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

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God's Sovereign Election

R. E. POUND, II
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Introduction

You have seen in the past, in part one, that the basic points in the gospel of Jesus Christ are five. The first has to do with man and his condition before God. The second, about which we will have more to say in a moment, presents man as a sinner, and God's work toward him in his sinful condition. You have seen that man is unable to do anything about his sins, and would not if he had the power. Man is condemned to Hell because of his sins. Unless God has mercy toward men, then they will go to Hell.

In this display of the gospel of God's free grace, you will see that grace comes from God and is given at His eternal will and pre-creational choice. The Bible shows us that those who are saved, are so saved because, from all eternity, God, in His sovereignty, chose to bestow grace on them. This is known as the doctrine of election. Man goes to Hell because of his own sins, and goes to Heaven in spite of those sins, due to God's will, purpose and choice in election and predestination.

If God has passed over you, and from all eternity condemned you because of your sins, then you are receiving the just due for your sins. Read Jude 4, Romans 9:19-24 and John 3:18. God could be perfectly just in sending the whole human race to Hell, but because of

His own will and purposes, He elected to save a great multitude which no man can number.

First, When A Sinner Is Saved, It Is Because Of God's Choice!

This choice is personal, eternal and sovereign. In Acts 13:48, the Bible shows that those who believe



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were ordained or disposed to do so. In I Thessalonians 5:9, the Bible shows us that some were appointed unto wrath and some unto salvation. Here, the salvation spoken about is total and complete salvation and the continuing of it. Not only have we been predestinated to salvation from our past

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Did God Command Animal Sacrifices?

By T. P. SIMMONS
(Now In Glory)

Misinterpretation Of Jeremiah Corrected

There are two present-day extremes with regard to the relationship of ceremonies to the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. One of them is represented by the doctrine of baptismal regeneration and the teaching that the Lord's Supper is a grace-giving sacrament. The other extreme is represented by the rejection of all ceremonies as being of divine origin. These are the extremes, and between these extremes there are varying shades of opinion.

Gravitating toward this latter extreme, many liberals deny that God instituted the animal sacrifices offered by Israel during the Old Testament dispensation. Such a denial characterized the annual sermon before the Southern Baptist Convention in 1931. From our comments on that sermon we quote the following:

"He (the preacher of the sermon) labored futilely to show antagonism between priest and prophet, of borrowing their animal sacrifices from paganism, and of using a system of taboos to get the tithe from the people" (The Baptist Examiner, July 15, 1931).



T. P. SIMMONS

phet of the Old Testament. He tried to make them represent false and true religion. He accused the priests of devising their ceremonies.

Now James E. Dean, Ph.D., a Baptist educator of Alabama, comes forward, in interpreting Jer. 7:22, with the contention that "God did not originate and impose the ancient sacrificial system upon the Jewish people."

That our readers may better understand the educator's position, we insert the following further quotation from his article that appeared in the March issue of The Christian Thinker, edited by our friend Gordon Murlbutt, at Point Clear, Ala.:

"The context shows clearly that Jeremiah was condemning the people's formal religion and their lack of the substance. They did not fail to offer sacrifices, but they failed to exercise justice, mercy and love. Hence we may not infer that Jeremiah admitted any later commandment for burnt-offerings or sacrifices. We have an absolute denial that God ever specifically demanded such things. In light of Matt. 18:8, it seems that sacrifice was 'suffered' or permitted because of hardness of heart, just as divorce was, though the Jews contended

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Chambers Of Your Imagery

CARL CALLEY
Appalachia, Virginia

Scripture: Ezekiel 8:5-18.

"...In the chambers of his imagery" Ezek. 8:12. Can you imagine a more intriguing word picture? What does it mean?

There is a reason why some succeed and some fail. There is a reason why some languish in mediocrity and others climb the ladder of success. It isn't talent, dynamics or personality. But I learned something here lately that I think holds the secret and the key to success, as much or more than any other single thing that I know of in God's work.

In this Scripture we have the

LIBERTY

Did you know that the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which gave America religious liberty, was brought about by a petition to Congress from the General Association of Virginia Baptists? Well, it is a fact. We believe in liberty, not toleration. Toleration means that some ones are in authority and these in authority permit others to worship as they prefer. LIBERTY means that no one is in authority over matters of religion, but one has as much right as another, and in matters of conscience, all are FREE.

Baptists have been persecuted, but they have never persecuted others. They believe in Liberty, freedom of conscience, freedom of speech, freedom of press, and freedom of worship. Jesus said to His disciples, "The princes among the Gentiles exercise dominion over them and they that are great exercise authority over them, BUT IT SHALL NOT BE SO AMONG YOU."

If Baptist principles were universal it would be impossible for any one to persecute another, for the liberty of all would be recognized.

Ben M. Bogard
The Baptist & Commoner,
February 20, 1934

picture of seventy men. They are called "THE ANCIENTS OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL." But more than that, these are the religious leaders of Israel. These seventy men are the men to whom the rest of the Jews looked to, not only as political leaders, but as spiritual giants. These were the preachers, the evangelists, the pastors. But in the story we have dug a hole into the wall of their houses, and we have found, in the houses of these men, rooms that were private. No one knew about these, but God lets us dig a hole through the walls. There are those who think these were the men of the Sanhedrin. But as we dig a hole into the wall of the homes of each of these seventy men, we find something that these men have that no one knew about. EACH HAD A PRIVATE ROOM, A SECRET ROOM, INTO WHICH NO ONE COULD GO BUT THE INDIVIDUAL LEADER. AND IN THIS ROOM THERE WERE PAINTED ON THE WALLS ALL KINDS OF CREEPING THINGS AND WILD BEASTS. THE PEOPLE DID NOT KNOW IT, BUT THESE LEADERS WERE IDOLATERS. Each of them would go

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Practical Pointers . . .

Parsonage Or Personal Home?

By RICHARD V. PATTERSON

I can remember only too vividly some of the parsonages we've either lived in or visited. One was so huge my wife and I called it "the castle." It seemed that all it lacked to be a castle was a moat, though after a storm, the mud around the house served as a moat for it was like quicksand!

Many churches and pastors (as well as the "second family") are taking a long, hard look at the values and liabilities of a church parsonage. Here is a partial list of liabilities:

1. It often does not fit the pastor's family. Not only in square feet per person, but their life-

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WATCH FOR THE NEW
FEATURE COLUMN
"Is That In The Bible?"

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Fred T. Halliman

"REPENTANCE"

"Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised him from

the dead"—Acts 17:29-31.

Our subject this morning is "Repentance." "But now commandeth all men every where to repent." I do not recall when I have heard from any source, anywhere in the last several years, an entire sermon devoted to repentance. In fact, I do not recall ever having heard any preacher, other than myself, preach a full sermon on repentance. I do not mean to imply that I am the only preacher that ever has, or ever does preach

on the subject, but I do mean to say that I believe it is so seldom that preachers devote an entire sermon to this subject, that you could go half a lifetime, perhaps, and never hear a sermon on repentance. And for the life of me, I do not know why, because it is a very important part of the Word of God.

I. What Is Repentance?

I wish to examine a few Scriptures this morning that we might

HE IS COMING

One cannot help but grow weary of this messed up world in which we live. Barraged by a steady stream of bad news on every hand, it almost seems as if there is no place to turn. The crime rate grows faster than the population, the economy is one vast disaster area, and international as well as local unrest threatens our very existence. It isn't a pretty picture any way you look at it.

In the face of this, we must remember that God's people have never found this sin-cursed world an encouraging place. The sustaining hope in every age has been the Lord's return to establish His reign of peace and tranquility. HE IS COMING — that's the only real good news. In power and glory as the King of kings and Lord of lords, He is coming to usher in a new order. To that blessed hope we cling.

—Buck Nicholson
Broadway Heights Bulletin

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE 1975 BIBLE CONFERENCE

KING'S ADDITION BAPTIST CHURCH

FRIDAY, APRIL 4 — 7:00 P.M.

JON RULE Taylor, Michigan
"Love of God Toward Saved Man"
BILL JACKSON Bristol, Virginia
"Love of Saved Man Toward God"
RAY HIATT Hazard, Kentucky
"Love of Saved Man Toward Man"

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 5 — 9:30 A.M.

JOE WILSON, JR. Toledo, Ohio
"The Believer and Prayer"
WILLARD PYLE South Point, Ohio
"The Believer and Bible Study"
DON PENNINGTON Covington, Kentucky
"The Believer and Christian Liberty"

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 5 — 2:00 P.M.

MIKE KING Oblong, Illinois
"The Ministry of a Church to the Lost"
WILLARD WILLIS Monroe, Ohio
"The Ministry of a Church to the Saved"
FRED HALLIMAN Ashland, Kentucky
"The Ministry of a Church and Baptism"

SATURDAY NIGHT, APRIL 5 — 7:00 P.M.

OSCAR MINK Crestline, Ohio
"The Rise of Wickedness and Its Significance"
HARRY BALMER Franklin Furnace, Ohio
"The Rise of Occultism and Its Significance"
JIM WASHER Hallandale, Florida
"The Rise of Astrology and Its Significance"

SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 6 — 9:30 A.M.

DAN PHILLIPS Bluff City, Tennessee
"Election and Missions"
JIM CROWDER Wayne, West Virginia
"Total Depravity"
CHARLES SOUDER Memphis, Tennessee
"Repentance and Faith"
JAMES HOBBS South Shore, Kentucky
"Eternal Security"

The noon meal will be provided for everyone on Saturday and Sunday and the evening meal on Saturday. Sleeping rooms will be provided for the visiting preachers. Anyone desiring motel reservations may contact the church by mail or call Bro. James Hobbs between 10:30 and 11:30 p.m. at 614-259-2402 any evening.

"Repentance"

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learn, according to God's Word, just what repentance really is. We turn first to Isa. 45:22, and we read, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Again, we note in Isa. 55:3: "Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live."

Now what is the Lord saying in these Scriptures? He is saying that you are looking at (depending on) something, or someone, other than me. "Look unto me, and be ye saved." Do not look unto the church; do not look unto baptism; do not look unto the Ten Commandments; do not look unto anything else, but if you want to be

saved you must "Look unto me." In other words, God is saying in these Scriptures that you must change your thinking about some things, that if one is ever to be saved, he must look unto God, and not self or something else. He must have another mind. That, beloved, is exactly what repentance is.

Let us turn now to the New Testament. In Matt. 21:28-29, we read, "But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went." Now what does that tell us? It tells us that this son had a change of mind.

Again, we note in Luke 15:17-20: "And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's house have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger. I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants, and he arose and came to his father." Once again we see that this son had a change of mind — in other words, it was this change of mind (repentance) that caused him to do what he did.

In the book of Galatians, the Apostle Paul tells us that at one time he was doing certain things, but afterwards, had a change of mind. "Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; and was unknown by face unto the churches of Judea which were in Christ: but they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preached the faith which once he destroyed" (Gal. 1:22-23). This teaches us that after God gave Paul another mind (re-

"For I am the Lord, I change not."—Mal. 3:6.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, WITH WHOM IS NO VARIABleness, neither shadow of turning"—James 1:17.

"Jesus Christ THE SAME yesterday, and today, and for ever"—Heb. 13:8.

Thank God there is One who remains the same. As the old song has said:

"Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;

Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;

Change and decay in all around I see:

Oh, Thou who changest not, abide with me."

All else changes. In fact, everything else is in a constant state of fluctuation and change.

Our houses change. The great cathedrals of today will some day be in ruins. Those who own property realize how rapidly property changes, as there is something in need of repairs constantly.

Our health changes. While one may be enjoying the best of health today, tomorrow that individual may be overcome by sickness. Even a few hours makes a tremendous difference often in one's health.

Our prosperity changes. I have seen individuals reduced practically to poverty within but a short time, and a few times — very few in life, I have seen individuals suddenly elevated to a position of financial prosperity.

penance), he stopped persecuting the churches. Repentance, therefore, is a change of mind.

II. Repentance Is Threefold

Folk need to understand that repentance is not just simply being sorry for, or about, something and change their mind from that point of view. Repentance is threefold. We must have a complete change of mind about God, about sin, and about self. Most folk do not think of God as they should. They do not think of Him as the sovereign Creator of the universe, that He does as, when, and whether He wills and none can stay His hand. He is thought of as loving both Jacob and Esau, but loving Esau a little less, and not hating him as the Lord says. He is thought of (Continued on page 4, column 5)



Dear Bro. Gilpin, Jr.,

I have just finished reading the "Serpent of Brass," preached by our late, most beloved Brother Gilpin. I can't help but read his sermons first, when the paper arrives. I pray the Lord's blessings may rest and abide upon you all.

Mrs. Della Evans
Arkansas

Dear Bro. Gilpin, Jr.,

I am so grateful that our Lord has given you the courage to continue your father's work of editing The Baptist Examiner. I never met your father personally, but we did keep in touch by letters, and I felt that I knew him personally.

I was saddened and shocked to hear of his death, but we have the assurance that our Lord does

Memorial Pulpit

By JOHN R. GILPIN

Our Beloved Pastor and Editor, Now in Glory



"THE IMMUTABILITY OF CHRIST"

Even our families change. Children mature and marry and thus the families are changed. Families are often changed by divorce on the part of parents. Of course, death brings the greatest change of all, for it removes children, wives, and fathers alike from the family circle. Years ago, H. P. Danks wrote "Silver Threads Among The Gold." His wife was his inspiration and guiding star in the writing of this song. The coming of wealth from this song meant the disruption of his home and brought a complete change as to his family life.

Of course, the styles change. A hundred years ago hoop skirts were in style. Then came the hobble, resulting in shorter lengths, and a complete change in women's clothing. The styles for men's clothes have likewise undergone similar changes, so that the clothes of yesterday do not in any wise at all resemble those of today.

Our friends change. Some of them whom we knew yesterday are working elsewhere and we are thereby separated from them. Others have changed because of service in the armed forces of our country; and of course, death brings about the greatest change of all as to our friends. When each of us think back over the years gone by to remember our former associates, I'm sure that without an exception we could all heartily sing:

"I'd give the world to see
That old gang of mine."
Actually, we change, too. It is

here that we can notice it most of all. The arms grow tottery; the hair grows thin and gray; the legs grow weak; and the back begins to bend. Yes, we change, too in our physical appearance.

All about us there is a change. The seasons change; kingdoms change; the world changes. Jesus acknowledged this when He said:

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away"—Mt. 24:35.

However, Jesus Christ remains the same. In the midst of "change and decay" He remains the same. Alas, for our changes, but thank God for Him who never changes.

I.
JESUS DOES NOT CHANGE IN HIS PERSON. What a contrast this offers to us! We change in our strength, beginning with weakness in childhood coming on to strength at maturity, and then going back to weakness again. While we change thus as to our strength, Jesus does not change. His strength remains unabated. Listen:

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth"—Psa. 110:3.

Furthermore, we change in our knowledge. In childhood, teen age and early maturity, we learn rapidly and are able to adapt the knowledge that we thus learn for efficiency in our lives. Yet, as we grow older, our knowledge changes. I have observed very

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all things according to His will. My husband's brother went home to be with the Lord about the same time Pastor Gilpin left us, and altho they never knew each other in this life, I'm sure that they have met now.

Sincerely in the Faith,
Mrs. Edith Davenport
W. Va.

Dear Brother,

I have been a reader of T.B.E. for several years and had learned to love your Father because of his stand for the truth. He was not a "fence-straddling" Baptist and I feel wonderful to know that the paper is going to continue, and that the church has given him a "Memorial Pulpit" in the paper he loved so much.

John T. White
Georgia

Dear Bro. Gilpin, Jr.,

I'm sorry I have been unable to send any contribution to the ongoing of the paper for awhile. I intend, Lord willing, to continue on supporting the paper. I have not worked since December 26, because of an operation but am hoping soon to be able to go back to work.

Sincerely yours,
John E. Wolfe
Pennsylvania

Dear Bro. John,

We were saddened by the news of your father's homeliving, but are thankful that you, Brother Halliman and others of your church are continuing to carry on The Baptist Examiner, the New Guinea Missions and all other phases of this excellent ministry.

As God blesses and directs, we pledge our continued prayerful and financial support. May He sweetly bless and strengthen your Mother

through this time of adjustment and bless, comfort, and guide each of you in every decision, every moment.

Sincerely yours,
Fred T. Marler, Jr.
Texas

Dear John, Jr.,

I am praying daily that God will send Calvary Baptist Church a pastor that will take the bold stand that Bro. Gilpin always took. Truly, you had a wonderful father!

May God bless,
W. S. Hardman
W. Va.

Dear Bro. Gilpin, Jr.,

It was good news to hear the Baptist Examiner will continue to go out. We will always miss, but forever remember your father, and I know of no greater memorial than to continue his work.

Sincerely yours,
Robert H. Myers, Jr.
Tennessee

Dear Brethren,

I consider it a privilege to be identified with that "Gilpin Bunch." I thank the Lord for the precious truths that I have learned through the ministry of The Baptist Examiner. My prayer is that the Lord will guide you, as you seek to do His will.

Sincerely,
Mrs. O. E. Beck
Arkansas

Dear Bro. Gilpin, Jr.,

I am glad the church is carrying on The Baptist Examiner. I know that would be your father's wish as it has been a source of strength in my home and life for many years.

As ever,
Mrs. Chas. R. Hughes
Indiana

"Immutability"

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definitely in older folk, that though they may remember the things that happened forty and fifty years ago with accuracy, yet they cannot recall the things that happened even of yesterday. In knowledge we constantly are changing. Yet this is not true with Jesus. He knows all things from the beginning unto the end. With Him there is no change as to knowledge. All events are foreknown by Him. Listen:

"Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world"—Acts 15:18.

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified"—Rom. 8:29,30.

Even we change in our affection for one another. This is apparent by the divorces that are granted day by day in our country. That which appeared to be love, often turns to hate, and friendship often wanes. Our affections for each other are constantly in a state of change. How we rejoice that this is not true with Jesus. Listen:

"Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end"—John 13:1.

What a blessed Scripture! How wonderful to know that He loved His disciples unto the end. He loved Simon Peter even though He knew he was going to deny Him. He loved all the disciples even though He knew they were going to be false to Him. Though we change in our affection for one another, His love and affection remains the same.

It is true that we change in our holiness. No one of us ever becomes absolutely holy. Yet there are seasons within the lives of each of us when we attain unto more holiness and more spiritual perfection than at any other time. Still again the Lord seems very far from us and our holiness is dwarfed by sins within our lives. While such a change takes place in our holiness, there is never a change like this in the experience of Jesus. His holiness remains the same. How could it be otherwise since He is purity itself, and since His life is one of absolutely spotless integrity before God. Listen:

"For such an high priest be-

came us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens"—Heb. 7:26.

Frankly, we change even in our outlook on life. No individual continues long with the same viewpoint as to life. The changes that come to us in our experiences cause us thus to vary, as we have sunshine today and distress tomorrow. Therefore, of necessity we change in our outlook.

With the Lord Jesus Christ, this is an impossibility. His outlook is always the same. Knowing the end from the beginning, how could it be otherwise? While we may change, it is always with the same viewpoint that Christ looks upon this world.

"Immutable His will
Though dark may be my frame,
His loving heart is still
Unchangeably the same.
My soul through many changes goes,
His love no variation knows."

Yes, it is true that Jesus does not change in His person. We change in our strength, knowledge, affection for one another, holiness, and outlook on life; yet, in each of these particulars, Jesus does not change. Hence, we remind you that in His person Jesus knows no change.

II.

JESUS DOES NOT CHANGE IN HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD SINNERS. When He was here in the day of His flesh, His enemies referred to Him as a "friend of sinners." Well, thank God, He is still the same.

He came to save sinners. Listen:

"For I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance"—Mt. 9:13.

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost"—Luke 19:10.

"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—I Tim. 1:15.

When He was here, they brought to Him a woman taken in adultery—as her accusers said, "in the very act." Yet, Jesus manifested His love to her in that He said, "Neither do I condemn thee: go and sin no more"—John 8:11.

When the prodigal son went away from home, he wasted his substance in a far country in riotous living. When he came back home, the old father was waiting for him, looking for him, and ready to welcome him home. When he came within seeing distance, the old father ran to meet him. Of course, the father is a

picture of God the Father, and therefore, the only time we have a picture of God the Father being in a hurry is when this repentant sinner turns again home. Well, as the father received the prodigal son into his arms, so it is that the Lord Jesus Christ receives us. As the prodigal was received, Jesus still receives sinners today. What a blessing that He has never changed in His attitude toward sinners! How wonderful it is to know that He still receives sinners today! As the old song has said:

"Christ receiveth sinful men,
Even me with all my sin;
Purged from every spot and stain
Heaven with Him I'll enter in."

III.

While Jesus does not change in His person nor in His attitude toward sinners, **IT IS ALSO MAR-**

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VELOUS THAT HE DOES NOT CHANGE IN HIS MESSAGE. His message remains the same. Listen:

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

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away"—Mt. 24:35.

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever"—I Pet. 1:23.

The message of Jesus is unlike all sciences, education, and the philosophies of life. Sciences are constantly in a state of change. There is hardly a thing taught in books of science twenty years ago that is accepted now as being true. In the field of education it is the same. Once upon a time it was considered a child ought to know his ABC's ere going to school, and now oft times children in the second, third, and fourth grades are not able to recognize individual letters. Once upon a time in the field of education it was thought that a thorough study of the three r's —

reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic — was all that was necessary. Yet, now the three r's have come to stand for "Rah, Rah, Rah" at an athletic meet.

The philosophies of the world have changed. I have read many of the books of philosophy by Socrates, Plato, Cicero, and other philosophers in the days before Jesus, as well as the philosophies of life that have been promulgated since His day. Yet, all of these have changed. Yes, even the philosophy of this present age is vastly different to the philosophies of life even twenty years ago, and the generation just growing up to maturity today is developing an entirely different philosophy toward life than that which has ever been known before.

In most libraries there are thousands of books which are valueless. Ten years ago they were valuable as books pertaining to science, education and philosophy, but today they are worthless. This is not true with the Bible and its message, for it remains the same. There is not one new thought in the field of theology today that is true. In fact, anything new about theology in the past two thousand years is absolutely false. Jesus' message does not change — it remains the same. As the prophet has said:

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever"—Isa. 40:8.

IV.

NEITHER DOES JESUS CHANGE IN HIS PROMISES.

It has been computed that there are better than thirty thousand promises in the Bible. Many of these are promises primarily in behalf of the Jews. Some of them are promises concerning the Gentiles. Some are promises for only the redeemed. Well, regardless of what the promises may be, one fact remains, namely, that Jesus does not change in His promises. The old song has said:

"He will keep His promise to me,
All the way with me He will go;

He has never broken any promise spoken,
And will keep His promise I know."

There is first of all His promise as to salvation. What a blessed promise it is that He gives of salvation by grace through faith in Himself.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life"—John 5:24.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you,

He that believeth on me hath everlasting life"—John 6:47.

Then there is His promise as to the Bible. I don't worry concerning modernism, infidelity, and higher criticism. These can never defeat God's Word. The old Bible will remain when all else has failed and faded from this world. We have His promise that even after this earth has perished, the Word of God will still endure. Listen:

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away"—Mt. 24:35.

Then there is His promise as to comfort. What a blessing it is that He does not leave us in this world without comfort. There are so many heartaches and so many trials which come to each of us. Oft times our lives are weighted down with sorrows and difficulties from which it appears there can be no escape. What a blessing it is that He has given us a promise of comfort for hours such as these. Listen:

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"—John 14:27.

Then there is His promise as to protection. No child of God need fear anything, for we have His promise of everlasting protection. It is not necessary that we depend upon ourselves or upon anyone else to take care of us. We have His promise that He will go with us. Truly, we do need protection. Many times the Devil arrays the greatest of enemies against us in tremendous forces. Many times the enemies of God's people would seemingly triumph for the time, yet, in it all, God is ruling and protecting us. We have nothing to fear, for He has said:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"—Mt. 28:19,20.

We have also a marvelous promise as to His church. It is more than wonderful that we do not have any doubt as to the outcome of the church which Jesus built. Though others may perish and come to naught, His church will remain the same. It can never fail. We have His promise in that He has said:

"And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"—Mt. 16:18.

Here then are a few of the promises which He has given — promises as to salvation, the continuity of the Bible, comfort and protection for His child, and the perpetuity of His church. How wonderful it is to know that He does not change as to these promises, and that through all eternity it shall ever be thus that His promises shall remain unchanged.

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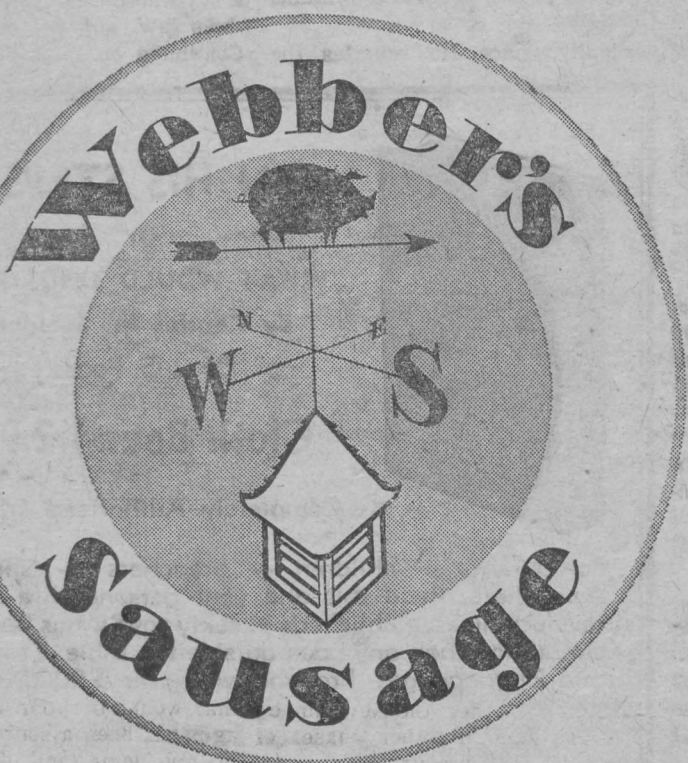
JESUS DOES NOT CHANGE IN HIS THREATENINGS.

For the redeemed there is the threat of chastisement, for God has repeatedly declared that His believing child would be chastened as a result of sin. Listen:

"If his children forsake my law and walk not in my judgments: If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail"—Psa. 89:30-33.

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeh every son whom he receiveth"—Heb. 12:6.

"For the time is come that (Continued on page 4, column 3)



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Can a church claim to be sound that does not claim a mother church?



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It is conceivable that a church might be a very sound church, faithful to the teachings of the Scriptures, but lacking along this line. Perhaps the church was started back many years ago — long enough that hardly any member remembers anything about its beginning. Under the ministry of a fine pastor, it has become a very orthodox church. When it is realized that the church was not started properly, the situation should be remedied by reorganization of the church under proper auspices. I would guess that many churches have been started improperly, and should be reorganized. If people find that there is anything about their church that needs correction, they should love the Lord and love their church enough to set things straight.

church that sent them out, why did they come back to that church in Acts 14:26-27 and report what they had done?

Another very interesting thing is seen in Acts 15:39-40. In verse 39, Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus without their being sent out by the church. And that is the last we hear of their mission endeavors. But in verse 40, Paul and Silas are sent out by the church. And we hear much of their work. I am convinced that the preacher who goes out without proper church authority just does not have the Lord along with him. And in Jno. 15:5, He says, "Without me ye can do nothing." If there is any other Scriptural way to start a new church, I have not been able to find it.

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There is no way that a church can be a true church if it does not have a mother church. The trouble that we have today is because many so-called churches of today were started by someone who just gathered a group together and called them a church.

The commission was given to the church that Jesus started while He was here on the earth. The church at Jerusalem was commanded to go forth preaching the truth. We read in Acts 8:1 that the church was scattered, by the Lord, so that they would do as they had been commanded. The mother church kept control and watched over this work. "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John" (Acts 8:14). When the church thought Peter had done wrong in going to the Gentiles with the word, they contended with him. (See Acts 11:1-2). The mother church was watching their servants as they went out preaching. When they heard that a large number in Antioch had been saved, they sent Barnabas to direct them. (See Acts 11:21, 22).

In Acts 13:2 we read, "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." The work they were called to do was to preach the gospel and organize new churches. And if church authority for this kind of work was not necessary, why did the Holy Spirit bother the church at Antioch with it? Why did He not just call these two men privily and send them on their way? And if they were not responsible to the

When the Lord sent Paul and Barnabas to go forth as a missionary to preach to the lost and to organize churches, He sent them out through the church. "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted

and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." (Acts 13:1-3). God called them but directed the church to send them forth, so they were working under the authority of the church.

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She can claim anything she likes, but if the church had its beginning without church authority, she is out of order.

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The Church at Antioch was also mother to many New Testament Churches. She was Paul's home church and authorized him to go forth as a missionary (Acts 13:1-3). Paul's ministry as a missionary from the Antioch Church was very blessed of God.

All of the Apostles had high regard for church authority — we should have no less.

"Immutability"

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judgment must begin at the house of God"—I Pet. 4:17.

Not one time has God ever abrogated a single word in His threatenings as to chastisement of His children. Through the days gone by, from the days of righteous Abel down to the present, God has chastened His own, and His threatenings in our behalf still stand unimpeached.

He likewise has threatened the lost. Not a lost man in this world who has ever read the Bible will doubt the fact that God has held up before him a threat as to eternal punishment in the lake of fire. Jesus Himself declared that it would be better for any individual to enter heaven with only one eye, one hand, or one foot than to be cast into Hell with a whole body. Listen:

"And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire"—Mark 9:27.

He has even gone farther in that He has threatened that unsaved religious leaders shall spend their eternity in Hell. Listen:

"Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name; and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I

profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity"—Matt 7:22,23.

Then there are His threats concerning the false churches. While we have a promise that the church He built will never fail, He also has made it clear that the false churches of this world are doomed and shall be destroyed. Listen:

"Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up"—Matt. 15:13.

These are just a few of the threats which the Lord has made. Yet, we need to remember that He has threatened eternal destruction for the redeemed, and that all false churches shall come to naught. Hence, we see that Jesus is immutable — He never changes.

In His person, He knows no change.

He does not change toward sinners.

He does not change in His message.

He does not change in His promise.

He does not change in His threatenings.

CONCLUSION

Therefore, since He does not change, then each of us ought to be sure that we have our affection set upon Him rather than upon the changing things of time. In other words, we should set our affection upon One who never changes and seek to remove it from the temporal changing things of time.

Likewise, since He does not change, and since you are a Christian, then you ought to try to imitate Him. So many Christians change with every wind of doctrine that blows. Paul refers to those who thus change when he wrote:

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive"—Eph. 4:14.

Too many Christians are like the weather vane — changing as the wind may blow. Well, remembering that Jesus does not change, let each Christian seek to imitate Him.

Also, since Jesus is the same, then each Christian should rejoice, for this is a guarantee that we stand secure in Him. What a blessed promise this gives to us as to our security.

"For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance"—Rom. 11:29.

Since He remains the same, therefore He will never repent, He will never change His mind, and, accordingly, He will never take from us the gifts of faith and repentance and the call which He has extended to us. Our security, therefore, depends entirely upon the fact that Jesus remains the same.

Finally, since He remains the

same, then what a message this is for the lost. Since Jesus is the same, then He still sends solemn warnings to the unsaved.

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God"—Psa. 9:17.

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death"—Rev. 21:8.

Therefore, lost sinner, realizing that Jesus Christ does remain the same with this warning to you, I would urge you now in the words spoken long ago. "Flee from the wrath to come." May you flee to Him who knows no change, but who has been the sinner's friend through the ages gone by, and who now may become your friend, Saviour and Lord.

May God bless you!

"Repentance"

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as being all love, and His mercy is demanded, but that His justice is optional, and if used at all, it must be done so, sparingly. He is thought of as being defeated in the very purpose of sending His Son into the world to die for sinners — to save His people from their sins.

Beloved, there needs to be some repenting as to the way God is usually thought of. Folk need to realize that God is sovereign over all of His creation. To say that God is not sovereign in everything is a contradiction in terms. To say that God loves everyone, and hates no one, is to deny the Bible. The Bible not only says that God loved Jacob and hated Esau, but it also says that "He has loved His people, with an everlasting love. Folk need to realize that while God is plenteous in mercy, He is just as demanding in His justice and that, while we all deserve His justice, none of us deserve His mercy. Certainly, there needs to be a change of thinking in regard to God being defeated in His purpose of sending His Son to die for sinners. Christ Jesus did not come to this earth to make salvation possible for all people; He came to save some. Christ did not die simply to render sins pardonable, but He came to "take away sin" Jno. 1:19.

There needs to be some rethinking regarding sin. Sin, any sin, is a terrible thing in the sight of God. Man looks upon sin as being gross, ordinary, or some so small as being practically nil. But the Word of God teaches us that all sin in the eyes of the Lord is bad enough to cause Him to send His Son into this world to die for it. What could be worse than that? "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one" (Continued on page 5, column 2)

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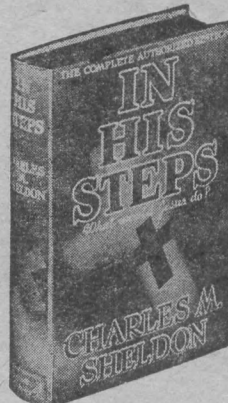
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"IS YOUR NAME ZIPPORAH?"

Zipporah was the oldest of the seven daughters of Jethro, the shepherd-priest of Midian. The name Zipporah means "a sparrow". Sparrows are neither pretty nor ugly. They have no special functions that anyone can see. There are so many of them that often they become a nuisance. They are attracted by anything that glistens, or shines, or looks glamorous. Even so it was with Zipporah.

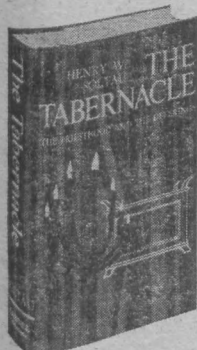
Moses was forty when he fled from Egypt. Brought up in Pharaoh's court as his son, Moses must have looked every inch the cultured Egyptian. What a shiny knight he must have seemed to this sparrow. Zipporah married Moses and bore him two sons.

Zipporah was an heathen woman from Midian. She did not share the spiritual values of her husband. This no doubt was a great factor in their unhappy marriage. Through her influence, Moses compromised his convictions and failed to circumcise his second son. This was in defiance to God's direct command. The Lord chastens those whom He loves and He struck Moses down with a terrible sickness. Zipporah could see that Moses was nigh unto death. In anger and frustration, she takes the knife and severs the boy's foreskin, throwing it down in front of Moses. We can see the scorn dripping from her words as she says, "Surely a bloody husband art thou to me."

Zipporah did not have spiritual eyes to see the importance of obeying the Word of the Lord. She saw in this ritual simply the physical side, and to her it was repulsive. Moses is restored to health and heads back to Egypt. Zipporah and the boys go back to her father's home. Moses had a tremendous task before him. He was to find that he carried the burden of all Israel on his shoulders. What a help it would have been if he had had a wife to be a helpmeet for him. One who would be at his side to care for his physical

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needs. One whom he could talk to and, yea, even weep with as he led his people, Israel.

There seems to be as many Zipporahs in the Lord's church as there are sparrows in His bird kingdom. Is your name Zipporah? Do you hinder your husband from serving the Lord? Sometimes we do this because we don't have the same spiritual insight that our husband does. He desires to participate in a church service or go to a Bible Conference or fellowship meeting — and as Zipporah, we have many reasons why he should not. Because we are drab as a sparrow, and these meetings are not shiny and glamorous enough for us, we think it is not important to others. In spite of all that Zipporah did, God used Moses in a mighty way. But the sparrow was left in the background. She blends in with the multitude that travel the broad way and is lost to view.

It is easy for saved wives to have some of the characteristics of Zipporah. May it please the Lord to grant us grace to examine ourselves and give us repentance, that we might be a help to our husband and not an hindrance.



"Repentance"

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point, he is guilty of all" James 2:10. Beloved, there needs to be some repenting in regard to sin.

One, certainly, needs to have a change of mind towards self. One should not think himself as the Pharisee did as he stood and prayed with himself, "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even, as this publican." Beloved, one needs to repent of this type of thinking and see himself justly condemned as did this publican. I say, beloved, one needs to repent of his thinking regarding himself.

III. The Importance Of Repentance
Repentance is a command of God, and, therefore, important. Let it be noted that all of God's commands are not equally important. Our text tells us, "God commands all men every where to repent." If you are in our audience this morning without repentance, you are breaking one of His commands. If you had never broken another command of God in all your life, but this morning without repentance, you are breaking one of His commands.

Now, let us observe that all of God's commands, while important, are not of equal importance. By that I mean, a mistake in obedience to some of God's commands, while this will bring chastisements and loss of rewards to the saved, are not fatal. For example, the Lord commands all that are saved to be baptized, but to fail to comply to this is not fatal. The Lord commands all people to tithe, but to fail to do this is not fatal. Most certainly, He commands saved folk to attend church, but to miss some services, or all, is not fatal insofar as salvation is concerned.

However, if you fail to comply with God's command to repent, that is fatal. None of these other things are essential to salvation, and therefore, not fatal. But for one to fail to exercise repentance is forever and eternally fatal. The Lord Jesus said, "I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" Luke 13:3.

In the Scriptural order, repentance always comes first. While I cannot Scripturally separate repentance and faith insofar as a time lapse is concerned, I know that, chronologically, there is an order to it, even though logically we may not be able to separate the two. Our Lord said, "... the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel" Mark 1:15.

Repentance is the cornerstone of God's revelation to us; that we have been saved. When one realizes that he has truly repented of

his sins, then certainly, this is a revelation from God to us that we have been quickened by the Spirit, for without the quickening of the Spirit there will be no true repentance. It's just that simple — no repentance — no salvation. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

In Matthew 7:24-27, we are reminded that unless a house has the foundation bottomed on something solid it will not stand. Likewise, unless our repentance is bottomed on Christ the Solid Rock, it is of no value. And to try to build on a partial foundation is just as bad. For me to tell you to exercise faith in Christ without repentance would be to omit the first principle of salvation. Listen: "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine (teaching) of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works" Heb. 6:1. In Hebrews 5:12, this is spoken of as the first principles. Therefore, repentance is the first principle in salvation. One must repent of dead works. In other words, it is what God uses to prepare the sinner to receive Christ as Saviour. Many Scriptures plainly teach this. We will note a few.

John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness, "And saying, Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias (Isaiah), saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" Matt. 3:2-3. How was John preparing the way for the Lord? He came preaching repentance and, in so doing, was being used of the Lord to prepare the hearts of some to receive the Lord Jesus.

Again, we turn to the Word of God, and we note: "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway of our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed..." Isa. 40:3-5. Again we read, "And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people" Isa. 57:14. Note once again, "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people" Isa. 62:10.

Beloved, the emphasis in the Scriptures that we have just read to you could be summed up in one word — grading, or clearing, or preparing the ground for the reception of something or someone. What, then, was John's assigned task? His task was not to establish the Lord's Church, although he was the first Baptist. His assigned task was not to establish schools and orphan homes. No, beloved, his assignment was to prepare the way of the Lord. This is clearly what Isaiah is saying. By way of a simple illustration: You don't go out in a woods to plant a cornfield; you don't build a road in a swamp, a desert or through mountains, except first you make some preparation, and clear away the rubbish. Beloved, repentance is the first principle in the reception of the gospel, and without the human heart being prepared (repenting from dead works), it will never receive Christ as Saviour. In Acts 3:19 we are told, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. Without repentance, sin is not blotted out."

IV. What Brings Repentance?

Many people are in complete ignorance regarding Bible repentance. A young girl attending a S.B.C. Church, said to me one day: "I almost went up, when the invitation was given this morning,



"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY?"



The Vatican reports in its latest statistics an increase of 14 million Roman Catholics worldwide in 1972 over 1971. This brings her total membership to 683 million worldwide.

The California state senate has named a Buddhist clergyman official chaplain.

These are perilous times in which we live. The stage is being set for Antichrist to bring the world to its knees by using the weapon of worldwide food supply. We are moving in the direction of mass starvation in most of the world. Droughts, floods, earthquakes, and political turmoils have resulted in crop failures. Then, there is a shortage of fertilizer. America's food reserves are extremely low. Henry Kissinger, Secretary of State, has called for the development of worldwide strategy and policy for food and oil through the United Nations.

At last, the government has moved to bar obscene and indecent material from television. The networks have promised to limit violent and sex-oriented scenes during prime time hours when children are watching. The Federal Communications Commission now has asked Congress for legislation to make it a crime to show indecent material on television.

This is due to complaints from viewers. In 1972, the FCC received over 2,000 complaints about violence or sexually-oriented programs. In 1974, the volume increased to nearly 25,000.

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and repented of my sins." What she was trying to tell me was that sometime, at her convenience and option, she would repent of her sins. Many evangelists preach on Hell and tell their audiences that all they have to do is to give their hearts to the Lord and they won't go to Hell. There are a multitude of things that man considers is the "real thing" that will bring repentance, but what saith the Word? Listen: "Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead" Luke 16:29-31. In John 5:46, we are told, "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me." Now what was Abraham saying to this man? He was telling him that both Moses and the prophets wrote of Christ, (Continued on page 6, column 1)

Canada have rejected a twenty-five per cent wage increase. The Paperworkers Union has threatened to shut down every mill in Canada for the next few months during wage negotiations. This will mean more money to print the EXAMINER as prices continue to go up.

It's a woman's world! There are about 100 women to every 95 men in the United States. They spend 85 cents out of every consumer dollar. They own or share control of 65 per cent of all private wealth, 75 per cent of all titles to homes, and 65 per cent of all savings accounts. They even outlive men by 8 years. Is this what they want to be liberated from?

The weaker sex is really the stronger sex, because of the weakness of the strong sex for the weaker sex. It took all the power of the Devil to deceive Eve, but it took just a brief feminine suggestion to persuade Adam to eat the forbidden fruit.

One sometimes wonders if we males should not petition Congress to be placed on the endangered species list.

Thanks to an infusion of oil money, government officials in Iraq intend to restore the entire twenty-one - square-mile ancient city of Babylon. This project is to include the rebuilding of the Tower of Babel.

Union Seminary in New York is in financial difficulty. The school faces more than \$750,000 deficit for the next academic year. Student enrollment in down to 400 compared with 550 in 1971. Here is proof that liberalism in a school will eventually kill it.

The United Methodists gave a record \$55.4 million for denominational causes in 1974, a 12 per cent increase over 1973.

Eight of the eleven denominations composing the Canadian Council of Churches have gone on record against capital punishment for any crime. There have not been any executions in Canada since 1962. Shame on these so-called churches for not believing what the Bible says about capital punishment. It is terrible when professed Christians side with the Devil's crowd.

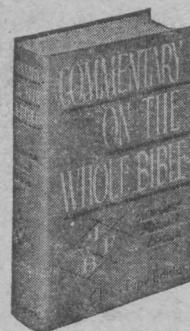
Something like 900,000 legal abortions were performed in the United States during 1974. This number is compared to 750,000 in 1973. America is engaging in mass murder of the unborn. God will visit for such a practice.

Georgi P. Vins, the Soviet Baptist leader, was sentenced in January during a closed trial in Kiev, Ukraine, to five years in prison and five years of exile. His crime (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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and that if his brothers would not believe the Lord's Word, neither would they believe or repent if one rose from the dead and told them about the flames of Hell. In other words, he was telling him that it takes the Lord's Word to bring repentance and not a story on Hell.

V. Repentance A Gift Of God

If you have repentance this morning, or if you ever have it, it will be because God has given it to you. Like faith, it is a gift of God. Listen, "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves: if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth" **II Tim. 2:25**. "Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance" **Acts 5:31**. "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance" **Rom. 11:29**. Beloved, repentance is a gift that comes from God to His people and, when God calls, He gives repentance, and God Himself does not repent of that. God never grants repentance and faith, and then decides not to save the individual. All of His gifts and calling are without repentance.

VI. Some Examples of False Repentance.

The Bible teaches us that there is such a thing as "believing in vain." **I Cor. 15:2**. Likewise, there is such a thing as false repentance. We turn to the Word of God, and we read, "Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessings, he was rejected: for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears" **Heb. 12:16-17**.

In many cases, evangelists use this passage of Scripture to try to get professions of faith by saying that unless you repent now God may forever leave you, for here is a clear cut case where one man sought repentance, and even wept bitterly in so doing, but was refused. Nothing could be farther from the truth than this. The only repentance that Esau was seeking, and no doubt but what he did seek that with tears, was the repentance of his father, Isaac. Esau was seeking the blessing he had missed, and he was so sorry, that he wept bitterly, and tried to get Isaac to change his mind about giving the blessing to Jacob. Many folk weep and mourn over their sins because, like Esau, it has

caused them some grief and/or to miss out on something; therefore, they like Esau may appear to be repenting, even by the shedding of many tears, but this is false repentance.

During World War II, I was on a ship in the southwest Pacific that struck a coral reef one night about 1:00 a.m. Realizing that we were in waters where Japanese submarines were operating, we thought we were torpedoed. There were several negroes out on the back deck shooting dice at the time and, immediately, the "crap game" turned into a prayer meeting. Never have I heard such earnest prayer in my life. Those negro soldiers were all, and seemingly, at the same time, trying to tell the Lord how sorry they were for shooting dice. Now, beloved, here was a clear cut case of false repentance. What was actually happening was that those fellows were sorry that they had gotten caught shooting dice just before they were going to die. They thought within minutes we would sink there in the dark of night, with no possible way of escape, and they were sorry about having to face the Lord with shooting craps just before they died. Not too long after that, we discovered that we were sitting on top of a big reef and there was no possible way that we could sink — less than an hour later the crap game had resumed.

Sinner friend, when you have come to the time and place, and may it please God that this is the day, that you can see yourself condemned, and deserving of all the penalties of Hell, and that Christ Jesus has come to die in your stead, that he bore your sins and your penalty on Calvary's Cross, that God through Him has had mercy upon you, then it is time to profess faith in Christ, because God has granted you Bible repentance. May the Lord bless you!



Election

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sins when we are born again, but to the maintaining of that salvation into the complete salvation which will be ours in both the body and soul at the resurrection. This salvation also comes by Divine appointment. In **II Thessalonians 2:13**, the Word of God shows that we who are saved were chosen by God from the beginning, and this is unto salvation. The means of entering into the realization of this salvation are the preached Word of God and the operation of the

Holy Spirit. This selection or election came from eternity.

In **Ephesians 1:4-9**, the Word of God shows that we who are God's children were predestinated in Christ to be holy and to be God's children. This was done from the foundation of the world. This was done according to God's will and not man's will. The Biblical fact is, we are holy in Christ and have become the children of God, because of the eternal predestination of God.

In **Romans 9:13-24**, the Bible shows that there are two classes of human beings. Those, who go to Hell, do so because they are sinners and are vessels of wrath fitted to destruction. They are endured by God to show His mercy in patience and long suffering. Concerning the vessels of mercy, Paul said that they "were AFORE PREPARED UNTO GLORY!" The vessels of mercy are not limited to Israel as John Locke's philosophy and most modern Baptists believe, but Paul said, "... even us whom God has called both OF THE GENTILES AS WELL AS THE JEWS!" In **Romans 8:29,30**, you will find that the called and the predestinated are one and the same. They were predestinated unto conformation into Christ's image (not to national blessings), and the called were also justified and glorified in Christ. Can this be said to occur to national Israel or to each human being? I think not! Furthermore, you will find in **II Timothy 1:8,9**, that this calling and grace were given to us in Christ JESUS BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN!

The Bible teaches that a sinner is saved due to God's will, not the sinner's, and that this will of God in election occurred in eternity past, and is due to the sovereignty of God and not the mere foresight of God. See **Psalm 53:1-4**, if you desire a picture of what God did see when He looked upon human beings. Election is not because of what God foresaw about us, but in SPITE OF IT!

What Of Human Destiny?

Does man direct his own steps and guide himself to Christ? No, the Bible is very plain about this business as well. "... it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" **Jeremiah 10:23**.

"Man's goings are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way?" **Proverbs 20:24**. Observe that here we have both the positive and negative side of the direction of man. Man's goings are of the Lord. Man's destiny is in God's hands and not in the hands of sinful, planning, but failing man!

What Of Man's Heart?

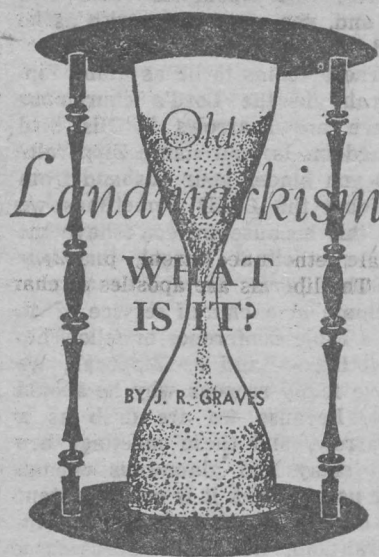
Does man open his own heart? At the time of his conversion it may appear that way, but, in reality, when man does open his own heart it is ONLY DUE TO THE WORK OF GOD! In **Prov. 16:1**, the Scriptures show us that even the disposition or power of the heart, as well as the answer of the mouth, IS OF THE LORD! In **Acts 16:14,15**, this truth is seen. Remember, that to us it may appear that man guides his own path, and directs his own steps, and opens his heart to the Lord Jesus Christ, but the Bible says that God does it all!

When A Sinner Is Saved It Is Due To God's Will!

In **John 1:11-13**, the Word of God shows us that we receive Christ and become the children of God by experience and knowledge because DIVINE POWER was given to us! This power and this ability to become the children of God occurs in the New Birth. This is the birth from above that Jesus talked about in **John 3:3-5**. Observe well, that in **John 1:12,13**, this power is NOT OF MAN NOR OF THE WILL OF THE FLESH, BUT ONLY OF GOD!

In **John 5:30**, the Bible teaches

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that sinners will not come to Christ that they might have life. In **Eph. 2:1-3**, we are told that we were "quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." If we must come to Christ for life and ability, if we must come to have eternal life — how, then, can we ever do this, WHEN WE WILL NOT, AND WOULD NOT IF WE COULD? Jesus told us the answer in **John 6:44 and 65**... we must be drawn by the Father through the Word and the Spirit!

Christ's position on the matter of coming to Him is that no one will do so who is not drawn by the Father, and learns from the Father to come to Him. I may have thought that when I came to Christ I did it myself, (though in my own experience, I knew better how God works differently on His people), but when I read Jesus' words, I know that I had nothing to do with it, but the passive or receiving of this work, and the executing of it when God worked it in me, **Phil. 2:11-13**.

This drawing is according to eternal predestination and election, according to Paul in **Romans 8:29,30** and **II Timothy 1:8,9**. The term "draw" is also the same in meaning as the term "call."

In **James 1:18**, the Bible shows us that we are born again because of the will of God. Of His own will begat He us again unto a living hope by the Word of God through the Holy Spirit. And in **Romans 9:13-17**, the Bible teaches that it is not of him that wills or runs, but of God that shows mercy.

If anyone is saved, it is only because God has shown mercy on him, and this occurs, due to the fact that God, in eternity, chose or elected to have this mercy as He wills to have mercy.

When A Sinner Is Saved It Is Because Of A Special Favor From God!

Grace means FAVOR! In **Eph.**

1:4-11, the Bible shows us that we were given grace in Christ Jesus before the world began. This was according to God's good pleasure. His good pleasure is also His will. This is joined with eternal grace in **II Timothy 1:8,9**. In **Ephesians 2:8-10**, we are told that we have no part whatsoever in the matter of our salvation. It is wholly a work of God's grace or His FAVOR!

Conclusion

These points are presented in the Scriptures to show that if any are saved, then it is because of the Lord and not man. If you are lost, then your only hope is in the Person of Jesus Christ — in whom we have our eternal salvation and election. You must look only to Christ and His blood. You must turn from the world and sin. You must come to HIM! You cannot in your strength alone, but when you do it will be because: "God hath from the beginning chosen you unto salvation..." **II Thess. 2:13**.



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Bezaleel, then, was a type of our Lord Jesus Christ even as his name signifies; that is, he was a type of our Lord in that he was the son of Uri which means "light," and the grandson of Hur which means "free," and of the tribe of Judah which means "praise." Our Lord Jesus was most assuredly the light of Jehovah—the builder of the true Tabernacle.

Bezaleel was from the tribe of Judah—the royal tribe. Judah, in fact, was the tribe which took the lead when Israel journeyed. Judah, as we have said, signifies "praise," and we, in the following Scriptures, observe as the Son of God fulfills this type.

"In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit, and said, I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in Thy sight" — **Luke 10:21**.

"I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart" — **Psa. 40:8**.

We, by comparing **Exodus 31:1-5** with **Isaiah 11:1-2**, will note that the artificer (Bezaleel) was a perfect type of our Lord.

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots: and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge, and of the fear of the Lord" — **Isa. 11:1-2**.

We may also observe that Bezaleel was a type of our Lord in that his work was in "gold," "silver," and "brass." Gold speaks of Divine glory. Only He who was filled with the Spirit of God (Continued on page 7, column 4)

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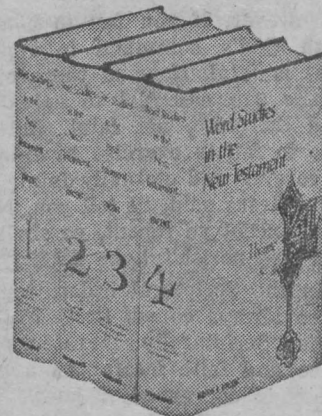
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What's Happening

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is said to be the use of religion to cloak illegal activities. He was arrested last March and held in a hospital in poor health partly due to a previous three-year prison term.

Vins is executive secretary of the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christian-Baptists. This is the conservative group of Baptists over there which was founded in 1965. This group broke away from the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian-Baptists.

The liberal AUCECB is far more conservative over there than the liberal Baptists in this country. At their December meeting in 1974, they rejected women as pastors and related that 4,000 had been excluded from the churches in the last five years.

The AUCECB lists 535,000 members and more than 12,000 baptisms in the last five years. The CCECB probably has a membership of 100,000. There are registered and unregistered congregations in both of these bodies.

The World Council of Churches pleaded with the Soviet government for Vins, but to no avail. This was the first time they had ever publicly confronted the Kremlin in a case involving persecution of a Baptist leader. Such action on their part is long overdue.

The sentencing of Vins is proof, once more, that there is no religious freedom under Communism. This is further seen by their canceling the trade agreement with the United States, rather than grant concessions to restless Jews.

Animal Sacrifices

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that Moses commanded so and so. "Some will find this interpretation of Jeremiah hard to accept, but the best scholarship of the world is agreed in this matter. Also, this interpretation agrees exactly with other prophetic utterances. Amos 5:25-27; Micah 6:6-8; and Isaiah 1:11-13 all denounce the sacrifices of Israel. Some would limit these words to mean only that sacrifice was useless so long as unaccompanied by true repentance. They certainly meant this much, but there are the best of reasons for thinking they also involved more. If the meaning had been that sacrifices were in vain without the right attitude of heart and soul, the prophets could have said that as clearly and easily as we can. It is undoubtedly best to take words like Psalm 51:16,17 in their simplest, most obvious sense, "Thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it; thou desirest not burnt-offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."

The most striking statement we find in this whole article is that "the best scholarship of the world is agreed in this matter." By this statement every believer in the verbal inspiration of the Penta-

teuch is excluded from the "best scholarship" of the world! (By verbal inspiration we do not mean inspiration by the mechanical dictation method, which is condemned on every page of the Bible by evidences of the individuality of the writer in temperament, personality, literary style, etc. We believe in verbal inspiration by the dynamical method. See Strong, p. 102).

The liberals are apostles of charity, of broad-mindedness, of the right of private interpretation. They spurn the narrowness and "bigotry" of dogmatism. They look with disdain upon the "watch-dogs of orthodoxy," and often resent their classification of them as heretics and Modernists. Yet some of them do not hesitate to become watch-dogs of scholarship. They despise the "bigotry" and narrowness of orthodoxy, but they practice the "bigotry" and narrowness of scholarship. They do not wish to be classified; yet they classify others. Perhaps the writer of this article may be able to see his folly by supposing our making the following statement: "All truly Christian scholars believe that God instituted animal sacrifice and commanded them to Israel." Why will these liberals object to the "shibboleths" of conservatives and yet impose their own? If so, we can trot out quite an array of Th.D's, Ph.D's, L.L.D's, etc., that dissent from the views advanced in the article under consideration. Will the writer of the article recast his statement as to the "best scholarship?" He will, or remain guilty of having erected a "shibboleth" of his own making as a standard of scholarship.

His statement as to the "best scholars" reminds us of the man who said: "All great scholars agree with me;" and who, when asked who the great scholars were, replied: "Why, those that agree with me, of course." The only way that Prof. Dean's statement can be proved true is to determine the "best scholarship" by their agreement with the view advanced by him.

That more light may be thrown upon the views of the "best scholarship" we give the following quotations from those who do not qualify under the educator's "shibboleth," but who, nevertheless, possess some recognized credentials of scholarship:

"That Jeremiah was no opponent of sacrifices when properly offered is clear from the fact that elsewhere he speaks of them as the crowning blessing of a happier day (xxxiii. 18, 21). How could he have been opposed to sacrifices? He was himself a priest. More than this, he was contemporary and coadjutor of the very King Josiah in whose reign, according to our critics, the code of Deuteronomy with its provisions for every form of animal-offering was foisted on a heedless people" (Bissell, erstwhile Professor of Hebrew Language and Literature in the Hartford Theological Seminary, in "The Pentateuch, Its Origin and Structure," p. 313).

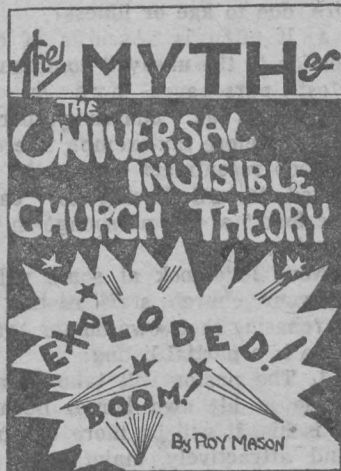
In answering the question, "Did God Command Sacrifices," based

upon Jer. 7:22, the very passage that Prof. Dean uses to prove that God did not command animal-sacrifices, Robert Tuck, in "A Handbook of Biblical Difficulties," says: "The difficulty is removed when the precise point of the text is recognized. The word 'concerning' should be rendered 'with a view to the matter of sacrifices.' That is, they are not the end contemplated. They were but means for securing a higher end; and therefore those were altogether mistaken and wrong who limited their view to the formal sacrifice." Further: "Lowth says: 'It is a way of speaking usual in Scripture, to express the preference that is due to one thing above another, in terms which express the rejection of that which is less worthy; and thus I conceive we are to understand the text here in correspondence

means towards that end. 'The mere sacrifice was not so much what I commanded, as the sincere submission to my will which gives to the sacrifice all its virtue'" (Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown's Commentary, in loco).

In comment on Amos 5:21 ("I despise your feast days, etc."), we read from "The Hebrew Prophets," written by Georgia Louise Chamberlain, but edited by Ernest D. Burton, Shailer Mathews, and Theodore G. Soares, and forming a part of "The University of Chicago Publications in Religious Education:" "The Prophet does not mean to say that Jehovah will not accept a religion expressed in sacrifices, or that he disapproves all forms of sacrifice. He is simply saying that they have overdone sacrifices and religious festivals and have utterly disregarded the real moral foundation of religion — justice and righteousness."

We could continue on, but we must not. However, we have plenty more to say on this matter if it proves to be needed. The editor does not profess to be a scholar, he is just a "small potato," a voice "crying in the wilderness," but (Continued on page 8, column 5)



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with the parallel place of Hosea (vi. 6), 'I will have mercy and not sacrifice.' The words in both places implying that God always laid greater stress upon sincere obedience than on external observances, and designed the latter, as so many mounds and fences, to guard and preserve the former.' Again: "Henderson remarks suggestively, that it is not infrequent in the Scriptures for a thing to be stated absolutely, which is true only relatively. Absolutely God did command sacrifices, but not such as they offered, nor as of final obligation."

"If this passage is to be understood in a literal sense . . . the prophet would declare not only something incredible in itself, but also what would be in the highest degree prejudicial to the assumed post-exilic composition of the middle books of the Pentateuch. For how could these place the origin of the sacrificial enactments in the period of the exodus, if prophetic utterances like this and Am. v. 25 expressly contradict it?" Again: "As in Exod. 16:8 the words 'Your murmurings are not against us, but against Jehovah,' declare not that the Israelites did not murmur at all against Moses and Aaron (which is expressly maintained in verse 2), but only that the sin of murmuring against Moses and Aaron vanished in comparison with the sin which they committed in their murmuring against the Lord himself,—as Hos. vi. 6 likewise denies pleasure in sacrifices not absolutely but only relatively, in so far that it does not enter into comparison with the pleasure of the Lord in true piety . . . — so also in this passage the negation has a rhetorical, not a logical significance . . . Thus those commentators are right who find here this meaning, that the whole of the enactments relating to sacrifices does not enter into consideration in comparison with the importance of the moral law" (Lange, on Jer. 7:22).

"The negative in Hebrew often supplies the want of the comparative: not excluding the thing denied, but only implying the prior claim of the thing set in opposition to it (Hosea 6:6). 'I will have mercy, and not sacrifice' (I Sam. 15:22). Love to God is the supreme end, external observance only

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(Isaiah 11:1-2), yea, only He who was filled with wisdom, understanding and knowledge was competent to "work in gold." We, in John 17:6, 8 and 9, observe as our Lord works in "gold:"

"I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy Word . . . For I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send Me . . . While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy name: those that Thou gavest Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the Scriptures might be fulfilled."

Our Lord Jesus also fulfilled the type set forth by Bezaleel in that He worked in "silver." We may add that only the Son of God was qualified to work in "silver," in view of the fact that the silver speaks of redemption. It is as stated in Psalm 49:7,8:

"None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: (for the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth forever):"

We may boldly proclaim that only He who knew no sin could work in silver. It is as stated in I Peter 1:18, 19:

"Forasmuch 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."

It is also true that only our Lord was qualified to work in "brass." Brass speaks of judgment, yea, it speaks of the ability to endure judgment. We, of course, must look to God's Son again, for only He was capable of bearing the weight and heat of God's judgment against sinners.

"Then Thou spakest in vision to Thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people" — Psal. 89:19.

It is pointed out that the work of Bezaleel involved cutting stones. Here, again, we observe the work of our Lord. It, in fact, is as stated in I Peter 2:5 and Eph. 2:10:

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

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them." God also appointed Aholiab as one of the artificers (workman). "And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan . . ." — Exodus 31:6.

The name "Aholiab" signifies "the tent of the father." We, by comparing John 1:14, will observe that the Lord Jesus fulfilled the type our Father designed through Aholiab.

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt (tabernacled) among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" — John 1:14.

The tribe of Judah, of which Bezaleel was a member, led the way for the other tribes. The tribe of Dan, of which Aholiab was a member, took up the rear. We see, then, that our Lord Jesus, through Bezaleel and Aholiab, represents all of His people from the strongest (Judah) to the weakest (Dan).

It is stated in Exodus 31:6 that the purpose for appointing Bezaleel and Aholiab was — "That they may make all that I have commanded thee." We see, then, that every detail of the work assigned to Bezaleel and Aholiab was appointed beforehand. There was no room for the exercising of self will. All was to be in agreement with the Lord's will. It is as stated in John 6:38:

"For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me."

We have learned that God called Bezaleel and Aholiab and equipped them for the work that had been assigned to them. The Lord also called His Apostles and equipped them for His service. This same truth applies today. We are at His call and dependent upon His Spirit. We are under instructions not to deviate from the pattern that has been set down in His Word. May we hear and heed His message to us. Those who do otherwise have that solemn passage in Matthew 15:9 stamped over their door:

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4. It often is a source of contention to the unsaved community. Most parsonages are on the tax books as "church property" and therefore tax-exempt. There is a deep resentment among the unsaved toward having to "carry the load" of the parsonage in tax monies.

Now, let's look at some values of your church staff renting or purchasing their own home. Again, here is a partial listing:

1. The pastor will take greater pride in his own home. Because it is his, it will be more carefully and attractively maintained. Because he has had choice, the home will more adequately fit his personal needs, style, and choice of geographical location.

2. The pastor's housing allowance may be cheaper than parsonage upkeep. Many churches have found this to be the case. Several churches are selling their parsonages and placing the equity in the bank and making some of it available, interest free, to the pastor for a down payment. If the pastor leaves, the loan then bears interest and must be repaid in a short span of time. This allows a succeeding pastor to also use the equity as down payment. The church pays the pastor a monthly housing allowance roughly equal to what they were granting to the parsonage.

3. The Pastor has a distinct tax advantage. All the interest, taxes, and office expenses are now deductible expenses on his income tax. You help your pastor stretch his declining buying power.

4. The Pastor's retirement is more secure. He has provided a home to live comfortably in during retirement when his income will often be one-half that of the average member of his congregation.

Of course, some may still want to live in the parsonage. But, the trend is towards a personal home. I think it is a healthy trend for both pastor and church.



Imagery

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into his secret room, and there perform the ritual of idolatry.

Now all the rest of the house was in order. The rest of the rooms could be visited by anyone or by many, but this room was private. IT WAS THE CHAMBER OF HIS IMAGERY. These religious leaders, seemingly giants in the faith, would go into secret rooms and there they thought hidden from God, perform their idolatrous and heathen worship.

I. THE SECRET OF SUCCESS IS IN THE HIDDEN CHAMBER.

The secret of success is built on what a man is in the darkest room of his heart. What is in the chamber of your imagery is what you really are. What you are today, is not the way you are graciously inclined to be nice, nor the way you smile in public, nor the way you teach your class, but what

you are in the one room into which no one else but you can go — into the chamber of your imagery. THIS IS WHERE THE REAL YOU LIVES . . . THE THOUGHTS YOU HAVE THAT NO ONE HEARS EXPRESSED, THE THOUGHTS THAT COME INTO YOUR MIND AND NO ONE KNOWS WHAT YOU ARE THINKING — IN THE CHAMBERS OF YOUR IMAGERY.

One of the things that will determine success more than any other thing I know of, is to keep clean the dirtiest room, keep clean your heart, your motives, your love, your intents, your purposes.

Matt. 15:19: "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies; these are the things which defile a man." WHERE? IN THE CHAMBER OF YOUR IMAGERY.

Christ, in speaking to the scribes and Pharisees, said: "Ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness . . . Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity." WHERE? IN THE CHAMBER OF YOUR IMAGERY!

I learned when I started preaching, I didn't have much to give God. But, one day it dawned upon me that God blesses people whose hearts are clean. KEEP CLEAN THAT LITTLE CHAMBER OF YOUR IMAGERY, THAT LITTLE PLACE WHERE YOU THINK. And, even though you may not be the friendliest fellow in the block, or the most talented, or the most dynamic, if your motives are right and the thoughts are pure and clean, you have stumbled upon one of the great secrets of success in God's work.

Success is not determined on how much talent you have or anything else, but only what God sees in the chamber of your imagery.

Now I want to bore a hole in your house where the real you lives and examine what is in the chamber of your imagery.

II. WHAT ARE YOUR SECRET MOTIVES?

God is not only going to judge what you do for him, but He is going to judge WHY you do what you do for Him. What are your motives? Why did you sing that solo? Why did you teach that Sunday School class? Why did you do your service for God?

GOD BLESSES WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO. I Cor. 10:31: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

You may give a great deal of money to the church, but the Lord says "He loveth a cheerful giver." You see motive!

In Matthew 6:1-18, God deals with Alms, Prayer and Fasting, and each one is affected by motive. Why do we do what we do?

This morning I had ten thousand times rather have that room clean, than all the other rooms put together in my spiritual house. The chamber of your imagery, what is it like today? What are your motives?

III. DOES LOVE RULE IN THE HIDDEN CHAMBER?

What is your love like in the chamber of your imagery? What kind of love do you really have? Oh, you smile in public. Why, you could run for a political office and win by a landslide! But how is it in the chamber of your imagery?

I have some mottos in life, and one motto is this:

I do not want to appear to be anything I am not. I had rather be more than I appear to be, than appear to be more than I am. I want to be able to lie down in my bed at night and know in the chamber of my imagery that God knows that love fills the room.

I Jno. 3:11: "For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."

Charles Hadden Spurgeon used to pray with emotion, "O Jesus, I want to so love you, and I want

to so love others, and I want my heart to be full of love for you, that when I look up to Heaven and say, 'Dear Jesus, I love you,' I want you, Jesus, to be able to look down and say, 'I know you do, Charles, I know you do, Charles.'"

A lot of folk hate me for the truth I preach, and I don't enjoy it. I am criticized, and I know it, and I never enjoy it. But I learned years ago, that I had rather be the criticized, than the criticizer. I had rather be the hated, than the hater. I had ten thousand times rather have the whole world hate me than for me to hate the whole world.

If I can look to Calvary and see Jesus, as the world nailed Him to the cross, and I can hear Him saying, "FATHER FORGIVE THEM," then I know, down in the chamber of my imagery, that I do not have to be dependent upon people loving me, in order for me to love people. Oh, how important it is for love to rule in the hidden chamber of our hearts! Read God's great love chapter, I COR. 13:1-13: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity (love), these three; but the greatest of these is LOVE."

In my heart, in the chamber of my imagery, I have to have love. If I don't, then I'm nothing.

IV. DOES GOD GET ALL THE HONOR FOR HIS BLESSINGS?

You go to your room at night. Then in the quietness of the evening after the last dish is done, the last bed is prepared, and the last child has gone off to bed, and the busy activities of the day are behind you, and you spend a few moments with yourself — then you get that key and unlock the door that is not unlocked often and you walk inside. And there in the chamber of your imagery, there is what you think, there is what you really are, there is the real you.

Many years ago, I went to the little chamber where just God and I dwell, and I got down on my knees in that little secret chamber and said, "Dear Lord, from this moment forward I will let you go into every room of my life. I will keep no room from you. I will lock no doors against you. I will harbor no thoughts from you."

I said, "God, I'm not talented, I'm not dynamic, I am not what I ought to be. I'm not a great theologian, nor a great speaker, but I will promise you that whatever you give me, whatever blessings you shower upon me, you will get the glory."

I have gone into that little room every Sunday morning and every Sunday night since, and I have locked myself up in the chamber of my imagery, and have said, "God, you did it. When you got hold of me, You didn't get very much, but whatever is done, You have done it."

"To the only wise God our Savior, be GLORY and MAJESTY, DOMINION and POWER, both now and forever"—Jude 25.

This will be the theme of our new song one day, when, finally, we all sing with new voices in our new body our new song . . . "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive GLORY, and HONOR and POWER; for thou hast created all things and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

HOW IS IT, MY FRIEND, IN THE CHAMBERS OF YOUR IMAGERY?



Animal Sacrifices

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maybe one of those "things which are not" (I Cor. 1:28). In closing we would make the observation that the simplest sense of Scripture is often not only simple but silly, as in the case under discussion. And often the simplest sense is a cover for prejudice against the truth. Prof. Dean's "best-scholarship" notion cannot be justified on any theory whatsoever in the light of facts. It is the result of a mental prepossession instead of a conclusion from facts.