

EVANGELISTIC OUTLINES . . .

A GOSPEL FOR THE WORST SINNER

By FRANK B. BECK
(Now in Mansions On High)

Text: Isaiah 1:18.

INTRODUCTION: Yet this word is sent to the professing people of God (1:4). For two reasons: 1. To be numbered with people of God does not insure salvation (Jude 4). 2. The Gospel is sent to the elect efficaciously or effectively (John 8:47).

I. Reasoning

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord . . ."

A. Difference, Noted. Why reason if no variance between God and the guilty sinner? **Great difference!** A difference of —

1. Purpose. Glorifying self against

may be —

1. Religious sins. As with Judah in Isaiah 1. Multitudes of sacrifices and ritualism (O so meaningful! so beautiful!), v. 11. Faithful church attendance (v. 12). Special days, holy days! (v. 13, 14). And the prayers! (v. 15). All of it in hypocrisy, sickening to God.

2. Rotten sins. Again, as Judah. Loaded with sin (v. 4). Leprous (vv. 5-6) Lustful like "Sodom" (v. 10).

B. Powerful. "Scarlet . . . red like crimson!"

1. Evidence. Out in the open! Such colors! Sin cannot be hid. Num. 32:23; John 8:1-4; II Sam. 12:11; Rev. 17:3-4.

2. Extremely. Not only a dull (Continued on page 6, column 1)

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

Father, forgive them for they know not what they do — Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise — Woman, behold thy Son! Behold thy Mother — My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me? — I thirst — It is finished — Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.

A word of **forgiveness** for an ignorant crowd

A word of **assurance** for a dying thief

A word of **provision** for a grieving mother

A word of **wonderment** for an Heavenly Father

A word of **physical need** for the tending soldiers

A word of **victory** for both the seen and unseen spectators to Calvary

A word of **committal** for the God Whose Presence was now nearer than life.

JESUS SAID, "WILL YE ALSO GO AWAY"

By ELD. JAMES E. HOBBS
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"From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." (John 6:66-69).

As we consider the thoughts of this passage, it is interesting to review what had just happened. Jesus Christ had just fed the 5000 men (not counting the women and children) with 5 loaves and 2 fishes. He had just finished walking on the water showing His power over the elements. The multitudes followed Jesus in order to get more

of the material things, but Jesus stopped and began preaching to them.

Most people want to receive gifts or prizes for attending church and they remind me a whole lot of the multitude here in John 6. Provide them with fleshly satisfaction and they will follow, but start preaching truth and they will depart.

I am sure someone will say that people don't mind preaching, but I am not talking about the kind of preaching that the world accepts. The kind of preaching that we refer to here is different. Jesus had just finished preaching about a Sovereign God and they didn't like it. He preached about eternal security (vs. 35), election (vs. 37), irresistible grace (vs. 44), salva-



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glorifying God (Psalm 39:6; I Cor. 10:31).

2. Pleasure. The pleasures of sin (Heb. 11:25) against the pleasures in God (Psalm 16:11).

B. Desire. "Come now . . ."

1. Expressed through His Word. "Saith the Lord." (Matt. 11:25-30; II Thes. 2:13-14).

2. Experienced through His will, by the elect sinner who does come and listen to reason (John 6:37, 44).

II. Responsibility

"Though your sins be as scarlet, let . . . though they be red like crimson."

A. Personal. "Your sins." They

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"DEATH"—Ordering Of God

By ERDIE CRACE
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Death is one of the most misunderstood things in the world today. I believe this is because man cannot face up to reality, or I should say, he will not face reality. Let us be realistic and ask ourselves this question: What would happen if people did not die? A thinking person would have to say: the world would soon become overpopulated and everyone would die, either from disease or starvation. Therefore, we will have to confess, even if we do not like to, that death is just as necessary as birth if the human race is to continue

its existence upon the earth.

At this time I wish to ask you a most important question: Do you believe the Bible to be the infallible word of God? If your answer is "no," the rest of this article will not mean much to you, but on the other hand, if your answer is "yes," I am confident you will be blessed by continuing with us.

It will be of great benefit to our understanding as we continue to expound God's Holy Word, and seek to know His sovereign will concerning man's longevity upon the earth, if we keep in remembrance that death is not "ANNIHILATION," but merely a separation. The Bible speaks of two deaths, "the first death and the second death." The first death is a separation of the soul from the body (I Cor. 15:55,56): the second death is the separation of the soul from God. (Matt. 10:28). Everyone will experience the first death except the saved that are living when Christ raptures His elect. (See I Thess. 4:17). Only those whom Christ did not die for will experience the second death, and rightfully so, because "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23).

Let us now establish the fact that death is the ordering of God. (Job 10:8 and 30:23). We are told in these Scriptures that God brings every baby into this world; both conception and birth are of God. Now, think for a moment on the (Continued on page 8, column 3)



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HEARTS ON FIRE

ELDER BILL FARMER
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Read (Luke 24:19-32):
"And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures?"—Luke 24:32.

Our scene takes place after our precious Saviour rose from the dead. He appeared to the disciples and He vanished, but before they see Him again they talk of the wonder of His presence which caused their hearts to burn!

What I as a pastor, and you as a church member, need is more fire within our hearts. The apostle speaks of our great need to "stir-up" the gift within us (II Tim. 1:6). "Stir-up" is used here to indicate the stirring of a fire to make it burn hotter and the flame to go higher.

So many today do not realize the wealth of a New Testament Church is not financial, but spiritual, and lost enthusiasm is far worse than a lost bank account! A church member with no fire becomes lukewarm and his coolness turns the temperature of the entire church. May our gracious Heavenly Father cause our hearts to burn! Let us consider:

The Reasons For The Burning Heart

The first and most obvious reason for the disciples' flaming hearts was the actual presence of the resurrected Christ. The person they loved so deeply was back from the

grave. The fiery zeal of this early church could not have been lit by a dead Messiah. If your hopes rest in some man, your family, or friends, you will have little heat for man may be claimed by the bony hand of death, at any time. Not so with our gracious Saviour (See Rev. 1:18).

Still yet, the disciples burned within because they received what Jesus gave them. "He took bread, and blessed it, and gave it to them" (Luke 24:30). Jesus has so much to offer every man by way of salvation. Yet, the child of God is sustained and continually blessed by (Continued on page 8, column 2)

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A Sermon by Milburn Cockrell

"THE SEVEN SHALLS"

Please read Luke 1:26-35.

Here we see the angel Gabriel as a messenger of cheer and comfort. Some six months before, he had appeared to Zacharias in the temple in Jerusalem to announce the birth of John the Baptist. His second errand is to Nazareth, a town near the southern border of Galilee. His mission is to announce to Mary the birth of the Messiah. His message was not good news from abroad, but good news from above.

Mary was to be favored above all the daughters of David. She was a pure, unspotted virgin betrothed to Joseph who also was of the lineal descent of David. Mary was to be blessed among all women in external distinction, and in time to come, be called blessed by all generations. The presence of God was with her, though only a poor woman of her day, for she would be the mother of Immanuel, God with us. Centuries before, the prophets had foretold the coming of the

Just One. For a long time the Jewish nation had been turned to Him. Long had His coming been an object of intense desire and hope. When it seemed time had turned gray with old age, "the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." (Gal. 4:4-5). The angel's announcement to (Continued on page 2, column 2)

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On Sunday morning, May 4, he will be preaching at the dedication service. This church has just finished its building program. Pastor Tom Sollosi and the members extend a cordial invitation to all who live within driving distance to hear Brother Pierce. There will be dinner on the grounds immediately following the dedication service.



Dear Bro. Gilpin and Calvary Baptist Church,

We are still praying that God will send a good pastor to Calvary Baptist Church. I talked to Bro. Cockrell and Bro. Mink concerning this matter and both of these brethren were greatly honored by the call extended them by the church. However, they felt very inadequate for such a great work.

I believe Bro. Cockrell is a very capable man and would love to see God move him in your direction. I knew somewhat of Bro. J. R. Gilpin's confidence in him. I believe that Bro. Cockrell would take the same basic stand that Bro. Gilpin has taken over the years and that he would be a great asset to the ministry of the church. We, of course, cannot tell God what to do with his preachers nor churches, and so we must continue to pray and leave these matters in His hands. I thank God that He has given you the grace to be faithful in His work. Our prayers and concern are still with you.

In Him,
Ronald Lumpkin,
Louisiana

Editor's Note: Since receiving this letter, the Lord has moved on Bro. Cockrell and he has accepted the call at Calvary Baptist Church. Praise God for friends like Bro. Lumpkin who have earnestly prayed in behalf of the Church and paper. "God moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform."

Dear Bro. John,

May each one of us continue to thank the Lord for giving you the courage to keep on with the work that your father carried on many years, for we realize he is now in Glory. "We are confident I say, and willing to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord." II Cor. 5:8. So may we praise the Lord for giving you the

courage and desire to continue keeping on.

With brotherly love, made possible by Him Who redeemed us.
Harold Freese,
Texas.

Dear Bro. Gilpin,

Greetings in the Blessed Name of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Enclosed is a gift for the continued publication of the paper and only wish it could be more.

May I please request the prayers for salvation of my father, now 89 years and in a rest home. May the Lord richly bless you and all of your co-workers of the paper is my heart's prayer.

Yours in Christ,
Wm. J. Sinyard
Michigan

Dear Bro. John, Jr.,

We are enclosing our offering to help in keeping The Baptist Examiner coming. We have been greatly blessed by the paper and appreciate its truths and your efforts.

Yours in Him,
J. L. Harris,
Texas.

Dear Bro. Gilpin, Jr.,

So glad you have decided to keep The Baptist Examiner going for the Glory of God. Pray for us, as we pray for you daily.

Yours, by His Grace,
Claude B. Ballard
Missouri

Dear Bro. Gilpin, Jr.,

Surely appreciate the good work you are doing with The Baptist Examiner. It has been a blessing to me for over 15 years now and is still blessing my heart each week.

Our church is in prayer for you and the good folk at Calvary. May our blessed Lord be pleased to send you His man real soon.

A brother in Christ,
James Schafer,
Texas.

"The Seven Shalls"

(Continued from page one)

Mary of the birth of the Messiah involved seven "shalls." Four of these have already been literally fulfilled. The other three are yet future and are as certain of fulfillment as were the first four. The last three shall be literally fulfilled as were the first four. No one would question this but one who is slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken.

"THOU SHALT CONCEIVE IN THY WOMB, AND BRING FORTH A SON."

Years before this time the prophet Isaiah had said: "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14). Now it is disclosed that Mary of Nazareth is chosen of God to be the mother of the Messiah. She was a virgin. The Promised One must partake of the nature of man, yet not of the corruption of that nature. He was to be the seed of the woman, not the seed of a man (Gen. 3:15).

But how could a virgin conceive a son? How could such a miraculous thing occur? The answer is found in Luke 1:35: "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

The formation of the babe in the womb was the work of the Holy Spirit. God Himself impregnated the virgin without human help. This is why the embryo was a holy thing, a person when born Who was "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners" (Heb. 7:26). Only the virgin birth can account for the sinless life of the Saviour.

With the exception of Adam, Jesus Christ was the only human

"In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amos came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord. Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live."—Isa. 38:1.

I am sure that every one of us has received at sometime in life, some kind of a legal notice. If nothing else, maybe it was a notice stating that tax valuation had been increased, or maybe you were a more fortunate person in getting a notice that your taxes had been decreased, or it may have been that you received a notice that your taxes were due. A man came to see me a few days ago, who was in desperate circumstances. He had received a legal notice to move.

Even though most of us may have received some type of legal notice sometime or other in life, I am certain that no other individual ever received a stranger notice than the one that came to Hezekiah. It wasn't a notice to move; it wasn't a notice as to an increase in his tax valuation; it wasn't a notice that his taxes were due; but it was a notice from the God of the universe, through the prophet Isaiah, that he was going to die. He said, "Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live."

When I began to study this text, I asked myself the question as to what God meant when He talked about "thine house." As much as I dislike some popular songs, I am afraid that that song, "This Old House," pretty well explains what

whose body was specially prepared by God. To the Father, Christ said: "But a body hast thou prepared me" (Heb. 10:5). The psalmist, speaking prophetically of Christ, declared: "I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfected; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them." (Ps. 139:15-16).

I believe Jeremiah 31:22 is a reference to the virgin Mary: "For the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man." The virgin compassed Christ in her womb. This was owing to Divine power. In the birth of Christ the Father created a new thing, a man like had never existed before. He was at once God and man. The Hebrew word for "man" here means "mighty man," a term applied to God (Deut. 10:17) and to Christ (Zech. 13:7).

"Shalt Call His Name Jesus"

Mary's virgin born Son was to be named Jesus, or Saviour. This name was signified of the high office to which He was destined to fill. "Jesus" was equivalent in Alexandrine Greek of "Joshua," and in Hebrew originally "Jehoshua" meaning "Jehovah is salvation."

How fitting was this name! It revealed that His birth, life, death, and resurrection was for the purpose of saving His people from their sins. He was coming into the world to save to the uttermost all who came to Him. His name is the only saving name under Heaven whereby men may be saved from their sins.

Sweetest note in seraph song,
Sweetest name on mortal tongue;

Memorial Pulpit

By JOHN R. GILPIN

Our Beloved Pastor and Editor, Now in Glory



"SET THINE HOUSE IN ORDER!"

Isaiah meant when he said, "Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die." Then I turned through the Word of God to see how the word "house" was used, and I found that God used the word "house" as referring to our bodies. We read:

"For we know that, if our EARTHLY HOUSE of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."—II Cor. 5:1.

Thus, you can see that He referred to our bodies as being "earthly houses."

Notice again:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour WIDOW'S HOUSES, and for a pretense make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation."—Mt. 23:14.

What had happened was that these individuals had devoured the estates of the widows and the Lord referred to their estate as their houses.

So you can see that the word "house" as used in the Word of God means both the body that we live in and the property that we have. In other words, when God said through Isaiah to Hezekiah, "Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live," He meant that Hezekiah was to reach out and pull unto himself all the tangible things of his life—his property, all that he had, his body, and his spiritual relationship to the Lord — and set everything in order, for he was going

to depart from this life and pass out into the world beyond.

WHO IS THE LANDLORD?

Beloved, if the Lord is telling us to set our house in order, then I ask, who is the landlord? We read:

"What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? . . . your body and your spirit, which are God's"—I Cor. 6:19,20.

Surely, you and I are not the landlords; we belong to Almighty God. This tenement house that you and I occupy belongs to the Lord.

I say that our bodies are His because He created us. Listen: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM: and without him was not any thing made that was made."—John 1:1-3.

Beloved, these bodies that we have were made by God. Therefore, we cannot claim in any wise at all that we are the landlords, because God made this body in which you and I dwell today.

Not only is it true that He made us, but He holds us together. Do you realize that at best we are nothing but a bunch of dust walking around within this world, and that it is the power of God that cohesively holds us together? (Continued on page 3, column 1)

Sweetest carol ever sung,
Jesus, blessed Jesus.

"He Shall Be Great"

Jesus Christ was the most wonderful person who ever lived. He was incontestably great. He was great in holiness and all excellence of character. The Redeemer was great in the work which He (Continued on page 5, column 3)

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"Set Thine House"

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Listen:
"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."—Col. 1:16.

The word "consist" means "held together." Therefore, if it were not for the power of God, you and I would be nothing but the dust of this world. We would fall apart and fall back to the ground, if it were not for the power of God, for by HIM all things consist, or all things are held together.

So I say that the Lord is the landlord. We belong to God not only because He created us and because He holds us together, but He is the landlord from the standpoint that everything that we have comes from Him. We don't have anything because of our superior strength physically, or because of our superior strength mentally. We don't have anything, beloved, except what we get from God.

"But thou shalt remember the Lord my God: for it is HE THAT GIVETH THEE POWER TO GET WEALTH, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day."—Deut. 8:18.

Everything that you have, beloved, you have because God has given you the power to get wealth.

Years ago, I preached one evening on the subject of tithing. I said in my sermon that every person owes one-tenth of his income to God. After the services were over, a deacon in the church came around to me and in a very haughty, angry manner pulled up his sleeve and pointed to his muscle and said, "I want you to know that what I have, I have because I work for it, and I don't owe God one-tenth of what I have." I turned to this Scripture and read it to him, which says, "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth." Beloved, you don't have anything today but what God has given you the power to get it.

So I say that God is the landlord. He created us, He holds us together in a cohesive manner, and He gives us what we have from day to day. God is the landlord that looks down upon us as we live within this tenement

house that He has given us to live in for a space of time within this world.

HOW IS THE LANDLORD TREATED?

Sometimes the landlord gets a mighty sorry deal. We have an apartment upstairs over the printing shop and we have had an unusual experience of recent date as a result of renting it. They burned up a lamp shade on one of the lamps, they tore up two pieces of the furniture so that it had to be thrown away. They wore the rug in one spot until it is practically threadbare. They took a radio and pawned it and got drunk on the money, so the wife herself told me. They left me with four weeks arrears on their rent. This is just a few of the things that they did so far as the treatment of the apartment was concerned.

I say, sometimes the landlord gets a mighty sorry deal, and when I was thinking about this text, I asked this question, how is the landlord, our God, often treated?

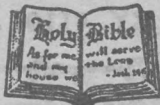
Beloved, do you remember how old Pharaoh reacted when Moses went back to the land of Egypt to deliver the children of Israel? Moses told Pharaoh that the Lord wanted these people to go out of the land of Egypt over into the land of Canaan. When he did so, Pharaoh raised up in the face of Moses and said, "And who is the Lord?"

Turn to the book of Isaiah and you can see how the Jews treated the Lord, their landlord.

"Hear, O heaven, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and THEY HAVE REBELLED against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward."—Isa. 1:2-4.

Is it possible that God would care and provide for Israel, and give to Israel all the blessings that He did, and yet, Israel would rebel against Him and become a people laden with iniquity? That

IS "THAT" IN THE BIBLE?



WHO WAS JEREMIAH'S SECRETARY?

Answer—Baruch, Jeremiah 36:10, 17, 18 —

"Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah . . . And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us How didst thou write all these words at his mouth? Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book."

is exactly what God said was Israel's reaction to the Lord.

I wonder about us as to how we treat our landlord, Almighty God. After He has made us, provides for us, and looks after us from day to day, I wonder how we use this house that He has given us to live in. I am satisfied that some people take the house that God lets them live in, yet never serve nor praise Him. Instead, they blaspheme His Name, and abuse His house that He has given them, for evil purposes. Surely, beloved, many, many times we are often very, very unworthy tenants.

I come back to my own experience and I think how our tenants abused our property. Then I look up into the face of my God and I think, surely I have treated my God ten thousand times worse, because He has given me my body. He provides for me, and He holds me together from day to day. I am afraid that many times I have treated the Lord worse than a landlord is treated by an unworthy tenant.

Suppose we look at it from this standpoint: A firm over East sends a man out to the West Coast to represent them. Every month that man gets his expense account and every month he gets a check by way of salary from the firm that sent him out. All the time that man represents a competitive firm out on the West Coast. He

is 4,000 miles removed from the home office and they know nothing about what he is doing. Though he is 4,000 miles away and receives his expense account and his salary from one company, he represents a competitive firm all the time.

Beloved, that is no worse than you and I do in the sight of God. Every individual in this world gets God's blessings and uses those blessings in the service of the Devil. You breathe God's air, you drink God's water, you eat God's food, you enjoy God's sunshine, yet serve the Devil every day. I tell you, beloved, since our landlord, our God, is shabbily treated many, many times, surely you and I are very, very unworthy tenants.

HOW LONG IS MAN'S LEASE ON THIS HOUSE IN WHICH HE LIVES?

We oftentimes act like we are freeholders, or that we have a ninety-nine year lease on this property in which we live. But do you realize that we are tenants at the absolute will of Almighty God? Do you realize that we have possession of this house only from second to second? Beloved, I do not have a guarantee that I will live in this house one minute from now. I do not have a guarantee that I will live in this house thirty seconds from now. We only live in this house at the absolute will of God from second to second; God might evict us at any moment.

Let's notice from God's Word how precarious a possession we have, in the house in which we live:

"As for man, HIS DAYS ARE AS GRASS: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children."—Psa. 103:15-17.

"REMEMBER HOW SHORT MY TIME IS: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain? What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death; shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?"—Psa. 89:47, 48.

"Lord, make me to know mine

end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know HOW FRAIL I AM. Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity."—Psa. 39: 4, 5.

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for IT IS SOON CUT OFF, and we fly away."—Psa. 90:10-12.

"Whereas YE KNOW NOT what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a VAPOUR, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."—James 4:14.

I tell you, beloved, the lease that we have on this old house from our landlord, God, is a lease that is from moment to moment—from second to second. We hold it at the absolute will of God, and when God's time comes for the lease to be cancelled, He will do so. He will ingress or egress upon this old house at His desire, and at any moment that He might wish to do so, and will terminate our lease at His desire.

WHAT IS THE RENT THAT WE ARE PAYING FOR THIS HOUSE IN WHICH WE LIVE?

When I thought about this, the first thing that came to my mind is that every person ought to go to church. If the Lord lets us live in this house, then we ought, at least, to go to church.

"Not FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."—Heb. 10:25.

Beloved, I tell you, it is a shame the lack of church attendance that there is within this world. J. Edgar Hoover says there's only 2 per cent of the American population that attends church services on Sunday night. Can you imagine, beloved, that out of every 100 people in the United States, only two out of that 100, according to statistics, are in the house of God for church services on Sunday evening?

When I thought about it, I thought now maybe that is the rent the Lord wants us to pay for this old house in which we live; but it isn't. We ought to go to church, but that isn't the rent the Lord is asking.

Then I thought again — how about our tithes? Certainly, every individual owes God one-tenth of his income. Listen:

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Mal. 3:8-10.

Beloved, I believe the Word of God, and I believe in tithing. I have just one message and that is the Bible message, and when I read the Bible, I find that God says that we owe Him one-tenth of what we have. But that is not the rent He asks for us living in this old house. We ought to pay our tithes and we ought to make offerings in addition to our tithes, but our tithe is not the rent that our Lord asks of us.

Then I thought again — what kind of rent does the Lord expect of us? Does He ask of us that we live righteously, soberly, and decently? Is that the kind of rent that He wants? I turn to God's Word and I read:

"He hath shewed thee, O man, (Continued on page 4, column 3)

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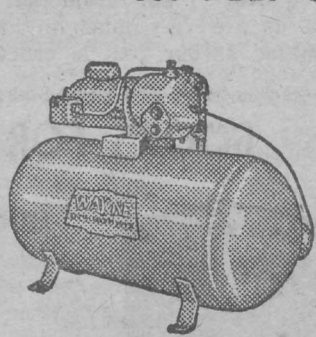
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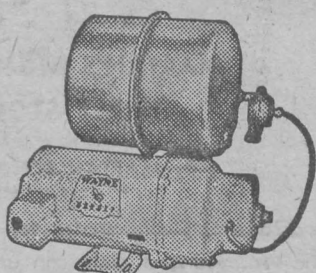
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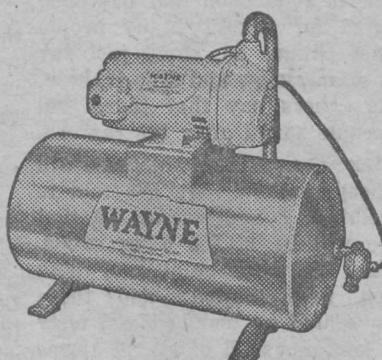


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"After the Rapture of the Saints, there will be many here who have heard the gospel but rejected it. Can they be saved?"

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Yes, certainly, they can be saved, and many will want to be saved during the Tribulation time, and will turn to Christ. In Rev. 7:9, we read, "And after this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations and kindreds and people and tongues, stood before the Throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes . . ." Then in verse 13, we read, "What are these . . . and whence came they? . . . and he said, These are they which came out of great tribulation (Tribulation the great one, is the better translation) and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

There are other Scriptures that teach the same thing, but the one just given answers the question.



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There are four things connected with salvation that we should consider. The first one is repentance. Surely, no one will deny that repentance is essential to salvation. A saved person without it would be a monstrosity. Our word "repentance" comes from META-NOEO which simply means another mind, or a new mind. In Rom. 8:7, we learn that "the carnal mind is enmity against God." All lost people have a carnal mind. So, in order for a lost person to become a child of God, it is essential that in some way he obtain a new mind that is not enmity against God.

The question is, How does he obtain that new mind? There are many who say he must change his mind concerning God. And I must admit that this statement sounds logical. But we must look in the Book rather than to logic for the answer. So in Acts 11:18, we read, "When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life." The brethren in Judea are not asking if God had granted repentance to the Gentiles, they are declaring that He had done so. And the word "granted" comes from DIDOMI which means "to give." So, I conclude that God gives the repentance, and that it

cannot be obtained in any other way.

The next thing we want to discuss is faith. And, surely, no one will say that a lost person can have faith in Christ until he has that new mind that is not enmity against Him. So, it goes without saying, that God must give that lost person repentance before he can possibly have faith in Christ. And in Eph. 2:8, we read, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." Here Paul is saying that our faith is also a gift of God.

The third thing we wish to discuss is believing. Most certainly, belief is an essential part of salvation. But it is self evident that no one can believe on Christ until he has faith in Him. And he cannot have faith in Him until he has a new mind that is not enmity against Him. In Phil. 1:29, we read, "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake." So here Paul tells us that even our believing on Christ is a gift. We have a three-link chain that is absolutely essential to salvation, and each of those links is a gift from our wonderful God. So, all this puts me in full accord with Jonah when he said, "Salvation is of the Lord." Everybody, and I mean everybody, rejects the gospel until they are given this wonderful three-link chain.

And according to Gal. 1:15, this chain is given to a person when it pleases God to give it to him. All this leads me to conclude that God can save a person before the rapture, or He can wait until after the rapture to save him. And Rev. 7:9 convinces me that a lot of people will be saved after the rapture. The thing we need to remember is that the time for a particular person to be saved is in the hands of God, and not in that person's hands, nor in ours. So, let us not try to tie God's hands in the matter. I assure you it cannot be done.



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This is a question that has been debated for years. Many people do not believe so, some just say they do not know and drop it there, while others say that there will be people saved after the rapture.

I take the position that there will be people saved. We are told in Revelation 7 and verses 4-8 that there will be 144,000 Jews saved. "And I heard the number of them which were sealed; and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes

of the children of Israel." (Verse 4). Then we are told in verse 9 that there will be a multitude of people saved from the nations of the world. "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindred, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands" (Rev. 7:9).

Let me remind you, brethren, that this takes place after the beginning of the tribulation period. God's wrath is being poured out upon the world. "For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6:17). The Scripture very clearly tells us that we are saved from this wrath, therefore the saved of today will be taken out of this world in the rapture before this day of wrath which was spoken of in the verse quoted above. "Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." (Rom. 5:9) We read in I Thess. 1:10, "And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come." (Please note the past tense of delivered.) Again, we are told this clearly in I Thess. 5:9: "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

It is obvious, then, that we who are saved today will not be in the tribulation period, but there will be some saved during this period. The question then becomes, how will they be saved? The same way God has always saved His people—through the preaching of His Word. Remember, there will be two witnesses sent to preach for 3½ years. "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and three-score days, clothed in sackcloth" (Rev. 11:3).

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The Word of God is explicit on this subject. Those who received not the truth that they might be saved will be so deluded that they will believe a lie that they might be damned! (II Thess. 2:9-12).

Hard as it is for me to say it, for the gospel rejecter, the rapture will be the same as death—there is no such thing as a "second chance."

"Set Thine House"

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what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" — Micah 6:8.

When I read this Scripture, I thought, maybe that is the rent the Lord asks. Maybe He wants us to live righteously, soberly, and humbly within this world. The more I thought about it, beloved, the more I came to this conclusion: the rent that He asks for us living in this old house is not the rent of church attendance, nor tithe-giving, nor that of decent, holy living in this life.

What rent, then, does God ask of us? If it isn't for tithe, if it isn't that He asks of us our church attendance and our faithfulness to His house, and if it is not living righteously in this life, then what is it that God asks of us by way of our living within this body? Beloved, the more I read in the Bible, the more I came to this conclusion, that the rent that we owe Him is that we are to praise Him day by day as long as we live. Listen:

"Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my LIP SHALL PRAISE THEE"—Psa. 63:3.

"But I will hope continually, and WILL YET PRAISE THEE more and more."—Psa. 71:14.

"And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the Gold of She-

I am satisfied that those of us who have paid the most rent by way of praise are still far behind in the praise that we ought to render to Him.

You say, "I praise God for His goodness to me" — but how about the times that you have complained? You are made out of the same dust and are held together by the same power of God that I am, and I know that you complain and grumble every day about the things that happen within your life.

Maybe you are like the old lady that I knew years ago in my first pastorate, who was always complaining when she came to church about the church building being cold. She complained about the wind going through her shawl so

Alcohol, which was overshadowed by heroin and other drugs for a while, is once again emerging as the No. 1 "drug of abuse" among young people, according to a Public Affairs Pamphlet published in New York. Medical writer Jules Saltman noted a difference in the way young people are using alcohol today. "It seems apparent that youngsters are drinking to get high, whereas years ago they drank to be 'smart,' to show that they were grown up. And for some, the emphasis is on drinking to block out the troubles and pressures of the world as is true among many adults today, too."

ba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and DAILY SHALL HE BE PRAISED." — Psa. 72:15.

"Seven times a day DO I PRAISE THEE because of thy righteous judgments." — Psa. 119:164.

Beloved, I say to you, the rent that God asks of us for living within this house — the rent that we owe our landlord — is that of praising Him.

V

HOW OFTEN ARE WE TO PAY OUR RENT?

Some people rent a house and pay for it every week, some pay every two weeks, some pay by the month, some every quarter, some by the year, and some never pay for it. How often are we to pay our rent for this house in which we live? Beloved, if we have but a moment by moment, a second by second, possession of it, then we ought to pay our rent in exactly the same way. Our rent to God, our praise to Him, ought to be moment by moment, second by second, praise to Almighty God. Listen:

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth."—Psa. 34:1.

In view of this truth, I ask you, do you have your rent paid up on this old house in which you live? I am afraid that most of us are very much in arrears so far as our rent is concerned.

badly. One day I reminded her of the fact that other people wore shawls and it went through theirs too, but of course, it went through hers worse than it did anybody else's.

I am satisfied, beloved, that most people are just about like that. We complain and grumble about everything here within this world. We are so far behind in paying our rent to God by way of praise, due to our grumbling and complaining, that I am satisfied that the best person there is so far in arrears in paying his rental praise to Him that he will never get caught up. I tell you, beloved, ours should be a moment by moment, a second by second, praise to Him.

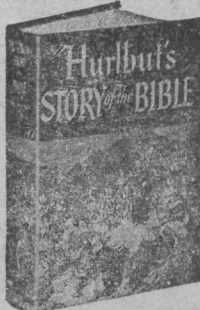
VI

WHAT IS OUR DUTY IN REGARD TO THIS HOUSE IN WHICH WE LIVE?

Our duty is not to destroy it. We are not to injure it. We are to take care of it to the best of our ability. We have no business to over-eat, or under-eat, or over-work, or under-work. We have no business to over-sleep, or under-sleep or destroy this house in which we live. We are just tenants, and we have but a moment by moment, a second by second, lease from Almighty God.

Notice that God says, "Set thine house in order." Most of us, I am afraid, try to set the other person so far as our rent is concerned. (Continued on page 5, column 2)

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"NAKEDNESS A SHAME"

"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel—" (1 Tim. 2:9a)

Why is this verse so difficult to obey? Surely, it is not because we do not understand its meaning. Is there really such a thin line between modesty and immodesty? Most of us would agree that a Christian woman who paraded around before men in her slip would be immodest. Yet, we think little of it when she parades before men at the beach with a lot less than that on. While mother is doing that, she also is undressing her teen age daughter in a bikini and sending her to the beach, also. She calls it "cute."

Perhaps we are blinded to the shame of nakedness. Nakedness has always been a shame. It is a shame to the woman, to the woman's husband, and to God. Adam knew it was a shame. "And he said, I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." When Adam and Eve realized they were naked, they didn't walk boldly in the open, but rather, hid themselves because they were ashamed and afraid.

When the children of Israel sinned in the golden calf, one of the things that went along with this great wickedness was they were "naked unto their shame." The Gospels relate the story of the madman from Gadara. He was demon-possessed and was so wild and wicked he lived in the graveyard. He was not to live in society. One of the characteristics of this crazy man was that he kept taking off his clothes. Notice what

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it says about him after he met Jesus. "Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, CLOTHED, and in his right mind: and they were afraid" (Luke 8:35).

Yes, the Scriptures over and over again link nakedness with demons, shame, sin. May it please the Lord to give us grace to desire to please Him as we approach another season of summer sports.

"I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyeslave, that thou mayest see." (Rev. 3:18).

"Set Thine House"

(Continued from page four)
son's house in order and don't do a very good job of our own. You may see some things about my house that look rather dilapidated, but, beloved, instead of your being concerned about my house, you are to set your own house in order. It is something that you have to do yourself.

Nobody else can set your house in order. You can't leave it to a priest, or to a preacher, or to a rabbi. You can't go to a priest and whisper the sins of your life to him and depend upon him to forgive you of those sins. God says you are to set your own house in order.

Let me remind you, beloved friends, that the only way that a man's house can be set in order is for Jesus Christ to become Lord of the life of that individual. Unless Jesus Christ is your Saviour and your Lord, your house can never be set in order.

I wonder even about us who are saved, to whom Christ is Lord and Master and Saviour. I wonder if it might not be true that our houses need some pretty careful attention. Beloved, I want to tell you as your pastor, I am not proud at all of my life. As pastor of this church, day by day, I look up into the face of God, as the publican of old, to say, "God, be merciful to me a sinner." My house, even as your pastor, is not the kind of a house that I would like for it to be. God says for us to set our house in order.

VII

WHY SHOULD WE SET OUR HOUSE IN ORDER?

Just like Hezekiah, we have been served with a notice — a notice that we are going to die. Beloved, that is a pretty good reason why we should set our house in order, for we are going to have to quit this old house in which we live.

Up until a few months ago, I lived in the same house for seventeen years. I paid over \$10,000 in rent on that one house. When I moved out of it, the one thought that was in my mind, I wondered what the landlady would think when she came in to clean and make any necessary repairs in order to rent it to somebody else. My desire was to return the house to her in just as good a condition as I could after having lived in it seventeen years. You know, beloved, one of the greatest joys that I ever had was when this lady from whom I had rented for seventeen years told me that the house was in better condition than it was when we moved into it seventeen years before.

Beloved, I got to thinking in terms of this Scripture. It was my desire to turn that house over to that lady in good condition, and, beloved, some of these days I am going to leave this old house in which I live. I am going up yonder and I am going to turn this house back to God. When I do, I desire to leave nothing behind that shall not bring honor to my God.

In view of the fact that the death notice has been served on each of us, it is the duty of every man

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There's a battlefield ahead that you and I must face.

There's no way out, we have to cross this place.

Oh, I'm frightened of the blast, that will soon come my way,

I'm weary, afraid, and uncertain, "you say."

But look ahead at the light, that comes shining through.

There is a pre-dawn battle plan made up for you and me.

The blasts have lost their power, the sounds of shots are gone,

Now is our time to sing the Victory Song.

A hush upon this battlefield means our Lord is near.

Then the sound of His voice comes ringing in our ear.

He says, the victory is mine, and sin now cast down,

Now comes the time for the lamb to wear his golden crown.

What is this awful battlefield in which we lie?

It is the battlefield of life, but Christ shall be our shield.

So never mind the fiery darts that penetrate the heart, Never mind the unknown, of the battlefield at dark.

Rejoice to be a Christian upon this battleground,

Always knowing the Lord's angels about do surround,

Yes, He'll surely see us through each and every day,

For the Christian's attitude is why God prepares the way.

Brenda Holland,
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to set his house in order.

CONCLUSION

I ask you, is your house in order? Is your house the way you want it? Those of you who are saved, are you as close to the Lord Jesus Christ as you would like to live? Are you living at the foot of the Cross like you would like to live every day? Is there anything in your life that needs to be changed? God says, "Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live."

Sinner friend, your house isn't in order. It will never be until Jesus Christ is the Saviour of your soul and the Lord of your life.

If you are saved and haven't been baptized, your house isn't in order. You ought to follow your Lord in baptism. Jesus set an example for us. When He came into this world, He went to a Baptist preacher, and was baptized. Brother, sister, if you are saved, you ought to set your house in order by following the example of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are saved and have a letter someplace else, I think you ought to be a member of this church. God says for you to set your house in order.

Would to God that you could say, "If the Lord comes, I will be happy to meet Him. I have set my house in order. I have done the best I can. I am a member of a church that is standing for the Word."

May God bless you, and may this message cause you to realize that you need to set your house in order!

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performed. He was distinguished and illustrious; He was great in power and wisdom.

My Saviour preached the greatest sermons ever preached. He gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and speech to the dumb. He exercised power of death, disease, and demons. His sinless life and flawless character have never been duplicated. His matchless compassion and peerless love is unparalleled in all the annals of man's history. His fidelity in life and courage in death

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trade, to write the entire story of Him and His greatness would drain the ocean dry and darken the Heavens! If each saint that has ever lived would begin now to try to describe His greatness, eternity would be dead and gone before they had begun to tell of Christ!

"He . . . Shall Be Called The Son Of The Highest"

The expression, "He shall be called the Son of the Highest," is the same as to say "He shall be the Son of the Highest." The Scriptures set forth Jesus Christ as the "Son of the most high God" (Mark 5:7). His heavenly Father said of Him at His baptism and transfiguration: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17; 17:5).

In the sense that Jesus is the Son of God, He is the only child. Five times John applies to Christ the title of "the only begotten Son." Christ is the expressed image of the Father's person, and His Son by an eternal generation. He is the Son of God in a unique way by His virgin birth. We are the adopted sons of God, but we are not sons of God in the same sense that Christ is.

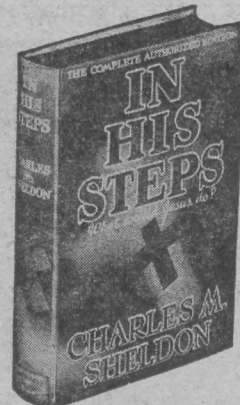
"The Lord God Shall Give Unto Him The Throne Of His Father David"

The Bible discloses that Mary and Joseph were of the royal house of David. Thus Christ was of the lineage of King David. Matthew begins his gospel by saying: "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham" (Matt. 1:1). He was called "the son of David" by those who knew Him (Matt. 22:42). This constituted a devout acknowledgement of His rightful claim to the crown rights of the Davidic throne (Matt. 9:27; 20:31).

Hundreds of years ago God had promised David, in an unconditional covenant, that his throne would never lack a qualified heir. Jeremiah relates of this: "Thus saith the Lord, If ye can break my covenant of the day, and thy covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign." (Jer. 33:20,21).

In the person of the virgin Mary, David has an ever living heir to his throne. Christ declared: "I am the root and offspring of David" (Rev. 22:16). The genealogical table in Matthew presents Christ as the legal heir to David's throne through Joseph's line. The one in Luke 3 reveals Him as "the Son of David according to the flesh" (Rom. 1:3) by tracing His blood descent through Mary. This makes Christ the natural and legal heir to the Davidic throne.

In Acts 2:29-31, Peter directs our attention to this truth: "Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day." (Continued on page 6, column 1)



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or dirty white, or grey, or pink, but red! Crimson! "Iniquity unto iniquity" (Rom. 6:19). Drinking it like water! (Job 15:16). But forget not that Jesus bore this for you! (Matt. 27:28; Isa. 53:6).

III. Remedy

Your deep-dyed sins! "They shall be as white as snow . . . they shall be as wool."

A. Assurance. "They shall be."

1. The promise. Look at it closely. Not, "They may be," but shall be! Like (I John 1:7; Zech. 13:1; Romans 5:9-11; I Pet. 2:24-25). Christ's death did something! (Eph. 1:7).

2. The people. Applies only to the repentant believer. The elect. They are washed white (Rev. 7:13-14; Psalm 51:7).

B. Acceptance. "They shall be as white . . ."

1. As snow, to show our (new) nature (II Pet. 1:4). It comes down from heaven (Isa. 55:10). Our place now (Eph. 2:6). We live there (Col. 3:1-2).

2. As sheep (wool), to show our need (Psalm 119:176; Psalm 23:1; 100:3; Isa. 53:6; I Pet. 2:24-25; John 10:27-30; Psalm 40:17).

CONCLUSION: The Holy Spirit calls you, self-righteous; hypocrite church member (like Judah in Isaiah 1) to reason with Him, consider your sin — O how great! And to rejoice in their abolishment in Jesus' saving blood (cause you to say right now — Rev. 1:5). Amen.



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this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ . . . David expected Christ to rise from the dead in order to fulfill the promise God made to him about his everlasting throne.

The Bible teaches the throne of David shall never be destroyed. The Lord promised King David in II Samuel 7:13: "I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." Psalm 89:4 discloses that the Lord said: "Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations."

The One crowned with thorns at His first appearing will receive the throne of David at His second appearing. He did not take over David's throne at His first advent. Neither is He at present reigning

over the house of Jacob. Christ will take the government of the nations on Himself when He returns and occupies the throne of David. Isaiah tells us: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder . . . of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and justice from henceforth even for ever" (Isa. 9:6-7). David's throne and kingdom are on earth, and on earth on these, Christ will literally reign as the Son of David.

According to Revelation 3:21, Christ is now seated on His Father's throne. When He returns He will take His seat upon the throne of David in earthly Jerusalem. He predicted while on earth the first time: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory" (Matt. 25:31). Christ will sit upon the throne of His glory when He comes in His glory. Since He has not yet come in His glory, we can be certain He is not now sitting on the throne of His glory.

After this church age, Acts 15:16 tells us Christ will assume the crown rights to David's throne: "I will return and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up."

This Scripture harmonizes with Hosea 3:4-5 in the Old Testament: "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days."

Jeremiah said: "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Jer. 23:5-6).

"He Shall Reign Over The House Of Jacob For Ever"

Jesus Christ, the Son of David, is foreordained to rule over the literal house of Jacob. The reference is to the descendants of the man called Jacob or Israel in the Old Testament. The church is never styled the house of Jacob in



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either the Old or New Testaments. Mary would not have understood the angel to be referring to the church which was non-existent at this time.

Christ is going to reign over the same people that David did. The kingdom of David was the earthly kingdom of Israel. The throne of David in the Old Testament was called the throne of Israel. Micah declared: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2).

When Christ comes there will be an undoing of the division in the Davidic Kingdom. The Lord tells us by the mouth of Ezekiel: "I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all . . . And David my servant shall be king over them . . . And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever; and my servant David shall be their prince for ever" (Ezek. 37:21-25).

The Apostle Paul had this period in mind when he said: "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes" (Rom. 11:26-29).

"Of His Kingdom There Shall Be No End"

The kingdom over which Christ shall reign between the first and second resurrection is of one-thousand years duration. This is abundantly clear in Revelation 20:1-6. After the Great White Throne of Judgment and the renovation of the earth by fire, Christ will abdicate the kingdom to the Father, and God will be all in all (I Cor. 15:24-28). Then God will have absolute authority over the earth in a more direct sense than at present. In the great abdication the earthly kingdom of Christ will be united with the eternal kingdom of God. Then the "kingdom of this world will have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever" (Rev.

11:15). Thus, the kingdom of Christ is an eternal kingdom.

The eternity of Christ's kingdom is well attested in the Holy Writ. Isaiah 9:7 says Christ will sit upon David's throne "for ever." Ezekiel 37:25 declared: "My servant David shall be their prince for ever." Daniel speaks of Christ's kingdom in this manner: "His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall be destroyed" (Dan. 7:14,27). Micah foretold: "The Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever" (Micah 4:7). In John 12:34 the people of Israel said: "We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever." The writer of Hebrews wrote: "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved" (Heb. 12:28). Speaking of the eternal state of Christ's kingdom, John revealed: "For the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 22:5).

"What is life all about?" asked a young man to a minister one day. The man of God replied: "You are here to have opportunity to become a part of the kingdom of God, and to prepare to live forever with Him."



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that this is GOD'S work and not ours. Let's stop robbing GOD of HIS glory.

This is the trouble today with so many people. They are bragging about what they have done, and about the only thing they have done is to leave GOD out of everything and exalt themselves. I've done this. I've done that. I, I, I. Don't forget what GOD said to the rich young fool in Luke 12:16-20. If you will notice in these verses 17 through 19, you can count eleven times this man used personal pronouns I and My. He did not thank GOD "from whom all blessings flow," but he bragged about what he had done. Is this not true today in our land? Now be honest with yourself. Are you not guilty of this? Say AMEN or O-ME one. You cannot straddle the fence. In Matt. 12:30, we read, "HE THAT IS NOT WITH ME IS AGAINST ME, AND HE THAT GATHERED NOT WITH ME SCATTERETH ABROAD."

I believe what GOD is saying here is, that HE is going to be GOD of all, or HE is not going to be GOD at all. Let me ask you again, Do you recognize God as God?

Many preachers don't recognize GOD as GOD in soul-winning. I hear preachers and laymen alike tell how many souls they have won

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Dear Bro. Gilpin, Jr.,

Thank you for your prayers and concern about us. May God richly bless you in the wonderful work you are doing for the Lord. Just keep on keeping on — God will reward you, and I know your daddy would be very pleased to know you were carrying on in his place.

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to the LORD. I am afraid that most of the time, this is right. They have won them, and not the HOLY SPIRIT.

A drunk man staggered up to Sam Jones one night, and said to him, "I am one of your converts." Sam Jones looked at him and said, "You must be one of mine, you certainly are not one of the Lord's."

I believe that one of the main reasons why there are so many that fall by the wayside is because of high-pressure and false methods that soul-winners use today.

It is one thing to put a person on the spot, and high-pressure him into a decision, but it is another thing to open up the Scriptures to his depraved mind and to make him see his need of being saved.

I am not against being a witness for CHRIST. We are commanded to be a witness, but let us remember, we are to be witnesses for Christ, not for ourselves. 90 percent of soul-winners try to do the work of the HOLY SPIRIT today. Is it right? NO, NO NO! The Bible says we can't make one hair black or white.

If we cannot do this, how are we going to change one's heart? Let us face the facts. CHRIST said, "Without ME, ye can do nothing." John 15:5. One of the big dangers we face today is that so many people are trying to run ahead of God. Man wants all the glory for himself, and he is determined to get it one way or another. We see this taking place in the average church today.

Most of the churches are out for numbers, not souls. I am not against numbers and big churches if they will stay with the Word of God, but the fact is, if we recognize God as God, and stay with the Word of God, and quit compromising, you will not reach a great multitude today.

I do not know of any big churches, and very few small churches, that are not compromising on every hand. You may not think it is wrong to bribe people with popcorn, hotdogs, and ice cream, but what does God's Word say about it? Listen to Job 15:34: "FOR THE CONGREGATION OF HYPOCRITES SHALL BE DESOLATE." (Continued on page 7, column 3)

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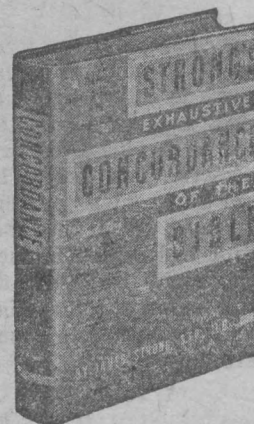
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"ALL"

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The Greek word for "all" as used here is "Pas," and is defined as follows: All, any, everyone, the whole, all manner of, all means of, as many as, whatsoever.

Some of the Scriptures, where all or "pas" is used according to the above definitions, are used below.

1 Timothy 2:6: "Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

1 Timothy 2:4: "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

Titus 2:11: "The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men."

"All" in these quotations means Jews as well as Gentiles.

The Jews were extremely prejudiced against the Gentiles, therefore they were being taught that Christ's salvation was for Gentiles also.

Then there is another meaning for "all" as above used, which is that all kinds of people, all manner of people, all classes of people, but not each and every individual of the classes and kinds of people, for the Bible tells us that few are chosen. **Matthew 20:16.**

Hebrews 3:16: "For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses."

The amplified New Testament puts it this way: "For who were they that provoked (Him)? Was it not all those who came out of Egypt by Moses?"

There is an apparent contradiction between the two translations. But I see none. They both mean that those from twenty years old and upward provoked God and died in the wilderness, except Caleb and Joshua, but those who were under twenty years of age were not destroyed in the wilderness.

1 John 2:16: "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

"All" here means everything of a worldly or fleshly nature.

John 12:32: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

Acts 2:17a: "And it shall come to pass in the latter days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh."

"All" in the two quotations above means Jews and Gentiles as well as all kinds and classes of people among them, but it certainly does not mean that He will pour His Spirit out upon each and every individual Jew and Gentile upon the earth, for this pouring out is upon His chosen ones.

Romans 4:16: "Therefore it is of faith, that the promise might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all."

er of us all."

In the Old Testament the seed meant the descendants of Abraham, God's chosen one, through Isaac and no one else. Therefore, bringing it right on into the New Testament, the all, as used above, means God's chosen ones in Christ.

Hebrews 12:8: "But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."

The word "all" above means all saved people.

II

All. Greek "Homileo"

Meaning: A company, a multitude, in company, talk or commune with.

1 Timothy 4:10: "For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe."

Yes, God is the Saviour of all men, for He gives them food, clothing, air, sunlight, shelter, health, and everything needful for this life, but in addition to all the above, He gives eternal life to all those who receive Him according to His will, and nourishes, keeps, and cares for them throughout the ages of eternity.

God is the Saviour of the last in temporal things, but He is the Saviour of believers, both in temporal and Spiritual things.

Philippians 1:13: "So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places."

In this verse "all" refers to the places mentioned, where the people present could see his bonds.

1 Thessalonians 4:10: "And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more."

Here "all" includes only Macedonian brethren.

Revelation 13:3-4: "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded unto death, and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast."

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast."

"All the world," in this quotation means the lost people of the world. They worship the dragon and beast. No saved people are in this dragon-beast worshipping throng.

III

All. Greek "Happas"

Meaning: All the whole, every one, absolutely all.

To get the exact meaning of the word "all" one must know precisely what the word "all" refers to in the text and context of the Scriptures under consideration.

Acts 2:1-4: Verse 1. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."

2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4. And they were all filled with

the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

In the first and fourth verses above, the word **all** means the church, the one hundred and twenty.

In the second verse the word **all** means the house where they were sitting.

Ephesians 6:13: "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

The words, "having done all," mean having kept His commandments, having stood for God's truth, having conquered through faith in Christ.

Luke 19:7: "And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That He was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner."

Jesus was visiting Zacchaeus and the "all who murmured" were the scribes, Pharisees, and others who were Christ's enemies.

We can see from these uses of the word, "all," that we must be careful, if we are to get the exact meanings of the Scriptures we read, and what is true of the word, "all," is also true as to the meaning of so many other words in the Bible.

It has been said that, "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom," and it might also be said that, "Eternal work, study, and prayer is the price of worthwhile Bible knowledge."

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AND FIRE SHALL CONSUME THE TABERNACLES OF BRIBERY." Also, read the 26th chapter of Psalms. There are many other Scriptures that deal with this subject. Those who oppose these views will say that Paul said he became all things to all people that he might win some.

Show me one verse of Scripture where Paul compromised or bribed anyone in order to reach them for CHRIST. I say, if you have to compromise to reach them, you will have to compromise to keep them. Paul said in II Cor. 6:17: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you."

Now this does not sound like Paul was compromising to me. Now this is my view, you may or may not agree with me on this, but it is still my view. If you give anything other than the pure Word of God, you are a briber and a compromiser, like it or lump it. Brother, if you can't win them with the Word of God, let them alone. You see, when you refuse to recognize God as God, you go out in the flesh and make a person a "twofold more the child of HELL than yourselves" (Matt. 23:15).

There are many today teaching that all you need to do to be saved is to just shake the preacher's hand and join the church, then all is well. This may be man's idea of being saved, but, certainly, this is not what GOD'S Word has to say about it. GOD'S Word declares that one must **repent** of his sins. I don't believe that anyone can be saved without repenting of his sins. Really, it doesn't make much difference what I think, but what saith the Scripture. Again, we must let God be true and every man a liar. Read Luke 13:1-5. If you will notice in this passage of Scripture, you can see that repentance is a personal thing between you and God.

Christ said in verse 3, "I TELL YOU, NAY: BUT, EXCEPT YE REPENT, YE SHALL ALL LIKEWISE PERISH." This is very plain, and needs no explanation.

We read in Matt. 3:1-2 (This was the message of John the Baptist), "Repent ye, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand." This was the message on the day of Pentecost,

(Acts 2:37-41). In verse 38, the first thing Peter told them to do was to **repent**. Again, if we are to recognize God as God, we must come GOD'S way, not man's way.

If you take repentance out of salvation, you have no salvation. Remember, God has not changed His mind about repentance, nor anything else.

If God ever changed His mind about anything, He would cease to be God. I know what some of you are thinking. You say, "Doesn't the Bible say that 'it repented the Lord that He had made men on the earth, and it grieved Him at his heart'" (Gen. 6:6).

I know that it seems like God changed His mind many places in the Bible, but when you study very closely, you will see that God did not change His mind at all. I do not have space nor time here to deal with the many places in the Scriptures where it may seem that God changed His mind, but I challenge you to study this subject for yourself with an open mind. It is a rewarding study to all those who will take the time to do so. Again, there are those who don't recognize God as God in the manner of knowing the end from the beginning.

Brother, if God did not know all things before the foundation of the world, then the Bible is full of contradictions. Now you can believe that the Bible is full of mistakes if you want to, but not me. Just because we cannot understand certain passages of Scripture does not mean that we should say that the Bible is wrong, and full of mistakes. Someone will probably say, "Preacher, prove to me that the Bible does not contradict itself." God did not call upon me to prove His Word. He called upon me to **believe it**, and to **preach it**.

Let me say right here, God's Word declares that Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but MY WORD shall stand. Brother, God's Word will still be here whenever MODERNISTS, LIBERALS, AGNOSTICS, INFIDELS, and all the UNBELIEVERS are in HELL. (Psa. 9:17).

Let us come back to God knowing the end from the beginning. If you will read Isa. 46:9-10; Rev. 1:8; Rev. 21:6; Rev. 22:13; Eph. 3:9; II Thess. 2:13. I think you can see that God knows the end from the beginning. I do not know what kind of God you serve, but, brother, my God is **GOD ALMIGHTY, ALL POWERFUL, ALL KNOWING**, declaring the end from the beginning. I feel sorry for you if you have any other God, other than the God I am trying to describe to you. He is the only one worth knowing. **He can do as HE pleases, where HE pleases, when HE pleases**, and none can stay His hand.

Listen to Job 9:4: "He is wise in heart and mighty in strength; who hath hardened himself against Him, and hath prospered?"

You can search from Genesis through Revelation and will not find one person who has hardened himself against God and come out a winner. Study the book of Exodus about Pharaoh. I know that

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most of the Arminian preachers claim that Pharaoh hardened his own heart first, but if you will notice the very first place where the heart was hardened, God said, "I will harden his heart." Ex. 4:21. The Arminians claim that Pharaoh first hardened his own heart, then after he had done so, God used him for His plans. NOT SO! If you will read Rom. 9:17, "The Scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose, have I raised thee up, that I might show My power in thee, and that My name might be declared throughout all the earth." If God raised Pharaoh up for this purpose, what choice then did Pharaoh have in hardening his heart?

We are told very plainly in Dan. 4:35, "And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and He doeth according to his will in the army of Heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto Him, What doest thou?" God can do as He pleases, when He pleases, without your permission. There are those today who speak big and loud about free-will; the only free-will that you or anyone else has, is what God permits you to have.

You remember that this free-will always leads downward; you may take one big jump and go down (Continued on page 8, column 4)

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"Death"

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terrible and hideous sin of "abortion" (man playing God). The Lord gives life and He is the only one that has a right to take life. (See Job 1:21).

Now let us consider the brevity of life. Even if we live to a ripe old age, it is very brief in comparison to eternity. Isaiah tells us that all flesh is grass. (Isa. 40:6,7). See James 1:10 & I Peter 1:24,25. Yes, life is very short and most of us waste it, accomplishing nothing worthwhile. Man will not be excused. We are all responsible creatures and are responsible to keep every commandment set forth in God's Word just as it is commanded; no deviation will be tolerated. Man is not to add to or subtract from God's precepts, statutes or commandments. The lost will receive greater punishment and the redeemed will lose reward. Beloved, let us pray that God might see fit to use us to magnify His Holy Name and raise up the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will come to a conclusion by reading a most precious verse in the Word of God. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." (Rom. 8:28). Ponder this portion of God's precious Word and you will look at the subject of this article as a blessing instead of a curse.

Hearts On Fire

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receiving his continued abundance. As the songwriter said, "No one ever cared for me like Jesus."

Again, these had burning hearts because they listened to Jesus open the Scriptures. "He opened to us the Scriptures," the Word of God fell freely and sweetly from His lips as the sweetest of honey from its comb. "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27).

How wonderful it must have been hearing Jesus Christ, the author of the Old Testament, explaining all the types and prophecies that previewed Him and His work! From this, we learn that Christ Jesus is the theme of the entire Bible. We learn also, that His presence is necessary in the heart of any individual who would understand the Word of God. If churches would have the fires of revival to burn in their hearts, a return to God's Word is an absolute necessity! Most Christians (Baptists included!) pick out pet doctrines and Scriptures, forgetting that Christ is the fulness of the Godhead (Col. 2:9). God's Word and its truth concerning Jesus will burn our hearts. Consider the:

Results Of A Burning Heart

The most immediate and important result of the heart of flame was that of the message of the risen Lord. "And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread" (Luke 24:35).

This kind of revival would cause the salvation of millions of souls in our day. May God grant such a revival.

Another result of their burning hearts was the sudden unexpected appearance of Jesus. "And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them" (Luke 24:36).

Soon our Lord will return to remove His people off the earth before the Great Tribulation. How wonderful to think at any moment He may appear!

A third result is that the Word of God was opened even more to them. "Then opened he their understanding, that they might un-

THY WILL

There was a time I dared not pray
Thy will be done in me today,
For fear Thy will might not agree,
With what I thought was best for me,
Or that some ill it might include,
To test my love and fortitude;
But since to me has been revealed,
The light of Truth so long concealed,
No longer do I fear to pray,
Thy will be done in me today.

—Mrs. Jody Thompson,
Atlanta, Georgia.

derstand the scriptures" (Luke 24:45). Many will spend years becoming great scholars in Bible doctrine, but will never know the full opening of God's message because they are not soul-winners. A burning heart is the only heart that can properly survey spiritual truth and discern the Holy Scriptures.

Other important results are quite obvious, such as: Jesus provided for them (Luke 24:42); they received great power (Acts 1:8); they had great joy (Luke 24:52). However, one of the most outstanding results is the fact that their witness multiplied to the whole world. "And ye are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:48).

"And ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Hearts of fire turned the world upside down and thousands were saved. May our Heavenly Father cause us to desire the fire!

Do You Recognize

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into a well 100 feet deep, but you cannot take one big jump and bring yourself out of that well.

Listen to Jeremiah 13:23: "CAN THE ETHIOPIAN CHANGE HIS SKIN, OR THE LEOPARD HIS SPOTS? THEN MAY YE ALSO DO GOOD, THAT ARE ACCUSTOMED TO DO EVIL." Preacher, do you mean to tell me that I cannot do anything toward my own salvation? I am afraid this is true according to God's Word.

Paul said in Eph. 2:1: "AND YOU HATH HE QUICKENED, WHO WERE DEAD IN TRESPASSES AND SINS." Let me ask you now, what can a dead man do? I know there are those today who say, "I am three times seven, and my own boss, I will do as I please; if I decide to get saved, I will get saved, and nobody can stop me." Nobody may stop you from join-

ing the church, but you will not be saved until God draws you by the HOLY SPIRIT.

Listen to John 6:44: "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."

God has given us the way to come to HIM by the atonement made on "The old rugged Cross," and as another song says, "I must needs go home by the way of the cross." God will not receive you any other way.

We see now that God has a plan, and all things work according to HIS plan, whether you believe it or not.

Sinner Friend:

It is God's way or it is HELL. You do not stand before God to choose Him, or to reject Him—you stand before a HOLY GOD to be accepted, or to be rejected as HE pleases. Matt. 11:26: "Even so, Father: For so it seemed good in thy sight."

It is my heart's desire that you will realize that GOD is GOD and He will always be GOD.

May it please the Holy Spirit to make this real to you today! Amen!

No Gifts From Dead

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the English officials to complete the supply. They were told, however, that it would not be possible to supply any further boxes of chocolates as neither the autograph of Queen Victoria nor the medalion face of the dead Sovereign could be used, even upon a chocolate box. The Queen was dead, and there was no way in which boxes of chocolates could be issued in her name.

A dead sovereign cannot bestow gifts. The same would have been true of Christ, if He had not risen from the dead; but being alive, He has the right and the power to give us every spiritual blessing.

—Adapted

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