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"To the law and to the Testimony; if they speak not according to this word
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BY THEIR PINS YE SHALL KNOW THEM

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In recent years the wearing of lapel pins has become very popular. Standing with a group of men one can often learn a little bit about each, and his interests, by observing the little pin affixed to the left lapel of his jacket. Truly, "By their pins ye shall know them." Some display the insignia of veterans' groups, others those of lodges or fraternities. Still others indicate religious or charitable organizations. Others indicate faithful service in a business firm. They have one thing in common, however, in displaying their membership in whatever group the insignia denotes, and that is their desire to be so identified.

Considering the writing of this article, I mentioned to my pastor the title and burden of what I wanted to get across. He suggested I title the article, "Be sure your pins will find you out." This, perhaps, brings out more definitely what I am trying to get at. Behind the lapel pins are some lives dedicated to the helping of those in need. Behind some, the advantage the insignia brings in business. Behind others merely the need "to belong." Misplaced trust can be a terrible thing. The Bible declares: "Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint" (Proverbs 25:19).

My experience has been that many men place confidence in their membership in an organization and mistake this for faith in God. The fact that so many groups recognize God and claim to receive their structure and by-laws from the Bible does not make them Christian. Charity on our part towards others will never take the place of the real faith in God He requires.

It seems that we, in this Twentieth

HE KNEW THE SHEPHERD

One night at a great gathering, a very noted man strode to the lectern, and with great skill and emphasis, read the 23rd Psalm. When he finished, a tremendous thunder of applause came forth from the vast audience. Many were so enthusiastic that they rose from their seats.

Finally, the man returned and said that he had a very dear friend with him and he stated that if there were no objection, his friend would also read the 23rd Psalm.

He walked away from the lectern and an aged, white-haired old man came over, and with a shaky voice began to read. When he had finished, there was not a sound. Not one pair of hands were clapped. Not a murmur of approval, nor of praise, but throughout the great audience, many were wiping tears from their eyes, and many heads were bowed in meditation.

Then the first man re-appeared and said: "I know the Psalm real well, but my friend knows the Shepherd." —Copied

eth Century, have been overwhelmed with the philosophy that God will recognize our good deeds and somehow reward us for them. Isaiah 64:6 says: "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

I would not discredit the good done by many organizations, but unless we first come to God through Jesus Christ, our good deeds are as "filthy rags" in His sight. Another human philosophy follows the reasoning that we can undo our mistakes, or cover up some of our indiscretions, by acts of charity. If we are ever to have fellowship with the living God, it must be accomplished His way. If we ever expect to spend eternity with God in His Heaven, it must be done His way. How often people say, "Well, this is how I look at it. If I do the best I can, believe in God and feel

NO OTHER WAY . . .

Beware Of Man-Made Religion

The greatest menace to the Christian faith today is neither the thieves and the drunkards, nor the atheists and the communists.

Our greatest peril lies in the popular acceptance of MAN-MADE RELIGION — COUNTERFEIT RELIGION — which, operating under the guise of Christianity, cuts the very heart out of the Gospel of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and offers no hope and no salvation to the lost and sin-sick multitudes who are perishing for THE WATER OF LIFE.

Our people are being deluged, from the pulpit, the press, TV and radio, with high-sounding appeals to "turn to God," but many of these appeals come not from ministers of the Gospel, but from modernistic infidels who have nothing whatsoever to offer lost and dying men and women.

We hear much talk about the deep need for God in our lives; how He will bring peace, happiness and prosperity; we hear much (Continued on page 6, column 1)

this way, I'll make it."

God's Word says: "NOT by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:5-7).

The problem of good works has always been a stumbling block to man in his quest for justification. It is strange how men will defend the merits of an organization and spend hours in rituals and activities, and yet know so little about their soul's destiny. How foolish in the light of God's Word, to risk eternal damnation by mistaken allegiance. Where is your allegiance? Where is your loyalty? Is it to a man-made organization or in the loving God Who created you and sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world to pay the penalty of your sins? Whose pin are you wearing? Where is your treasure? The Bible says: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:34).

Does your "pin" indicate your allegiance? Will this devotion to an organization blind you to the claims of God? God forbid! Remember, God will be the final judge, and His judgment will be in righteousness. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

God will recognize only one insignia — that of the blood-stained cross where Jesus died in your place and paid the penalty of your sin.

You are not being asked to join another organization, but the family of God, not by initiation, but by simple faith in Jesus Christ.

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I'm glad to see that Brother Milburn Cockrell has accepted the pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church. He is truly one of God's finest preachers." So writes Pastor Tom Sollosi, Glennville, Georgia.

First Letter From Halliman After His Return To Mission

By FRED HALLIMAN
Missionary To New Guinea

Dear friends,

This is being written from the Mission Station in New Guinea. As I write this I have been back four full days. I have had neither the time nor opportunity as yet to make an assessment of the work. Therefore, about all I can tell you at this time is that I arrived here late on Saturday and preached twice Sunday to large crowds of people and again on Tuesday to a much larger crowd than either time on Sunday. If we could judge the work by the attendance for these three services, it would ap-

pear that it is going fine.

tomorrow all the preachers in the area of the main Mission Station will be meeting with me here on the Station, and I should know more about the work after this meeting.

I have spent the past two days making repairs of things that have broken down or otherwise went bad while I was gone. We had a wind storm while I was gone and it blew a portion of my rain gutter down to the main house and part of the roof off of a utility house, but after a couple of days these things have been put back in order, along with a few other things.

I left Huntington, West Virginia as scheduled at 8:30 p.m. on April 7. Just as it has been at all other times, the parting from the family was hard. While we always appreciate friends, we are thankful that our friends leave these last few moments for us as a family



FRED T. HALLIMAN

Many Enjoyed King's Addition Recent Conference

"We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company"—Psa. 55:14.

On April 4-6th the King's Addition Baptist Church of South Shore, Kentucky had a great and wonderful Bible Conference. It was a season of great blessing for the church and for all in attendance.

The conference began on Friday evening and continued through Sunday morning. There were one hundred thirty-eight people that registered, plus many local people and some travelers that did not register. Several preacher brethren and Christian friends from a distance attended the conference. Ten states were represented, ranging in distance from as far away as Oklahoma to the west, Florida to the south, Michigan to the north, and Virginia to the east.

On Friday evening three great men of God brought inspiring and edifying messages on "Love" — "Love of God Toward Man, Saved Men Toward God, and Saved Man Toward Saved Man." Such messages challenge one toward a higher plane of Christian living and stewardship.

Saturday was a wonderful day of fellowship and the preached Word, starting out at the morning session with the preachers instructing us relative to the Believer's duties as to Prayer, Bible Study, Christian Liberty, etc.

After the noon meal, we again assembled to hear some great preachers expound as to the Ministry of the Church regarding the Lost, Saved, Baptism, etc.

We again met at the church following the evening meal to hear messages to enlighten and warn us as to the Significance of The Rise of Astrology, Occultism, Wickedness that is sweeping our Nation and the world today.

Lastly, on Sunday morning the Great Doctrines of Grace, loved and cherished by Baptists, were expounded, such as Election, Total Depravity, Repentance and Faith. The pastor, Elder James Hobbs, closed the conference preaching on the subject "Eternal Security."

Each service the Lord was praised and magnified with special music. A young lad who is a member of the host church sang beautifully about his Lord, which was an inspiration to all who heard him.

All in all, it was a time of great uplifting. A spirit of brotherly love prevailed throughout the entire conference, and we all could feel the power of the Holy Spirit in the messages. God blessed us tremendously, and we wish to praise His Holy and wonderful Name!

MEADOWVIEW, VIRGINIA CHURCH BEGINNING REVIVAL, MAY 14

Elder Julius D. Wishon, pastor of the Meadowview Baptist Church, Meadowview, Virginia announced this week a series of revival messages will begin on Wednesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m. each evening. Those of you who live in driving distance are cordially invited to come and worship with them. The church meets in a temporary building, located on State Route 746. If you have any difficulty in locating the building, phone Brother Wishon, number 944-3979.

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Fred T. Halliman

"TITHING"

For our first Scripture reading, we will turn to Leviticus 27:30-31: "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof."

These two verses tell us a lot, beloved. First of all, they tell us that all of the tithe of all of the land belongs to the Lord. It doesn't make any difference if you're a

farmer, if you raise chickens or hogs, if you've got a business; it doesn't make any difference if you are a preacher, or a housewife; it doesn't make any difference if you're sitting back drawing your Social Security pension. No matter what, lost or saved, the Lord says that all of the tithe belongs to Him.

Whether lost people believe this or not, doesn't make any difference — it doesn't change the Word of the Lord at all. You don't receive any blessing in so far as the

spiritual end of it is concerned in giving a tithe of your income to the Lord, but it belongs to Him just the same. You're going to be required of that whether you are lost or whether you're saved — it's the Lord's. And if you steal from the Lord, it's just like going out and holding up the Third National Bank. A tithe of all the land belongs to the Lord.

You know this morning, when I came into church and put my (Continued on page 2; column 2)

For Your Information

Many of our readers are writing in and requesting information concerning Brother Milburn Cockrell's plans relative to the paper, the church, etc. For the present time and until he can get moved and located here, let everything pertaining to any of the work come as in the past to Calvary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 910, Ashland, Kentucky 41101.

You will note in the masthead on this page that the paper has been changed into his name. Of course, I will be very actively engaged with the paper, assisting Brother Cockrell every way possible until he gets established and orientated to the complexities of being an editor.

Enclosed in this issue of The Baptist Examiner you will find a new Calvary Baptist Church Bookstore catalog listing all the books that we have for sale and terms, prices, order blanks and other pertinent information you will find helpful.

A complete announcement regarding any changes (if and when they become effective) will be made as soon as possible. Please bear with us and pray daily for us as we attempt to work out all details for the glory of God.



Dear Brother,

I am still rejoicing over the fact that Brother Cockrell is to be pastor and editor. I have no fear of doctrinal changes in T.B.E. under his leadership.

In His dear name,
E. G. Cook
Alabama

Editor's Note: This is only one of many who have expressed themselves in like manner.

My dear brother Gilpin, Jr.,

Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Saviour from Trinidad in the West Indies. We were saddened by the news of the home going of Pastor Gilpin. He shall always be remembered by us for the help given and the encouragement he's been to us by his firm stand for the truth's sake.

We thank the Lord and rejoice greatly for the decision taken by the church to continue T.B.E. and are quite sure that this is in answer to the prayers of missionary Baptists everywhere.

We sincerely thank you for continuing to send our supply of T.B.E. papers and do trust that it shall be possible for us to keep receiving them. The Lord is blessing the work here, with a few saved and added to the church, but it is becoming harder to get people to listen to you for they have no time for the things of God.

Right now, we are having severe trouble on the islands. The sugar and oil workers are both on strike and, as a result, the whole island is suffering and most of my activities have been curtailed because of a shortage of gasoline, but we are praying and trusting in the Lord that this will end soon.

Your brother on the field,
Hamza Mohammed
Trinidad, W.I.

"Tithing"

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tithing into the offering box back there, I was happy. Why? That was a part of my worship. I was worshipping the Lord in that act. Why did you come to church this morning? Why do you read the Lord's Word? You say, well, the Lord has set aside one day a week in a very special way that we should come to church, and that's true. You don't have to wait until Sunday to worship the Lord, but Sunday is the Lord's day, and if it's the Lord's day, it's not ours. And while this has nothing to do with tithing, while we are speaking on that portion that is the Lord's, if Sunday, and when I say if, it's not because there is any doubt in my mind, but if Sunday is the Lord's day, it is not ours but His day. Should we then go out and play all kinds of sports and do everything else on the Lord's day? Now I'll leave that for you to answer. I'm not asking you to write that out on a piece of paper or to stand up and tell me. You know what it is. If it's the Lord's day, it's His day. It's not ours, and if He has commanded that we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, it's the Lord's day and we ought to honor Him on that day as such.

Now getting back to the tithe, the tithe is the Lord's. Now if it's the Lord's, it doesn't belong to me and it doesn't belong to you, but it belongs to Him. Now I ask a question before. Why do we come to church on Sunday? We feel that the Lord has set this aside as a special day, and He has, and it is a very special day. But you know, He has set aside a tenth of all the land as His in a very special way. He says it is holy. You think the Lord's Word is holy — it is. He says that the tithe is holy to Him, too. He says that the tithe is holy unto Him.

Now let me include this before we get away from that portion of the Lord's Word. I've known a lot of people who would like to, and they do, borrow from the Lord. They use the Lord's tithe. They say, "Well, in due time, we are going to give it back. This Sunday, I just don't feel like I could put it in the Lord's House," and if time permits before we're finished, I'll show you by the Scriptures that it is on the Lord's day that you ought to bring your tithe and put it in the Lord's House. But some say, "We just don't see how we can put it in today. We need that. Next week, we'll pay our tithe." But you know you can go to any bank and borrow money on a lot cheaper interest than you can borrow from the Lord's tithe. Do you know that He charges 20%. Now if you have some of the Lord's money and you want to hold it out this week,

Memorial Pulpit

By JOHN R. GILPIN

Our Beloved Pastor and Editor, Now in Glory



"THE LOVE OF GOD"

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"—John 3:16.

I presume that if one can quote any portion of the Bible, he can quote John 3:16. I have noticed this to be true in many, many instances, when I have called for people to quote their favorite verse of Scripture, more people will quote John 3:16 than anything else. Now I am not sure there is any particular reason why it is their favorite text, except maybe they just don't know much about the Word of God, and therefore it is their favorite text, because it is about all they know. At any rate, it is a familiar portion of God's Word, and at the same time, the most grossly misunderstood verse, I am sure, in all the Word of God. It would seem, as popular as it is, and as well known as it is, that it definitely would carry a message that would be a blessing to the world, yet I am satisfied that it is the most misunderstood verse in all the Bible.

I THE LOVER

"For God so loved. . ."

This is interesting to me when I learn in the very beginning that it is God who loves. It is a blessing to me just to know that God thinks of me in terms of love. You see, beloved, God is also a God of anger, and a God of vengeance, and a God of wrath, as well as a God of love.

Years ago, Jonathan Edwards

preached a great sermon on the subject, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." It is said that while he was preaching, one minister interrupted his message and said, "Mr. Edwards, that is true. We are not doubting that. But isn't it also true that God is a God of love?" So strongly and forcibly did Mr. Edwards present the truth of the anger, and the vengeance, and the wrath of God being ultimately poured out upon the lost, that this preacher thought surely Mr. Edwards was overlooking the fact that God also loved the world.

It is said that while Jonathan Edwards was preaching, men clutched the benches in which they sat, as if they were already sliding into the very pit of Hell itself. So powerful was the impact of the message that it has been reprinted thousands, and thousands, and thousands of times down through the years as one of the greatest of sermons that was ever preached.

So God is, I say, a God of wrath, a God of vengeance, and a God of anger; but this text tells us likewise that God is a lover.

II

WHOM GOD LOVES

"For God so loved THE WORLD. . ."

This tells us that God loved the world. Are we to think, then that He loves every individual in the world, without exception? The majority of people would say so. I am satisfied if I were to ask the majority of folk that

walk along the streets every day, there wouldn't be one person in a thousand who would deny that God loves everybody in the world, without exception.

In THE BAPTIST EXAMINER each week we have a column known as "The Reader's Forum," whereby that individuals ask questions, and the questions are answered by four different men — currently, Brethren Paul Tiber, James Hobbs, E. G. Cook, and Roy Mason. One of the questions that was answered of recent date was the question, "Does God love everybody?" I was impressed by all the answers, and especially by the answer that Brother E. G. Cook gave, for Brother Cook started his answer by saying that if he had been asked that question years ago, he would have argued "till the cows come home" that God loved everybody without exception.

I expect, beloved, that the majority of people would be waiting for the cows — and the pigs, and the chickens, and the hogs, to all come home before they would quit arguing that God loves everybody without exception, and they base that upon the expression that we have here, "For God so loved the world." They think when they read the word "world," that this means every individual without exception.

Well, beloved, I shall read to you just one verse of Scripture to show you that is not true. Listen:

"As is written, Jacob have (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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"Love Of God"

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I loved, but Esau have I hated."—Rom. 9:13. If that were the only verse in the Bible, I'd know that in John 3:16 God did not mean to tell us He loves everybody in the world without exception. I take for granted that the "world" is used in a restricted sense. I am sure that it does not mean every individual without exception, because if it did, then it would contradict Romans 9:13, which says, "Esau have I hated." Here is one man that God certainly did not love, this man Esau. Therefore, I know, beloved friends, that the word "world" does not mean everybody.

In fact, if you'll read through the Word of God you'll find that the word "world" is used many times in a restricted sense,—when it does not mean every individual without exception, and that is true here. The fact of the matter is, when He says, "For God so loved the world," I take for granted that the ones that He loved are His elect — the ones for whom He is going to give His Son to die.

I can see no reason for God loving Pharaoh when Pharaoh was already in Hell. I can see no reason for God loving Judas when Judas was walking beside Him, getting ready to betray Him, posing as His friend, yet, at the same time was a bitter enemy all the while. I can see no reason for God loving either one of those, when God knows all things. Now you and I might love somebody who is getting ready to betray us. You and I might love some individual that was walking side by side with us, hand in hand with us and yet, was working contrary to us as a betrayer. We might love such an individual because we didn't know, and didn't realize, what the individual's intent was. Beloved, God knows everything, and God knows everybody. Therefore I cannot conceive of God knowing Judas Iscariot, and what he was

planning to do, having chosen him for the very thing that he was about to do, and at the same time, God loving him, as the average individual interprets this verse of Scripture.

So I say I do not believe this Scripture refers to all the world in the sense of every individual. In other words, He did not choose to love everyone. I think we have the full meaning of this Scripture when we read:

"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.

Notice: "having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end." Whom does He love? I turn back to John 3:16 and I say to you, God does not love everybody in this world. He did not love Esau. I am sure He did not love Pharaoh, who was already in Hell. I am sure that He did not love Judas Iscariot. Whom did He love? He loved His own. He loved His elect. I think, beloved, Jesus Christ loved every one of those who are His own, and nobody else.

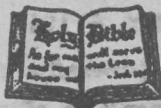
There are individuals out of all segments of mankind whom He has loved. We have a hint as to this when the Apostle Paul, in his prayer, says:

"May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the LOVE OF CHRIST, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God"—Eph. 3:18,19.

You'll notice that he talks about the love of God as being a love that has four dimensions. He says that there is breadth, and length, and depth, and height.

How broad is the love of God? It is broad enough that it encompasses individual's out of every nation in all the world. I am satisfied He loves some Chinese and some Japanese. I am satisfied He loves some Germans and

IS "THAT" IN THE BIBLE?



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Question: What prophet cursed little children for calling him names?

Answer: Elisha, Second Kings 2:23-24. "And he (Elisha) went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head. And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the Lord. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them."

loves some individuals in New Guinea. I am satisfied that He loves some Russians. I am satisfied He loves some individuals in America. I am satisfied that the love of God is broad enough that it compasses some individuals out of every nation throughout the world. I am sure that it is long enough that it reaches backward to eternity past, and reaches out into eternity to come. I am sure that it is deep enough that it goes down into the deepest sin in which we might find ourselves. His love is high enough that He lifts us up and sets our feet upon the solid Rock of Ages. I want you to note especially the breadth of it because the love of God is broad enough that it encompasses individuals, of all the nations in the world. Therefore, beloved, when John 3:16 says that He loved the world, this means that He loved some individuals out of all the world, out of all the races, and out of all the nationalities of the world — that is,

those individuals who were chosen unto Himself.

III

HOW HE LOVES

"... that he gave his only begotten Son."

My text says that God loved them to the extent that He gave His only begotten Son.

I think we have evidence of God's love about us every day. I often think about nature. Surely nature itself is an evidence of the love of God. I don't think I have ever seen the trees with their foliage more beautiful than they have been this fall in this particular area. I think there is a physical reason why that is true. We had quite a good deal of water in the early part of September with the result the trees did not begin to shed their leaves little by little as they ordinarily do, so that the leaves all held on until the frost came; now then they have all been changing color at one time. The trees have been exceedingly full of leaves, and therefore, unusually beautiful this year. Whenever I look at some of those hills with their trees of various colors, the whole hill is so beautiful, it would appear that somebody was just holding in his hand a great big bunch of flowers. Whenever I look at nature and I see the beauty of the hills, and I see the beauty of the trees, and I see the leaves in all of their many splendid colors, I say certainly God must love us. Surely, that is an evidence of the love of God.

Whenever I see a beautiful sunrise or a beautiful sunset, or whenever I see a beautiful moon, or whenever I see a rainbow in all of its splendor, I say, surely God must love us; this must tell us the love of God.

Beloved, there are other ways whereby I can know that God loves us. I remember several years ago that I was in a Bible Conference in Chicago, and one of the speakers was talking about the love of God. He described it as being something of unusual beauty. It was a wonderful message in nearly every respect. I remember in one instance that he gave an

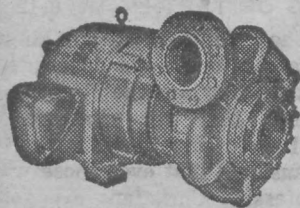
illustration of a mother's love, and he said that a mother may deny herself for her child. He said that a mother will slave and work in order to keep body and soul together — to keep a roof over her children, and to keep food on the table — that she will do everything in her power to take care of her children's physical needs. He said that to him that was the greatest picture of the love of God. I sat there and listened to him, and thought, all that he has said is wonderful, but at the same time, a mother may forget her child, for the Word of God tells us that mothers do forget their nursing children. I thought of individuals whom I have met, who have walked away and left their family, and did not even take care of them. They did not provide for them, but left their child for somebody else to pick up, and clean up, and take care of, and feed, and house. So I say, beloved, that mother love is not a good illustration of the love of God.

Then, beloved, a few days after I was in Chicago and heard this particular speaker I was in another Bible Conference, and I heard another preacher discussing the love of God. He said the greatest picture of God's love was nature. He talked about a beautiful sunset. I tell you, beloved, as he painted that pretty verbal picture, you could almost see the sun as a ball of fire sinking down in the western horizon. You could almost see the color splashing from the sun in the sky. I thought, his illustration of the love of God is marvelous and it was a blessing, but it wasn't true, because the sunset is not a complete picture of the love of God. Ere the sun goes down as a great ball of fire in the western horizon, there may come a cloud over the sky. The lightning may flash, and the thunder may roar, and the clouds may cover that sun. Then I ask, where is your illustration of the love of God (Continued on page 4, column 3)

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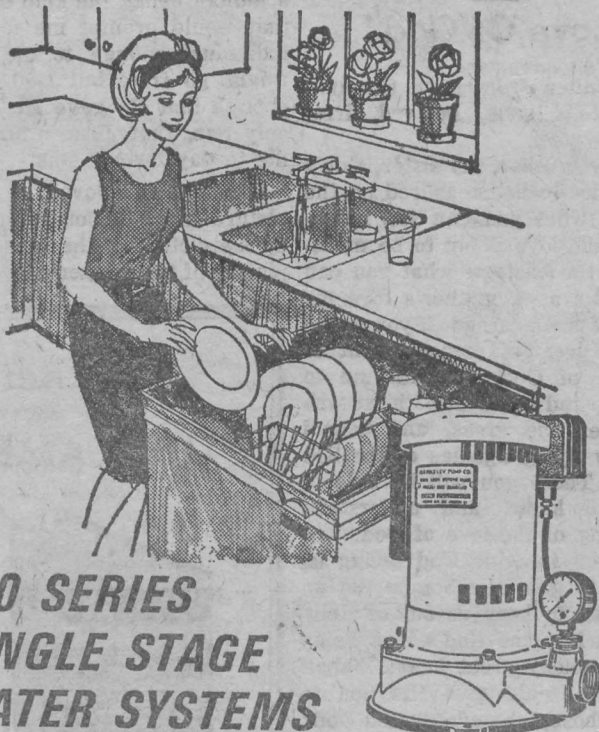
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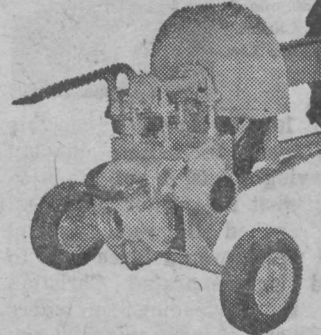


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"When the leading church members of my church are dancers, card players, etc., should we keep our membership there because that is where we live, or take it elsewhere?"

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Would the pastor be included among the "leading members"? How about the majority of the rank and file members? Is there a gracious, loving spirit there? Is truth taught and believed there? These are all considerations which should be examined before one takes such precipitous action as removing his membership. If most of the above questions cannot be favorably answered, then leave!

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It is difficult to give a definite answer to a question like this without knowing more about the situation. When you say "leading church members," do you mean people who run the church because they have taken over the church? Do you mean the majority of the church does this or just one or two members? Do you mean the pastor and deacons?

If you are talking about a church where modernistic liberalism is in control, then by all means get out. As far as whether you should leave or stay, you must determine this by comparing your church with certain Scriptural principles.

(1) Christ is to have the preeminence. "And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence" (Colossians 1:18). If "social" functions are more important than living so that

Christ is first and foremost, then He doesn't have the preeminence.

(2) Christ is to receive glory. "Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end" (Ephesians 3:21). Christ is to receive glory in the church, but if the members are living a worldly, ungodly life (such as dancing, card playing, etc.) He will not receive glory. The world sees what we do before they hear what we say.

(3) The members of a church should be ready and able to pray much for fellow members. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). If a member is not living a righteous life, he isn't available to pray for another member in an emergency. (Do you want to be in a church where this is the rule rather than the exception?)

The church is to be a lighthouse shining forth with the light of God, but how much that light is dimmed because the members bring dishonour to Christ and His church.

If I were a member of a church and we had members who did these things, I would expect the church to rebuke them for it, and if they failed to repent, then to exclude them. If a church failed to do this (and knew that this was going on), I would move my membership, even if I had to travel a great distance to be in a sound church. Remember, these people have a voice in the church in all matters of business and in spending the Lord's money that you put in as your tithes and offerings.

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If the leading members of this church spend their time dancing and playing cards, I am made to wonder what the pastor preaches. If he preached the whole counsel of God which would force him to contend for separated Christian living, those leading members would do one of three things: They would either straighten up and fly right, run the preacher off, or leave the church themselves. Contending for a separated Christian life and playing cards and dancing just won't mix. So the real trouble may be behind the pulpit.

But regardless of where the real trouble lies, Paul says in II Cor. 6:17, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord." How can you enjoy any real fellowship with worldly Christians (if they be Christians)? Furthermore, how can you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ under such conditions? I am persuaded that happier days await you in some church where separated Christian living is contended for. There is a difference between preaching it and contending for it.

The nearness of a church has nothing to do with its soundness. I once had a good neighbor who said that when he moved to a new community he always joined the church that was closest to him. One Saturday night I heard him

saying "amen," so often and so loudly, to a sermon on the security of the believer that I feared he would not be able to whisper the next day. But the next day, I heard him doing the same thing to a sermon on falling from grace. To that poor fellow one church was just as good as another.

But if you are concerned about the conditions in your church, I am convinced that you would be much better off in a church that teaches, preaches, and contends for the whole counsel of God. We have a member of this church, who lives hundreds of miles away, who joined us because he had no church in his city that stood for what he stands for, and he was impressed with the work of this church. You cannot help but be happier in a church that is doing what you feel the Lord wants her to do.

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I think a good answer to that question is found in II Cor. 6:17. It says, "And come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord."

Sometimes there is some worldliness in a church, but it can be led into a better, more spiritual life, but when the leadership is saturated with worldliness, and no one seems concerned, about the only thing to do is to take one's membership and go elsewhere. It isn't very difficult to drive a few miles to a church. I know what I am talking about, for I drive about a hundred miles to church and back every Sunday. People drive that far to go fishing, so why shouldn't I go to as much trouble to attend the church that I want to attend?

"Love Of God"

(Continued from page three) gone? It is gone, beloved, irretrievably gone.

Oh, my brother, my sister, God's love is not to be measured on the basis of what you can see in nature. God's love is not to be measured on the basis of what you can see so far as a mother's love for her child is concerned. If you would see the greatest measurement of the love of God, go with me to Calvary, and see Jesus Christ who died upon the cross, and behold the very dying agonies of the Son of God. There you will be able to see, and know, and understand something of the love of God.

Can you imagine God loving us enough to give His Son to die on the cross, to keep us out of Hell? Can you imagine God's love being so enormously great in our behalf that God would give His Son to die for those who even hated God?

Suppose a man were to come to your house tonight, and were to break into your house, and kill your wife, and kill your child, and rob your home, and burn your house to conceal and cover his crime. Then suppose later that man is arrested for what he has done, and he is tried and convicted, and he confesses that he is guilty of the crime with which society has charged him. You'd say that individual was a terrible

criminal — a murderer of a man's wife and child, an arsonist in that he burns a house, and a robber in that he himself robbed a home. You'd say a man like that certainly does not deserve to live. Yet, when that man stands up in court and admits his guilt and is sentenced to death, you who are the husband and father, and the man who has been robbed, and whose home has been burned, step into his place and beg the judge to allow you to die in his behalf, that this man might be turned loose upon society. You tell the judge that you'll take the place of this robber, this arsonist, this murderer, and die for him, and allow him to go free. You say, "Brother Gilpin, a thing like that could never take place." I grant you, beloved, it couldn't in my life; it probably couldn't in your life, and it doubtlessly couldn't in the life of any of Adam's descendants. But there is something ten thousand times greater and grander than that. God found the whole human race guilty of sin. God says that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. God introspectively looks down upon the children of men to see if there

it is wonderful to see a mother care for her child, and I love to see the beauties of nature which tell me that God does love us, but these things are temporal and transient. These things pass by, but the love of God, as is manifested in the giving of His Son, Jesus Christ, is something that doesn't pass. It isn't temporal, but it lasts, and it tells us how God loves the world.

IV

FOR WHAT PURPOSE HE LOVES

"... that whosoever believeth in him should not perish..."

God loves you, sinner friend, for He gave His Son to die for you, to keep you out of Hell.

Now I don't say that the death of the wicked does not glorify God. I don't think you can read portions of the Word of God without realizing that Pharaoh's death glorified God, and that the hardening of Pharaoh's heart actually glorified God. I don't think you can read the story of Judas Iscariot — how he was chosen for the particular purpose, and place, and function that he performed in the ministry of Jesus — without realizing that Judas Iscariot was merely fulfill-

DID YOU KNOW?

Prince Edward Island (Canada) with a population of 90,000 has only 13 policemen. There is no unemployment and the problem of divorce has been extremely rare in the past 60 years. Since 1967 there has not been a single case of assault of wife, desertion of family or neglect of children. There is no penitentiary. In some years it has had as few as two motor car accidents for every 1,000 cars. How do they account for this amazing record? In 1900 alcohol was abolished from the island and has never been allowed to re-enter.

were any that did understand and seek God, and He says:

"They are ALL GONE ASIDE, they are ALL TOGETHER BECOME FILTHY; there is NONE THAT DOETH GOOD, no, not one" — Psa. 14:3.

When God saw mankind thus as completely given over to sin as is humanly possible to be, it was then that God sent His Son to take the place of each of us who were chosen unto Himself before the foundation of the world, that we might be saved.

Beloved, talk about love, that is love. I couldn't love a man enough to die for him when he has murdered my family, and robbed my home, and burned my house. I couldn't love him enough to die for him. There just isn't in me, as a human being, the kind of instinct that would prompt me to love an individual enough to die that he might go free, but God loves us enough that He gave His Son, His only Son, that Jesus Christ might die to pay for our sins.

I tell you, beloved, I like this picture a whole lot better than I do the picture of the sunset, or the picture of the mother's love. I know

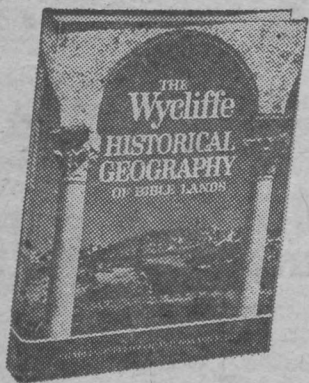
ing the Word of God. Yet, beloved, I say to you, I am convinced as can be that while there are some for whom He did not die, that go to Hell, and therefore glorify Him, at the same time, this text tells us why it was that He gave His Son, namely, that the elect might be kept out of Hell.

Did you ever stop to think about the place that Hell is, the awfulness of Hell? This past week I have been thinking as I have gone about my work about the awfulness of Hell, and what it is going to be like for sinners to be there. I read in one verse that in Hell there is no love, for God describes it as though there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Listen:

"But the children of the kingdom shall be cast into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and GNASHING OF TEETH" — Mt. 8:12.

The "children of the kingdom" referred to are the descendants of Jacob; they are the Jews. In other words, they are what we would call professing Christians of today. Jesus said that even those who are professing Christians are going to be cast into outer darkness. It (Continued on page 5, column 2)

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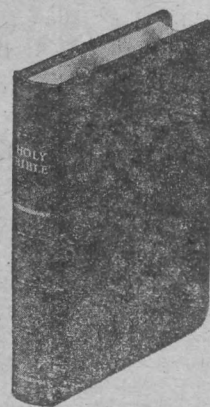
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"RENEWING OUR STRENGTH"

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isa. 40:31).

Every created thing needs to be renewed. Nothing continues on of itself. The trees which have not a care nor shorten their life with labor need the fresh rains and the hidden goodies of the soil. Although God planted the Cedars of Lebanon, they need the fresh sap every spring to renew them. Even so, our physical body must be renewed day by day. Tissue and cells die every second and must be renewed by new food. We cannot sustain our bodies on the food taken last month. We need a fresh supply every day. So it is with our spiritual being. Our souls need fresh supply of spiritual food to be renewed day by day.

If our piety can live without God, then it is not of divine origin. We are only fooling ourselves. It takes constant renewing to be able to withstand the assaults of the world and Satan. Or even to bear chastening or the stripes with- in. Paul tells us in Eph. 4:23, "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind." He speaks of discarding the sins of the "old man" such as anger, evil speaking, lying and grieving the Holy Spirit.

This renewing can only come from the Father. There is nothing in us that will do the job. It is a divine process. That is why we rush to the Word of God. That is why we spend so much time in prayer. That is why we "wait on the Lord." In II Cor., Paul links this renewing with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (14:14-16). After speaking glowingly of the resur-

rection, he says, "For which cause we faint not, but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." It is a day by day renewing. Each day that we miss reading the Word or spending time in prayer is a day when our strength is diminished and we can be sure Satan is ready for just such a time. For he strikes when we are the weakest and feeblest.

"Yea, in the way of Thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for Thee; the desire of our soul is to Thy name, and to the remembrance of Thee" (Isa. 26:8).

"Love Of God"

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isn't enough for a man to be a professing Christian, and if a man is only a professing Christian, the Word of God says that he is going to be cast out into darkness. He'll find himself in a place where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.

I tell you, beloved, Hell is a place to be shunned, and I have a feeling that God gave His Son for one purpose, that He might keep us, who are His elect, out of Hell.

I recognize the fact that ultimately the death of Jesus Christ is for the glory of God, just as I recognize that everything that God does is ultimately for His glory; but I think there is likewise a secondary reason for His giving of Jesus Christ to die on the cross — namely, to keep us out of Hell.

Now that is hard to understand. Every once in a while I meet somebody who will say that he has a hard time understanding some things in the Bible. Well, there are things that I have a hard time understanding, too, but I'll tell you, beloved, the thing that to me is the hardest to understand is that God gave His Son to keep us out of Hell. That is what my text says, for it declares, "He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

If I speak to somebody who is yet unsaved — if you are one of the chosen of God — if you are one of God's elect, then God gave His Son to die for you. He gave His Son to keep you out of Hell. He gave His Son that you might not perish.

POSITIVE ASPECT FOR GIVING HIS SON

... but have everlasting life." God also had a positive aspect for the giving of His Son — namely, that you and I who are saved, would have, and would become, the possessors of an everlasting life. Notice: God who loved His elect, and who manifested that love through the death of His Son, who loved us to keep us out of Hell, did it to give us a guarantee to everlasting life.

Every once in a while in our printing shop, when one of the linotype operators is setting an article, I'll jokingly say to him, "Do you guarantee that type?" Strangely enough, none of them will guarantee their work. They know that we find too many errors in it, and too many lines of it have to be reset.

Every once in a while I'll hear some company give a guarantee over television, and it is fantastic and fabulous. Some will offer double your money back. I would like to see you get that money back. I'd like to see you get double your money back from any of those companies. I dare say that you would have to sue "till the cows come home" in order to get your money.

But, beloved, here is something that is guaranteed not for a day, and not for a season, and not for ten years — but here is an everlasting guarantee — namely, that I'll have a life that shall never come to an end; for it says, "but have everlasting life."

Oh, brother, sister, I tell you, it blesses my heart when I read this Scripture just to know that

DON'T BLAME THE CHILDREN

We read the paper and hear on the air
Of killing and stealing and crime everywhere.
We sigh and say as we notice the trend:
"This young generation! Where will it all end?"
But can we be sure that it's their fault alone;
That maybe part of it isn't our own?
Are we less guilty who place in their way
Too many things that lead them astray?
Too many books not fit to be read;
Too much evil in what they hear said;
Too many children encouraged to roam
By too many parents who won't stay home.
Kids don't make the movies or write the books,
That paint gay pictures of gangsters and crooks.
They don't make liquor, or don't run bars,
They don't make the laws or buy cars.
They don't peddle drugs that confuse the brain;
That's done by older folk greedy for gain.
Delinquent teenagers! Oh, how we condemn
The sins of the nation and blame it on them.
**BY THE LAWS OF THE BLAMELESS THE SAVIOUR
MADE KNOWN,**
**WHO IS THERE AMONG US TO CAST THE FIRST
STONE?**
For in so many cases, 'tis sad but true,
That the title "DELINQUENT" fits older folk, too.

God loves us, not only enough to keep us out of Hell, but He loved us enough to give us everlasting life.

Doesn't it help you to know that you are not going to die? You see, you have a life that will never end. I'll tell you, beloved, it helps me. I tell you, brother, sister, it cheers my soul when I remember that I have a life that is never going to come to an end.

Let's notice some other Scriptures which tell us that we have everlasting life:

"He that believeth on the Son HATH EVERLASTING LIFE; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him"—John 3:36.

"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.

I could read on through the Word of God again and again and again to show you that we have everlasting life the moment that we believe on Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

Yes, beloved, my text is a marvelous verse; it is a simple verse; it is a verse that a lot of people remember because they have been taught it so much from childhood. It is the golden text of the Bible, because it does present to us a marvelous truth. God is the One that loves us. Why, I don't know. I couldn't begin to tell you the reason why God would ever love us. To me that is an amazing, indescribable experience that God would ever love us. God is the lover. He loved those for whom His Son died. He manifested His love by the death of His Son. He loved us to keep us out of Hell, and ultimately that love is that we might have a grand eternal existence by way of an everlasting life.

Oh, might it please God to reach down and search through this audience, and save somebody that is lost, and make him to become a recipient of that love, so that your heart in turn would go out in love to Him.

Here is a man who loved dearly

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a girl. Ultimately, she comes to realize his love for her. Maybe for years he loves her silently, and says nothing to her about his love, but one day she comes to realize, as he realized previously, that he loves her, and when she realizes it, her love goes out to him. Would to God, that the God that loves us so dearly, might reach down, and touch some heart, and bring someone to Himself, that during the weeks, and months, and years of life that are before you, your love in turn might go out to Him, and that you may serve Him as the days come and go.
May God bless you!

"Tithing"

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— he gave a tenth.

"And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God:

And this stone, which I have set forth for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee."—Gen. 28:20-22.

Now what does this teach us, apart from the fact that the ancients tithed unto the Lord? This teaches us that God has always had a special place for His tithe to be brought — He still has. It's not to be handed out helter-skelter here and there. God has always

had a place. If you please, I am telling you this morning that God requires storehouse tithing.

There was the tithe given during the period of the law, and most people think that's where tithing originated, but we have already seen that Abraham and Jacob tithed a long time before God gave the law unto Moses. They not only tithed once, but they gave three tithes.

(I can recall at this time out at the Bible Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1972, someone was preaching on tithing. One of the Hardshell preachers from the state of Missouri was there and he took the thing up after the preaching session ended and proceeded to say that tithing was unscriptural and he made quite an issue about tithing.)

The Jews gave three tithes to the Lord. But we note that while this was in their law, Israel failed to keep this law after they had settled down in the land that God had given them. But what is very interesting to note about them is that in every great revival that the Lord ever sent them, tithing is one of the things that was mentioned that had been renewed, in every case, none excepted. When God works a revival among His people, whether they be Jew or Gentile, the most prominent thing we see is that He causes His people to return to His written Word. A Heaven-sent revival consists not so much in happy feelings and a lot of enthusiasm and fleshly displays, nor in great crowds of people. Most people consider that to be the sign of a great revival, but these are not the marks of a real Heaven-sent revival. When God renews His work of grace in His people, one of the first things that He does is to cause His people to return to the Written Word from which they have departed. This has always happened with the Jews in any great revival that God has ever sent them.

In the Book of II Chronicles, when Hezekiah was in charge of the Lord's people, one of the things they did when they had a revival was that they went back to tithing. These people had left off tithing. But when God sent a revival among them, they went back to tithing. In the 31st chapter, note verses 5, 6 and 7:

"And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly. And concerning the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the Lord their God, and laid them by heaps"—II Chron. 31:5-7.

Once again we note in the Book of Nehemiah, after they had returned from captivity, one of the things that they took up again was tithing.

"And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, (Continued on page 6, column 2)

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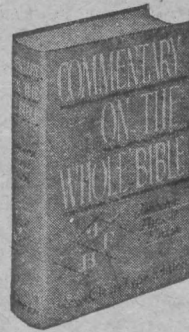
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Man-Made Religion

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about the need for prayer and righteous living.

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It is the "THUS SAITH THE LORD" that counts, both in this life and throughout all eternity.

"Tithing"

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unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage"—Neb. 10:37.

Here, beloved, after they had come out of captivity, God had sent them a revival and one of the things that we note that happened unto these people was they returned to the practice of tithing.

Now, let us go to the last book in the Old Testament, and note what God says about people that

do not tithe. In the 3rd chapter of Malachi, we begin with verse 7:

"Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?"

God, what are you talking about? We haven't really left off anything. What do you mean, return unto you?

Now, we note in verse 8, God says:

"Will a man rob God?"

Why, of course, we wouldn't rob God. We might rob the First National Bank, we might rob some poor widow, but we wouldn't rob God. That would be the last thing that we would do is to rob God. We're holy people. We go to church every Sunday. We wouldn't rob God. No!

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me."

God said, yes, you've already robbed me. You say that you wouldn't rob God, but you've already robbed me.

"But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee?"

He said, "In tithes and offerings."

You've already robbed me. Now people that do not tithe, they are God-robbers, regardless of what you might say or think. And He goes on to say,

"Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."

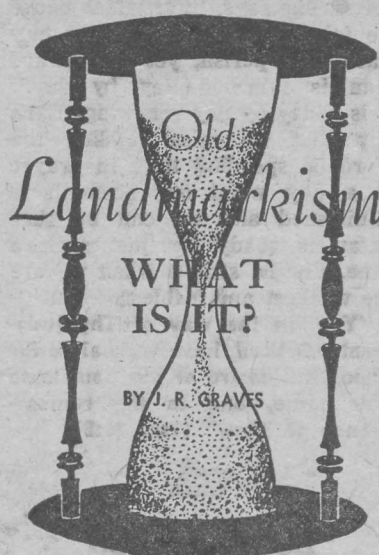
Now He tells them what they might do about this. He says,

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse."

We're talking about storehouse tithing.

"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."

I want to take a little time on that verse now and see if the Lord won't speak to us about something. First of all, God had told His people that they had robbed Him. He had told His people that they had gone away from His ordinances and that they had robbed Him. And furthermore, that this robbery was done because they failed to bring their tithes and offerings into His storehouse. Then He pronounced upon them a curse. He said, "Ye are cursed with a curse: for (or because) ye have robbed me." Beloved, I do not want that curse upon me. I'll tell you, I certainly do not. But now He tells them how and what they might be able to do about this. He says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse" — not just some of them. In fact, how could you tithe if you don't bring all. I want somebody to explain that to me. How can you tithe except to tithe? Some people say, I've tithed part of my tithe. Oh, you haven't tithed at all if you have just tithed on part of it. Why it's a contradiction of terms. You have got to bring in the tenth or else you haven't tithed — it's that simple. All right now, He says, "Bring all of the tithes," and where did He say to bring them? Somebody says, "Well, I know of an orphan's home in bad need." You may. Someone says, "I know of a poor widow that needs the money," and I'm sure that you are right. There are lots of widows that I know of that need help. And you might say, "Well, I heard a good preacher on the radio this morning begging for some money and I believe his ministry is a good ministry, so I'm going to send my tithes to him." Is that what the Lord said to do? Did the Lord say to you to put your money in the orphan's home, or give to that widow, or send it to that radio evangelist? No, He said, put it in the storehouse. "Bring ye all



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of the tithes into the storehouse," not someone else's, but My storehouse.

Why did He say bring them there? "That there may be meat in mine house." You know, beloved, when people tithe, bring their tithes and offerings into the Lord's House, there's just no need of having any rummage sales, or pie suppers, or getting out on the streets, sending the women folk out, and begging. A lot of Baptist churches think that's the way their women can work in the church — to get out and sell Christmas cards or something or other in order to put up the buildings, and carry on His work. The Lord says when tithes are brought into His house, the needs will be met. There won't be any need to get out and beg.

Of course, we don't beg here at this church. There never has been any begging done here. We're not intending to. That's the reason we're preaching on tithing this morning. We preach the Word. We let the Lord tell you what to do. It's not for us, but let the Lord tell you.

Notice what else He says about the needs being met when the tithes and offerings are brought into His House and He says, you try me and see about this.

I remember a fellow from Macedonia Baptist Church. I remember when I was trying to teach him tithing. He was just a new member of the church at the time, and he said to me, "Brother Hallman, I want you to look at my situation. I've got a wife and two kids and I'm working only part of the time." And he said, "You come to my house and visit us and you know for your own self that part of the time, we don't even have coal to have proper heat in our house."

I said, "I know that." I said, "Do you know why you don't? It's because you're stealing from the Lord."

"But," he said, "I can't afford to tithe."

I said, "You can't afford not to tithe. You've got the thing backwards. You can't afford not to tithe."

Well, I convinced that man to try tithing. I said, "You do what the Lord says. You prove him."

Well, he did. He was working three days a week, but before the month was up, he was working five days every week, which he hadn't done for over a year. And, had coal in his house for his family. He had money to go out and buy a few groceries. And, above all, he had money to put into the Lord's House — he had money to tithe, don't you see. In the seven years and a little over that I was pastor of Macedonia, at the beginning of every year, I made this proposition to our church. I said, "I'm not making any New Year's resolutions, but I'll make this proposition to the church. If there are any of our members that are not tithing, if you will agree to start on the first of January, and if you will tithe all through this year, and if you can show me where you have lost one cent or whatever amount that you have lost as a direct result of tithing, I'll make up every dime of it." I had a lot of people start tithing on that proposition and I've never had to pay back a dime that they have lost yet, but in every case, the Lord blessed them. It's a blessing to tithe. That's a great part of our worship service.

I want you to note something else the Lord says. "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven." Now a lot of people, when they read that verse, they go out and start gathering up the wash tubs and the big straw hats and everything to get all the money that the Lord's going to pour out and give to them.

Sort of like the fellow who, when his pastor preached on tithing that morning, put in \$5.00 in the church offering. On the way home he found a \$10.00 bill. He said, "Pastor, if I had known that, I would have put in a hundred."

Well, the Lord didn't say that. He didn't say you try me in that manner. No, He didn't say that. But the Lord said, "I'll open the windows of heaven, I'll open you the windows of heaven, and I'll pour you out a blessing." What did He say? The Lord said "I'll literally take you up and I'll shake you out a blessing to the people." Do you people here in this church know what you're doing when you put your tithes and offerings into this church, and some of it goes to the New Guinea mission work, a great amount of it goes to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER — do you (Continued on page 7, column 3)

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While the eloquent speeches of William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow are no longer heard, the 1975 version of the "Scopes Monkey Trial" involved the issue of evolution versus the Bible.

A federal circuit court of appeals has ruled that current Tennessee law requiring biology textbooks to carry a Genesis version of creation is unconstitutional. The court has ordered a preliminary injunction against the law.

The U.S. national crime rate has soared by more than 20 per cent in the past two years. From 1964 to 1973 spending on local law enforcement shot up over 600 per cent — from \$1 billion to over \$7 billion.

The American murder rate per 100,000 population doubled in a decade. From 1963 to 1973, the population of the U.S. increased only 11 per cent, but reported violent crimes jumped over 170 per cent.

The crime cancer continues to grow in spite of billions in federal aid to law enforcement agencies. Crime is not caused alone by poverty, racial tensions, drugs, alcohol, class struggle, or diet and genetics. The whole problem is a spiritual matter.

The real cause of crime would be as follows: (1) the decay of the home, (2) public education without morality, (3) stagnant religion, (4) permissive society, (5) poverty, (6) crippled criminal justice.

Recently, evangelist Billy Graham had a two-and-a-half-hour meeting with former president, Richard Nixon, at San Clemente. Graham said after the meeting that he believes Nixon has been "deepened religiously" by the Watergate ordeal.

A California judge ruled as unconstitutional the closing of state offices for three hours on Good Friday. This had been done in the past to enable employees to attend worship services.

The ministry board of the United Methodist Church of the Southwest Texas Conference denied the request of F. Eugene Leggett for reinstatement as a clergyman. He was suspended in 1971 after publicly announcing he was a homosexual. The Methodist will probably debate the growing homosexual problem in their denomination at the 1976 quadrennial conference.

Some 200 Catholic men who have left the priesthood, mostly over marriage, have offered their services as "reservists" in the ministry. As to whether the bishops will have these or the estimated 7,000 other married priests is not known at present.

A new mission radio station (DWRP) has been opened in the Philippines by the Far East Broadcasting Company. On the FEBC network it can reach the entire Chinese-speaking world. The FEBC broadcasts 220 program hours daily in seventy-three languages from twenty-five transmitters.

President Chiang Kai-shek, the beloved Christian leader of Free China, has departed this life. He had a Christian service.

The United States years ago tried to force Chiang Kai-shek into a coalition government with Mao Tse-tung. Chiang refused. Then the U.S. withheld military supplies like they are now doing in Vietnam. In view of all this it is little wonder that word comes this Christian leader had died of a heart attack.

Christianity was first brought to Vietnam in 1912 by missionaries of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in America. Most of the Protestants in the land belong to the CMA-affiliated Evangelical Church of South Vietnam. It has 490 congregations served by more than 500 national workers. Despite the war and unrest, in 1972 she listed 53,000 baptized members. Catholics number over one million, and they are served by hundreds of foreign missionaries, teaching brothers, and man.

As the blood and agony of the struggle for South Vietnam is drawing to a close, one can only wonder what these figures will be when the Communists take over. Contrary to the sayings of the American liberal press, the fall of South Vietnam is not a victory for justice and democracy, nor is it a defeat for the warmongers. The armies of Hanoi do not come as liberators to be embraced by the toiling masses. Instead, they come as heavily-armed and ruthless invaders. The thousands who are pouring into the coastal areas from the northern and interior provinces do not indicate the people of South Vietnam are welcoming the advancing North Vietnamese troops.

Of the upcoming slaughter of Christian and political enemies when the Communists take over South Vietnam, we will hear little from the liberals. But we can be sure there will be more mass graves like the one found at Hue with 3,000 slain civilians after that city was retaken following the Tet offensive. It will be the greatest bloodbath since Hitler's extermination of the Jews.

Already thousands are dying of malnutrition, disease, and wounds. Where are the demonstrators against man's inhumanity now? Where is the voice of Ramsey Clark and Jane Fonda? Where is the United Nations and their efforts for peace? Why can the Commun-

ists shoot up people, kill the innocent, starve the population, seduce governments all over the world, sign peace treaties and ignore them and it is never inhumane? It is only inhumane if anti-Communists shoot back and kill a few Reds?

Americans will long remember the American naval vessels pulling away under fire and leaving hundreds of thousands of desperate refugees on the shore at Da Nang. American ships turning tail from humanity's needs will not make a kind picture for the history of this era. America, where has your courage gone? America, why are many nations saying it is better to be a friend to the Communists than to us? Are our former friends looking at Cuba or Korea?

"Tithing"

(Continued from page 6) know what the Lord is doing with you people here? He's taking you and pouring you out all over this world a blessing to people. He didn't say that He was going to pour you out a basketful of money. That's not what He said here. He said, "I'll pour you out a blessing."

You know, there's one thing in my life that I desire, and that is the Lord would make me a blessing to people. I just wish sometimes that you could be in my place for a little while there in New Guinea and hear the testimonies of those dark, heathen people that have been saved as a result, looking at it from one standpoint, of your tithes and offerings here. I mean by that, you have helped keep a missionary on the field over there that could preach the Gospel to these people and they have been saved.

I want to just quote a part of the letter I received from the man

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who is in charge of our work there now. This was after that he had heard about Brother Gilpin passing on. And he said, "Brother Halliman,

Our hearts are broken back here in New Guinea when we heard about your pastor having gone to be with the Lord. Oh! He has worked in such a great way to help raise money that you could be here with us that we could be saved. You'll just never know, people back there could never know how much we appreciate what Brother Gilpin has done for us. But you know, while we hate to see him go, and we know that you all hated to see him go, we're going to see him one of these days up yonder."

Because of your tithes and offerings, God said that He's going to take you and pour you out a blessing. He didn't mean that He was necessarily going to fill up your pockets with a bunch of \$1.00 bills, but He said He would pour you out a blessing all over this world. Beloved, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is a blessing to people. We have a great part in that here and the mission work, and God says He's going to bless us for it. Oh, to be sure, your material needs will be met and God will bless you in that manner also, but I'd like for you to see what God caused me to see one day, that Malachi 3:10 doesn't necessarily mean that He is going to bless you with an abundance of money, but He's going to make you a blessing to people. And, beloved, that is one of the greatest blessings that you can ever expect to receive.

Now I want to call your attention to some practical reasons we ought to tithe.

The tithe honors God. Do you want to honor God? I'm sure that you do. Well, tithing honors God. In Proverbs 3:9-10, God says:

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

Yes, tithing honors the Lord. Then, we ought to tithe because God's cause is dependent upon our giving. I mean that that has been the means that He has chosen. How in the world, otherwise, would I be able to go to New Guinea, and remain there as I have, without the Lord's people so graciously giving their tithes and offerings. From a human point of view, it would be absolutely impossible, so God has chosen tithing as the means of blessing His people, calling out His elect from around the four corners of this earth.

Then, tithing enables you to give more.

I want to give you a little illustration of that by what Peter said to me on the way up to the fellowship. We were talking about people getting up in the morning, and Peter said to me that he had read or heard that when you wake up in the morning, if you will just right then get up, it's a lot easier. Now, it takes a little training on that, and you won't like that the first two or three times, but after you do that for a while, you don't find it hard at all to get up. I'll tell you a little secret though, don't you tell Peter, I've been having a little trouble getting him up in the morning. And when I went up there this morning and called Peter, I said, "Peter, it's time to start putting into practice what you're preaching now." And you know, he was the first one down the stairs.

Well, I am saying that tithing will help you to be able to give more. When you can see that you can tithe and the Lord blesses you there, you don't want to stop at tithing. I don't. You want to give more, don't you see? So tithing is very practical because it will help you to give more, and therefore, to receive more blessings from the Lord. Tithing increases our faith. I go back to the illustration that I gave you about the man from Macedonia. You couldn't persuade that man now that there's any other way except to tithe, but it took a little bit of courage for him to start out. The Lord has increased his faith by so doing. Yes, tithing will increase your faith. Tithing will prove your sincerity unto the Lord also, and it has the blessing of the Lord upon it. It will cause your faith to grow, and we learn why we should tithe. It is because the Lord's going to pour us out a blessing to other people.

When should we tithe? I want us to turn to the New Testament for that. When is it that we ought to tithe? I want to turn to I Corinthians, in the 16th chapter and

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beginning with verse 1, "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

Upon the first day of the week."

When is the first day of the week? It's not Saturday and it's not Wednesday, it's not Tuesday, but we know that it's Sunday — that's the first day of the week. Upon the first day of the week, what does He say? Who is to tithe?

"Let every one of you."

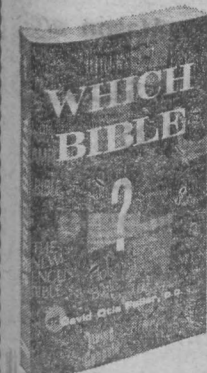
Now, most naturally, if you have not earned anything this week, the Lord doesn't require any tithe.

The New Guinea natives tried to tell me that. They said we didn't earn anything, therefore, how can we tithe? I told them to bring those sweet potatoes down here and I'll buy them from you and feed them to my hogs. That's the way you can tithe. Everyone of you grow sweet potatoes, and God says you can keep nine of them but one of them belongs to Him. You bring them and I'll buy them. I have to buy feed for my hogs anyway, and I'll buy them, and you'll have money then to put into the Lord's House. And some of them, of course, do that, and some of them don't. Of course, the ones that do get the blessings.

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sheriffs after it, but He'll get it, one way or the other. You can just be sure that the Lord has more collectors out than any other businessman that I know of. He always gets His tithe one way or the other. It might come in one form or another, but He'll get it. In the end, God will get it and when He has to send a collector out, He always gets more than just the tithe. You see, they have to be paid for their labor, so He always gets more than just the tithe.

So on the first day of the week, let every one of you, let every one of you do what?

"Lay by him in store."

What store? In God's storehouse, of course. That's what He's talking about. On the first day of the week, on Sunday, let everyone of you that has earned anything, bring the tithe to God's storehouse. Well, how much? As God has prospered you. If He's prospered you with a hundred dollars this week, He says you bring \$10.00 of it and put it in His storehouse. If He's prospered you with a thousand dollars, He says, you put a hundred in here. Whatever it is, He says, as God has prospered you, no less than that, on the first day of the week. Why? Once again, we see that there will be no need to get up and have these pulls and drives, and all of that, to try to raise money, but the needs will already have been met. If we tithe, people as a result of our tithing will, in due time, in God's time, be saved. We certainly ought to tithe for that reason because people are going to be saved.

Then, there's another reason. We ought to tithe because of the principles of plain honesty.

I've got a place out there I call mine, and you've got a place here that you call yours, and I suppose everyone of us, just about, has. We've got a place we call our house, our farm, or whatever it might be. That's ours. Ah! You know, you've just got a lease on that. It doesn't really belong to you. He just gave you a lease on that for awhile. And because of plain honesty, you ought to pay your rent on that lease. Plain honesty requires that we pay our debts, doesn't it?

Then plain honesty ought to tell us that we ought to pay our tithe to the Lord because we're not giving anything to Him until we have first paid our debts, and our debts are nothing less than our tithes. So, beloved, because of plain honesty then we ought to at least tithe.

We've already seen that we are not to put our tithes here and yon, but we are to bring them into the Lord's House that all of His needs might be met.

We ought to tithe because of mission work. We ought to tithe because of the Lord's work to carry on here in our own country, not just foreign mission work. Yes, beloved, if you don't tithe, let me tell you this morning, just as I have told other churches, if you'll start this morning and if you can show me where you have lost anything by tithing, I'll make up all that you have lost. We ought to tithe because the Lord requires us to tithe.

Now for those of you who may be in our audience this morning lost without Christ, your tithe is required of the Lord just the same. Whether you're lost or whether you're saved, your tithe is required of the Lord. However, you're missing out on the blessings, because a lost person cannot do anything in the sight of the Lord that will honor Him. We must come to Christ as our Saviour before we come in on any of the blessings.

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to die for sinners and He has never turned one away yet that has had a sincere desire in his heart to be saved. I don't know, you may not want to be saved. If you don't, then you won't be saved. But I'll tell you one thing, if you go out of this world not wanting to be saved, you'll spend an eternity in Hell. But everyone that has a desire to be saved, God does not turn a one of them away. Do you want to be saved? Have you wanted to be saved?

May it please God that this is the day you can see yourself condemned, deserving all the penalties of Hell. May you see Jesus dying, bearing your sins and your penalty on Calvary's Cross. If God through Jesus grants you this mercy and grace, then you will have a desire to be saved, and will profess faith in Christ Jesus.

May the Lord bless you!

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that was different." He went back up to the security gate and brought the family down where I was for another few moments together before I had to board the plane.

After changing planes a couple of times, I finally arrived at Los Angeles at about 3:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning. It was nearly 11 a.m. before we got away from there. Due to some mechanical trouble we had to change planes again at San Francisco, and, finally, left there for Tokyo at 3:30 p.m.; this was the worst flight schedule that I have ever had anywhere in America.

From San Francisco to Tokyo, Japan was the longest one stretch that I had in the entire trip. We were aboard the plane for over 11 hours without a stop even for fuel. I was out of my seat only one time for a few moments during this flight.

Upon my arrival at the Tokyo airport I was met by Brother Timothy Pietsch, a missionary of 39 years in Japan. Brother Pietsch and I have corresponded for quite some time, but this was the first time that we had ever met personally. After clearing Customs at that airport, Brother Pietsch and I drove to his home where I was to spend the night with him.

After having rested for a while and had the evening meal, we went to church services. This being Wednesday night this was their mid-week prayer services. The service was quite impressive, and although I am used to a multitude of different languages here in New Guinea, the service there in Japanese was quite different from anything that I had attended before. I thought that I would merely

ly sit in on the service, but the pastor asked me to say a few words about the mission work here in New Guinea. This turned out to be quite a session as it was so different from anything the Japanese Christians had come in contact with before.

I had to leave Japan the next day about 2:45 p.m., so I did not get to see very much there, but I have a good visit with Brother Pietsch. From Tokyo to Honolulu was a 4 hour flight, but there was another 4 hour wait there before we left for New Guinea. I arrived in New Guinea about 7 a.m. on Friday morning and had another lay over there for six and a half hours. At 1:30 that afternoon, we finally left Port Moresby for Mount Hagen. Upon arrival at Mount Hagen I was told that the airstrip at Koroba had been closed down for several days for repairs, therefore the plane would not be able to go in there.

The next closest airstrip would be Tari which is about 35 miles from Koroba. A comparison of distance back there would be about 100 miles, for you can drive 100 miles back there, even with the 55 mph speed limit, easier and quicker than you can 35 over these roads.

Not knowing how or when I would get away from Tari, I was not able to take my supplies out with me. I was told that a plane would be going out to Tari the next morning and a seat would be available. I was down at the airstrip at Hagen by 8 on Saturday morning and by 9 we were on our way to Tari. About 10 a.m. we landed at Tari and while I was 50 miles from home then, almost immediately, began to see folk that I knew. I made some inquiries about getting a ride over to Koroba without any immediate results. In due time, however, I found a vehicle that was going to Koroba and about noon I had started on the last leg of my journey from My Old Kentucky Home to my home here in New Guinea. Late Saturday afternoon I stepped out of the truck that had brought me from Tari to the Mission Station — finally the end of a long hard trip.

I could not tell where they came from, but seemingly, almost immediately, after I got out of the vehicle I was swamped with natives. Some greeted me with a hand shake and a big smile, some hugged me as though I had been gone for ages, and many wept. It was quite obvious that they were glad to see me back.

Before too long I will be able to check out each place where our services are being conducted, and then I will be better able to inform you. May the Lord bless each of you!

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