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## FOOLISH SENTIMENTALISM AS TO FLAG

By RAY WAUGH  
 Midland, Texas

Sometime ago I read a short article which was apparently thought to be an honored, meaningful, thoughtful word on "Our Flag." I found the article in a very small church paper. Some words in the article, however, shocked me. The author had been caught-up in a sentimental emphasis and had attempted to anthropomorphize the Flag as though it were a person, as though it lived, and as though it was, in fact, our god, "the truth" and the resource of our freedom. The fact that I read the article in a church newsletter did not ease the blow, for to observe idolatry among Christians, and especially literate folk who claim to be Christian, is an incomprehensible and unbelievable tragedy!

We should never forget that it was Paul, the Apostle, who showed a sense of balance, concern, and involvement in earthly affairs beyond any Biblical, New Testament

writer. It was he who said, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God," and "I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority." Yet, it was also the Apostle Paul who said, "But our conversation (citizenship) is in Heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." Jesus advised His disciples, they were to be "in the world" and involved with the people of the world, but ever to remember that they were "not of the world."

### America Is For The People

Since I have participated in the American way of life and in two wars and served overseas, any reference to "Our Flag," as an ensign and symbol of our land and life, is very precious to me. As a citizen of our great land, I have participated in local, state and national affairs, manifested a degree

of concern in political efforts, and involved myself at times in political activities. Thus, I can say that our Nation and "Our Flag" has as vital a meaning for me as they do for any other American.

With the authors of our Constitution, I believe that I can live as an important part, as every other American, of "We, the people . . ." And, with Lincoln, I am convinced that "our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation conceived in liberty and dedi-



RAYMOND A. WAUGH

## What The Mercy-Seat Of Tabernacle Means To Us

By WILLARD WILLIS  
 Monroe, Ohio

"And thou shalt put the mercy-seat above the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. And there I will meet thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy-seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel"—Exodus 25:21, 22.

The mercy-seat was a solid sheet



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of pure gold—a sheet of pure gold which formed the lid of the ark. The ark was made of wood and overlaid with gold, but the mercy-seat differed from the ark, in that it was a solid sheet or slab of gold. The mercy-seat along with the candlestick (lampstand), were the only two items in the Tabernacle that were made of pure gold. The lampstand, however, required less gold than the mercy-seat, leaving the mercy-seat to be the most valuable of all the holy vessels in the Tabernacle. This fact, of course, speaks to us of the value of that which the mercy-seat foreshadowed.

The name, "mercy-seat", re-

ceived its name from the blood of propitiation (that which effected reconciliation between God and man, by the atoning sacrifice of Christ) which was sprinkled thereon.

Some have confused that which the mercy-seat foreshadowed, with that which the brazen altar foreshadowed. (Continued on page 6, column 3)

### 50 YEARS—\$50 CLUB

Thank the Lord for the growth of this mythical club. We have already received a \$50.00 contribution from 33 individuals and a great number of others have written us, saying that they plan to do likewise.

If my ministry has been a blessing to you across the years, then I would certainly appreciate a little note from you—a congratulatory message. This would encourage us greatly whether you are able to make an offering or not.

I urge our readers to send as large an offering as possible. This helps us to close (Continued on page 8, column 5)

cated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Further, I believe that "this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Although I understand some are attempting to demean "The Star Spangled Banner" and outlaw it as our National Anthem, I trust the people of America will never succumb to such devious undermining of our nation. Personally, I never see the Flag pass, watch it being raised or lowered, or watch it wave in the breeze as our National Anthem is played, that I do not have "a lump in my throat"; a feeling of pride and thanksgiving!

I know, understand, and appreciate the words of Franklin Pierce, which were written in 1859. "That Flag was waved through three foreign wars (there have been a few more since then) . . . cheering the hearts of men . . . wherever its folds have unrolled in the scene of battle . . . I am an American Citizen, and there is the ensign which commands for me re-

## An Interesting Report Of Another Halliman Patrol

FRED T. HALLIMAN  
 Missionary To New Guinea

Dear Friends:

Greeting to each of you in the name of our dear Lord. It is with great pleasure that we can take a few moments out to tell you about the work here. We count it a joy to be able to pray for you all, and to be able to realize and recognize God's sovereignty in that He has chosen you to prayerfully support the work here, and thus work with us in this great ministry.

I am amazed more and more with each passing day at the greatness of our Lord and of the abundance of His rich mercies and grace. Oh, for the words to tell of the sweet fellowship that I have with my Lord here in this far away land. If our Lord were to give me a thousand tongues and each of them could last for all of eternity, I would want them all to be employed in giving praise to Him as a token of my appreciation to Him for saving my soul and calling me into the ministry to serve Him here.

In the three years and seven months that my family has been back in America, the Lord has made it possible for me to visit with them upon two different occasions, averaging four months to a visit. My thoughts go back to each time that I was preparing to go to be with my family and I am reminded that how, with each passing day, as the time drew nearer for me to leave, the tension would mount and I could almost feel

them in my arms already before I actually boarded the plane to start home.

Beloved, I have always tried to avoid being an alarmist, and that is not my intentions now, but for some time now I have had that same feeling regards the coming of our Lord as I usually do when preparing to go see my family. Surely, His coming is not far away. How wonderful it will be when we have laid aside the cares, burdens, and toils of this life, and He has changed our vile body that



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it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body.

Beloved, seeing that all these things are drawing near, I feel that we should be redeeming the time, for the days are evil; that we should work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. To this end we are striving here in New Guinea. We are thankful for the privilege that God gives (Continued on page 7, column 1)

## A Further Biblical Study In The Crosses Of Jesus

By MILBURN COCKRELL  
 Fulton, Mississippi

### PART THREE

There were seven supernatural phenomena which attended the death of Christ. These seven wonders formed a chain of signs which wrapped around the death of Jesus Christ and held it fast to the one

meaning of eternal redemption. Heaven and earth joined in attesting His death and resurrection.

### The Darkness

The first wonder of Calvary was the miraculous darkness. Luke tells us: "And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened . . ." (Luke 23:44-45). This darkness was extensive, for Mark tells us: "There was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour" (Mark 15:33).

This darkness began at the sixth

### THANKSGIVING

We are looking forward with a great deal of expectancy to our Thanksgiving services and we take pleasure in reminding you of these services and in inviting you to be our guest for any and all of these that you possibly can.

Brother Willard Pyle, pastor of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church of Chesapeake, Ohio, will be doing the preaching each night of that week, and I know that the messages that he will bring will be in deed, and in truth, a rich blessing to each one in attendance. I consider Brother Pyle one of God's greatest preachers, and I am (Continued on page 2, column 5)



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hour or 12 o'clock and continued until the ninth hour or 3 o'clock. This was no eclipse of the sun. The Passover was celebrated at the time of the full moon, the time when the moon is opposite the sun. Luke does not say the sun was eclipsed, but "the sun was darkened." The cause of this darkness was the interposing power of the Almighty. He was furnishing testimony to the dignity of the Sufferer of Calvary. The elements were caused to sympathize with the pains of the dying Christ.

The sun was darkened because the "Sun of Righteousness" was withdrawing His beams for a time. (Continued on page 3, column 5)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "DRIVING FURIOUSLY"

"And the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously"—II Kings 9:20.

"And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the Lord"—II Kings 10:16.

I don't suppose there was ever any two individuals who were more sin-cursed or more corrupt than were Ahab and Jezebel. There was a difference concerning them. Ahab was wicked and weak, or

spineless, whereas Jezebel was wicked and strong. She had a commanding personality. I am satisfied that if she were living today that she would be a leader of the Women's Lib movement. She was that type of individual. Well, Ahab and Jezebel led the nation of Israel from one depth of sin to another, finally, even rebelling against the commandment of God, which prohibited a Jew from selling his property, and when Naboth

refused to accede to their request, Jezebel stooped to having men swear lies concerning Naboth, that she might have him killed, and then she and her husband took possession of Naboth's property. Certainly, that was as low an act as two individuals could ever have conspired to do.

The time came that Ahab was gone. He had been killed in battle and his son Joram became the king, (Continued on page 2, column 1)



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I do not know the price of this book, but I am sure that a dollar would cover it, and I'd certainly recommend that our readers order it in large quantities for distribution.

I do not mean to endorse every position that Brother Sellers takes, but I certainly believe that it's the best book on the "Tongues" movement that I have ever read.

Brother Sellers graciously gave us the privilege of printing this book and I'd certainly like to have you order this booklet from him as I know it will be a blessing to you.

### "Driving Furiously"

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and for a while was king over Israel. But it wasn't with God's approval, and God sent a man to anoint Jehu. I want you to see how God worked. God worked through Elisha the prophet to the extent that Elisha said to another of the prophets, "You go to the house where Jehu is, and you will find him and the other captains of the army there together. You enter into that house and say, 'I have a message for you, O captain.' When he got to the home, he followed the advice that was given him.

Jehu said, "Which one of you do you have a message for?" The prophet said, "Unto thee, O captain," and Jehu was led by this prophet of God into an inner chamber and there he poured oil upon the head of Jehu and anointed him,

and said, "The Lord said for me to anoint you as king over Israel." Then he fled.

Joram was king. He was rightly the king, but not in the sight of God, and God saw to it that Jehu was anointed king of Israel.

Then the Word of God tells us that after Jehu had been anointed that the captains said, "Who was this mad fellow that came in to see you?" Jehu told them the whole story. They said, "Apparently, this is of the Lord," and they laid their coats down on the stairs as a carpet to show that they were completely in accord with Jehu becoming king over the land of Israel.

Jehu immediately accepted the responsibility that was his — a responsibility of smiting the house of Ahab; a responsibility of avenging the blood of all of the prophets of God that had been slain by Ahab; a responsibility of exterminating the worship of Baal; a responsibility of ridding the country of every vestige of Ahab and Jezebel.

As soon as he was proclaimed king by all the army, Jehu immediately set about his task, and he started with King Joram. When Jehu was driving toward the city where Joram was, the Word of God says that they looked out and saw Jehu coming. They sent a messenger out to see who it was. He said, "Is it a peaceful errand?" Jehu said, "What do you know about peace? Get behind me."

When they saw that that messenger didn't return, they sent out a second one, and he said to Jehu, "Is it peace?" Jehu said, "You

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don't know anything about peace. Get behind me."

When they saw that the second messenger had likewise joined the chariot that was coming toward them, Joram said, "We will go out to see." So he and Ahaziah went out. Ahaziah was king of Judah; Joram was king of Israel. They were visiting together. They each went out in their chariots to see who it was that was coming to visit them, and if it were a messenger of peace. When they met Jehu, they said, "Is it peace?" Jehu said, "There can't be any peace for this country as long as the whoredoms of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts persist."

Joram said, "It is treachery," and he turned to flee, but it was too late. Jehu was a man who was shrewd in the handling of a bow and arrow, and he drew the bow and shot an arrow that went all the way through the body of Joram and it came out his heart, so that he died. Ahaziah knew that it was time that he was leaving the country too. Jehu turned to him and slew him, so that the two kings — the king of Israel and the king of Judah — died that day at the hand of Jehu.

As I say, Jehu started at the top and worked down. He immediately went over to Jezebel, which was the residence of Jezebel. In the meantime, the news had gotten to Jezebel about what Jehu had done in the killing of her son Joram. So she primped, and painted her face, and tired her hair. She looked out the window and she smiled. She said, referring to an individual who had killed another man, "Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?" as if to say, "You are liable to get in trouble killing Joram." Jehu said, "Who is on my side? Who?" He didn't even answer this painted-faced woman. Two or three eunuchs were all that he could find. Those two or three eunuchs looked out the window.

Beloved, a eunuch isn't a full man. He is a castrated man — a man who isn't capable of living as a man. That was all that they could find that was on the side of Jehu. Everybody else was gone over into Baal worship, and everybody else was a follower of Ahab and Jezebel. Two or three eunuchs looked out and identified themselves as servants of the Lord.

Jehu said, "Throw her down," and they threw Jezebel down. The Word of God says that before she hit the ground that the blood splattered the horses that Jehu was driving, and she was killed. Jehu went into the house to eat, and while he was eating, a little tinge of remorse struck him. He said, "She is a king's daughter. We had better give her burial." When he went out to look for her, he found her feet, her skull, and the palms of her hands, and that was all. The dogs had eaten her up. You remember that she was the one that had planned the death of Naboth, and the dogs licked up his blood. Now the dogs had eaten her body. What does the Bible say?

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

Jezebel reaped just as she had sown.

After Jehu had finished with Joram, the king of Israel, and Ahaziah, the king of Judah, and Jezebel, the queen mother, he then turned his attention to the house of Ahab. The Word of God tells us that he had killed seventy sons of Ahab. The men of the city, fearful for their lives, and wanting to save their own necks, took these seventy sons of Ahab and chopped their heads off and put them in baskets and brought the baskets of these seventy gory, grizzly heads and laid them down before Jehu.

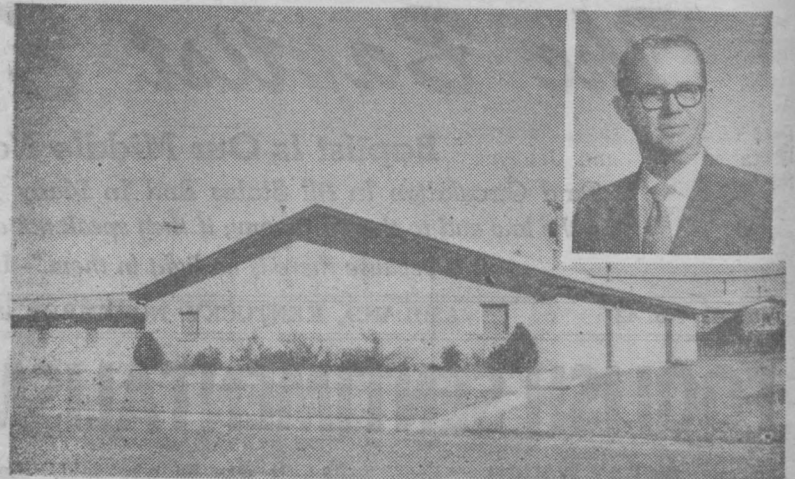
Then it was that Jehu found out there were some princes of Judah that were visiting, and he said, "Let's just get rid of all of this crowd." So he took forty-two of these princes of Judah and he slew them. Now that meant that he had killed thus far Joram, Ahaziah, the queen mother Jezebel, seventy sons of Ahab, and forty-two princes of Judah.

But he isn't through yet. He proceeds to get all the worshippers of Baal together in the house of Baal. They thought they were being called together for a season of worship. Jehu said, "Go through that crowd and be sure that there is no true believer in that group. Get any true believer out. Nobody but the worshippers of Baal are to be allowed in this house of Baal." The Word of God tells us that as soon as they had accomplished this that Jehu said, "Go in and slay them. Let none come forth." And they smote them with the edge of the sword. The Word of God tells us that every worshipper of Baal that they could get together that day was killed.

Then they broke down the images of Baal and they tore down the house of Baal, and they "made it a draught house unto this day."

Now, beloved, that is rather a gory scene, isn't it? Look at all the crowd that Jehu put to death. Look at all the crowd that Jehu

## Thank God For These Texas Baptists!



### PARKDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

Amarillo, Texas

ELDER BILL PURDY, Pastor

Neither the church nor the pastor is known to us personally, but both are loved greatly by the editor of this paper.

For many years, this church has been supporting our ministry for which we are most grateful. Baptist churches just don't support the editorial policy and the ministry of Calvary Baptist Church unless that church is likewise sound in the faith. In this case, we began hearing from Parkdale Baptists and began receiving contributions which have increased in size as the months have passed by until now they are one of our leading supporters. Parkdale Baptists wouldn't do this except that they believe in the ministry and the policy of this paper. Therefore, we take pleasure in saluting them as one of the sounder churches of America and rejoice for the privilege that we have of telling our friends of their location.

The pastor and leader of this church is a man whom I love greatly as a result of our correspondence, and I am sincerely trusting that God gives me an opportunity to meet him in the flesh. If not, we'll have a good time when we meet him in the skies. It'll be good to have him in our company when we go up at the Rapture. Some of my friends who know me well, likewise know him well, and it's a joy to have them liken us as to our ministerial program and practices. I thank God for a good man like Brother Purdy and for the church he pastors.

On your way to eternity, be sure to stop by and say hello to them if you have an opportunity.

**A PURPOSE.**  
Jehu's ministry was to destroy the sin that was destroying the nation. The religion of Baal had superseded the religion of Jehovah and most everybody in that land (Continued on page 3, column 1)

### Thanksgiving

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most anxious that our readers attend these services and enjoy the study of the Word of God with Brother Pyle each evening.

If any of you readers from out of town desire to attend and wish that we should engage a motel room at YOUR expense, we shall be only too happy to make the reservation for you.

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## "Driving Furiously"

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had become Baal worshippers. Here was a great crowd of the worshippers of Baal. The worshippers of Baal, I say, had completely taken over and Jehovah was forgotten, and that sin of Baal was destroying the nation and God called Jehu for the purpose of destroying that which was destroying the nation of Israel.

Beloved, I believe that we are living in a day when false religion and false religionists are doing the same thing to the cause of God, as was true back here. Lots of people get mad, or if they don't get mad they get their feathers ruffled considerably, when I say that I am definitely opposed to Catholicism and all the Protestant churches that have come out of Catholicism, and that I believe true Baptist preachers ought to stand stalwartly for the things of the Lord just exactly like Jehu stood back here.

We have a similar situation today. Billy Graham says, "Join the church of your choice," which means anything that you want to be. Beloved, you have no choice when it comes to the things of God. We have God's Word laid down before us and we are to follow it.

Other men say, "Go to the church of your choice on Sunday." Beloved, you have no choice. God has already established His church and I contend that my business is exactly and precisely parallel to Jehu. Jehu physically and manually killed off that crowd that was carrying on false worship. While I don't think God wants me to do that today, I think God wants me to take a stand spiritually to that which parallels the stand that was taken by this man Jehu.

Beloved, that is the stand I have taken for fifty years and it is the stand I expect to take as long as the Lord lets me live. I have no time, no place for false worship.

It was a cancer, beloved. Yes, it was a cancer eating the heart out of Israel, and God anointed Jehu to destroy that which was destroying Israel. I think God calls preachers today for the purpose of destroying that which is working against and contrary to the things which He has told us within His Word.

### III

#### WE NEED ZEAL TO DO GOD'S WORK TODAY.

They looked out and saw Jehu coming and they said, "It is Jehu

the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously." When Jehu reached out his hand to Jehonadab, he said to him, "Is thine heart right, as mine is?" and he said, "It is." Jehu said, "Come with me and see my zeal for the Lord."

I tell you, beloved, we need some zeal today in the service of the Lord.

We need some zeal so far as doctrine is concerned. We have gotten to the place where the majority of churches show no zeal relative to doctrine — just anything that a person wants to believe is all right. The average man can join the average church regardless of what he believes, and be a member in good standing and full fellowship irrespective of what he may believe. I say, beloved, we ought to have some zeal so far as doctrine is concerned.

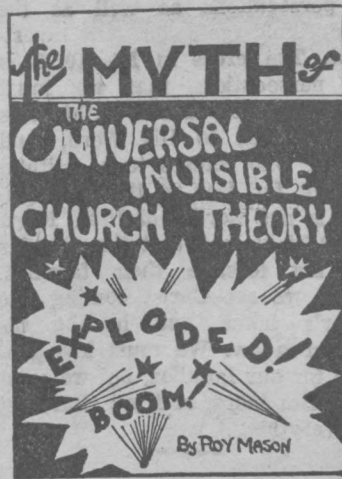
I believe in the great doctrines of grace. I believe in salvation by grace. I believe in the premillennial, pre-tribulation return of Jesus Christ in glory. I believe that Jesus Christ established a Missionary Baptist church when He was here in the days of His flesh. I want to contend for those things. I say, beloved, we need zeal to stand for the doctrines of the Word of God.

Some years ago I heard a Baptist woman talking to a woman who was a Methodist, and she said, "Why don't you come and worship with us. We believe just about the same thing." I said to myself, "I certainly don't want that woman as a member of the church of which I am pastor."

Beloved, instead of trying to see how nearly alike other people you can be, you ought to magnify your differences and to hold up the Word of God that man might see what we believe. I say, there needs to be a zeal concerning doctrine.

There ought to be a zeal on the part of each of us relative to soul-winning. A lot of people show no zeal, and are far from zealous in the matter of leading lost men to Jesus Christ. A lot of people today more or less take the attitude that if a man is one of God's elect that he will be saved. I know that is true. I realize that is so. But, beloved, that doesn't excuse you and me from the responsibility that we have when Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Your business and mine is to witness every where we go, and to everybody we can. I say, beloved, there ought to be some zeal in our lives in the matter of soul-winning.

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spoke to a lost man relative to Jesus Christ? I am not asking how long it has been since you had an argument about religion — nor how long has it been since you talked to a man about baptism or the Lord's Supper. I am not asking that. I am asking how long has it been since you spoke to one person about Jesus Christ as his Saviour? There ought to be some zeal in our lives so far as soul-winning is concerned.

The fact of the matter is, there ought to be a zeal in our lives relative to our general attitude when we come into the house of God. Beloved, if some of you who are here were to say "Amen" to something that I say, it would break your jaw. It has been so long since you said "Amen" that your jaw couldn't stand it.

Years ago, I went to a church service as a visitor. It was a young people's meeting. The pastor was giving the welcome address. It was a cold, staid dry-as-dust, formal church. The pastor was giving an address of welcome, and it was very splendidly presented. He said some things that sounded pretty good. One old boy from back out in the country shouted "Amen." The pastor said two or three other things that sounded pretty good and he hollered "Amen" again three or four times. Beloved, he got that preacher so mixed up that he couldn't finish his address. It had been so long since he had heard an "Amen" that he couldn't stand it.

I say, beloved, we need some zeal relative to the Lord's work. I don't mean that we need to be Holy Rollers, but I say this, it wouldn't hurt you once in a while to say "Amen," and it wouldn't hurt you women once in a while to nod your head when you hear a message that is preached and you like what is being said.

Show some zeal! They said concerning Jehu, "He driveth furiously." Jehu said, "Come up in the chariot and drive along with me, Jehonadab, and I will show you my zeal." Would to God that we had zeal in the Lord's work today!

Do you remember Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner?" Years ago, when I was a boy in high school, I read that and it stayed with me. I can see that crew of dead men, with their captain standing at the wheel, steering, dead. Every crewman was dead. I never did understand what Coleridge was attempting to teach, but I tell you what it has taught me. I see many a church just exactly like Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner." I have seen many a church where there was a dead man in the pulpit, and dead people in the choir, and dead people in the congregation, and the congregation was perfectly contented to go on as they were.

We read:

"It is nothing to you, all ye that pass by?"—Lamentations 1:12.

I would ask you, in view of your lack of zeal, is it anything to you, all ye that pass by? Would to God that we could have some people

that would drive furiously!

Jehu was in a hurry to do the work of the Lord. Jehu was in a hurry to get rid of those Baal worshippers. Jehu said, "You come along with me and I will show you my zeal," but we sit back complacently and don't do anything.

I used to be clerk of Greenup Association years ago, before I learned better. One year I noticed the letters that came in for the Associational meeting. One letter was from a church back out here in the country. I won't call the name of the church. They said:

"Received by baptism — None  
Received by letter — None  
Died — None  
Excluded — None  
Given to missions — Nothing  
Brethren, pray for us that we might hold our own."

Can you imagine anything more pathetic? They sent along with that letter \$15.00 to help pay for the church minutes, and that letter came to me as clerk. When I read it, I said, "They sent \$15.00 to tell the world that they had done nothing all year."

Beloved, I say that we need some of the zeal of Jehu today in our churches.

### IV

#### WE SHOULD BE ZEALOUS SINCE WE ARE NEARING HOME.

Did you ever notice when you are out on a trip, when you are driving, that you sort of lag along, but that last day when you are nearing home, you speed up? You are going home. You are going to see your loved ones that day. There are some loved ones out there waiting for you and you try to speed up, because you want to see them.

Beloved, you are getting closer home every day — one step nearer Heaven every day. Would to God that we could realize that we are nearing home, and since we are nearing home, let's step up, let's speed up, let's do the will of the Lord — the work of the Lord, more zealously, and let's drive more furiously than we have ever done in the past.

### CONCLUSION

All this tells me how God kept His Word. He said:

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap"—Gal. 6:7.

Ahab and Jezebel had destroyed Naboth and the dogs licked up his blood. Ahab went out to battle and was killed, and when they brought him back and washed out his chariot, the dogs licked up the bloody water that ran out of his chariot. When Jezebel was thrown out of the window, the dogs ate all of her body except her skull, the palms of her hands, and her feet. The dogs had licked the blood of Naboth and the dogs destroyed her body and licked up the bloody water of Ahab when it ran out of his chariot. God had said that Baal worship had to come to an end. It came to an end as a result of this man Jehu and his zeal for the Lord.

My prayer to God is that God will help you to realize that He is going to have his way. Whatever He has promised — whatever He has said, is going to come to pass. Just be sure of this, the Lord is going to have His way, and what He has promised is going to come to pass. Be certain of it, beloved. We see it here.

I want to have a part in getting the will of the Lord done. I want to have a part in regard to it. I want to be more zealous for my Lord to do many things. We have complacently allowed things to slip by. May God help you to realize that the will of the Lord has to be done, and may you strive every day that you have a big part in His work, as you zealously try to promote God's cause, and to see that the will of the Lord is done so far as your life is concerned, and in the life of this church.

May God bless you!



## Crosses Of Jesus

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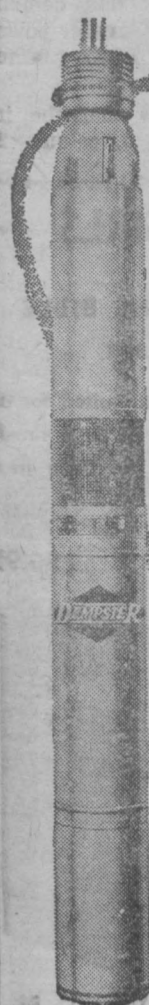
The One who had declared: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12) was expiring. It was midnight at mid-day. Phelegon, a Roman astronomer, says of this time: "For the day was so turned into night that the stars appeared." This darkness symbolized the inconceivable sufferings of Jesus Christ in His death. This was done to bring to pass the words of Amos the prophet who said: "And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord God, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day" (Amos 8:9).

His enemies had demanded: "Show us a sign from Heaven." Now they had one which signified the blindness of the Jewish nation. They were extinguishing the Sun of Righteousness. They would soon deny His resurrection. They had closed their eyes to the things which belong to peace and committed themselves to the works of darkness. Their love of darkness rather than light would in a few short years destroy their nation.

### The Rending Of The Veil

A second great sight which astonished men was the rending of the veil of the temple. Matthew informs us: "And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to bottom..." (Matt. 27:51). Jesus expired at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. This was the time when the priests were officiating in the temple. This means the priests were eye-witnesses of this great miracle. The Sanhedrin had condemned Him for saying: "I will destroy this temple," understanding Him literally. Now by this demonstration of His power He lets them know He could have made good His word.

The veil of the temple was rent in correspondence with the temple of Christ's body which was being dissolved. The body of Christ was the true temple of God in which dwelt the fulness of the Godhead. (Continued on page 5, column 2)



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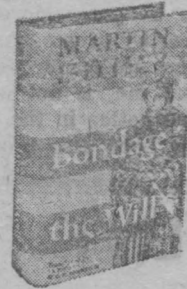
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"Please explain Mark 10:30?"

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In order to consider verse 30 we read at least the previous two verses. "Then Peter began to say unto Him, Lo, we have left all and followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first." (Mark 10:28-31).

The Bible is very emphatic with the teaching that Christ is to be first. We who have been saved by the grace of God must understand that material things and fleshly family ties must not be first. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth." (Col. 3:1, 2).

It may be that our family and friends will reject us if we follow Christ, if so, we must continue following Christ. Many times, God's people have had to be broken-hearted because some loved one rejects him and his Lord. Time and again someone has to hear a child say that they don't believe the things that he stands for in the Word. How many tears are shed over seeing a loved one going away from us and into sin? Yet, thru it all we are to serve the Lord, stand for His truth, trust Him, and know that He will take care of everything. We must continue preaching the gospel even if everyone leaves us.

When we serve Him we have many brethren, sisters, mothers, children, and property. Even though our own family may reject us, we have others — brothers and sisters in Christ. Everywhere I go I find others who love my Lord and me in the Lord. Houses are open to me across the land as a servant of Christ. Someday I will reign with Christ and the entire earth will belong to all of His people.

Along with these gifts we see also that He promises persecutions. "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appear-

ing of Jesus Christ" (I Pet. 1:6, 7). "But our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." (II Cor. 4:17, 18).

Finally, we have the assurance given that we who love the Lord have eternal life. No matter what happens in this life we know that eternal life is ours, which makes it easier to stand against those who leave us because of the truth.

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When we come to a question like this one we must keep in mind what we see in II Peter 1:20. There we read "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation." If we ignore that essential fact we may find ourselves saying one thing today and something else tomorrow.

If we give Mk. 10:30 a private interpretation we may find ourselves deserting our families, and forgetting all the commandments concerning our responsibility to them. In Eph. 5:25 we read, Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it." A man does not prove his love for his wife by deserting her, and leaving her at the mercy of this cruel world. In I Tim. 5:8 we hear Paul saying, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." Our Lord does not want one of His servants to be worse than an infidel. This word "infidel" comes from APISTOS and it should read, "worse than an unbeliever."

From these references we gather that Christ wants His servants to love their families, and to support them. He is not interested in hiring a servant who is worse than an unbeliever. If we give Mk. 10:29-30 a private interpretation we may end up doing just that, because in verse 30 He is promising His servant an hundredfold return on his investment.

Just what then is the meaning of the verse before us? I believe we find our answer in Mt. 10:37-38 where we read, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not up his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me." If you notice in the verse before us our Lord also promises

us persecutions as well as the hundredfold gain on our investment. The cross in Mt. 10:38 is the persecutions that we must suffer because of our faithfulness to Him and to His Word. And anyone who refuses to be faithful to Him for fear of that persecution is not worthy of Him. From Mt. 8:14 we see that the apostles did not forsake their families. There we see Christ coming into Peter's home and healing his mother-in-law. We must love and care for our families, but we must love Him more, and put Him first in everything.

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This verse must be placed in the text beginning with verse 28 through verse 31, and should be understood to be an extension of the teaching about entrance into the Kingdom of God as it related to the "rich young ruler."

The subject is a willingness to surrender EVERYTHING one might possess for the sake of following our Lord Jesus Christ.

For one to love ANYTHING or ANYONE more than our Lord is inordinate love and is great sin.

Jesus was teaching his apostles that their leaving all to follow him (vs 28, 29) was not an exercise in futility, but would instead produce great reward in this life.

That reward, in this life, is the gaining of many spiritual brothers, sisters, mothers and children.

Any blood-bought Baptist believer, who is in fellowship with Christ, will testify that when the Lord saved him there were and are many of like precious faith who were bound to him with the cords of His love who became dearer to him than his own near kin who were unsaved.

Notice, though, that while we gain much in Christ by way of temporal reward, we also gain persecution (vs. 30).

We are called, not only to follow Him, but also to suffer for Him.

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Go back and read the context, beginning with verse 23. You will find that Jesus had been warning His disciples against the influence of riches. He said it was a hard thing for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God, and the disciples were very much surprised, for they thought that wealth was a great advantage. When Jesus insisted that nothing less than a miracle of God could bring about the salvation of a rich person, Peter reminded him that wealth didn't stand in their way. "Master," said he, "we have left all and followed thee." Then Jesus told him that no one would forsake everything for His sake without receiving a hundredfold reward, in addition to the blessing of eternal life.

Did Jesus mean this literally? Of course He did!

The best way for me to realize the truth of this, is to look back over my own life. It has been a far richer life than I could ever have known had I lived without Christ. I have had brothers and sisters and mothers and fathers by the hundreds. They were my

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## SPIRITISM

1. Did you know that God commanded Israel that those who practice sorcery or witchcraft should not be permitted to live? (Exodus 22:18).

2. Did you know that to seek to communicate with spirits or with the dead is to become defiled and unfit to appear before God to worship Him? (Leviticus 19:31).

3. Did you know that God cuts off from among His people all who turn to mediums for help? (Lev. 20:6).

4. Did you know that capital punishment by stoning was God's sentence on any man or woman who calls up spirits? (Leviticus 20:27).

5. Did you know that witchcraft,

fortune-telling, crystal reading, necromancy, and palmistry are related to spiritism and are strongly condemned by God? (Deuteronomy 18:10,11).

6. Did you know that it was because of their black magic and related practices that God destroyed the Canaanites? (Deuteronomy 18:10-12).

7. Did you know that Samuel's most effective way of impressing upon Saul the enormity of the sin of disobedience was by likening it to witchcraft? (I Samuel 15:23).

8. Did you know that King Saul of Israel, when he was faithful to God, cleared all the spiritistic mediums out of the land? (I Samuel 28:3).

9. Did you know that when King Saul later consulted a medium, it was only after his sins had made communication with God impossible? (I Samuel 28:6,7).

10. Did you know that Saul's loss of his crown and his untimely death were the direct judgment of God on him for his dealings in spiritism? (I Chronicles 10:13).

11. Did you know that the list of wicked King Manasseh's sins includes consulting with spirit-mediums, fortune-tellers, and sorcerers? (II Chronicles 33:6).

12. Did you know that one of the reasons God rejected Israel was because they practiced magic and communicated with evil spirits? (Isaiah 2:6).

13. Did you know that it is insulting to God to consult the dead when you can inquire of Him? (Isa. 8:19).

14. Did you know that a fortune-teller may be demon possessed, like the girl in Philippi out of whom Paul cast an unclean spirit in the Name of Jesus? (Acts 16:16-18).

15. Did you know that true Christians, like those at Ephesus, have nothing to do with black magic and its related practices (Acts 19:19).

16. Did you know that sorcery is included in the works of the flesh listed in the Bible, and that those who practice it cannot enter the kingdom of God? (Galatians 5:19-21).

17. Did you know that those who engage in sorcery will be shut out of Heaven and banished forever from God? (Revelation 21:8 and 22:15).

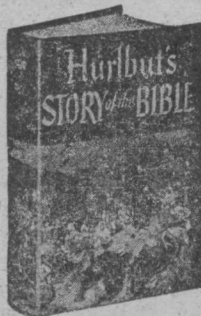
18. Did you know that the teachings of spiritism are doctrines of demons? (I Timothy 4:1).

19. Did you know that demons are subject to God's greater power and tremble before Him? (James 2:19).

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## "LOVING FERVENTLY"

"... see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently" —(I Peter 1:22).

Fervent is an interesting word. It means: fiery, hot, enthusiastic, intense, fanatical, or rabid. Most of these synonyms we usually shy away from. It's alright to be enthusiastic about a ball game, but not about each other. And no one wants to be thought of as "fanatical." Rabid makes us think of a sick dog. And fiery and hot gives the impression of being uncontrolled.

But really, what is so bad about letting our love for each other be uncontrolled? Don't try to control it. Let it out of the cage, and set it free. Who cares if others think we are fanatical about each other? Isn't this the badge the early Christians wore? "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have LOVE one to another" —(John 13:35). When we are enthusiastic, we are not in danger of being luke-warm. The Lord told the church at Laodicea that because they were luke-warm He would spue them out of His mouth (Rev. 3:16). If our love for each other were fervent, it would indeed be a fire within us that would burn out a lot of the selfishness that is there.

Love is such a mammoth word. It includes sympathy with the griefs of our sisters in Christ — a desire to help them, bearing their infirmities, helping them when they fall, admonishing or reproving if needful, and rejoicing in their good, their gifts, and prosperity in the Lord. Fervent love is a silencer for the tongue. It's a pacifier for

murmuring. It gives peace instead of strife. We find it easier to suffer loss than to cause division. Let us wear this badge with dignity. Not only that others might see but that we might know that inner joy and peace that comes only from obedience to the Lord Jesus.

As members of the Lord's church, His body, we are to perform as one unit. Not all members are strong and beautiful. Personalities are sometimes obnoxious to us in the flesh. Fervent love is not motivated by what we see the person to be, but who she is. She is one for whom Christ died. He loves her. This is the motive for our love for her. We have the same blood, the same Father, Spirit, Head. We are one body. "The eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of thee" (I Cor. 12:21). If a thorn is in the foot, the back bends, the head bows down, the eyes search diligently, the hands reach so tenderly — and all this to help and ease the foot. The body does not say, "that stupid foot knows better than to go without clothes — how many times has it been warned about walking in thorns? This isn't the first time we have had to leave what we wanted to do and look after that foot — I'm tired of always stooping to get it out of trouble, etc., etc." No, there is never a complaint from the rest of the body. It only feels well, and happy and peaceful when all its members are in good health and functioning properly. Each member of the body will go to any length within its power to help the other. No wonder the Lord uses this as an example to us.

Today's generation has made popular some words that 20 years ago were relatively unknown. Such words as extremists, reactionaries, and revolutionary. Politically, these may not be very good attributes, but spiritually they express "loving fervently." May it please the Lord to give us grace to love each other in such a manner. To wear His badge with honor, loving fervently.

"Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man (woman) would give ALL the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned" (Song of Solomon 8:6,7).

## Spiritism

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crease in following after subversive doctrines inspired by devils is one of the predicted signs of the last days and of the near approach of judgment? (I Timothy 4:1).

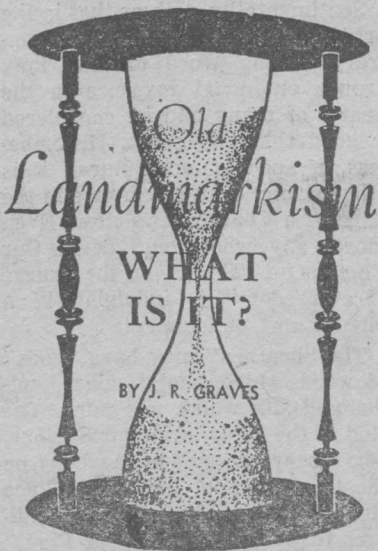
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## Crosses Of Jesus

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When Christ gave up the spirit, His temple was dissolved. This was echoed by the rending of the veil of Herod's temple in Jerusalem.

This signified the revealing and unfolding of the Old Testament mysteries. It was highly penal for a person to see the furniture of the most Holy Place, except the High Priest once a year. But now the unbroken secrecy of the Holies was terminated and all its mysteries opened to view.

The rent veil signified the uniting of the Jew and Gentile by the repealing of the ceremonial law. Ephesians 2:14-16 reads: "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us: Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto



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God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby."

It signified that a new and living way was opened to God. The veil kept the people from drawing near the place where the Shechinah glory was. This was the great day of atonement, the time when our High Priest, not by the blood of goats, but by His own blood, entered once for all into the Holy Place. Believer priests can now enter the Holy Place on the merits of Jesus. Hebrews 10:19-20 declares: "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh."

## The Earthquake

Another wonder of Calvary was the miraculous earthquake. The first gospel tells us: "And the earth did quake, and the rocks rent" (Matt. 27:51). This was both supernatural and miraculous. The earth trembled in testimony to the innocence of Him Who was dying. This was Calvary answering back to Sinai.

Jesus Christ is presented as a rock in the Holy Scriptures. The rocks were rent on Calvary's Hill because the Rock of Ages was being rent so living water could flow forth. The stones cried out while men stood speechless out of fear of the earthquake. The rocks cried out in fear of receiving the blood of Christ. They burst asunder to signify the fatal blow now given to the devil's kingdom. Rocks can still be seen on Mount Calvary rent asunder, signifying how the sinner's heart is rent by a divinely-wrought vision of a crucified Christ.

## The Open Graves

Still another great wonder of Calvary was the opened graves. The first book of the New Testament declares: "And the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened..." (Matt. 27:51-52). Jewish sepulchres were commonly made in solid rocks or in caves of the rocks. The rending of the rocks by the earthquake layed open the graves of some of the saints. While the graves were opened the day Christ died, the saints did not come out of them until after the resurrection of Christ.

## The Resurrection Of Some Saints

Another remarkable event connected with Calvary was the resurrection of some of the departed saints. Matthew continues: "And the graves were opened; and many of the bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many" (Matt. 27:52-53). As to who these saints were the Scriptures do not gratify our curiosity. I doubt they were either the ancient patriarchs or the Old Testament martyrs. It is probably they were persons like Joseph, Zecharias, Simeon and John the Baptist who had recently died. They may have been former

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friends raised up to attest that He in Whom they believed was the Christ. We can be sure the entire event occurred to convince the Jews that Christ was the Messiah.

What became of these saints after they appeared in Jerusalem to either friend or foe is not revealed. Some think they returned to their graves and others that they ascended to Heaven with Christ. How they disappeared is a secret thing which belongs to the Lord. Conjecture on our part is vain. We would do well to concern ourselves with a more diligent study of the more sure word of prophecy.

## The Removed Stone

The sixth wonder of Calvary was the removal of the stone of Christ's tomb. Matthew 28:2-4 reveals: "And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men."

When Christ died the earth groaned in an earthquake. When He was raised from among the dead, the earth leaped for joy. Our Lord could have rolled back the stone by His Own power, but He chose to let an angel do it. The enemies of Christ had sealed the tomb. An angel came to remove it to demonstrate that Divine justice had been satisfied for our sins by Christ. The angels removed it and defied all the powers of Hell to return the stone to the grave again. He sat upon it ready to give an account of His resurrection.

## The Undisturbed Grave Clothes

The most profound wonder is the undisturbed grave clothes of the Saviour. John informs us: "Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin, that was about his

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head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed" (John 20:6-8).

The greatest proof of Christ's resurrection is the undisturbed grave-clothes. The Lord Jesus never appeared in His grave-clothes as a ghost is supposed to do. Christ arose to die no more. Death was to have no more dominion over Him. Lazarus came out in His grave-clothes, for He would die again. But Christ, rising to immortal life, came out free from His grave-clothes. He had no need of these in the heavenly Paradise to which He would ascend in a few days.

John and Peter found the grave-clothes in good order. This is evidence that His body was not stolen away by night while the guards slept as the Jews believe. If the disciples had stolen His body by night, they would not have time to undress Him or to fold the napkin. Had grave robbers stolen the body, they would not have left the new clothes of fine linen (Mark 5:46).

There can be no doubt about the resurrection in view of the undisturbed grave-clothes. If He had not risen from among the dead, the great Jewish prejudice and power linked with the supreme Roman law and authority in Jerusalem could and would have forced the little flock of Christ's disciples to produce the dead body of Jesus in one week's time.

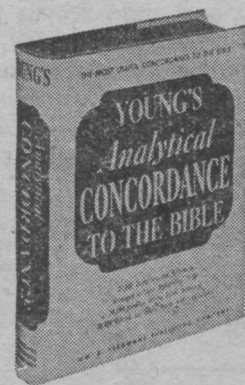
## Conclusion

So great were the wonders of Calvary that even the unbelievers were made to admit that Jesus was all He claimed to be. Matthew 27:54 says: "Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God." These men feared being buried in the darkness or swallowed up in the earthquake. They perceived by these wonders that God was angry and that His wrath was against those who had crucified the Son of God. Seeing these wonders, they believed God was attesting the truth of His Son's profession.

Sinners still need to be convinced that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. The Bible makes many wonderful promises to the one who believes the record that God has given of His Son. There is no condemnation to the man who believes in Jesus Christ. John 3:18 declares: "He that believeth on him is not condemned." The man or woman who believes has everlasting life: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36). A believer in Christ has the remission of sins: "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43). The believer in the Son of God is born again: "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (I John 5:1).

The way of salvation is made plain for all in Romans 10:9-11: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." Have you believed this saying truth about God's Son? Do you believe that He truly was the Son of God? Do you believe in Him with all your heart? If not, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

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## Flag

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spect and security, wherever I may choose temporarily to dwell." I, too, have thrilled to the presence of Old Glory as it waved before me in foreign lands, upon the high seas, and here at home in America.

Woodrow Wilson truly caught the nature of Our Flag when he said:

This flag which we honor and under which we serve is the emblem of the unity of our power, our thought, and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours."

I would certainly agree! However, the one who wrote, "Our Flag," to which I have made reference apparently became carried away with sentimentalism, or she was under some idolatrous delusion. She speaks to our Flag as though it lived, felt, and responded. Very simply, it would seem that the author of "Our Flag" has made an idol of the Flag, and, in climax, she gives it the place of pre-eminence as "truth" and the source of "freedom." We hear her say:

"Standing here so close to you, it seems that I am seeing you for the first time. Yet, I cannot remember the first time I ever saw you, though I remember quite well the first time I ever touched you. It was the Fourth of July, I paid a dime for you . . . I did not know that you had a heart that could feel, a mind that could think and a body that could work; but I know you now for what you are, I've learned my lesson. You are a mother waiting for a word from her son, and that word never comes. You are a father, working patiently, hoping for a better day, a better world tomorrow. . . . You are all of these and something more: You are truth and truth is freedom . . ."

For one who loves the Lord and this land of America, these latter words do not ring true; they have the sound of idolatry! Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father, but by me." Therefore, anyone who would say of Our Flag or of anything or anyone else, "You are truth and truth is freedom," has missed the truth of the Word of God. Such as one may have become an enemy

of our God and the Truth!

### America Is Under Stress

In recent years, there have been trials of some individuals who have desecrated Our Flag. Some have torn it to shreds and burned it in the streets. Others have worn it as a patch on the seat of their pants or as a bizarre decoration on a crude dress. Still others have dragged it through the streets and defamed it with the grime of gutter filth and human waste. In recent days, while viewing the Greeks rioting before the Embassy in Cyprus where our Envoy was killed, I watched Grecian guerrillas storm the gates, pull down Old Glory and literally burn it in the streets while cameras rolled to record the details for posterity. Having lived under the waving banner of the "Stars and Stripes" in America, and having served before its flying colors in other lands, I was incensed at the desecration. Yet, I had no inclination that my God was being burned or that the Truth was being destroyed.

In that moment, I knew, as I have known before, that Old Glory was not my God. Some two years ago, when I departed from America's shores for foreign lands and service, I literally committed myself to die, and that willingly, if need be. Having served almost three years in a previous war, I did not suppose there was much of a chance that I would return. Rather, I very simply expected that my return could very well be with sightless eyes and a silent pulse. Yet, I was content to go; my country had called; within the context of God's design, I was needed "there!"

In that holy moment, the Word of my Lord and His promises were very precious! Jesus, my Saviour, was very real and present! Heaven was comprehended as eternal, yet seemed only a step away!

There was no delusion that Our Flag was my God. There was no delusion that Our Flag was Truth. There was no delusion that Our Flag was the source of freedom. Although willing to die before Old Glory and in the interest of America which Our Flag, as our ensign, represents, I knew that the Lord alone was "The way, the truth, and the life." I knew in that holy and precious moment that my only hope was in Him; that He, as the truth, was the basis for my freedom! I knew, also, as I shall never be able to explain or proclaim that He alone could preserve the freedom which my wife, little lad, and fellow Americans knew and would know.

Sentimentality such as that in the article, "Our Flag," which is contrary to the Word of God may arouse emotional response in the hearts of many and be considered a good thing by some. Nevertheless, if such is unscriptural, it is still satanic, even if it issues in the page of a Church newsletter. Even more, any who would deem Our Flag to be "Truth" or the source of "Freedom" is indulging in a piteous sort of idolatry!

The "heathen" may have "gods" of wood, stone, metal, glass, cotton and silk which will burn. The God of the Bible, even our Saviour, who "bear our sins in His body on the tree," cannot be burned! The God of those of us who are children of God cannot be "Our Flag," glorious though Old Glory may be, and meaningful though it may be as the symbol of freedom in a world distressed.

Our God is not a flag! Ours is a God of eternal continuity, "The same yesterday, today, and forever" — not a temporal one of cloth hanging on a pole or suspended in a frame or as a banner.

### America Is Not "The Truth"

Some may suppose that our nation is the source of freedom in our world. Some may even suppose our nation is the source of truth. In reality, however, without God there is no freedom, for without God there is no truth, and it is "the truth that makes us free."

Scan the nations of earth both historically and contemporarily. They have been without freedom, for their foundations have been without truth. The loyalties of the people of earth's nations have vested in individuals, symbols, councils, or triumvirates before which the masses have been obsequious. But there has been no continuity of freedom, peace, or service; they have simply progressed from one state of enslavement to another. (Continued on page 8, column 1)

## The Tabernacle

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shadowed. These two, however, differ in that the brazen altar is where the sacrifice was made, while the mercy-seat was the place where the effect of the sacrifice was realized. One will find in Romans 3:25 a clear explanation of the mercy-seat, while John 2:2 and 4:10 give the meaning of the brazen altar.

"Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God"—Romans 3:25.

This verse explains the meaning of the mercy-seat in that it was the mercy-seat, in type, that foreshadowed that which this verse teaches. This verse could have been written over, or on the mercy-seat, since such was its meaning.

We, at the brazen altar, have a foreshadowing of that which is declared in I John 2:2 and 4:10.

"And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world"—I John 2:2.

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins"—I John 4:10.

Our Lord Jesus is truly our mercy-seat (Romans 3:25), but He is so because of the propitiation (I John 2:2 and 4:10) which He offered to God. We see, then, that the mercy-seat (propitiation) was not the place where the sacrifice was made, but the place where its abiding value is borne to the Father.

One, by studying Leviticus sixteen, will behold the propitiation which our Lord made and the result of that propitiation, or the propitiatory. These were both set forth on Israel's annual Day of Atonement. We, if we observe Le-

viticus 16:14, will have both the propitiation and the propitiatory brought before us. The propitiatory being that which propitiates, that is, causes us to have favor with God.

"And he shall take the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy-seat eastward, and before the mercy-seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times"—Lev. 16:14.

The blood secured from the slain animal (type of propitiation) declared that God's judgment had already been vent upon the innocent substitute. This same blood was then sprinkled upon the mercy-seat (propitiation), declaring that God had accepted the innocent victim's blood. The fact that the blood was sprinkled seven times declares the extent of its effectiveness. The seven times speak loud and clear to us of the value of the precious blood of our Lord. His blood does a complete work — it cleanses from all sin.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool"—Isaiah 1:18.

The blood our Lord shed at Calvary has been presented to the Father and accepted by the Father. That blood has been sprinkled seven times before the Father's throne. The result to us poor sinners is that our sins are gone, having been washed away in His precious blood. We see, then, why it is that our Lord's blood is so very, very precious.

"For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot"—I Pet. 1:18, 19.

The mercy-seat was the only seat, or resting place to be found in the Tabernacle. There wasn't even a chair before the table that stood in the holy place. There was no chair before the table, because the work of the priest was never completed. The priest was required to repeat his work over and over again. The lesson we are to learn from this fact is that the great sacrifice that was to be offered once for all time was yet to come.

The mercy-seat was God's seat upon the earth. There God sat, finding perfect rest in the work of His Son. The mercy-seat was God's throne upon the earth — the place where He came and met with His people.

"And thou shalt put the mercy-seat above the ark; and in the ark shalt thou put the testimony that I shall give thee. And there will I meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy-seat, from between the

two cherubims which are upon the ark of testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel"—Exodus 25:21, 22.

These verses, and others, inform us that the mercy-seat was the throne of Jehovah. We find the same truth taught in I Samuel 4:4:

"So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the Lord of Hosts, WHICH DWELLETH BETWEEN THE CHERUBIMS."

The fact that God dwelt on the mercy-seat, in the midst of a sinful people, presents us with a mystery. The mystery being — how can He who cannot look upon sin, dwell in the midst of a sinful people? The answer is that His throne was one which had been blood sprinkled seven times with the blood of an innocent victim.

We learn from Romans 9:13 that God hated Esau and loved Jacob. It is further explained that His love and hate for each existed even before they were born. We, therefore, must ask again, as we did above, how can God dwell in the midst of a sinful people? How could God love Jacob? The answer lies in the fact that Jacob was one of the elect. Jacob, by way of election, was placed under the blood of the Son. Esau didn't enjoy this great privilege. He, therefore, was hated by the Almighty. God's hatred today is still upon all the Esau's (non-elect). His love, of course, is upon the Jacob's (elect) of our day. We see, then, that God's dwelling with us is not based upon any merit of our own. It is not based upon anything in man, but on the basis of the precious blood of the Lamb of God.

Let us shout from the highest steeple that God's throne, as far as His relationship with us is concerned, is settled in Christ. This is because the claims of God's righteousness have been settled by Christ our Lord. This fact is brought out clearly in Revelation 5:6:

"And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne . . . stood a Lamb as it had been slain!"

The scriptures inform us that the length of the mercy-seat was two and one half cubits and that its breadth was one and one half cubits. We, however, have nothing recorded regarding its thickness. This fact is not without great significance, in view of the fact that the thickness speaks of the distance that is between God and ourselves. The distance is the distance of God's mercy which cannot be measured.

"For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him"—Psalm 103:12.

It is to be carefully noted that the length and breadth of the mercy-seat are the same as those of the ark which it covers. We, by (Continued on page 7, column 4)

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us to work here in New Guinea and to be able to make mission patrols into these hidden spots in search of His elect.

### A Patrol Into The Huli Area

Not long ago we made a patrol into the new area that has been opened up to us over in the Huli territory. While I had been considering a patrol over in that area for a couple of weeks, when I did go it was more or less unplanned as most of my patrols are.

One Sunday afternoon after our final service for the day, I decided that I would get some gear together and leave that night, driving a good part of the way, sleep somewhere along the way, and get into the area shortly on Monday morning. This was a new experience for me as I had never left on a patrol at night before.

By about 8:30 that night I had my camping gear ready and loaded into the vehicle and I left the Mission Station. Another first for me on this patrol was that it is the first patrol that I have ever made without taking anyone from the Mission Station with me.

The place where I wanted to go is a little over 40 miles from the Mission Station, and takes nearly four hours to drive, so if one stayed within the 50 m.p.h. speed limit back there you would be 200 miles from home by the time I get 40. I drove perhaps half of the way that night and found a good spot to spend the rest of the night.

It seems that no matter where you go, or whether it is day or night, you are never alone for very long here in this country. I spent the night in the car, but it was a sleepless night and several times during the night I could hear natives walking by, talking about the car being there, with some of them inspecting it. I could hear my name being mentioned as most every individual, from small child to the eldest, both male and female, within this entire area know me by name, and they know my vehicle also. This was the first time they had seen my car parked along side of the road at night and they were speculating as to the reason why it was there. Not until I decided to get up about 6:00 a.m. the next morning to resume my journey did anyone know why I was there.

By about 8:00 o'clock that morning I had gone as far as I could with the car and so I pulled up to a government rest house (this is a house built for the government patrol officers to sleep in while on patrol), and parked the car. As is usual when you stop the car, regardless of what for, I soon had a crowd of natives around, wanting to know where I was going, and if I needed some help.

It didn't take me very long to get all the help I needed to carry my things to where I would set up camp for a couple of days. In the meantime someone had gone, and sent word by the New Guinea telegraph system (passing the word along by mouth from one hilltop

to another), to our missionary in that area that I was there, so it was not too long before he joined us.

The missionary was more than glad to see me that morning, especially in view of the fact that he was having some trouble with some of the locals over a sick child. A small child had developed some sort of sickness and the mother was blaming the sickness on the missionary. Her kind of thinking was that since the child did not get sick until after the Baptist missionary came to live in the area, he must surely be the prime cause of it, and she was making all sorts of trouble for him and was going to do what she could to get him expelled from the area. She had threatened to take her plea before the government officer and try to have him charged with sorcery.

Needless to say he was more than happy to see me, for while I was no government officer in this far away place, I would do just as well to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. It did not take me to long to convince them that what the child needed more than anything else, at present, was not a government officer, nor even a missionary, but medical attention as soon as possible. In less than an hour the mother and a few relatives were on their way to where they could get medical treatment, the idea about having the missionary expelled had been dropped and we were well on our way to where we would set up camp for a couple of days.

As had been mentioned in a previous article, we have had some temporary setback at this first place by way of interference by the Methodist native preachers. They put up a big "speal" about the fact that the Baptist Mission had no nurses nor teachers, and not nearly as many buildings as the Methodists and if they wanted to be properly looked after, they would have to renounce the Baptists and come back to the Methodist services; therefore, all except those whom God has definitely placed there for our services have gone back.

"... it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, the dog turned to his own vomit again, and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire" — II Peter 2:22.

However, for some of these that have left and returned to the vomit and the wallowing in the mire, both of the Methodists and the Catholics, it may not be as real as it appears. While we were there, we noted that while none of them attended any of our services at the regular stated times, we had many secret, or night disciples.

Evidently, through fear of what might be done to them they would not come around to our day services, but at night under cover of darkness, they filled my tent and many sat around on the outside and listened to me preach to them, and afterwards, many questions were asked and answered. Regardless of their purpose and inten-

tions of coming at night, it was encouraging to me to see so many lost people under the sound of the Word of God. We cannot help but feel that God had some of His elect there at those night sessions. Regardless of whatever the outcome may be though, insofar as those individuals were concerned, our Lord was glorified in the truth that was presented to them.

On the second day that we were at that location, we took advantage of one of those rare occasions that we have, and went duck hunting for a couple of hours. There are four small lakes in this area and a small river which is usually occupied by several ducks. The two or three hours spent at this was most enjoyable, and so was the evening meal and the next morning for breakfast as I enjoyed wild duck — I killed four.

On Wednesday morning I was ready to leave that place and move on to another mission point that we have about four hours walk from there. Some of the locals helped me with the carrying of the camping gear and supplies, and by about noon we had crossed a big mountain and descended down on the other side to the deep valley.

The people in this valley are really isolated from the outside world and were most happy to see us visit them again — this is my second patrol into these two areas. They had heard of our coming and had prepared lots of good food for the event. After an afternoon service they cooked the food in the earth oven.

At this place there are several more attending services than there are at the former place, and while many of the Catholics and Methodists will not come inside the building where we hold services, they will sit around on the outside and hear all that is being said.

We held another service there that night with quite a good attendance and after the preaching service had been closed, they remained on for perhaps an hour or

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more, asking questions and actually this last, informal service, lasted longer than the previous one did. It is amazing at the amount of heresy these people have been taught, and while we have no one as yet that has professed to have been saved, even from the standpoint of human reasoning they can see much of the heretical teachings they have had. The entire population in this valley has been baptized by the Catholics and many of them by the Methodists and all pronounced to be Christians as a result of their being "baptized?"

It had been my intention of spending two full days at this place, but due to some trouble that had happened several months before that involved one of the fellows that was attending our services — and he had to leave, to try to get that settled, I decided to leave and give him a lift in the car which would save him a walk of about 20 miles.

Thursday, after we had held another service, about noon I started back. It took four hours to reach the car and then almost another four hours to drive back to the Mission Station. The trip that day was long and hard, but after being able to get a good hot shower, a good hot meal and a couple of hours of rest, all of the discomforts of the past week were not only history, but for the most part had

been forgotten.

Beloved, I counted it a real blessing to have been able to make this mission patrol, and it has been another blessing to me to be able to tell you about it. I know that you will be praying with me that the Lord will be glorified by my time and efforts, and your financial assistance that has made this patrol possible. I have a great burden for this area, and pray that in due time God will save many of these folk also. May the Lord bless you all.



## The Tabernacle

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remembering that the ark represents Christ Jesus our Lord and the lid represents the effects of His sacrifice for us, are made to see that God's mercy is as wide and long as that which His Son has provided. God's measure of love and grace to us is exactly within the framework of the finished work of Christ.

We may also add that the mercy of God is a fixed mercy just as the dimensions of the mercy-seat were fixed; that is, 2½ cubits x 1½ cubits. God's mercy is fixed in that it is only toward the elect as far as the benefits of the atonement are concerned. The non-elect are outside of the 2½ x 1½ dimensions. This is a fact because the atonement our Lord made at Calvary is limited to only the elect.

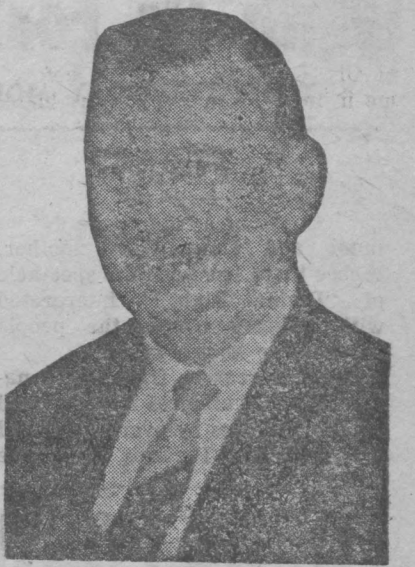
We have seen thus far how that the ark speaks of our Lord. It speaks of Him by the fact that it was made of incorruptible wood ("shittum wood") and overlaid with gold. We have seen that the mercy-seat speaks to us of the effect of our Lord's atonement before God.

Let us now take a closer look at the mercy-seat, and note that there was a cherub on either side of it. The cherub had wings which were outstretched over the mercy-seat, thus overshadowing and protecting it. The cherubim were molded from the same slab of gold that produced the mercy-seat. It appears, therefore, that they represented the righteous claims of God's throne — demanding that sacrifice be made and blood sprinkled, before mercy could be shown. I believe this to be correct, in view of the fact that the cherubim has been employed in this area on other occasions. We have an example of the same in Genesis 3:24 where they are viewed as guarding the way of the tree of life. They, as was true of the "flaming sword", appear to be connected with the administration of God's judicial authority.

The fact that the cherubim and the mercy-seat were molded from the same ingot of gold, shows how that mercy and truth have kissed each other. We see how that redemption comes through righteousness, and not at the expense of it.

The fact that there were two cherubim is also interesting and instructive. Their number speaks of competent witness. They witnessed to the fact that the blood of Christ is not wanting, but it is sufficient; a being offered after He had finished the Father's work for Him

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The cherubim, as they looked down upon the ark, saw only the blood-sprinkled mercy-seat — the mercy-seat which hid the ten commandments that were beneath it. They saw only mercy and not judgment, for the law had been satisfied. The blood-sprinkled mercy-seat hushed the thundering voice of the law which said,

"Cursed is everyone that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them" — Gal. 3:10.

We have, in I Samuel 6:19-20, an example of what happens when the mercy-seat is removed from the ark:

"And He smote of the men of Beth-shemesh, because they looked into the ark of the Lord, even He smote of the people fifty thousand and three score and ten men: and the people lamented, because the Lord had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter. And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God? and to whom shall He go up from us?"

It is obvious from this verse that it is the blood sprinkled mercy-seat that makes the difference between mercy and wrath. We, therefore, cannot thank our Lord enough for becoming our mercy-seat. It is true that thousands of songs have been written as means to praise Him, but these are only a drop in the bucket when compared to the praise that is due Him.



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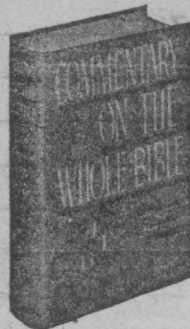
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ment and violence to another. Where there has been the spectacle of "Divine Right" interpreted with military coups, the people have never known freedom.

For this reason, from every nation of earth, emigres have pressed upon our shores by every legal and illegal means. Perhaps they have

seen, and sought the thing to which Jefferson made reference:

"Peace then has been our principle, peace is our interest, and peace has saved to the world this only plant of free and rational government now existing in it."

It may be that we can say without any real fear of contradiction that "the land of the free" has for almost 200 years been the only

bright, national spot in the midst of earth's consuming, national darkneses. Ours has been the only nation of earth which has given its sons and its substance to assist in the establishing of degrees of freedom in the Eastern and Western worlds without territorial design. As Woodrow Wilson wisely noted for posterity, our interests as a nation have been without a design for "conquest or domination."

Inadequate and depraved though some of America's sons may have seemed at times as they have raped the female populace of foreign nations and practiced atrocities too horrible even for X-rated reproduction, America as a people has stood in the forefront of earth's concern for mankind. Individuals from every walk of life, every known race, every national origin, and every religious interest have found her defense of their right to existence the point of justice in the earth. Even those whose philosophies which have been counter to ours, and most of them have been that, have found a warmth in the welcome extended at our shores and from the hearts of the people of America.

## America Is Not God

Still, we must note that America is not God! America's Flag can be desecrated! America's Flag can be burned! The Nation could become in time a nation of tyrants!

Visit the training camps where quiet, calm, normal American lads — under the tutelage of battle veterans — acclimate and accommodate themselves to their "killing responsibilities" and plunge their weapons deep into a "dummy" or "draw a bead" on the "form" of a man. Follow a lad up a hill on a foreign field of battle as it finally dawns upon him that he is in a fatal business where it is "kill or be killed."

The truth is, without God, without His Word, and without the loyalty of a host of those faithful to the One who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," and "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," our land could experience the very antithesis of freedom and peace, and that overnight! Without but very little laxity and effort on the part of men, our nation could become the source of unitary depravity and injustice equal to or beyond that of any historical or contemporary nation of earth.

Therefore, it cannot rightly or justly be said of America or of America's Flag, "You are all of these and something more: you are truth and truth is freedom."

America cannot be our God and America's Flag cannot be our God if we desire to live, if we desire to know the truth, and if we would be free! Within the concourse of human events, and within the context of God's design, America has been, is, and can yet be "The land of the free." Still, the source of that freedom is not human device, be it actual or symbolic. The source of that freedom is truth, and truth is resident in the Word of God and embodied only in the Lord God who is "The Way, the truth, and the life."

## America Is Unique

In their depravity and within the context of their fearful self-interests, men may join Pilate in his agnosticism and inquire, "What is truth?" with the smirk of worldly wisdom upon their countenances. Yet, they show themselves the slaves of their own self-centered passions, and they manifest ulti-

mate insecurity and fear as they wash their hands while they practice their idolatries and consign "Truth" to the scaffold.

Thus, it is, every law against God and His Law is another enslaving device of men, whether enacted within the boundaries of these United States or within the walls of the Kremlin! Every law enacted in opposition to the Word of God and the "truth" of His Word is another enslaving effort of men, whether it be accomplished in the Legislative Halls of our Nation's Capitol or within the Peking Compound of tyrants! Every law, be it religious, political, or economic, which hinders or precludes one's open and unabashed relationship with God or one's conversation with God, is a demonic effort of men comparable to that of those who have effected laws which spiritually enslave earth's masses — a piteous enslavement which dooms them for time and eternity!

America has been unique among the nations of earth because of her involvement in "The Truth" which has effected her freedom. If the God of America ever becomes human device, whether that be wood, cloth, metal, or even human works, then America's god will burn. Yet, as long as "The Truth" of God, who is "The Truth," can be our watchword and our way of life, then freedom can be ours. Old Glory can continue to wave, announcing, as the colossal Statute of Liberty at the entrance of New York Harbor:

"Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she with silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Thankfully, in America, "Truth" is yet alive and well. Freedom is available to all who would have it. Our God lives!

The Word of God is plain and consistent across the centuries. Once our God joined three Hebrew Children in a furnace which had been heated seven times hotter than normal. But He could not be burned. The Word of God very clearly states:

"Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the

fire? . . . Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

A few centuries later, this same Son of God, our Saviour, drank the bitter cup of man's sin. Our God was consumed of sin — He became sin for us — "bearing our sins in His body on the tree." But as He had once lived through the heat of the fiery furnace, so the Scriptures speak to His death, and that He "did not see corruption." Then, He bodily arose! Today, He lives! See Him in His Glory, this Son of man:

"In the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters."

Our God lives!  
Our God cannot be burned!

## 50 Years—\$50 Club

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out the year with our obligations paid and start a new year in the "black."

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