

# Communism And The NCC

The two strongest allies that Satan has in the U.S.A. are the Communist Party and the National Council of Churches. It's difficult to say which he likes better, since the following objectives of the NCC happen also to be goals of the Reds:

1. Peaceful co-existence.
2. Disarmament.
3. Eliminate the ABM system.
4. Ban nuclear testing.
5. Abolish loyalty oaths and security laws.
6. Abolish all committees investigating communism.
7. Forced integration.
8. Change the social order.
9. Increase foreign aid to Communist countries.
10. Recognition of Red China.
11. Advance propaganda through Communist fronts (including churches).
12. Recruit conspirators through labor and political movements.
13. Eliminate capital punishment.
14. Discredit the FBI and its head.
15. Destroy immigration and passport laws.
16. Clemency for convicted spies.
17. Reconstruct religion on basis of scientific materialism.
18. Remove restrictions on imports from Communist countries.
19. Promote sex education in churches, synagogues and schools, the press and networks.
20. Adopt world socialism and end all supernatural religion, especially Christianity.
21. Enforce open-housing and compulsory labor union membership.
22. Down-grade the right wing element and anti-communists.
23. New internationalism to replace national sovereignty.
24. Redistribution of the wealth, land reform, guaranteed annual income, etc.
25. Put political and economic pressure on South Africa and Rhodesia.
26. Surrender American sovereignty to the Communist-dominated World Court.
27. More power for the UN.
28. Increase foreign aid, whether or not in the best interest of

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## THE RESURRECTION

I take a silver coin, and pass it through the jeweler's rollers until I have a strip of silver, as thin as paper. Rolling it up loosely, I place it in a glass jar, and pour in a quantity of nitric acid, which, in a short time, dissolves the silver, and so completely that it disappears entirely from view.

But stop a little. I take a like quantity of clean water and add fine salt to it until it will dissolve no more; I then pour this into the solution of silver, when, behold! the silver is found falling down in a soap cloud. I throw my solution of silver and salt into a tub of water as large as you like; then from this all the pure silver can be recovered, leaving only the alloy that the silver contained.

Now, if I, a man — one who cannot create a particle of it — can do this with my silver coin, is it too hard for Him Who created all things to recover what He has created from the dust of the earth? Man's body may be crushed, dissolved in air, earth or sea, so that there is not one particle of it visible to human sight; but God has them in His keeping, and one day, at the "voice of the archangel," and the sounding of "the trumpet of God," "the dead in Christ shall rise" (I Thess. 4:16).

There shall be a Resurrection — both of the just and the unjust — Acts 24:15.

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## Anxiety And Worry—God Dishonoring

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"Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" (Matt. 6:25).

The subject before us is of vital importance to all of us, since we are all prone to worry about material things. We are all prone to be filled with anxiety regarding our future needs. This fact, of course, is very dishonoring to our



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great God and Father. It is dishonoring because it indicates that our Father is not as good as His Word — His Word which assures us that He will work all things in the future so that they result in good to those that love Him.

"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).

This Scripture has been written by the hand of the Almighty into the stone of the eternal ages and the storms of time cannot wash it away. Joseph, Abraham, Job, Paul and scores of others have proven that all things do work together for good to them that love God. May we prove Him too. May we not doubt His love for us by worrying about our present and future needs.

Our Lord, in the Scriptures which precede our text, admonishes us to set our sights on laying up treasures in Heaven. Some, however, may be prone to say,

"How can I survive if I follow such a course?" Our Lord points out in the Scriptures which follow, that He is the one who supplies our needs. It is as stated in I Samuel 2:7:

"The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: He bringeth low, and lifteth up."

Those who are in constant fear of poverty and are constantly worrying about tomorrow's needs, are ensnared as much, if not more, than the wealthy person whose heart and mind is centered on his gold. Both, in fact, are looking down rather than up.

"Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life."

The expression, "no thought," means that we are not to take an

anxious thought or a thought that is filled with doubt and frustration. We, on the other hand, are admonished to take thought as far as tomorrow is concerned when it comes to being diligent in business. This fact is confirmed by Proverbs 6:6 where the sluggard is advised to allow the ants to teach him diligence. We may also cite II Corinthians 12:14 where the parents are admonished to "lay up" for their children. We should also ponder I Tim. 5:8:

"If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

We see then that there is a law — full care which we are to take as

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IN MOST CHURCHES YOU WILL FIND . . .

## THESE THREE LAYMEN

In the third epistle of John the Spirit of God paints the portraits of three men found in many local churches of the 20th century.

### GAIUS

How refreshing to meet this brother in the local church. The apostle writes with great affection of this brother because of his spiritual health (vs. 1,2); his loyal help in the truth (v. 3); and his gracious hospitality in the home (vs. 5,6). Are we acquainted with this good brother in the assembly? Does your spiritual state surpass your physical health, as did that of Gaius? Is your home a modern Bethany where Christ is loved, honored and exalted? While we may not all be preachers or teachers, what a glorious privilege to be fellow-helpers to the truth (v. 8). How much we owe, under God, to the faithful ministry of Christians like Gaius.

### DIOTREPHES

The question is sometimes ask-

ed, "Was he a Christian?" (v. 9). One thing is certain that he had much power in the early Church, going so far as to repudiate the apostle's authority, and reject itinerating evangelists. His littleness is vividly portrayed in verses 10 and 11, where he is depicted as a bigoted, self-centered, domineering, carnal, vicious gossip. In church life today, how sad to realize there are descendants of this unseemly character. How the cause of Christ is hindered by self-opinionated, self-seeking, self-important "overseers" who adopt dictatorial Diotrephesian methods. Oh! the need to pattern our lives after the Godly order set forth in Philipians 2:3,4.

### DEMETRIUS

His contribution to the work of God is invaluable because he has learned that creed and conduct; doctrine and duty can never be separated. As a quiet, Godly, self-effacing brother he follows on in the pathway of faith, ever keeping before him, "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Thank God for men in church life who have not only a testimony in the midst of the church but also in a wicked and crooked world (v. 11).

Would to God we might study the lives of these men anew, and seek the wisdom that cometh from above so that our lives might be a worthy example of the truth of God.

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A Sermon By Milburn Cockrell

## THE NOAHIC COVENANT

"And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant" (Gen. 6:17-18).

The response of Noah to God's command to build an ark is summarized by the Hebrew writer in these words: "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his

house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith" (Heb. 11:7).

Man having proved himself a wretched sinner under the Dispensation of Conscience, God sent a flood of water to destroy the human race from off the earth. God "spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly" (II Pet. 2:5).

When the waters subsided, the

ark came to rest upon a peak in the mountains of Armenia called Ararat. Upon leaving the ark, Noah and his family went forth to repopulate the earth in a region near the ancient site of the Garden of Eden. Noah's first act was to build an altar. "And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar" (Gen. 8:20). Although his beasts were small in number, he offered an abundant

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# 200 YEARS

By WAYNE D. COMBS  
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Soon we will celebrate our nation's 200th anniversary. Have you ever wondered how far we have advanced in the last 200 years? Let's take a look and see.

In 1776, we were a nation that wanted God's guidance in our national and international affairs. In 1976, we don't consult God about His will for us as a nation. In fact, it seems we don't even care if God approves of our action any longer.

In 1776, we had doctors who respected human life, no matter what the age of the person was. And thank God we still have a few who do. But in 1976 we call abortion an "art" rather than the "murder" that it is.

In 1776, when a man committed a crime, he was given everything he had coming to him. In 1976, he gets a light sentence and, after a few years (or months) is free to go out and do it all over again.

In 1776, men respected their wives. Adultery (on the part of either the husband or the wife) was thought to be a very serious matter. In 1976, some men don't seem to care much one way or the other. The vows of marriage don't seem to matter to some people any more.

In 1776, the people of the United States of America had faith in their government and had a voice in making the laws of the land. In 1976, the people are fearful of their government and have little, if any, real voice in it.

If this nation expects to survive another 200 years, then its leaders and its citizens had best get down on their knees and call upon God once again to show us His will for us.

### TIED DOWN OR NAILED DOWN?

A pastor was trying to persuade a woman to teach a class in Sunday School. She was well-qualified and had time for it, but declined, saying over and over, "I don't want to be tied down." Finally, the pastor had all he could take. He looked her in the eye and said, in a kindly voice, "You know we serve a Master Who was willing to be NAILED down. He was nailed to the cross!"

### MEN OF DISTINCTION

A young girl was crowned beauty queen in her high school, so she and her date had gone out to celebrate. Late that night her father was awakened and called to the scene of an accident. In a ditch lay the body of his lovely daughter — pinned underneath the wreckage was the body of her date. On the pavement lay a broken bottle and the smell filled the air. The father was seen wringing his hands together and heard to say, "If I could just get my hands on the criminal who sold them that bottle, I'd wring his neck."

After going home he decided he needed a "SHOT" to bolster his nerves, so he reached into his usual spot for his bottle of "TONIC." The bottle was gone and this note in its place:

"Daddy, we wanted to celebrate, so we borrowed your bottle — sure you won't mind."

This father had the dubious distinction of buying the death bottle for his own daughter.

When you see many beautiful colored pictures advertising strong drink, remember there are other pictures in "REAL" life, like the one above, which the liquor crowd never publishes.

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### The Noahic Covenant

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burnt offering.

The savor of the offering pleased God. Being pleased with Noah's spontaneous offering of praise, God made an unconditional covenant with Noah and his seed. The record of this covenant is seen in Genesis 8:20-9:17. The Noahic Covenant gave the human race the institution of human government. From this time until now man is responsible to govern the world for God. The giving of this covenant ushered in the Dispensation of Human Government. This covenant extends to the renovation of the earth by fire (II Peter 3:5-14).

#### NO ADDITIONAL CURSE OR UNIVERSAL DESTRUCTION

The Lord said in Genesis 8:21: "I will not again curse the ground for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth." Here we see God saying that He will not add any additional curse upon the ground to the one in the Adamic Covenant. This is due to human depravity. Man is evil from his childhood. God is now going to be merciful to sinful man. He will not send a flood when all flesh corrupts itself upon the earth. It is only of the Lord's mercy that one flood does not succeed another till all perish. The antediluvian world is a monument of God's justice; the new world a monument of His grace.

God further promised: "Neither will I again smite any more every living thing." Read Genesis 9:8-17. God's covenant with man and every living creature was of His own making. It runs: "I, behold, I establish my covenant . . ." This reveals plainly the unconditional nature of this covenant.

The Noahic Covenant guarantees the earth will never again be drowned in water. This promise of God keeps the sea and clouds in their decreed place. As the Lord said to Job: "Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddling band for it, And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors, And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?" (Job 38:8-11). God will destroy the earth again, but it will be by fire, not water (Isa. 54:9; II Peter 3).

#### SIGN OF THE COVENANT

"And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in

the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud; And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth" (Gen. 9:12-17).

The seal or sign of the Noahic Covenant was the rainbow. God gave this sign when man might be most prone to doubt God's promise. He set His bow in the very clouds which bring the rain. The glory of the Lord is likened to "the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain" (Ezek. 1:28). The rainbow is always a symbol of grace after wrath. Whenever we see a rainbow, let us remember God's covenant with Noah and his seed and be thankful.

#### ORDER OF NATURE CONFIRMED

In Genesis 8:22 God confirms the course of nature: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease." The expression,

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## Memorial Pulpit

By JOHN R. GILPIN

Our Beloved Pastor and Editor, Now in Glory



## BRIDE OF CHRIST AND THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB

"And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God" — Rev. 19:9.

I am sure you will agree with me at the very outset that there is no event in life which stirs the emotions, and excites the affections, and stimulates hope, and increases the tempo more than marriage. In my ministry, going back over the past forty years, I have married almost 11,000 couples, which in itself is quite a large number of folk. Multiply 11,000 by 2 and there is a pretty good sized army of 22,000 people, and I imagine some of them by this time are pretty well trained in the matter of combat duty. At any rate, I have married lots of folk through the years, and I have had much experience so far as wed-

dings are concerned. I can say to you truly, I have never known of any event which has excited, and stimulated, and increased the tempo of individuals more than that of matrimony.

When I marry a couple, I always make it a point to tell them to answer "I do" to the question. I remember some good while ago that I was marrying a couple, and I instructed them in advance to say "I do." When it came time for the fellow to say "I do," he got so excited that he kept saying, "I do, I do, I do, I do, I do." I let him go for ten times, until finally I cut in, and stopped him.

I remember another individual who was 53 years old who came to get married. He acted about like a child. I had told him in advance to say "I do," and when I asked him the question, he said, "I do, yeah!"

I remember another couple that I was marrying sometime ago. I had told them in advance that they were to join their right hands when I came to a certain place in the ceremony. When I came to that place and told them to join their right hands, this fellow held his hand up like he was about to receive a sentence, as if he were going to swear. Well, actually, he was about to receive a life sentence, but nevertheless I was expecting him to hold up his hand to swear as he would in the courtroom.

I can even remember the day that I was married. There were a few things that were slightly different from what I had experienced. I wasn't married until 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, but I was fully dressed for the wedding at 12:00. (Continued on page 3, column 1)

"While the earth remaineth," implies that there is a time coming when this present earth will no longer remain as it is. In this there is an indication of the future destruction of the earth by fire. But so long as the earth remaineth God will continue the regular succession of times and seasons. Until Heaven and earth pass away, the wheel of nature will keep its track. God has kept this promise as we well know. The seasons never cease and the sun continues to measure time, and the moon is still a "faithful witness in heaven."

#### THE REPOPULATION OF EARTH

Since the human family had diminished down to eight souls, it was fitting for God to reaffirm His covenant to repopulate the earth. He commanded Noah: "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth" (Gen. 9:1). Noah was a second father of the human race. He did not commence the business of repopulating the earth like Adam and Eve in a state of innocence. He began with a full knowledge of sin and its dreadful consequences. Noah was to see that the stream of the race be supplied with constant succession, and run parallel with the current of time, till both be swallowed up in the ocean of eternity.

#### POWER OVER INFERIOR CREATURES

In Genesis 9:2 God re-establishes man's dominion over the inferior animals: "And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered." The only difference is unfallen man ruled by love while fallen man rules by fear.

Nearly all inferior creatures fear and dread man. They never rise up in vast hosts against man. Man's power over the inferior creatures is why "every kind of beasts, and of birds and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind" (Jas. 3:7).

#### PERMITTED TO EAT MEAT

From creation until the Noahic Covenant man was restricted to a vegetable diet. Now for the first time man was permitted to eat flesh. In Genesis 9:3 the Lord declared: "Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things." The Lord also added these words: "But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat." There is

a detailed explanation of this in Leviticus 17:10-14. Flesh was permitted for man's food because the earth's immediate food supply had been impaired by the flood. The prohibition about eating blood was intended to remind man of the sacredness of human life.

Later, the ceremonial law prohibited Israelites from eating certain animal flesh. This was to mark them as God's chosen people. The New Testament Christian is not under the ceremonial law any more than those who lived on the other side of the law. Paul told Timothy: "Every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving" (I Tim. 4:4).

#### HUMAN GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED

God established human government in Genesis 9:5-6: "And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God made he man."

For the first time man is authorized to carry out capital punishment. While man is only said to have the power to take a life for a life, all other governmental powers are implied in this. The institution of the civil magistrate is for the protection of life. It was given to repress the violence and crime among the antediluvian people.

We learn from Genesis 9:5 that

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God's moral law forbids man to take his own life. Notice the words: "Your blood of your lives will I require." Our life comes from God. We must resign the

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## BRIEF NOTES

There will be a Bible Conference at Webb Baptist Church the fifth Sunday in February. The church is located 6 miles north of Beaverton, Alabama. Elder C. Rushing is the pastor.

Elder Garner Smith has resigned the pastorate of the Faith Baptist Church of Sacramento, Ky., and accept the call of the Julien Baptist Church. Brother Smith will move the last of February.

The South Park Missionary Baptist Church, 8510 8th Avenue S. of Seattle, Washington, and Pastor Glen L. Tweet will have revival services February 27 through March 7. Services will be each evening at 7:00 p.m. with Evangelist Eugene Barrow from the Bible Missionary Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. Pastor Tweet extends a hearty invitation to all to attend.

The Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church of Chesapeake, Ohio, and Pastor Willard Pyle will conduct special services February 21-27. The services will be at 7:30 p.m. nightly and regular Sunday services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Missionary Ray Hiett of Grace Baptist Mission, Hazard, Kentucky, will be the speaker. Pastor Pyle extends a hearty invitation to all to attend these services.

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## The Bride.. The Lamb

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clock noon. So far as Mrs. Gilpin was concerned, she was quite excited that day. She was wearing a little two-piece suit with a pocket on the side of the jacket. Before we went into the room where we were to be married, I gave the preacher a five dollar bill, and he very kindly and graciously gave it back, saying: "I never accept money from a preacher." Well, instead of handing it to me, he handed it to Mrs. Gilpin, and he put it down into the pocket of the jacket she was wearing. During the ceremony she got so excited that, with her hand in her pocket, she tore that five dollar bill into shreds. You know, brethren, I made up my mind right then she wasn't a fit subject to handle money, and I have never given her a penny since.

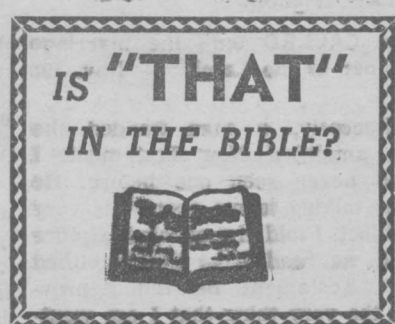
I say these things that I might say it is thus with the marriage of the Lamb. I am sure that there is nothing that thrills my heart concerning the Word of God more than what is out in store for the child of God on that glorious day when the bride of Christ shall be presented to the Son of God, and when the marriage of the Lamb shall take place. To me, the Bible is just one long continuous love story, beginning with the book of Genesis and going all the way through to the book of Revelation. Finally, when you come to his nineteenth chapter, you have the consummation of all the promises of God concerning the marriage supper, when the Bride is presented to the Lord Jesus.

**THE GROOM—JESUS.**  
When I analyzed the marriage of the Lamb from the standpoint of marriages that we know about in this life, I said that if you are going to have a marriage you have to have a groom. It would be an impossibility to think of a marriage without a groom.

I am satisfied this morning that there is nobody here that would argue with me as to whom the groom is in this marriage that I am speaking of today. Of course, when I get a little further along and talk to you about who makes up the bride, I expect to see some

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Question:  
**"WHAT CITY WAS BUILT WITH TWO HUMAN SACRIFICES?"**

Answer: Jericho, First Kings 16: 34:

"In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun."

Also see Joshua 6:26.

sparks flying in the audience, but just now I am satisfied that we are in perfect agreement. I am

sure that all of you will agree with me that the groom is none other than the Lord Jesus Himself. Listen:

**"The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for HIS SON." — Mt. 22:2.**

The son that is thus referred to is Jesus Christ Himself.

Notice again:

**"Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease"—John 3:28-30.**

This definitely shows that John the Baptist recognized the Lord Jesus Christ as being the Bridegroom.

In the parable of the virgins, we read:

**"Behold, the BRIDEGROOM COMETH. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the SON OF MAN COMETH"—Mt. 25:6, 13.**

Surely the bridegroom at this glorious wedding that we are all looking forward to is none other than Jesus Christ Himself.

As Paul said:

**"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to ONE HUSBAND, that I may present you as a CHASTE VIRGIN TO CHRIST"—II Cor. 11:2.**

I am sure, beloved, from these verses you will agree with me that the bridegroom at this wedding is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

## THE BRIDE.

I'd like first of all to sort of ruffle a few feathers by just saying that the bride will not be composed of all the redeemed of all ages. Now all you Scofieldites (and I am one of them, for I have used a Scofield Bible since 1925) and all of you individuals who believe that all the saved of the world will make up the bride, get ready to think for a moment's time. I am not saying that I'll convince anyone this morning, but I'll have a good time talking to you, hoping that I will provoke you to think a little in this respect.

I believe that Jesus Christ, when He was here in the days of His flesh, established a Baptist church. I do not have time to prove that this morning, but I ask you to believe this with me. I believe that He gave His commission unto that church, and I am satisfied that there is not another organization on the top side of God Almighty's earth that has the authority to baptize, to send out missionaries, and to observe the Lord's Supper other than a Missionary Baptist Church. I contend that He gave that authority unto

His church; therefore I do not accept alien immersion. I do not believe that the immersion that is performed by other organizations other than by a Baptist church is valid baptism.

Furthermore, so far as the Lord's Supper is concerned, I do not think we have any right at anytime to invite everybody in this world to come to the Lord's table even though he may claim to be saved. Beloved, I'll tell you how close I am on close communion. I believe it ought to be just one local Baptist church. If Calvary Baptist Church were to observe the Lord's Supper this morning, and if all of our members were here, there would be 41 of us to take the Lord's Supper and there would be about 450 of you who are here that we would have to ask to sit by and observe what we were doing. We don't want to be unkind, but we want to be scriptural. You know, it is a whole lot easier to be sentimental than it is to be scriptural, but I try to be scriptural in my practice. Therefore, regardless of how much we might think of you, and love you, as individual Christians and fellow Baptists, we could not invite you who are not members of our church to take the Lord's Supper with us.

Now, beloved, believing that Jesus established a Baptist church and believing that Baptists have the authority to baptize and observe the ordinances, and believing that the ordinances observed by anyone else are alien and therefore invalid — believing that, we take our stand for these truths.

I might say that I am not a Baptist because my parents were Baptists. I am a Baptist because I have read Baptist truth in the Book, and I have some convictions that are very dearly bought, that mean a great deal to me. Because of that, I want to stand for what I think is right.

Now suppose for seventy years I live and preach and stand for these things that are dearly bought convictions, and during those seventy years I incur the wrath of all the people of the world that are not Baptists — as well as that of a lot of Baptists. I have caused every Protestant to say that Gilpin is a narrow minded bigot. I have caused them to say I should be fried in oil — that I am a Hardshell — that I ought to be hung up by my toes, and so on. Suppose I live here in this world for seventy years and people hate me for what I stand for, and what I contend for, but I go on contending for it regardless. Suppose at the end of seventy years I die, my enemies die, and all these Protestant people who are saved but have had alien immersion, and have had union meetings, and have been observing the Lord's Supper by way of open communion, die and they come up to Heaven. I ask you, will all these redeemed that I have mentioned make up the bride of Christ?

Beloved, I would be the biggest fool in this world to contend for seventy years for the truth if, when I die, I am going to live throughout a never-ending eternity in Heaven with all the schismatical heretics who haven't believed the truth that I have preached concerning the church and her ordinances. I say to you, I am the biggest fool in this world — I am an idiot — I am worse than an idiot if I contend for things in this life and then come down to the end of the way and we forget all about what we have stood for, and in Heaven it doesn't mean a thing for a man to have been a Baptist and to have been faithful to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I say, beloved, if it doesn't mean anything up there, then we ought

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## A REVIEW OF REFORMED BAPTIST ECCLESIOLOGY

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On John Thornbury's Treatise  
"THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH"

### CAN THE REFORMED MEANING OF EKKLESIA BE ESTABLISHED BY BIBLE INTERPRETATION?

At the very outset I answer — NO! The laws of Biblical Interpretation MUST BE ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF THE SCIENCE OF PHILOLOGY AND THE CONCEPTS OF LOGIC AND CRITICAL THINKING. But that is my opinion and I will call for the authorities to express their feelings in this matter.

Thomas Horne, greatest authority known in the field of Biblical Interpretation stated:

*General Rules For Investigating The Meaning of Words.*

"Since words compose sentences, and from these, rightly understood, the meaning of an author is to be collected, it is necessary that we ascertain the individual meaning of words before we proceed further to investigate the sense of Scripture. In the prosecution of this, important work, we may observe, generally, that as the same method and the same principles of interpretation are common both to the sacred volume and to the productions of uninspired man, consequently the signification of words in the Holy Scriptures must be sought precisely in the same way, in which the meaning of words in other works usually is or ought to be sought. Hence also it follows, that the method of investigating the signification of words in the Bible is no more arbitrary than it is in other books, but is in like manner regulated by certain laws, drawn from the nature of languages. And since no text of Scripture has more than one meaning, we must endeavor to find out that one true sense precisely in the same manner as we would investigate the sense of Homer or any other ancient writer; and in that sense, when so ascertained, we ought to acquiesce, unless, by applying the just rules of interpretation, it can be shown that the meaning of the passage had been mistaken, and that another is the only just, true, and critical sense of the place. This principle, duly considered, would alone be sufficient for investigating the sense of Scripture; but as there are not wanting persons who reject it altogether, and as it may, perhaps, appear too generally expressed, we shall proceed to consider it more minutely in the following observations."

This is taken from the Baker Reprint, Vol. 2, part 1, page 363, of *Introduction to the Scriptures*. Therefore, there is no real, lawful way that the methods of Reformed Baptists can be applied to ekklesia to justify their supposed meaning of ekklesia from the figurative meaning.

This leads me to remark that there are solid and established laws of Biblical Interpretation which govern Biblical figures. Here is some more from Dr. Horne:

*On The Interpretation of the Figurative Language of Scripture.*

"Figurative language had its rise in the first ages of mankind: the scarcity of words occasioned them to be used for various purposes: and thus figurative terms, which constitute the beauty of language, arose from its poverty; and it is still the same in all uncivilized nations. Hence originated the metaphorical diction of the Indians, and the picture-writing of the Mexicans."

The Bible, though too commonly regarded as containing only lessons of morality and plain statements of facts, abounds with the most beautiful images, and with every ornament of which style is susceptible. Yet these very ornaments are sometimes occasions of difficulty; for the books, which contain the revelations of God, being more ancient than any others now extant, are written either in the language used by mankind in the first ages, or in a language nearly allied to it. The style of these writings, therefore, being very different from that of modern compositions, to interpret them exactly as they are usually expounded, is without doubt to misinterpret them; accordingly, persons ignorant of the character of the primitive languages, have, by that method of interpretation, been led to imagine that the Scriptures contain notions unworthy of God: and thus have not only exposed these venerable writings to the scorn of infidels, but have also framed to themselves erroneous notions in religion. To prevent similar mistakes, and, it is hoped, to render more delightful the study of the sacred volume by an explanation of its figurative language, is the design of the present chapter.

Figures, in general, may be described to be that language, which is prompted either by the imagination or by the passions. Rhetoricians commonly divide them into two great classes, *figures of words* and *figures of thought*.

Figures of Words are usually termed *tropes*, and consist in the advantageous alteration of a word or sentence, from its original and proper signification to another meaning: as in II Sam. xxiii. 3. *The rock of Israel spake to me.* Here the trope lies

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# The Baptist Examiner Forum

SUBMIT QUESTIONS ON ANY BIBLE SUBJECT TO:

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"Did pre-millennialism begin with Francisco Ribera (1537-1591) of Salamanca, Spain?"

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The answer is a very definite NO. Pre-millennialism started with Jesus and the Apostles. It was faithfully taught by Paul in his epistles, and has been taught by Baptists all down through the centuries. This is specifically taught in I Thess. 4:17, which says "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

This is manifestly the coming of Christ for His people. This is evidently different from His coming later "with His people." Jesus discussed this phase of His coming in Matt. 24:24-30. The Great Tribulation (v. 29) shall come in between the two phases of Christ's coming, mentioned a moment ago. It is hard to understand how anyone can hold the post-millennial view. This view carries with it the idea that the world will get better and better until finally Christ's kingdom will be brought in before He returns. Do you see any indication that the world is getting better? I must confess I don't.

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First, let me refer you to my answer in TBE two issues back. The answer to this question is the same as the answer then. I debated on just answering with one word — NO!!!

I do not intend to go into great detail in this answer as I have already pretty well made it clear. (I don't know who it is that is spreading such Tommy-rot around, but let me say to whoever it is that if you don't have anything better to do than to try to dig up such foolishness, I feel sorry for

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you. If you spent as much time fulfilling the commission as you should you wouldn't be wasting your time like this.)

We shall notice one Scripture and refer you to some others. "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 glory" (Matt. 25:31). This reign will be on the earth. (See Rev. 5:10; 2:26, 27; I Cor. 6:2) He will at that time sit on the throne of David. No, Francisco Ribera (1537-1591) did not start this doctrine. If he believed it, he was right. Almighty God told us about it and therefore we believe what He teaches in His Word. Let me refer you to TBE articles on this very subject. They are in great detail and should dispel any arguments.

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No, pre-millennialism did not begin in the 16th century, it began in the decrees of God before the world began!

Pre-millennialism is a doctrine which asserts that Christ will come to this earth to establish His reign for a period of 1000 years.

The apostles were anticipating that Jesus Christ would establish an earthly kingdom (Acts 1:6) and John wrote of a 1000 years reign with Christ (Rev. 20:1-6).

There is also a whole body of Scriptures which insists that He will return to rule reign on earth. The King is coming!

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Could it be that I am reading the wrong book? I am very sincere in believing that the one I read on the subjects of pre-trib and pre-millennialism is the best one on the market. But since it does not mention Margaret MacDonald or Francisco Ribera all I know about them is that they had nothing to do with the beginning of pre-trib or with pre-millennialism.

One a-millennial preacher was heard to say that when we come to I Thes. 4:16-17 that will be it, meaning, of course, that when our Lord comes back that will end everything connected with this world. But in Mt. 19:28 Jesus said that when He sits on the throne of His glory the twelve apostles will judge the twelve tribes of Israel. Then in Mt. 25:31 He says He will sit on the throne of His glory when He comes back. Then in this context we see Him separating the sheep nations from the goats. And in verse 34 He tells the sheep nations they are to inherit a kingdom. If that is not the millennial kingdom, you name it. So since He says the apostles are to reign over the twelve tribes of Israel after He comes back, and since the sheep nations are to inherit a kingdom after He comes back, it would appear He did not know everything was to come to an

end when He comes back. But I am persuaded that He was the One who knew what would take place when He comes.

In Lk. 1:32 the angel told Mary that her Son was to be given the throne of David. And in Acts 2:30 Peter said God had told David that Christ would sit on his throne. I do not believe that anyone needs to be told that David's throne was in Jerusalem. So that is where Christ will sit on His father David's throne.

In Rev. 5:10 we find that we are to reign on the earth. And in Rev. 20:6 we find that we are to reign with Christ for a thousand years. If this is not the millennium, you name it. Remember, the saints are not to be resurrected until He comes, and they must be resurrected before they reign with Christ. No, Francisco Ribera was too late about coming on the scene for him to start something that had been going on for centuries before he got here.

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not make it mean anything down here, but if it means anything down here for a man to be honest and loyal to the Word of God, you can rest assured it will mean something up there when you stand in the presence of the God who wrote the Bible, and who gave to us a commission, and who told us what we were to stand for unto the end of the day.

From the standpoint of human reasoning, I could not in any wise believe that all the redeemed of all ages will be a part of the bride. And now, I'll turn to the Word of God and show you from it that all the redeemed will not be in the bride.

"The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: THE VIRGINS HER COMPANIONS that follow her shall be brought unto thee"—Psa. 45:13, 14.

Notice, there is just one bride, but she has many companions. I haven't time to give you a detailed exegesis of this Scripture, but I'll call it to your attention and let you study it at your convenience when you go home. However, you will find one bride, and that one bride has many companions for her wedding.

Notice again:

"There are THREESCORE QUEENS, and FOURSORE CONCUBINES, and VIRGINS WITHOUT NUMBER. My dove, my undefiled is but ONE; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her"—Song of Sol. 6:8, 9.

Talk about the number of the redeemed that is going to be saved! You can bring on your adding machines, and your calculating machines, and your posting machines. Bring on all your clerks, and your secretaries, and your bookkeepers, and your accountants. Nobody will be able to count the number of that crowd that is going to be the saved and in Glory, for it says, "There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number."

Again I say, I haven't time to give to you an exposition of this Scripture, but I call this to your attention, there is just one bride, but there are many attendants of this bride.

Listen again:

"Write, Blessed are they which

are CALLED unto the marriage supper of the Lamb" — Rev. 19:9.

Recently, a man handed me an amplified New Testament. I had never seen one before. He was talking to me about this very subject. I told him of this Scripture and we read it in the amplified New Testament. Beloved, it proved the very thing that I am wanting to prove to you now. In our Bible it says, "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb," and in the amplified New Testament it uses the word "invited." It says, "Blessed are they which are invited unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."

Beloved, there is going to be a wedding someday. The Lord Jesus Christ is going to be the bridegroom. There will be a bride, but the bride is not going to be all the redeemed. There are going to be a lot of invited guests that will stand on the sidelines and do some wishing for an opportunity to do a lot of things differently to what they did heretofore. They will be saved all right, but they will stand as invited guests at the wedding.

I'll go further and say to you that there won't be anybody in the bride but Baptists. The bride will be a choice group. There will be many guests, but there will be nobody in the bride but Baptists, and I'll prove it to you in just a moment.

First, let me say that not all Baptists will be in the bride. Now, beloved, if I made some of you angry when I said that nobody but Baptists would be in the bride, maybe I can rub a little ointment into the sore by saying that not all Baptists will be in the bride.

The fact of the matter is, I am thinking that in the average community the word "Baptist" smells to high Heaven. If I am not badly mistaken, the majority of so-called Baptist churches don't deserve the name Baptist. There is many a Baptist church and many a Baptist preacher today that is a definite disgrace to the

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name Baptist. The Baptists that have lived in the years gone by would hang their heads in shame if they were introduced to the average modern Twentieth Century Baptist of today.

Beloved, I am contending that there are a lot of preachers in Baptist churches who have compromised, especially on church truth. There is many a Baptist preacher who knows a whole lot more than he is preaching today. I am satisfied that there is many a Baptist preacher who knows a lot about the church, but he is keeping still a lot about the church also. I am sure that there is many a Baptist preacher who knows a great deal about baptism, but he is keeping still about it. In other words, many preachers are compromising for the sake of popularity.

I learned a long time ago as a boy preacher that the average Baptist preacher is more afraid of the moving van than he is of anything else. I don't think the average Baptist preacher fears God nearly as much as he fears the moving van. Many preachers fear if they preach the truth they are going to have to move on—that

the Lord is going to have to lead them to new quarters. I am saying to you this morning, many Baptist preacher compromises for popularity's sake.

Some Baptists live only for the world, and they unite with worldly organizations such as clubs and lodges. If you are a lodge man, say to you frankly, I certainly believe you are in the wrong field when you try to be a member of a Baptist church, too. If I were you, I'd either get out of the lodge or else get out of a Baptist church.

I read where a Baptist preacher died, and they were having his funeral. They were having the Masons and two or three other lodge organizations to act as pallbearers. They had all of the honors. His church was ignored. When I read it, do you know what came to my mind? You remember the king of the Old Testament, of whom it was said when he died, he was buried by his concubines. Somehow, beloved, that was the way I feel about that preacher, for what that preacher had given all his honor and money and time to glorify lodge organizations had come down to die, the lodge buried him and the church wasn't even mentioned. It sounded a great deal to me like he was being buried by his concubines, and the church, the biggest institution in this world, was being completely ignored and left out.

I say to you, I do not believe that all Baptists will be in the bride. Compromising unionist Baptists — modernistic Baptists — Arminian Baptists — alien immersion, open communion Baptists — Baptists that are lodge members — worldly Baptists — Baptists that compromise both as to doctrine and practice — an especially universal church Baptists will never be any part of the bride. Rather, the bride will be a select number of Baptists. There will all be Baptists that are in the bride, but that bride will be a select number out of all the multitude of Baptists.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, are you going to be in the bride?" I don't know. I look at my life and I think what a terrible sinner I have been. I look at my ministry since I have been saved and wonder about myself, when I realize how far short I have come of pleasing God. When I think of it, I don't know whether I'll be in the Bride. I don't know who is going to be in the bride. I wouldn't tell you this morning that you are going to be in it, but I'll say this to you, you Baptist who waste your money on other things besides missions, you Baptists who stay in compromising churches just because they call themselves Baptists, you Baptists who support organizations that you know are positively a disgrace to the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ, you can't tell me that you have any hope of being a part of the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ. Beloved, our God has a select number to be in the bride.

III

## THE BRIDE'S DRESS.

In marriage in this life, the bride gets ready for the wedding. It isn't that the groom makes her ready, but the bride herself gets ready for the wedding. It is thus in the marriage of the Lamb.

Listen:

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and HIS WIFE HATH MADE HERSELF READY. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints" — Rev. 19:7, 8.

All the folk who believe that the Bride of Christ is going to be made up of all the redeemed say that we have to have the righteousness of Christ to be in the bride. The Scripture doesn't say so, but rather it says that the bride has made herself ready, and that

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# ADAM'S RIB

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## "PASTOR'S AND DEACON'S WIVES"

"Even so, must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things" (I Tim. 3:11).

There has been much said about the preacher's wife and the deacon's wife. Words have been whispered, shouted, gossiped, written, insinuated, and provoked. We would all agree the women of the leaders in the church should fashion their lives after the above verse. No one would want them to be giddy, slanderers, flippant, or unfaithful. But then — no woman in the church should be these things. Yet, there is a grave responsibility that rests on the wife of the deacon or Sunday School teacher, or pastor.

One of the main areas we fail our husbands is in co-operation with their study time. Every godly man will desire to study God's Word. His own flesh will fight him on this and Satan will work overtime to defeat him. Many times the devil will use the wife or children as his agents. Nevertheless, it is vital for him to have this time. It should thrill our hearts that our husband has this desire. What a good time this would be to gather the children together in

another part of the house and get to know them. If it is possible for the children to be asleep then this is a good time for our own studying. If we have to take the children and leave the house for awhile it would be better than hindering our husband's study time. Many women are jealous of the time given to the Lord's work. Shame on us. We need to be careful lest we find ourselves fighting the Lord.

Another area we should be concerned about is the home. The Scriptures say we are to be "keepers at home." This is more than just keeping a neat clean house. It includes the atmosphere of the home. Whether this atmosphere is hectic, quarrelsome, spiteful or calm, agreeable, and forgiving is largely up to us. When we rail at our husband as soon as he steps inside the door and bombard him with our petty grievances of the day it will only breed trouble. He can sense our emotions. An angry spirit is contagious. As keepers at home we are to keep the air free from hostility. Our neighbors should be able to tell that the presence of Christ is there.

Does this sound like too big an order? No one ever said it was easy. The flesh objects and the world laughs. It matters not. As wives this is our way of serving our Lord. When we fail in this we are unfaithful in our responsibility to the Lord, our husband and ourselves.

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the fine linen she attires herself with is the righteousness of saints.

None of us have any righteousness in ourselves. I believe in depravity. I believe that men are dead. I believe that every man outside of Jesus Christ is just the same as a corpse. In fact, it takes the same power of God to make a man alive in Christ Jesus and save his soul, as it would to take a corpse and raise him from the dead and give him new life. None of us have any righteousness in ourselves.

"And all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags"—Isa. 64:6.

Listen to me, your righteousness is as repulsive as a dirty, filthy rag. The very best thing you ever did before you were saved is like a dirty, filthy rag in God's sight.

Suppose you were a millionaire, but unsaved. Maybe you might give me money to send THE BAPTIST EXAMINER around the world. You might even send out the missionaries we would like to send. You might pay for the building of churches all over the world. You do everything you can with your money in God's service for fifty years. You come down to the hour that you die and everything that you have done as an unsaved man is nothing but dirty, filthy rags in the sight of God.

Brother, sister, how humbling it is to us this morning to realize the best that we can do looks like a putrid, filthy rag that you wouldn't want to touch. If that be true, then pray tell me, how about your unrighteous deeds, how about your dishonest acts, how about all the sins of your life? If the best there is about you looks like a filthy rag, then pray tell me, what do your sins look like in the sight of a thrice holy God?

I say to you, none of us have any righteousness in ourselves. The only way that we could ever be saved is by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Listen:

"Abraham believed God, and it was COUNTED unto him for righteousness"—Rom. 4:3.

"For he hath made him, who knew no sin to be sin for us: that we might be made the righteousness of God in him"—II Cor. 5:21.

What does it say? God took our sins and put them on the Lord Jesus Christ. Then God reaches down and takes the righteousness

of Jesus Christ and puts it over on us. In other words, God treated Jesus just exactly like Gilpin ought to have been treated, and now God treats Gilpin just exactly like Jesus Christ ought to have been treated. He bore my sins at the cross and I wear His righteousness today. Every man that is saved is clothed in the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

Oh, it thrills my heart to know that when God saves a man he puts upon him new clothing — fresh clothing, just like the father in the parable clothed the son when he said, "Bring forth the best robe and put it upon him." Beloved, I have a better robe this

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morning than Adam ever dared to have. He had a robe of perfect human righteousness, but I have a robe of Christ's divine righteousness. Adam had the robe of righteousness that was contingent upon his obedience, but my robe of righteousness is contingent only upon the eternal grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. As long as the Son of God lives — and He lives eternally — my righteousness shall continue. I say to you, we are all born with unrighteousness, but when we are saved, we are clothed in the righteousness of God's Son.

Now, notice the bride has to get ready for the wedding. Revelation 19:7, 8 tells us that the wife made herself ready, and that the fine linen is the righteousness, or the righteous deeds, of the saints. Beloved, the bride has something more than the imputed righteousness of Christ. Previously, the bride had no righteousness at all. Then the day that she was saved the bride was clothed in the righteousness of the Son of God. However, the bride has an additional ornament, and that ornament is the righteousness of the saints.

Let's notice the story of the first Baptist preacher as he administered the ordinance of baptism to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Listen:  
"And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all RIGHTEOUSNESS. Then he suffered him"—Mt. 3:15.

Beloved, you have the same word in Revelation 19:8 that you have in Matthew 3:15. The bride has made herself ready. She is clothed in righteous deeds. John the Baptist and Jesus in conversation brought out this fact that Baptist baptism is a righteous deed. That is why I say that there will not be a saved person in the bride who has ignored and rejected Baptist baptism, and the Baptist church, who only has the authority to administer baptism, and the truths that Baptists have stood for, and contended for, down through the centuries.

Listen to me, this may not mean much to you today, but it is going to mean something when you stand in the presence of Almighty God. You will realize in that day that there will be a lot of folk that you thought were going to be in the bride who do not have on that special ornament that belongs only unto the bride.

## IV

### THE WEDDING SONG.

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in the word *rock*, which is changed from its original sense, as intending one of the strongest works and most certain shelters in nature; and is employed to signify, that God by His faithfulness and power, is the same security to the soul which trusts in Him, as the rock is to the man who builds upon it, or flees for safety to its impenetrable recesses. So, in Luke xiii:32, our Lord, speaking of Herod, says, *Go ye, and tell that fox*: here the word *fox* is diverted from its proper meaning, which is that of a beast of prey and of deep cunning, to denote a mischievous, cruel, and crafty tyrant; and the application of the term gives us a complete idea of his hypocrisy.

The other class, called Figures of Thought, supposes the words to be used in their literal and proper meaning, and the figure to consist in the turn of the thought; as is the case in exclamations, apostrophes, and comparisons, where, though we vary the words that are used, or translate them from one language into another, we may nevertheless, still preserve the same figure in thought. This distinction, however, Dr. Blair remarks, is of no great use, as nothing can be built upon it in practice; neither is it always very clear. It is of little importance, whether we give to some particular mode of expression the name of a trope or of a figure, provided we remember that figurative language always imports some colouring of the imagination, or some emotion of passion expressed in our style; and, perhaps, *figures of imagination*, and *figures of passion*, might be a more useful distribution of the subject."

These comments come from pages 443 and 444 of the same volume.

The figurative language of the Bible must be understood in the light of two divisions . . . figures of words and figures of thought. Is Reformed Ecclesiology consistent with those principles? We think not! Please read the definitions given to figures or words and figures of thought again and weigh them well in consideration of Brother T.'s following statements:

"There have been and are some exponents of the universal church position who have felt that *ekklesia* is not spiritual and figurative when used in the universal sense but literal and proper because those who constitute that body will some day literally convene to heaven. The obvious weakness of this view is that it would consider the universal church as not *actually* existing now; at least this view would imply that the whole body of believers does not now exist *as a church*. The fact that a literal *ekklesia* may at times be unassembled does not help this view much because a literal or physical *ekklesia* does regularly assemble, at least it has assembled at one time or other. Such *ekklesia* as the Greek governing body of the assembled people and the nation Israel derived their titles from the fact that they did come together. The same is true of the local church and all other literal, physical *ekklesias*. So, to say that the universal church is a literal *ekklesia* is to say either that it has already assembled, which is absurd, or that it exists only in purpose or prospect. Consistent advocates of the universal church view must reject the latter alternative because the New Testament teaches, as will be shown in due time, that there is a church now existing composed of all the saved. Furthermore, the future assembly universal church idea is in reality only the prospective view of Carroll, whose express purpose in constructing this theory was to disprove the idea that there is now a congregation of all the saved."—Page 18.

You will note that the position of B. H. Carroll, the Philadelphia and London Confessions of Faith, and many more fall under the division of FIGURES OF THOUGHT! But this is not the Reformed position, Brother T., himself, being witness. He cannot claim the FIGURES OF WORDS BECAUSE THE FIGURES OF WORDS NEVER CHANGE THE NATURE OF THE WORD NOR GIVE TO IT A DIVERSE OR MULTIFARIOUS MEANING! The only place that our Brother and his friends can go to seek shelter is in the cleft of the so-called SACRED MEANING OR CHRISTIAN MEANING OF WORDS! I will drive him from that in my next letter. But, now, brethren, remember that his logic and Biblical Interpretation is against all the principles of definitions and the science of Interpretation.

Continuing our consideration of the figurative interpretation of the Word of God, we must note that great English Baptist, Benjamin Keach, and his remarks from *Preaching from the Types and Metaphors of the Bible*.

## TROPHIES AND FIGURES

SCRIPTURE RHETORIC, or SACRED ELOCUTION may be reduced to two principle heads or chapters:

1. The first of Tropes.
2. The second of Figures.

First, *Tropes*; which concern the sense of words, viz. "When they are drawn from their proper and genuine signification to that which is different or contrary; which the Etymology of the words shows; for *Tropos* is derived from *Trepo* signifying, *verto*, *muto*, to turn or change.

Second, *Figures*; which the Greeks call *Xemata* signifying the habit or ornament of speech, do not alter or vary the sense of (Continued on Page Six)

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## The Bride .. The Lamb

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song. It is not going to be "Oh, Promise Me." It won't be any of the songs that are usually sung at weddings today, but there is going to be some singing. Listen:

"And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, ALLELUIA" — Rev. 19:1.

After what things? Beloved, the seventeenth and eighteenth chapters tell us about the destruction of the old whore and her harlot daughters.

"I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters. . . . And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" — Rev. 17:1, 5.

Now beloved, who is the whore and her harlot daughters? That old whore is none other than Roman Catholicism, and the harlot daughters are the Protestant churches that have come out of Rome. I make no apology when I say that the old whore represents Roman Catholicism and the Protestant churches are the harlot daughters that have come out of the old whore.

Now Revelation 19:1 says, "And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia" — that is, after the destruction of the old whore and her harlot daughters. Beloved, the first time that Baptists will ever be able to sing — and really sing, will be when the old whore and her harlot daughters are destroyed. It is going to lift a tremendous burden from Baptists in that day when Catholicism and Protestantism are destroyed. I tell you, Beloved, a heavy load is going to be lifted, and Baptists are going to sing then.

I know a lot of you can't sing any better than I. One fellow sat beside me sometime ago and listened to me try to sing, and he said that I sounded like a coyote

that had bronchitis. I don't doubt but that he told the truth. I listen to some of these brethren who seemingly know how to sing, and it sounds good to me. I listen to them, and I think how wonderful it is going to be to be able someday to sing. Do you know the song I am looking forward to singing? I am looking forward to that day when the old whore isn't anymore. She has given me a lot of trouble these last several years. That old whore of Revelation 17 surely has been a plague to me. She has surely been a splinter under my toe nail. I think about all of those harlot daughters that have come out of her, and they don't help me along either. I tell you, beloved, I am looking forward to that day when the load is lifted.

Then listen to how we are going to sing. Four times the saints of God shout Alleluia over the damnation of the old whore and her harlot daughters.

"I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, ALLELUIA" — Rev. 19:3.

"And again they said, ALLELUIA. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever" — Rev. 19:3.

"And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; ALLELUIA" — Rev. 19:4.

"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying ALLELUIA: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" — Rev. 19:6.

What are they singing about? The old whore is gone. The harlot daughters are gone. All these false churches are gone. All these brethren who have claimed to represent the Lord Jesus Christ and said they were sent out by our Lord Jesus Christ, but who never were sent, and who had no authority to baptize, or to observe the Lord's Supper, and who had no authority to do mission work — when all this crowd is destroyed, it lifts a burden from the hearts and minds of the Baptists that have tried to stand for the truth of God through the ages, and four times the saints of God sing and shout Alleluia over the damnation of these lost religious reprobates who finally go to Hell.

This is just what Jesus Himself said:

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

Beloved, there is a "rooting up" day coming for Catholicism and Protestantism, for they certainly were never planted by God.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, can you sing over the damnation of the lost now?" No, beloved, I am not in Glory yet. My business today is to give them the Word of God. My business today is to preach to them the Lord Jesus Christ. But in that day, if I am in the bride, and if you are in the bride, you, too, will lay aside your sentiment that you have for your sainted mother who perhaps was such a good Methodist. You, too, will lay aside your sentiment that you have for some of your friends that are such good Protestants, or who are such good Catholic neighbors. Beloved, they have a reason for being good friends and neighbors. They have a reason for the goodness that they show to you. Beloved, in that day you will wish you had laid aside your sentiment down here. You will wish in that day that you had stood up for the things of the Lord a little more, and contended a little stronger for the teachings of the Word of God. I tell you, I am looking forward to that glorious day when, if I am in the bride, I shall sing with them and shout over the damnation of lost people who now claim to be the religious leaders of this world, who are accepted by the world, but who were never accepted and chosen of the Lord.

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### A NEW HOME.

A wedding always means a new home. When my son started to get married, I said, "Where are you going to live?" He answered, "Oh, I guess I'll live here." I said "I guess you won't." I have a feeling, beloved, that whenever a person gets married, he ought to get out and find him a new "roost." I think if a person gets married, he ought to have his own home. It is mighty nice to come see "Pa" and "Ma" once in a while, and take a meal, and maybe spend the night, but when you get married, you should get into your own home. A wedding presupposes a new home.

Beloved, there is going to be a new home. Oh, how it thrills my heart when I think about that new home that is awaiting us after awhile. Jesus said:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" — John 14:1-3.

Oh, glorious day when we come into His presence. Glorious day, beloved, when we get to that new home that our Lord is preparing for us — that He is getting ready for us now.

### CONCLUSION

One day Abraham called a servant unto him and said, "I want you to swear to me you will go over into the land from whence I came, and find a bride for my son Isaac, and bring her back that she might be married to my son before I die." I see that servant as he says to his master, "But, Master, suppose when I get over there I can't find a bride. Suppose I can't find a girl that is willing to leave Padan-aram and come all the way over here. What shall I do? Shall I come back and get your son and take him over there?" Abraham said, "No, if she is not willing to leave her home — if she is not willing to leave where she is and come live with my son, she is not worthy to be his bride." Then he said to his servant, "You put your hand on my thigh and swear, and then, you do your best. If you can't get a wife for him, you will be clear from this oath, but you will never be clear of your oath until the day that you have done your best to get a bride in Padan-aram and bring her here that she might be married to my son Isaac."

I see this servant as he starts on his way. As he rides along he prays and says, "Oh, Lord, let me have favor in your sight. When I come to the place that I am going, grant that the maiden who comes down the path, and I say to her, 'Give me water to drink,' that she will also water the camels." The Word of God says that just when he got through praying pretty little Rebecca came tripping down the path to the spring. Why? Because God had prepared her.

Beloved, a long time ago, I came to realize that Baptists spend an awful lot of time trying to prepare people that the Lord Jesus Christ never did prepare. We spend an awful lot of time trying to make people suitable that the Lord God never did make suitable.

The bride for Isaac came tripping down that path. I can see the servant as he went to her home and made the proposal in the name of Isaac. The father said, "Let her stay here just a little while," and the servant said, "No we can't do that. My task requires haste. I must get home." The father said, "Let's call her and ask her." Do you know what her answer was? What bride is there that wouldn't rather be with her own husband than to be even with her own father and mother? She said, "I will go." The Bible does not tell us of the trip from Padan-aram to Isaac. However, the

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words, but embellish, beautify, or adorn them.

Of the first we will treat under two heads:

1. The kinds and 2. The affections of Tropes.

The kinds of tropes are four, viz., Metonymy, Irony, Metaphor, and Synecdoche, which order depends upon logical topics, from whence Tropes are deduced, as

1. Metonymy, from Causes and Effects.

(2) From Subjects and Adjuncts.

2. Irony, from Contraries.

3. Metaphor, from Comparates.

4. Synecdoche, from the distribution of the Whole into its Parts.

(2) Of the Genus into its Species.

Metonymy Of The Cause

Genus is a more general title, which comprehends some things more special under it, as Substance, which comprehends:

1. Living creatures. 2. Metals. 3. Elements, etc.

Species is a more special title, attributed to diverse particulars under it, as a Man, to John, Peter, James, or any other individual.

The Affections of tropes, are three:

1. Catachresis.

2. Hyperbole.

3. Allegory.

Of which there are certain Species, as,

1. Paraemia, or a Proverb, and

2. Enigma.

Of these, with God's help, we shall treat in order.

—Pages 1 and 2.

Now, under the general title of SYNECDOCHE, I will quote from pages 184-188:

Having largely gone through the most frequent and most eminent tropes in the Scripture, principally metaphors, we will be more concise in what follows, and illustrate each with a few Scripture examples, by which the rest of that kind may be easily understood.

"A synecdoche is a trope, by which the whole is put for part, or part for the whole. And whereas the whole is either the genus or entire thing, and part is a species, or member; we will treat of the four kinds of synecdoches in order.

A synecdoche of the genus, is when the genus is put for the species, or an universal for a particular, as when;

1. The term all, is put for the greatest part or many, as that rule of law in the pendects. § quod Major. "All seem to do that which the greater part does." In doing this, there must be great heed taken to the scope and right meaning of the text, take a few examples out of the Old Testament, Ex. ix. 6, "And all the cattle of Egypt died;" that is, all that was in the field, as verse 3, and some were left, as verse 19, chap. xiv. 26, 28, and ix. 29. Exod. xxxii. 3, "All the people;" that is, the greatest part, as verse 26. Hence Paul uses a particular word, I Cor. x. 7, viz., same. See more examples, Exod. xxxii. 26, with verse 29, and Deut. xxxiii. 9; Isa. ii. 2, 3; Deut. xxviii. 64, 2 Sam. xvi. 22, Hos. vii. 4, etc. In the New Testament, Matt. iii. 5, "Jerusalem and all Judea, and all the region about Jordan, went to be baptized; that is, many men of those places. More examples are, Mark ix. 23, John x. 8, with verse 7, Acts ii. 5, Eph. i. 11, Phil. ii. 21, and iv. 13.

2. The word all or every, is put for the kinds of singulars, as Gen. ii. 16, "Of every tree of the garden thou shalt eat," that is, of every kind of fruit; Gen. xxiv. 10, "All the goods of his master were in his hands," that is, some of every sort; see verse 52, 53, or 2 Kings viii. 9, Joel ii. 8, with I Peter ii. 9, and Acts ii.

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Word of God says that when Isaac the foundation of this world was laid, you and I who are saved, saw them coming he went out to meet them. You remember that were chosen of God in Christ Jesus. Before God ever laid down a rock — before ever a tiny violet grew out of that soil, God had already made a choice. You and I who are saved this morning are actually spiritually older than creation in the sight of God. Who took the initiative? Abraham the father in the marriage of Isaac. Who took the initiative in our lives? God the Father Himself.

Let's look at that unnamed servant. I am so glad that God didn't name him. I am so glad that we just think of him as a servant, because that is what you and I are. What is the Lord saying to you, Baptist preacher? He is telling you to go look for that bride today. He is telling you to go on and preach the Gospel. He is telling you to go on and find those He has made suitable. You are not to spend your time trying to make suitable the crowd that the Lord never did make suitable Himself, but you are to let Him do the choosing. You are beloved, but I know this, before

I ask you, who was it that took the initiative in your salvation, that you might become a part of the bride of the Lord Jesus Christ? It wasn't you, but it was God the Father. Back yonder, before the foundation of the world, God took the initiative, in that he chose us unto His Son. You can look at these rocks and hills of our Kentucky mountains, and wonder how old they are. I don't know, beloved, but I know this, before

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

Carl F. H. Henry, retired editor of the fortnightly magazine *Christianity Today*, mailed the famed Southern Baptist evangelist, Billy Graham, a Christmas card. The card was returned to him from Black Mountain marked "address-see unknown." Billy Graham has been a long-time resident of Black Mountain, N.C., which has a population of 3,204.

The whole free world is in imminent danger of being taken over by the Communists. Look at Angola, one of the richest countries in natural resources in Africa. It has oil, coffee, diamonds, iron, minerals, tobacco, maize. Under the Colonial regime it had trebled its exports in eight years. The population had become richer than ever.

The Communists coveted the territory. Now it is in their hands. Twenty thousand blacks were killed by the Communists in five days. Hunger reigns. Never did the white colonialists, who had been so much attacked for their inhumanity, commit such mass-slaughters.

Some time ago Archbishop Capucci was arrested for smuggling weapons to be used in killing women and children in Israel by the Communist supported terrorists movements. Capucci is in jail for these activities.

Pope Paul sent a letter directly to the prison where Capucci was expressing his sympathy and his friendship. The Foreign Ministry and other Ministers in Jerusalem are indignant and shocked by the action of "His Holiness the Pope."

What really happened to Donald LaRose, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Main, N.Y., who was believed to have been kidnapped by a Satan cult operating in his area? The church wanted to find out. They hired a Michigan detective and paid him \$9,000 to investigate. They also prayed 10 weeks that their missing pastor had not fallen victim to a Satan cult.

Private investigator Charles Reagan of Grand Rapids dispelled those fears in a news conference at the church some days ago. Reagan said his 30-day probe into the

LaRose case revealed the minister "planned and arranged his disappearance." He further disclosed that the 35-year-old minister had skipped town with \$4,500 in cash he had withdrawn from several bank accounts he kept secretly.

Reagan presented this information to the church officials on Saturday night. The congregation was informed Sunday night. As would be expected, the church voted to terminate LaRose's contract, and they withdrew a \$10,000 reward for information leading to his whereabouts.

His wife and friends are baffled and concerned. There is no indication where LaRose is now. State police say that his name remains on the missing persons file until he is found.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — From a Biblical perspective, Americans face five "temptations of affluence," former Sen. Wallace Bennett (R-Utah) has told the Senate Prayer Breakfast.

The 77-year-old veteran of 25 years' service in the Senate cited the temptations of "idleness," "inflation," "scapegoating," "apathy," and "institutionalism."

In noting the problems of American society today, Sen. Bennett, a Mormon, said he believes the real reason for such conditions is that "as a nation, we have succumbed to the temptations of affluence — which are not only very real, but spiritually debilitating."

PARIS (EP) — The Bible has recovered its position as the world's most translated work, according to figures for 1972 released by the Paris-based United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Exiled Soviet writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn is the most widely translated living author. His works now appear in 35 languages.

During 1972, UNESCO said, there were 109 new translations of the Bible. In the same year there were 62 new translations of Karl Marx, 59 of Friedrich Engels and 57 of Lenin.

HONG KONG (EP) — Premier Chou En-lai of the People's Republic of China died in Peking Jan. 8 of cancer after a long illness. He was 78 years old and had served as Premier since the Communists took power in 1949.

Mr. Chou, who joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1921 or 1922, rose to a position of leadership in its ranks, and directed the machinery in a social and economic revolution in China that cost "at least 34 million lives."

BEIRUT, Lebanon (EP) — In a move which resembled an act of revenge following the destruction of a cargo of Koran books, a Bible bookstore was blasted here in civic center.

An unconfirmed report received by the United Bible Societies in Germany states that inhabitants of a Christian village set fire to the lorry after it was involved in an accident in the village.

No one, according to the Information Service of the German Evangelical Alliance, was injured.

DETROIT (EP) — A common pleas court judge in Wayne County here says atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair will have to sue him before he'll stop holding prayer services in his courtroom.

Judge Frederick Byrd has held noon Bible study classes and rosary devotions in his courtroom for 20 years and won't stop now.

"I'm calling her bluff," Byrd told an AP reporter. "These services have been going on since long before I became a judge and I see no reason to end them."

Mrs. O'Hair wrote the judge

warning that his activities were "wholly illegal and unconstitutional, being an impermissible admixture of state and church."

In 1963 Attorney O'Hair successfully sued in the U.S. Supreme Court banning prayer in public schools.

SAN ANTONIO (EP) — Shirley Cothran, Miss America of 1975 and a strong defender of traditional values, is seeking two more titles: she will soon become Mrs. Richard Barrett, and she will begin studies toward a Ph.D. in psychology.

Miss Cothran, 22, a Southern Baptist, gained publicity last year for her outspoken Christian faith and opposition to lax moral standards. She is a member of First Baptist Church in Denton, Tex.

—PROVIDENCE, R.I. (EP)—The American Civil Liberties Union has asked the U.S. District Court here to bar "a flagrant violation of the First Amendment" by two cities which have assigned public school teachers to teach in Catholic schools since 1970.

It protested the practices of East Providence and Central Falls, with the possibility that Burrillville will be added to the suits if a taxpayer in that town agrees to become the plaintiff.

Central Falls taxpayers Dorothy Minor and Dennis M. Hickey and East Providence taxpayer Marjorie S. Thomas are the plaintiffs in suits now on file.

The ACLU asks the federal court to withhold state education funds from the two cities until the teachers are removed from the Catholic schools.

## Anxiety And Worry

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far as tomorrow is concerned. We, however, are not to be so wrapped up in providing for our needs, that we have little or no time left for our Lord. Let us work while remembering that our efforts will amount to nothing if our Lord does not bless those efforts. It, in fact, is as stated in Psalm 127:1:

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

This Scripture also means that all of our efforts are in vain if the Lord does not bless our efforts. We may add that if the Lord does not heal the sick, then the doctor doctors, but in vain.

It is not wrong to close the window when we see a storm approaching. It is not wrong to take all the precautions we can take. The wrong comes when we look upon tomorrow with great fear and disbelief regarding our Father's love and care for us.

"Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life."

We should take special note regarding the one who is speaking.

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He, in fact, is none other than our blessed Lord and Master — the Almighty. "I say unto you." I who have hung the stars in place. I who have made you and sustained you all through the years. I who have died in your place. I who am the first and the last. "I say unto you, take no thought for your life."

We are very unwise if our hearts and minds be glued to those things which will perish with using. Our allotted days are seventy years (more or less) and then we go to our "long home." We, if we compare seventy years to a full tank of gas, know that the tank of life is half gone when we are thirty-five (this example, of course, only holds true if we live to be seventy years old). It seems only yesterday that I was talking and laughing with many loved ones and friends who are no longer among the living. They lived their allotted days and then departed from our midst. It will soon be our time to depart, therefore let us not worry regarding that which we are going to wear or eat during the few years which we have left. Let us, rather, seek those things which are above, yea, those things which are lasting. It won't be very long until it will not matter whether we ate steak or oats. It will not matter whether we wore garments of satin or garments made from the cheapest of material. That which will matter is (Continued on page 8, column 3)

## The Noahic Covenant

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length of it to God's purpose and pleasure.

We also learn that God forbids a beast to hurt a man. Observe the expression: "At the hand of every beast will I require it." God would have a beast put to death which killed a man. He later added in Exodus 21:28: "If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit." This was to show God's hatred of the sin of murder.

Then still in Genesis 9:5 we see that wilful murderers must be put to death. Look at the words: "At the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man." Then there is the plain statement in verse 6: "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." Before the flood, as seen in the story of Cain, God took punishment of the murderer into His own hands. Now He commits this power of judgment to man.

From this information we learn it is God's will that all wilful murderers be put to death. In spite of the clear teaching of the Scriptures about capital punishments, so-called Christians in various states have worked successfully in getting the death penalty abolished. This was done while murder was on the increase, especially since the death penalty was abolished. This is a step in the wrong direction, since it says in substance that the creature knows more than the Creator. When will men learn that the best way to get rid of wilful murderers is to shed their blood? In the light of this text I must say, away with the modern cry to pity and rehabilitate the poor murderer. Many say we must not take away the life of the poor murderer. But what about the life of his poor victim? What about his right to live?

Murder is a horrible sin. It defaces God since man is made in the image of God. It is so awful that God requires the life of a man at the hand of him that takes away the life of another unjustly. The murderer cannot give back the life he has taken, so he must render his own.

## HAM'S SIN AND NOAH'S PROPHECY

You will recall how Noah got drunk while naked (Gen. 9:20-23). You will also remember how his younger son saw his father's naked-

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edness. When Noah awoke, knowing what Ham had done, he was moved by the spirit of prophecy. He assigned his sons a blessing or a curse according to their respective behavior. He said: "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant" (Gen. 9:25-26).

## CURSED BE CANAAN

Ham, who actually dishonored his father, was not directly cursed. God cursed Ham's son, Canaan. There was no curse put upon Ham's other sons, Cush, Mizraim and Phut. The curse of servitude was placed only upon Canaan. This prophecy was fulfilled 800 years later when the Canaanites became Israel's servants.

## BLESSED BE SHEM'S GOD

Noah pronounced a blessing upon Shem's God. He gave the glory of Shem to Shem's God. The expression, "blessed be the Lord God of Shem," indicates that Shem is to have a peculiar relation to Jehovah. His descendants will communicate divine revelation and preserve the knowledge of the true God. Christ came from the line of Shem.

## JAPHETH TO BE ENLARGED

From Japheth would come the populating race. His descendants would occupy the largest portion of the world. Government, science, and art have been in the main Japhethic. History confirms the exact fulfillment of Noah's prophecy.

The expression, "He shall dwell in the tents of Shem," has one or two meanings. Eminent Christian scholars and a host of Jewish authorities make the pronoun "he" to refer to the Lord God. This would have the verse saying that God would enlarge Japheth, but He would dwell in the tents of Shem. This is most likely the real meaning. Some other scholars hold that the pronoun "he" refers to Japheth. The dwelling in the tents of Shem is believed to mean that Jew and Gentile would be united in the church.

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## The Bride .. The Lamb

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to preach the Word of God, and let Him call in His elect unto Himself.

I see that servant when he got his commission. He said, "But, Abraham, suppose she won't go? Suppose she doesn't want to leave Padan-Aram and come over here? What will I do? Take your son over there?"

Some people say, "Now, Brother Gilpin, it has gotten to the place that folk just won't believe the Bible. We have to bring the Word down on their level. We have to put Jesus Christ down on their level. We will have 'Decision Day' and we will have cards for people to sign. It makes it so much easier to get people to make decisions and join the church if we just pass out cards and let people sign them." Do you know what you are doing, beloved? You are trying to make suitable the people whom God never has made suitable.

I say to you, your business is to lift high Jesus Christ. Your business is to preach all the Word of God. Your business is to hold up the church that Jesus built, and never compromise that church nor her ordinances in any wise at all. Your business is never to drag the Word of God down to man's level. You are never to drag the Son of God down to the level of the world. You are never to drag the church and the ordinances down so they will be pleasing in the eyes of the world. Rather, you are to hold them high as we exalt

the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. As this servant found a bride for Isaac, so our Lord Jesus Christ is going to have a bride, too. God's purposes will not be defeated. What a glorious day and marvelous experience is out before us! Some of these days, all the burdens of this life shall be forgotten in the light of that wonderful heritage that shall be ours.

On a cold November day an old Italian was peddling fruit on the streets of New York City. Someone remarked concerning the inclemency of the weather. With this the Italian agreed, and then said, "But by and by tink of dat." He was thinking of the time when he would have enough money to return to Italy. His mind wandered away from that cold November day to sunny Italy, and so the present was lost in prospect of the future. So with the child of God.

Today, "Think of dat." What a day it will be — with all burdens behind — with only joy unlimited before us. Thank God for that blessed day when the marriage of the Lamb takes place! May God grant that each of us shall be worthy to have a place in, and be a part of the Bride!

May God bless you!



## Anxiety And Worry

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whether or not we are dressed in the righteousness of Christ.

That which is before us is of the utmost importance to us, in view of the fact that here lies the reason as to why there is so little fruit bearing. People are filled with the cares of this world to the extent that spiritual things are unimportant. It is as stated in Matthew 13:22:

"He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the Word; and the CARE OF THIS WORLD, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the Word, and he becometh unfruitful."

I know that it is an easy matter for me to advise you not to worry. The question, of course, is, how can we refrain from worry? Our first helps are found in Psalm 37: 5, Proverbs 16:3 and I Peter 5:7:

"Commit thy ways unto the Lord: trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass."

"Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established."

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you."

We, in order to escape worry, must take our Father at His Word and believe Him. We must understand that all of our worry is not going to change things one little bit. Our Father is going to have the final say in every matter, therefore, it is vain for us to worry and lose sleep over temporal matters. We don't worry while sleeping. Why, then, do we worry while we are awake? Things, in fact, go better while we are sleeping than when we are awake (all things, of course, work together for good to them that love God). We will save ourselves lots of worry if we will turn Psalm 34: 10 and Phil. 4:19 into pillows for our heads.

"The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing."

"But my God shall supply all your need ACCORDING to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

It appeared that all was against Joseph when he was sold down into Egypt, but this could not have been better for him. The same applies to all of our trials. They, in every instance are good for those who love the Lord. We will note from the following Scripture that David found it so.

"Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept Thy Word" (Psa. 119:67).

"Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. is not the life more than meat, and the body

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17, Zeph. ii. 14, Matt. iv. 23, Luke xi. 42, Acts x. 12, Heb. xiii. 4. An universal negative is also sometimes to be restrained and understood by a particular negative, as Exod. xx. 10, "No work to be done on the Sabbath," that is servile or mechanic: as appears, Lev. xxiii. 7,8, Numb. xxviii. 18, see I Sam. xx. 26, with I Kings xix. 11, 12, Jer. viii. 6, Matt. v. 34, "Ye shall not swear at all;" that is, rashly and lightly, Matt. x. 26, Luke vii. 28, John 31, iii. 32, 33, xv. 5, and xviii. 20, Acts xxvii. 33, 2 Thess. iii. 11. Always is put for often, Luke xviii. 1, and xxiv. 53, and everywhere for here and there. Acts xxviii. 22, I Cor. iv. 17.

Names of a larger signification are put for those which are of a narrower, as flesh is put for man, all flesh, that is, every man. Gen. vi. 12, Psa. cxlv. 21, Isa. xi. 5, and xvi. 23, Matt. xxiv. 22, Luke iii. 6, Rom. iii. 20. A creature is put for a man, Mark xvi. 15, Col. i. 23; see Acts xii. 7, Luke xi. 51, Job xiv. 14, Acts x. 12 etc. A common name is put for a proper, hence God is often called (El) which signifies strong and powerful, and that by way of eminency, Gen. xix. 2, and xxi. 33. So Christ is called Lord. Matt. xxi. 3, John xi. 3, 12; and Master, John xi. 28; the "Son of Man," Matt. viii. 20; "the angel," Gen. xlviii. 16; the "Angel of the Lord," Exod. iii. 2, Judg. vi. 11; so "the Seed of the woman," "Messiah," "Servant of God," "Prophet," etc. Moses is called a prophet, Hos. xii. 13.

The plural number is sometimes put for the singular, as Gen. xxi. 7, "Who would have said unto Abraham, Sarah shall give children suck?" that is, one child, as in the next verse. Gen. xlvii. 7, it is said, that there went down with Jacob into Egypt, all his daughters, and all his sons' daughters, whereas, as verse 15, 17 appears, he had but one daughter, and one niece, or son's daughter.

See Acts xiii. 40, 41, with Hab. i. 5, Matt. ii. 23.

Some general verbs are put for special, as to say for to command or admonish; Rom. xii. 3; to open is put for to plough, Isa. xxviii. 24, to be is put for to live, Matt. ii. 18; and to dwell Ruth i. 2. To speak, for stipulation or promise, Deut. xxvi. 17, etc.

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than raiment?"

Our life is superior to the food we eat or the clothing we wear. These things are only for the maintaining of the life which God has given us. Will He who made us fail to maintain that which He has made? Does He not have a purpose for every life He has placed upon the earth? Why are we here if we are not the work of His hands? We see then that our life is the important thing rather than the care of it. God made us without our help and He will sustain us until our allotted days expire. He has even died to save us and has assured us of the "all things."

"He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us ALL THINGS?" (Romans 8:32).

You who have not believed on our Lord Jesus Christ cannot claim the blessings which we have been speaking of. This is because that you are in rebellion against the very God who made you. You have closed your eyes to the bleeding Saviour on Calvary's cross. You have closed your ears to His command for you to repent of your sins toward God and to believe on Him as your very own personal Saviour. It is my sincere prayer that God the Spirit will open your blind eyes to that which the blessed Saviour has done for you, yea, that He will open your ears to hear the blessed Word regarding the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ in your behalf.



## Communism, N.C.C.

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29. Liberalize welfare laws.
30. Firearms control.
31. Promote intermarriage of blacks and whites.
32. Remove all prayer and Bible reading from public schools.
34. Train agitators to invade some of our southern states.
35. Censorship of conservative broadcasters by radio and TV.

The NCC was organized in 1908 but was known at that time as "The Federal Council of Churches." It was eaten up so badly with communists by the middle thirties

that the Office of Naval Intelligence exposed it as a subversive group.

Within fifteen years the extremists within the NCC were causing it to lose public support. The name was then changed, but not the leaders. In November of 1950 it became known as the National Council of Churches. It had merged with seven other organizations but a bulletin the following month announced, "All the work of the Federal Council will continue under the new auspices."

Today as in 1950 the public is becoming more aware that the NCC is anti-American and is promoting a moral decline. The NCC is anxious to change its name again in order to create a new image. This is a typical communist practice. They have invited the Roman Catholic Church and all interested Protestant denominations to join in the holding of "national ecumenical consultation" for the purpose of devising a new inter-church organization to replace the NCC, which is rotten to the core.

Donations given to the NCC have in turn been given to communist countries, Black Panthers and Students for a Democratic Society.

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