of Heaven exists in prospect only and will literally exist when Christ returns to earth (Rev. 20:1-6). This mystery is indeed a mystery to many because they would rather believe that the Bible is one big metaphor. Those held in highest esteem by the "Christian world" were and are ignorant of this and other mysteries. A. T. Robertson, Matthew Henry, Pope Paul, B. H. Carroll, the Puritans, G. E. Ladd — all are mystified by the kingdom and other mysteries.

III. MYSTERY OF THE DISPENSATIONS

"If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: how that by revelation He made known unto me the mystery" (Eph. 3:2-3).

J. N. Darby, Cyrus I. Scofield and other non-Baptists have known this mystery. This mystery is simply that God has dealt with man as He has seen fit. A dispensation is literally an economy or an age in which there have been differences in His manner. There are seven dispensations or ages. This is taught, at least in part, by the above passage. This is the age of grace and it is the "Gentile age." Although many despise this belief (as they do all truth), the fact remains that God's greatest men believe it. J. R. Graves, T. T. Martin, A. D. Muse, Ben Bogard, A. W. Pink (at his best), to name a few. Landmark Baptists, Orthodox Baptists and all "fundamental" Baptists believe this, and this group accounts for the

greatest work being done in the world today.

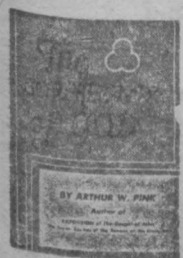
IV. THE MYSTERY OF THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

"This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church" (Eph. 5:32). The reader should read the entire passage beginning with verse 22). This mystery is in two parts: The church as it exists on earth, and as it will be in Heaven (after the rapture). This mystery is probably the most hated of all the seven, rejected by almost any of 600 honored scholars that the reader would care to name. All this world, and most Christians, hate the Lord's church which is local and Baptist. If they were to acknowledge this truth, they would have to reject Augustine, Origen, John Calvin, Toplady, as well as much of the teaching of Spurgeon, Gill and others. The word "church" in the New Testament never refers to all saved people. That's simple enough, yet it is a mystery hid from all Protestants, Catholics, and Jews. Pope Paul rolls his belly and laughs out loud every time a Baptist preacher talks about the "great universal, invisible chooch!"

A local church is all there is! Now the Bride of Christ is to be composed of the faithful from among true New Testament Baptist church members. And a careful examination of Rev. 19 will reveal this. "Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:9). This is said after the Bride is described and can't refer to those in the Bride, but saved people not in the Bride who are guests as John the Baptist (John 3:29). This mystery gets less popular each year due to some being blown about by the desire to the popular; but less popularity does not mean that it's less true. This is a "great" mystery and should not be treated lightly, and those who are so busy shooting off the mouths about "Baptist Briders" will find out who's in the Bride from the Groom himself.

V. THE MYSTERY OF THE CLOSE OF THE GENTILE AGE

"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits: that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentile be come in" (Rom. 11:25). This concerns the Jew who is hated by Roman Catholics, Communists, and a new cult of radio preachers. But God is not finished with His Jew. Most commentaries and religions have indeed grown "wise in their own conceits" by saying that the saved people of this age have replaced Israel (see Matthew Henry commentary, Work of Trench, Ryle, Hutcheon, etc.). Again, God is not finished with Israel (read all of Romans 11), and the Jew has regathered, formed a nation, and this must end shortly. "And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." (Luke 21:24). Jerusalem was recaptured by the Jew in 1967 during the "6-Day war" for the first time since 597 B.C.! Yet, the fact that these are closing moments has prompted few (Continued on page 5, column 4)



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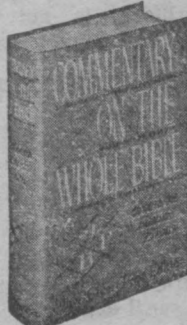
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The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"Should a Baptist church ever participate with Protestant denominations in any union services?"

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No Baptist church should unionize with any group unless there is substantial agreement both as to doctrine and practice.

The beliefs and practices of Protestant denominations is so opposed to our own that there is no ground upon which to base church fellowship.

Personally, our experience has been that when Jesus Christ is invoked as being ample common ground for fellowship, we find that their Christ is in many ways different from the Christ of the Scriptures, causing us to become ill at ease in their presence.

Truth is equated to light in the Word. Scripture teaches that truth and light are uncompromising. There is no such thing in Scripture as a mixture of truth and error or light and darkness. We Baptists who are convinced of the Truth regarding our Lord and His atoning work for His people, and His commitments to the continuance of His churches, and the many collateral truths which revolve around them, must remain separated from those who would compromise them. They do not believe as we do.

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

This verse and the ensuing context brings its primary force against religious affiliations.

What fellowship and communion can a Baptist church have with a Protestant group? None!

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If you notice in the introduction to both first and second Corinthians, Paul is writing to the church of God which is at Corinth. And then, in II Cor. 6:11, Paul says, "O ye Corinthians." This is definite proof that he is still speaking to the church at Corinth. He says, "O ye Corinthians . . . Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." Many preachers apply this verse 14 to couples getting married, but Paul applied it to the church of God at Corinth, and through it to every true church in the world. He is telling the Lord's

true churches not to be yoked up with unbelievers.

It may be that our question is too loosely stated. There are so many Baptist churches in our day that are so much like Protestant churches that they make me think of what George Wallace said about the Democrats and the Republicans a few years ago. As you recall, he said there is not a dime's worth of difference between them. So I see no reason why that kind of Baptist church should not go arm in arm with the Protestant churches. They would not have to sacrifice their convictions simply because they, like the Protestant churches, do not have any convictions.

But when it comes to the true churches of the Lord Jesus Christ — that is an altogether different story. The Lord's churches cannot afford to unionize with any other group. If they try it, in the eyes of the world, it will be a matter of birds of a feather flocking together, but in the eyes of Almighty God it will be a matter of His precious churches being unequally yoked with unbelievers. I do not mean to say there are no born-again people in Protestant churches. In Rev. 3:4, we learn there are some of the Lord's saints even in Sardis. And the letter to Sardis represents Protestantism. But these born-again people in Protestant churches, including Protestant Baptist churches, are unbelievers in the sense that the great doctrines, and the great God that are so dear to the true churches are an abomination to them. They won't even want a true church to take part in their union meetings unless that church is willing to leave her strong doctrines and her great God at home. A church that will do that should never come back home to those strong doctrines and that great God.

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Absolutely not. If we believe that the Lord Jesus started the Baptist church when He was here on the earth, then we cannot accept the other denominations. (Now, before anyone gets all excited and starts saying things that I did not say, I did not say that people in other denominations could not be saved. There are some who do not believe that a person could be saved and be in another denomination, I do not say this. I believe that there could be saved people in other churches in spite of their false beliefs). Any other denomination is of some human foundation, and therefore, is not the Lord's church. We cannot work

with them for this reason.

All Protestant denominations have doctrinal beliefs that we cannot accept and we cannot go along with them. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). Anytime that we go along with someone, we are saying by our actions that we accept their beliefs.

Any false doctrine or false church must be of the Devil. "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils." (I Cor. 10:21).

The Bible teaches very clearly that we are to live a separated life. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." (II Timothy 2:19). Remember, it is a sin to disobey God. "Whosoever sinneth sinneth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." (I John 3:4). Any church that holds to doctrines that are contrary to, or disobedient to, Bible doctrines is sinning. We must not condone it by participating with it. We are told this very clearly in II Corinthians 6:14-18. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

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I don't think so. I recall that I was inveigled into a union service once. In the past the high school had not had any religious service of any kind. This was caused by the fact that students were from families that had so many religious differences. They just didn't ask any pastor of any denomination to speak at commencement. Finally, a graduating class invited all of the ministers to attend the graduating service, and to have some part. I was asked to speak, and others were to lead in prayer and read the Scripture lesson, etc. With some hesitancy, I agreed to participate, and we had quite a good service, but that service later caused me much annoyance. Immediate effort was made to unionize me, and I was pressed to engage in various union efforts. I had to declare that I would not participate in any further union services.

The trouble with union services is with several things, as follows:

1. God is not pleased when we compromise with things that violate His Truth. When we engage in unionism, we do that very thing.

2. In union revivals, for instance, when churches of different faiths come together, they are not even agreed on the way of salvation. Suppose an enquirer comes forward, desiring to know how to be saved. A Baptist preacher tells him to receive Christ as his Saviour and sin-bearer, but a Church of Christ minister adds his words, and says, "Yes, but you must be

A Review Of An Editorial Condemning Election Truth

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"And when the Gentiles heard this they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."—Acts 13:48.

I have before me a paper that is issued by the Lyme Baptist Church, located in Lyme, Ohio. In this paper there is a section by the pastor (Mr. Bennett) which has this headline, "Personal Evangelism versus Hyper-Calvinism."

We have here a flat denial of the doctrines of grace. This man has accused those who believe in the Bible truths of sovereign grace, as being "hyper-Calvinists." He says: "hyper" means to go beyond the normal or ordinary, even beyond the position of Calvin himself." Now while I will admit that he has the meaning of that word "hyper" clear, he is not so clear about what Calvin believed. He himself admits that Calvin taught "God's electing, predestinating and sovereign grace." However, he has no conception of what they mean. He goes on to say, "They believe God has predestinated some to salvation, and some to condemnation before the foundation of the world." Up to now I have stated

immersed. There is no salvation apart from being immersed." Still another minister speaks up and says, "You must realize that neither faith or baptism, or both, is entirely sufficient. You can be saved now, but in case you get into sin, you can lose your salvation, and it will all have to be done over again." The ministers of the several faiths contend and wrangle, and the poor lost sinner goes away more confused than before. Unionism leads to just such confusion.

3. Union services devalue the Truths of the Bible. It involves compromise of God's Word. It causes people to feel that the truth of God is not very important. Israel often backslid and came to mix their religion with heathen idolatry. For this they received punishment.

However, perhaps I should remark that no matter how strict we are in refusing to unionize, we should never carry about a mean attitude. Others have a right to their beliefs and convictions. It has been my privilege to baptize many persons who previously belonged to churches of other faiths. I didn't do this by fiercely jumping on them and insulting them, but by gaining their good will and showing them the truth.

what is recorded in this so-called Baptist paper. Let us see what the Bible has to say about what this man condemns.

To say that predestination to salvation is not taught in Scripture is plain dishonesty. Mr. Bennett says about the truth that some are predestinated to salvation, "To this we strongly object!" If he objects, he shall do it in the face of the text we used at the head of this discussion. This Scripture plainly says, "And as many as were ordained to eternal life believed." Now this is what Calvin believed, and should be what any one that knows Jesus Christ in the free pardon of sin, believes.

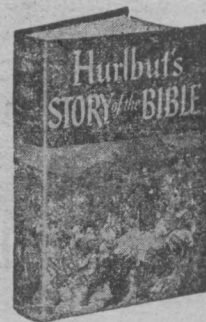
There are hundreds of Scriptures that teach predestination to life. Such as Eph. 1:4, 5; Rom. 8:28, 29, 30; John 6:37; Eph. 2:10 and many more. To accuse one of being a hyper-Calvinist, because one believes in the Bible doctrine of predestination to life, is a play upon the term itself. We do not go beyond what the Bible plainly teaches, but we are not afraid of what it declares. Let me say this, the doctrine of predestination to life was here long before Calvin was born. The great Apostles preached it before Calvin was born. So to teach what the Bible declares is not "hyper," but good sense.

Mr. Bennett goes on to say: "Perhaps the problem is that the hyper-Calvinist confuses foreknowledge with predestination. Predestination is based upon God's foreknowledge of future things, but because of God's foreknowledge does not necessarily mean God predestinated all things." To this we answer that foreknowledge is not of possible events, but of what is certain to be. How can I possibly know what will come to pass unless it is determined what shall come to pass. God knows what will be, because he purposed what would be. Foreknowledge, therefore, is based upon predestination and not the reverse. Our text teaches this very thing. Note that only those who were ordained to eternal life believed. One of the greatest evangelistic works ever beheld is here, where Paul and Barnabas are preaching, yet only they who were ordained to believe, were saved.

In II Tim. 2:19 the same fact is true. It reads: "The Lord knoweth them that are his." Now the question is, how did he know them? The only way to know the answer to this question and all other questions, is to see what the Word of God says. God knows His people because he chose them, before the foundation of the world. The words of Eph. 1:4 are inescapable. "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world . . ." The

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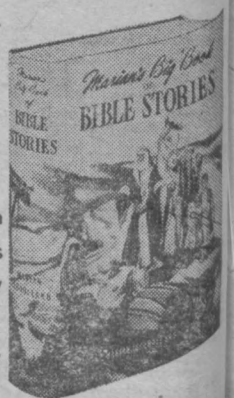
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"TEACH US TO BE GOOD"

"The aged woman likewise, that they may 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, keepers at home, GOOD."—Titus 2:3-5.

The Scriptures say we must be taught to be good. Why is this? Because we are prone (bent) to do evil. Because of our total depravity we are in need of salvation. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil" (Jer. 13:23). We are told we are evil from the womb. "The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." (Psa. 58:3).

Perhaps this is why we have so much trouble knowing good from evil, even after we are saved. Often we search for excuses for our disobedience. Many times we use God's Word to try and justify what God has already condemned in our heart.

Most of our problem in knowing how to be good is our ignorance of the Word of God. It is vital to our Christian walk that we read, study, and meditate on the Scriptures. The more we know the Bible — the more we'll know Christ. "I will praise Thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned Thy righteous judgments." (Psa. 119:7). The more we know the Bible — the more we'll hate sin. "Through Thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way." (Psa. 119:104). The more we know the Bible — the more strength we'll have to fight sin. "My soul melteth for heaviness; strengthen Thou me according unto Thy word." (Psa. 119:28).

It may be we are ignorant of the Word concerning salvation. Salvation is in Jesus Christ. "There is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). The name of baptism won't do it. The name of any good work won't do it. Only the precious blood of Christ can wash away our sin. We are dead in trespasses and sins. The Holy Spirit must make us

alive so we can hear and believe the gospel — how that Christ died on the cross for our sins, was buried and rose again the third day. The way of salvation is not just mere words of doctrine. It isn't like pledging allegiance to our country. It is an actual experience whereby we were once dead and are now made alive. Don't be satisfied with a dry confession of a religious concept. Salvation is living and vital and it will make a change in our lives that we can know what has happened to us. Others will know it, too.

Only after we are saved can we be good, act good, do good. This is because now, we have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. Ephesians tells us that after we are saved (2:8,9), that "we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto GOOD WORKS, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (v. 10). We are also told that we are not to be concerned with adorning ourselves with fleshly things, but "that which becometh women professing godliness with GOOD WORKS."

Let us, therefore, consider these things the Lord has told us. Let us examine ourselves to see if we be in the faith or not. If we know with assurance we belong to Him, then let us endeavor to serve Him in the acceptable way. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

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same can be seen in II Thess. 2:13. God knows, therefore, because He elected, chose, picked out, before the foundation of the world certain ones to himself, and predestinated them to salvation with eternal life. This is not hyper anything, this is the gospel. How shameful it is to see a so-called church with the name Baptist on it, that denies this wonderful truth!

This paper goes on to say, "Personal evangelism versus this false conjecture of hyper-Calvinism with the 'whosoever wills' of the Bible." Then he uses the Scripture, John 3:16. Now I have looked this Scripture over very carefully, and as yet, I cannot find a "whosoever will" in it. It just is not there. It reads, "That whosoever believeth;" not whosoever will believe.

Only those that believe in Jesus Christ, and Him only, are saved. Who then will believe the record that God gave of his Son? Again our text says, "As many as were ordained to eternal life believed." This is who will believe, and they only. As far as the wills of men are concerned, the Bible teaches that man in his lost condition will not come to Christ. "And ye will not come to me, that

ye might have life" John 5:40. Only when Christ has released man from the bondage of his will, can he come to Him. The will of God always rules in the matter of salvation. "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the WILL OF MAN, but of God" John 1:13. The question is not does man have a free will, but the state of the will he has. The wills of men are depraved, lost, corrupted, and with no ability to come to God, until set free by divine grace. Thus it is written, "And if the Son hath made you free, ye are free indeed" John 8:36.

Mr. Bennett goes on to say, "Those that are in God's elect will be saved, but for those who are not as fortunate, cannot be saved, makes God a respecter of persons, which is contrary to the Word of God." Here is a charge against God for which there is no excuse. If God should send all men to Hell, He yet would remain just and holy. It was man that sinned against God, not God against man. It was man that despised His law. It was man that mocked, whip-

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ped, laughed, and killed His blessed Son! So don't accuse God of injustice when man is the one who deserves not one favor from Him. Men who go to Hell, go there because of their sins, where all men would go if it were not for a loving God that picked out a number for Himself, and predestinated them to life in Himself.

Mr. Bennett accuses us that believe in the doctrines of Grace, of not believing in evangelism with a call upon all to repent and believe. If he means by this that we do not believe in what he calls evangelism, he is correct. However, true evangelism is based upon sovereign choice, and not on the depraved will of man! Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ are to be preached to every creature, calling on men to believe the gospel. However, knowing all the while that only they who believe were ordained

of God to do so.

The difference between Mr. Bennett's evangelism and that which the Bible sets forth is, he has a hit or miss program whereas God has a sure thing. If he is going to preach under the name Baptist, then he should preach what Baptists have declared from the days of Jesus Christ. May I say, this message is designed to help rather than to hurt. But come what may I shall never forget to declare what that grand old Book teaches.

May the Lord bless those who hear and obey His Word.

Mysteries

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churches to work harder and even fewer lost men to repent, yes indeed, a mystery! May God help us to work for the night is indeed coming! (John 9:4).

VI. THE MYSTERY OF THE RAPTURE OF THE SAINTS

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (I Cor. 15:51-52).

VII. THE MYSTERY OF BABYLON

"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." (Rev. 17:5). "I will tell the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath seven heads and ten horns" (Rev. 17:7). Imagine, a religious organization so wicked that God details it in His Word! The Great Whore is Roman Catholicism! One pope had a coin minted with Catholicism pictured as a woman with a golden cup extended in one hand (see Rev. 17:4). Scarlet is the color of priestly robes and ceremonial altars. (see Rev. 17:4). Rome is the only city in the world built on seven hills! (Rev. 17:9). This hellish church will espouse anti-Christ as she did Hitler, Mussolini and Communism.

The great world-wide ecumenical movement has no other purpose except place the entire world of religion under the pope! Twenty years ago Baptists would laugh to think that some Baptist groups would be observing "mass" with Catholics; yet this is what has happened!

These great mysteries still remain hidden from the majority of mankind. May the Lord help us to spread these things before it is too late!

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read this message (especially the unsaved) could realize that death is but one step, one breath, one thought from this present life. Be caused to know that death and Hell for the lost soul come in the same package. Man in his carnal reasoning may attempt to fix a chronological sequence to death, judgment and Hell, but the Scriptures do not allow for a time between death, judgment and Hell.

"The rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes . . ." (Luke 16:22,23).

When a person dies they have already been judged, either in Christ as their substitute, or in themselves as guilty sinners. The people who die in their sins appear before the GREAT WHITE THRONE, not to be judged as to their innocence or guilt, but to receive their sentencing and degrees of torment which they shall suffer eternally in the lake of fire. Every lost person in the world who dies in his sins shall discover Hell and realize judgment in the moment of physical death.

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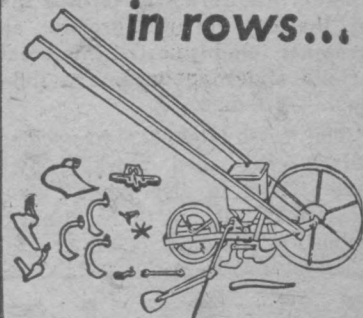
3. WHAT ARE YOU. What you are has to do with your state and standing before God. It has already been said, and affirmed from Scripture, that every person living is at one of the two poles, either for or against God. There is no neutral ground. In this truth the standing of all men before God is revealed. In this message we want to consider man's state before God in his native or natural being. Of all the lies Satan has invented, the false teaching which is so popular today called, "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man," has done more to blind the eyes of men than all of Satan's other lies combined. The anti-Biblical teaching of the integration of the races and the ecumenical movement (one world church) both have their roots in this one lie of the Devil. This lie is one of the chief means employed by the Devil in blinding men to the truth of their innate depravity. The Scriptural truth of total depravity of human nature is generally disbelieved and vehemently denied by man, but this does not make it nonetheless truth. Christ said:

"All that EVER came before Me are thieves and robbers."—(John 10:8).

The text, "He remembereth that we are dust." God remembers that we are dust; however, it does not say man remembers he is dust. Man likes to think he is God and at his own volition create a man fitted for Heaven. When man is viewed through Scriptural lenses and considered from a standpoint of nature, the picture developed is anything but beautiful. David the psalmist, could restrain his curiosity no longer, and he cried out unto God, "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" By searching and study of human nature, David could not find a single quality in man that would motivate God to have the first thought of man. The patriarch, Job, gave his estimate of man in these penetrating words:

"How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man, (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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which is a worm?"—(Job. 25:6).
The wormhood of man is hereditary and is perpetuated to every generation. Christ attested to this fact when He said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh,"—(John 3:6).

This truth is not compatible with the natural man's thought of himself. Job, a perfect and upright man, called himself a worm. King David, a man after God's own heart, referred to himself as a worm (Psa. 22:6), and God spoke to His Prince Jacob in these words, "Fear not, thou worm Jacob."—(Isa. 14:14).

Now, we know that a human being is not a worm in the literal sense, but, with the references to Job, David and Jacob as worms, the Scriptures speak in a metaphorical sense. A metaphor is a figure of speech, a word or phrase associated with one thing or idea and it is ascribed to another because of a suggested resemblance. To be brief and plain, the natural man in every facet of his existence is as obnoxious in the sight of the thrice Holy God as the most horrible and hated worm is to man.

The natural man, plus genius, plus education, plus riches, plus all the wonderful things he thinks he is, will give you the grand total of DUST.

"The flesh profiteth nothing."—(John 6:63).

If all the chemicals could be reclaimed from the average size man, the going price on the market for him would be \$1.29. The cost of reclamation far exceeds the value. So, anyway you approach man from the natural standpoint, you enter into a losing proposition. Weighed on the scales of God's infallible justice, all of the human family is counted no more than the small dust of the balance. (See Isa. 40:15).

"If a man thinketh himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself."—(Gal. 6:3).

Man should quit lying to himself (Jer. 17:9), and admit his frailty, inability, his total spiritual ruin, his nothingness, and realize when he looks in the mirror the very best he can see is dust.

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul."—(Gen. 2:7).

This verse (Gen. 2:7) has science falsely, so called, working overtime trying to disprove the facts contained in it, but God will not be robbed of His glory in the creation

of man. The evolutionary THEORY is so replete with unsolvable dilemmas, that each succeeding generation must come up with a new theory contradictory to the former generation's theory, in an attempt to prevent being run through with one of the horns of the old dilemma. All their intellectual polishing of the evolutionary theory only tends to further aggravate the murky waters of this iniquitous cess-pool. The new generation of evolutionists find themselves worse off than their infidel predecessors. The Genesis account of creation, of both animate and inanimate substance, is a Divine axiom. The worldly wise can puff against this truth with all their strength only to find themselves deflated by the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Man's physical origin can be traced to the dust of Eden's garden. Until God breathed into the pre-formed nostrils of man the breath of life, man was yet dust.

God entered into covenant relationship with His newly created man:

"And the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: For in the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die."—(Gen. 2:15-17).

Man is a created being, NOT independent of, but, responsible to God his Creator. It seems evident from Scripture that God had taught Adam concerning his dust origin. In pronouncing the curse upon Adam for violating the covenant, God said to him, "For dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return" (Gen. 3:19). With just a little imagination, we can see the arch deceiver coming to Eve in the garden. We can hear him say to her, "You don't have to believe this death and dust bit God is trying to pawn off on you. This stuff about dying the day you eat of the tree in the midst of the garden is but a farce, and a scare tactic to keep you in subjection to Him. It's foolish for you to think that a single deviation will cause you to return to dust. On the contrary, you will become equal with God." This lie of Satan was believed by Mother Eve. "... she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat." (Gen. 3:6). Death immediately acceded the earthly throne, and Adam entered the second time in-

to the womb from whence he came. "He died." (Gen. 5:5). Adam's spiritual death antedated his physical demise by nine hundred thirty years, but the day he sinned, physical decomposition began, his foundation became weaker and weaker. Nine hundred thirty years later his whole house fell to the ground from whence he came.

In his state of spiritual death, man thinks the flesh is more than mere dust. Occasionally, you may hear an unsaved person admit to the Genesis account of creation, but press the point further, and see how many you can get to concede that man, in his natural state, is far more worthless to God than a speck of dust is to man.

Man's Vain Search For a Solution To Air Pollution

We hear and read a lot about air pollution lately. Air pollution is not a new problem. Adam and Eve are only two people that ever lived on this earth which were not plagued with air pollution. Even the pure air of Eden's paradise became polluted at the time of sin's entrance, and our first parent's lungs were filled with poison air. All their posterity have been breathing the same ever since. Thousands of people annually are moving from the cities into the country in an effort to get away from the smog, a bitter and untasty fruit of a sin-cursed earth. Industry is plagued by dust. Hun-

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dreds of coal miners and foundry workers are suffering from silicosis of the lungs as a result of breathing too much dust. The dust storms in the West and Midwest cost this country thousands of dollars every year in crops and livestock.

"The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: From heaven shall come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed."—(Deut. 28:24).

In the home, mother will put on a cloak called a duster, use a vacuum cleaner that is well filtered in an effort to rid the home of dust. The clothes dryer is filtered, the furnace is filtered, and every precaution is taken to prevent dust inhalation; yet, dust is ever present. All this should serve to remind us that we are dust, and will in this life never be able to escape it. This upheaval in nature, permeating the atmosphere with dust, started with man's first sin, and has been with us ever since, and will continue to be a curse until God filters from this earth every single vestige of sin.

The perpetuity of the dust curse is a self-evident truth, and in view of this, the honest seeker of Truth should readily see the fallacy in the post-millennialist's theory of a man-made Utopia. The womb of post-millennialism has spawned many heresies, but the most popular of all her abnormal children is Utopia, yet there is not a text of Scripture to support the theory, nor does natural science allow it any measure of credibility.

The post-millennialist will never reach his imaginary Utopia, the air-conditioned and dust free city, while Christ is absent from the earth. The simple fact is: the great industrial complexes with their towering smoke stacks (which were once considered by the post-mill theorist as indisputable proof of a soon-coming Utopia) are, in fact, a means whereby man's dust diet is increased, drowning his hopes in ominous clouds of dust, causing malfunctioning of the lungs, and enlarging cemeteries. But worse, and more obvious, is

the moral and spiritual deterioration that abounds on every hand. All this points, not to a wonder city built by man, but to misrule, and earthwide catastrophies, and beyond this, to an immersion of this earth in fire by the very hand of Him that created it.

The Potter Has Power Over The Clay

"Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?"—(Rom. 9:21).

"Know ye the Lord, He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves."—(Psa. 100:3).

God is the sovereign Potter, each and every vessel is made according to His own good will and pleasure, and none are allowed to say, "Why has Thou made me thus?" (Rom. 9:20). The Scriptures affirm over and over that man has not power over himself.

"O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."—(Jer. 10:23).

A number of times in the Bible man is compared to a vessel of clay. Clay is nothing more than compressed dust. Let us keep in mind that God has said "Man is dust." With this truth constant in our minds we will have no trouble remembering the Divine order — it is God that holds the clay, and not the other way around as the Arminians would have you believe. When it comes to the teaching of the absolute sovereignty of God, it is seen that many "theorylogians," and would-be scholars are suffering from a bad case of heretical dust on the brain.

Analogy, Earthen Clay And Human Clay

In highway construction programs, massive earth moving equipment is used to disturb and relocate tons and tons of earth, which is but tons and tons of dust. To the human eye these mountains of earth are passive, and motionless, but, actually, due to the weight and self-generated pressure, there is a hardening process going on within the natural earth. The earth dust cannot move itself out of the way, there must be the application of external power in order to relocate it and fashion it for highway travel. The earthen clay does not cooperate with the external force applied, but resists it, holding tenaciously to its old position. However, human ingenuity wins out, and we have the super highways criss-crossing our land. This is how God views the natural man. Just as the dust of the earth is powerless to transform itself into instruments of usefulness, man within himself is unable to change from natural to spiritual. The continual hardening of the earth speaks of the impotence of man's will and the intensifying of man's innate depravity. The effectual work of the Holy Spirit, and the irresistible grace of God takes human ashes for whom Christ died and dresses it with eternal beauty. The natural man is of the earth, earthy. Paul, the inspired Apostle, writes:

"There is a natural body, and

there is a spiritual body."—(I Cor. 15:44).

The Bible further makes this distinction sharper.

"So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."—(Rom. 8:8-9).

The chasm between man and beast is impassable. So, is there an impassable gulf fixed between the natural and spiritual states of man. The feeble and foolish attempts of the evolutionist to cross the chasm between man and beast manifests blatant disrespect for one of the oldest axiomatic laws known to true science, namely, "Like begets like."

The Bible puts it in these words, "... Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."—(Gal. 6:7).

The evolutionist's every attempt to cross this Divinely fixed chasm has met, and shall continue to meet, with shameful and utter defeat.

Man has been endowed by his Creator with superior intelligence to the brute creation. Man is the only creature that fears the curse of dust—man is the only creature that digs a grave, preaches a funeral, erects a monument to death. Among all the earth's creatures, man alone has been created with moral sentiments of good and evil. Not a single trace of this can be found among the lesser animals. Yet the mind of man is filled with enmity against God, man uses every facet of his intelligence to bring shame and reproach on his Creator. Man employs his sense of morality in an effort to bridge the gulf between the natural and the spiritual. O! vain man, how foolish!

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil."—(Jer. 13:23).

"Who can bring a clean thing out of an Unclean?"

Then comes the inspired and infallible answer: "NOT ONE."—(Job 14:4).

God that made the earth also created man and hath declared that He has power over the animate clay as well as over the inanimate clay. This Divine and omnipotent power is exercised according to the good pleasure of God in making one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor. The designing house is none other than the infinite counsels of Almighty God. To the Prophet Jeremiah, the Divine Potter spoke:

"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."—(Jer. 1:5).

Christ asked when He was on earth:

"Is it not lawful for Me to do what I will with my own?"—(Matt. 20:15).

From Scripture it is plain that all of mankind is in the hands of (Continued on page 7, column 5)

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other tactics. Noting a fellow that had a lame leg, they proposed to offer healing by pouring on some of the "holy water???" that the Priest furnished them, providing the man would start attending their services. Another man has had considerable trouble in the past few weeks with his hogs eating up other people's gardens. It seems that every time he would try to fence them in, they would break out some how (it is quite likely that these Catholics have been at the bottom of this also). Anyway, be that as it may, they offered immunity to the hogs always breaking out, if he would only let them place a cross near his house, and start attending their services.

The above is only a couple of the many scores of tricks that these fellows have up their sleeves. Occasionally, they win a few converts, but in many cases, even the lost folk can see through their fabricated and distorted system of religious quirks. We have had several lost people from this area to go over with the Catholics for a while. Sometimes they would stay two and three years, and then come back and start attending the services here, and eventually, be saved and baptized into one of our Baptist churches. These usually make excellent church members, for even in their lost state, they were able to figure out that the Catholic system is nothing but a bunch of fabricated lies.

Just yesterday (February 6) I received several Baptist Examiners from my pastor. Of course, I always make it a point to read all my letters first, but the TBE's don't get very far away, and as soon as possible I skim through each of them, taking time occasionally to read a full sermon or article. After this, they are placed on a table by a large chair that I sit in at night after I have done some correspondence, and I usually read a few articles each night until I have finished them all. Many times I go through them two and three times before I receive a new set of papers.

I got a special blessing last night as I was reading Brother Gilpin's sermon that appeared in the January 19 issue captioned "WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT YOU TO BE." Among other things that he had to say in that sermon

was this: "God is just not going to write a Book that teaches salvation by grace and send a Campbellite preacher out to preach salvation by water. He is not going to write a Book to teach security in salvation by grace, and send a Holy Roller out to preach that you can lose your salvation after you get it." I want to say that I firmly subscribe to that statement. While I can see the hand of the Lord in allowing such men to preach, He has never personally called or sent any of those fellows to preach, regardless of what they might denominate themselves to be. God has never called a one of these Catholics nor Protestants over here, and the Holy Spirit has never sent one of them. They have, one and all, run without being sent.

Lest any of you should come to a sudden conclusion that Brother Halliman is just mimicking his pastor, may I assure you that this is not true, for I was preaching this same thing in Chicago before I ever knew that Brother Gilpin existed, some 20-odd years ago.

The Methodist preacher who used to head the Methodist Mission Station down the road from me about 7 miles, said to me one time in a letter, "Mr. Halliman, I know what you believe and teach about election, and while we have read Scriptures that seem to teach such a doctrine, WE JUST DO NOT BELIEVE IT AND HAVE NO PART OF IT." Would you say that God sent that man to Papua, New Guinea, or any place else for that matter, to preach. No, beloved, a thousand times no! Why? First of all, he is calling God a liar, for anyone with one eye and half sense, that has ever read the Bible or even heard it read, will know beyond any shadow of doubt that the doctrine of election can be noted as an outstanding and integral part of God's message to the human race. Secondly, he is saying that while the Scriptures seem to teach such, "We will have no part of it."

This is plain rebellion against what God has said. This preacher??? has said he will preach what he wants to, but God has said, "For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God" John 3:24. Therefore, don't tell me that God has called these Methodist to preach, for if He has, they would preach His message and therefore would sometimes be compelled to preach on election, not against it.

Then, if He has not called the

daughter, it is doubly sure that He has not called the mother. For anyone that knows anything about the Lord's Word and believes it, would certainly know that He has never called a single Catholic to preach. God does not call lost men to preach. What makes me think that these folk are lost? I have never talked to a Catholic Priest yet that could give me one single shred of evidence that he was saved or had any assurance at all of salvation. The Lord says to saved people, "These things have I written unto you . . . that ye may know that ye have eternal life," — I John 5:13. Therefore, when a Catholic tells me he doesn't know whether he is saved or not, I find no place or room for argument, for my position is that saved people can and do know that they are saved.

A SHORT PATROL

A couple of weeks ago I made a short trip (short in duration) over to the large valley across the mountains from us and visited several churches. This is in the large valley that is dominated by the presence of two Protestant missions. It is known as the Pori Valley.

I left the Mission Station early Friday morning in the mission vehicle and traveled by road for about 35 miles, about three hours driving time. Then I parked the Toyota along side of the road and walked up the mountain side for about two and a half hours where I came to one of our Baptist churches. There I was to spend the night. There was quite a large crowd of people on hand when we arrived, and by the time we got camp set up, there were over two hundred people that had assembled for services. We held a service that afternoon and had a very good service and made some plans for the next day.

On Saturday we were to have a baptizing and the folk had gathered at the church for church services shortly after 7 a.m. Of course, we did not have a service quite that early. Being half way up the side of a large mountain, and the place for baptism only a short distance from where we were having church, plus the fact that there was a heavy fog that morning, I knew that it would be far too cold to try to baptize until after the sun had come through and warmed up things a little.

About 10 a.m. that morning we assembled for church services and I preached for about an hour, giving more time for things to dry out and warm up. After this service was over, we packed our gear and took it along as the place of baptizing was right on the way and we were going on after this service. One of our missionaries preached the baptismal service, and then he and I both did the baptizing.

Two churches had assembled for this service, both having candidates to be baptized. There were nine baptized into the church where we had spent the night, and four into the other church. Most of these had been saved while I was at home last year.

After we had finished with this baptismal service, we walked back to the road where we had parked the vehicle, and then drove about 12 miles farther where there are five Baptist churches within a radius of about 8 miles. Since we would be going back to the Mission Station on Sunday afternoon and would not have time to visit all these churches, we selected one where we would spend the night and drove on to that one.

By the time we had finished our work at the previous place, and arrived at this place, it was too late to have a service as most of the people lived quite a distance from this church. We made camp for the night, and after my evening meal, the locals started coming into my house to just sit and talk, until at one stage there were about 15 of them there. They kept me up talking until about 11 p.m., when I finally told them I was tired and wanted to go to bed.

They have just built a new church building at this place — was just finishing the roof that afternoon when we arrived. They have a real fine building for all native materials being used, and it is one of the largest buildings outside of the one here on the Mission Station that we have.

The next morning, which was Sunday, the people started gathering there quite early and before our service time, there was an overflow crowd there. The large new building would not accommodate all the people on that particular morning, but there were several visitors there that morning that are not usually there. Our attendance on that occasion was estimated at between 350 and 400 people.

I preached that morning on the sovereignty of God, and from the time I started until I had finished, their eyes were glued onto the speaker seemingly, and no one hardly moved — this was another long service. This is at the place where we had the big disturbance with the Protestants just before I came home last year. This was the first time that I have been able to visit that church since this trouble. I noted that there seemed to be an unusual interest in the Baptist work in this area while there this time. Everytime the Protestants try to run us out of an area, it is just like pouring gasoline on an already burning fire. To date, there has never been a time when we have had any trouble with the various denominations in any given area, but what our attendance has increased and souls have been saved.

After our preaching services that morning we were to have a baptismal service a short ways from the church. There were candidates from six different Baptist churches there to be baptized. The large crowd of folk from the church service accompanied us to the place of baptism plus several more from one of the Mission Stations a few miles down the road, so we really had a large crowd for the baptismal service. There were 25 in all that were baptized there at that time.

We are overjoyed to see the work continue to grow and prosper under the leadership of the Holy Spirit like it is. While due to circumstances, our personal efforts have been slowed down some as compared to years gone by, the work seems to grow and is being blessed of the Lord. I know that if any one of you could see this work as I am able to see it, you, like myself, would never get through praising God for the opportunity to have a part in being used of the Lord to call these dark heathen people from darkness to light.

Many folk have said to me that my rewards will surely be great in Heaven. Beloved, if they are any greater than they are right now, in seeing so many of these folk saved and come to the truth, I don't believe I will be able to stand it. I want to run up and down these hills every day and praise God from every mountain top because of His marvelous, elective, and saving grace. Beloved, that is something to shout about! May He bless each of

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the Sovereign Potter and God determines absolutely everything pertaining to them. David describes his change from natural to spiritual in these words:

"He (God) brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the MIRE CLAY, and set my feet upon a ROCK, and established my going."—(Psa. 40:2).

Man makes a lot of noise about his ability to pick himself up from the mire pit of clay. He is ever boasting of his freewill, and the wonderful work performed by it in rescuing him from the awful pit. David was not a freewiller, for he plainly says it was GOD that performed every action in getting him out of the horrible pit and mire clay.

Man is ever faced with the unerring record which states:

"Thou (God) wastest away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth and thou destroyest the hope of man."—(Job 14:19).

Job is saying in this text what the Psalmist said:

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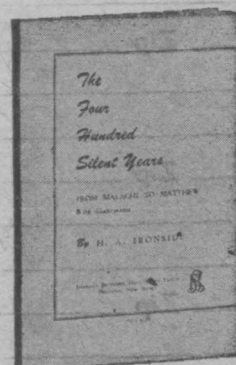
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A Letter

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that was the one you preached at the Bible Conference held in Russell, Kentucky. I think it may have been about the year of 1951 or thereabout. Your text was Acts 1:8. If you have an old Baptist Examiner that has that message in it, I would certainly appreciate a copy of it. Better still, if you have the sermon, I would like to request that you rerun it in the paper.

I certainly believe that God is going to raise up any extra support that may be needed to take up the slack of offerings that may come, due to the recent issue that had to be faced. I am making it a daily part of my prayer life that God will do just that.

Sincerely,
Fred T. Halliman

The Dust Curse

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". . . verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity." —(Psa. 39:5).

That is, man at the very acme of morality is mere dust. Do you wonder then that Paul said:
"Boasting is excluded." —(Rom. 3:27).

The Earth Has A Claim Upon Mankind

"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." —(Gen. 3:19).

"The heaven shall reveal his iniquity: and the earth shall rise up against him." —(Job 20:27).

"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was . . ." —(Eccl. 12:7).

". . . His angels He charged with folly: how much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth: They are destroyed from morning to evening: They perish forever without any regarding it." —(Job. 4: 18-20).

Note in this text what is said about the body of sin. First, the body has an earth foundation; second, the body is perpetually returning to dust, dying morning and evening; third, man does not consider the progress of death in his body, without regarding it; fourth, the body of sin is a victim of the moth — skin worms expedite the body's return to the dust from whence it came.

Man's return to dust is not his end. The grave is not final, for:

God Has A Claim On Man That Is Superior To All Other Claims
"All they that go down to the

dust shall bow before Him: and none can keep alive his own soul." —(Psa. 22:19).

"Shall bow before Him," a return to dust is not annihilation—physical death is not the end of man.

". . . After my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." —(Job 19:26).

"I saw the dead, small and great stand before God . . . and they were judged every man according

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to their works. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." —(Rev. 20:12-15).

Oh, ye creature of the dust, my prayer to God is that He would make you bow now and cause you to say from the heart, "I do remember that I am dust; be Thou merciful to me a helpless lump of clay." The knees may grow stiff with pride, and the tongue may be filled with words of this world's wisdom, but, know this:

"Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." —(Phil. 2:10-11).

Young Man, Young Woman,
Remember

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, when the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." —(Eccl. 12:1).

"WHEN THE EVIL DAYS COME NOT," that is before age and pain overtake you. Job expressed the same thing in these words:

"When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together." —(Job 38:38).

The physical liabilities of age are many. The hardening of bones, and joints becoming arthritic are common to old age. In the twilight months and years, much time and thought are spent considering and fighting infirmities of the body, leaving little or no time for the eternal issues. We are growing older with each passing calendar and the body clay is hardening in pro-

portion to our age. Literally, we are growing stiff and it is becoming more difficult with each passing day to resist the gravity pull of the earth.

"Remember NOW thy Creator," remember that he said, "We came from dust, and that we are on the expressway back to dust."

Rejoice Redeemed One, You Are Free From The Curse

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this (dust house) we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life." —(II Cor. 5:1-4).

Through the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit, the saint's eye of faith has been caused to see the death of the body as a positive and chief benefit in Christ — in God there is sufficient grace for salvation, living and dying. That fearful monster called death loses its ugliness in the flood of overwhelming grace, and the weary pilgrim is made to say with Paul:

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is GAIN." —(Phil. 1:11).

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Not just a better state, but "FAR BETTER." —(Phil. 1:23).

"Even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." —(Rom. 8:23).

"Dust thou art, to dust returnest, Was not spoken of the soul." (Longfellow).

Ye that are yet unsaved, yet in your sins, if God would say to you, "Tonight thy soul shall be required of thee (Lk. 12:20), it is universal knowledge that the body would immediately accelerate the decomposition process, but, where would your eternal soul appear? My prayer is that you may run to Jesus with a plea in your heart for the forgiveness of your sins upon the merits of Christ's shed blood. Then, and then only, can you say,

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