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Beyond any question, the churches of New Testament times were FREE. They were simple, local, self-governing bodies. Let us note some Scriptures that serve to make this

Matt. 23:8, No graded ministry



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. . . One Master . . . Christians all "brethren."

Acts 6:5, "The multitude" (of believers) here handle an important matter.

"messengers" of churches. They served in the holiness of their orwere not delegates, but repre- iginal creation by the power of (Continued on page 3, column 1) God.

By A. J. GORDON

(1836-1895)

A man's dwelling in one country,

and holding citizenship in another

and far remote country, is not an

unknown circumstance. In such

anomaly of one being most a

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stranger in the land in which he

is present, and most at home in

the land from which he is absent.

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it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20

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# ANGEL OF

By JOE WILSON

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"And the Angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness . . . And the angel of the Lord said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude . . . And she called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, Thou God seest me" (Gen. 16:7-

The doctrine of angels is a prominent doctrine in the Bible and would repay much study with great blessings. The word itself means messenger and is sometimes, but not frequently, applied to man. I am convinced that the angels of the churches in Revelation chapters two and three are the pastors of the churches. However, the word usually refers to an order of created spirit beings. Some have fallen and are the angels of Satan, and I believe they are the demons of the Bible. Some II Cor. 8:23, Here we have are the elect angels who are pre-

"Blessed be the Lord God of

Israel: for He hath visited and

redeemed His people," is a sig-

nificant note in the prophecy of

His birth. And four times in the

Gospels is our Lord's advent to

earth spoken of as a visit. But it

was a visit which never for a

moment looked toward a perma-

nent abiding. At His birth He was

laid in a borrowed manger, be-

cause there was no room for Him

in the inn; at His burial He was

laid in a borrowed tomb, because

(Continued on page 5, column 3)

Lord. I desire to have us study to- tress, Sarai. I might suggest that gether some of what the Bible says this pictures how the Holy Spirit about this Being. Let us see if we finds God's elect by and through therefrom some lessons that should But do note that He finds Hagar bless our souls.



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being, as well as the first Bible usage of the word "angel" is found in the text in Genesis 16:7-13. There is a good law of hermeneutics, or principle of Bible inter-As the only begotten pretation known as "the law of of the Father, Christ's native coun-first mention." It is that whentry was above; and during all the ever a word or subject is first redays of His flesh He neither re- ferred to in the Bible, usually and translated "church" more than a linquished His heavenly citizen often there is much said then that hundred times in the New Testaship nor acquired an earthly resi- helps in interpreting that word or subject throughout the Bible.

Let us look at this first Bible

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Upon the pages of the Old Testa- reference to the Angel of the -ment there are the footprints of a Lord. This Being finds Hagar by a G-Guard against any emotion. strange and mysterious being who fountain of water as she flees H-Hold resentment toward others. is referred to as the Angel of the from the hard dealings of her mis- I -Ignore Christian and Church can discover who He is and learn the Word of God, but I forbear. K-Keep your Bible on the bookand not that she finds Him. Now L-Look at the dark side of life. The first Bible reference to this this Being knows Hagar's name and that she was a servant and that Sarai was her mistress. This N-Never pray except when in Being asks Hagar questions that only a Divine Being has authority O-Object to things you don't unto ask. In verse 9 this Being makes demands upon Hagar that she obey Him implicitly in what He says. In verse 10 this Being makes promises that indicate that He is more R-Rejoice over others' problems. than man and more than a mere S-Spend money due to the Church. created being. He says that He will T-Trust nobody and nothing. multiply her seed exceedingly, and U-Underestimate the power of remember that life is in the hands of a sovereign God and He alone V-Vaunt yourself before others. can give it. In verse 13 Hagar re- W-Walk out during services. fers to this Being as the Lord and X-Xert as little energy as posscalls Him the God of Seeing.

Now look at Genesis 18:1 - 19:1. Verse 1 tells us that "the Lord appeared to Abraham," and verse 2 Z-Zip uncarefully through duties. (Continued on page 3, column 2)

# ABC'S

A-Aggravate problems that exist

B-Be uncooperative in her program.

C-Cause disturbances at the worship.

WHOLE NUMBER 2112 D-Deny the moving of the Spirit

of God. E-Excuse yourself from most

services.

F-Find fault with everything about her.

duties. J-Judge others by your stand-

shelf. M-Minimize the importance of the

Church

trouble. derstand.

P-Praise yourself, but not others. Q-Quash approaches if they are

new.

God.

ible.

Y—Yield to daily temptations to sin.

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# THE "CHURCH"

CLARENCE LARKIN (1850-1924)

The Greek term, "ekklesia," ment, is compounded of two words, meaning "to call out of."

The Baptists hold that a "Scriptural church" is a local congregation of baptized believers, independent of the State, and of every other church, having in itself authority to do whatever a church can of right do, and whose members are voluntarily associated under special covenant to maintain the worship, the truths, the ordinances, and the discipline of the gospel.

Churches are visible organizations, the visible ceremonial qualification for membership being

baptism. That the membership of the apostolic churches was composed of baptized believers, is clear from the whole tenor of the Acts of the Apostles, and of the Apostolic Epistles. On this point there is no controversy between



CLARENCE LARKIN

Baptists and Pedobaptists. The difference between them is -"What is baptism?" The Baptists

A church is a "local congrega-This choice is personal and in-tion," and may consist of many,

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perfectly to realize this idea respecting the heavenly country. For God, in Zion: and unto thee shall The date of its composition is not "the man whom thou chooseth." hold that any church, whose mem-He speaks of Himself as "He that the vow be performed. came down from Heaven, even

the Son of man who is in Heaven." unto thee shall all flesh come. So truly a citizen of the other

ing with men and talking with men shalt purge them away.

be born from above he cannot see even of thy holy temple" (Ps. 65: fellowship with the Almighty. 1-4).

"Praise waiteth for thee, O David is the author of this Psalm. selection of God. David spoke of given. Some believe it was intend- Here is seen the free choice of bership have not been baptized, "O Thou that hearest prayer, ed as a song for the Day of Atone- God. There was no merit or man- that is, immersed in water after ment. It opens with the silence agement on the part of man which a profession of their faith, though "Iniquities prevail against me: which reigned when the people caused God to make this selection, they may be believers, is not a world was He that even while walk- as for our transgressions, thou waited in expectation of the re- God made this choice according Scripturally constituted New Testurn of the high priest from the to the good pleasure of His will. tament church. "Blessed is the man whom thou presence of God. The sins of the This is an election of grace. here. And this saying of His choosest, and causest to approach year were covered over as expressoccurs in that discourse where, unto thee, that he may dwell in ed in verse 3. Then he speaks of the dividual. Psalm 65:4 does not speak or few members. We read of "the with an emphatic "verily," thy courts: we shall be satisfied blessedness of those accepted of an election of nations, contin-church at Jerusalem," "the church He declares that "except a man with the goodness of thy house, God and admitted to unspeakable ents, or such loose generalities. of Ephesus," and Paul refers to

GOD'S SOVEREIGN CHOICE

Observe in the text the sovereign (Continued on page 2, column 1) (Continued on page 4 column 3)

God's eternal choice is fixed upon Aquila and Priscilla, and "the persons. This selection distinguish- church that is in their house."

the kingdom of God." Here is the key to the whole According to the inscription,

He regarded Himself as there, not

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### God's Own Choosing purge them away."

(Continued from page one) es them from others left to themselves.

ing, the source and fountain of every spiritual mercy the soul re- blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:12-13). ceives. He sees in it a stream in of eternity. David said: "Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth." Nothing brings greater joy to a the saints of God by Adam's sin soul than knowing his election of God and making it sure.

that he should have the right to God. Upon conversion, by union witt and Charlie Burford will choose. He claims the right to with Christ, he is brought home to choose his own friends, his own God. business, his house, his own automobile, his own clothing, and his own wife. Then why can he not see that God has the sovereign right to choose His own bride and to choose the people in whom He will be glorified. Why do some allow God less privileges than they

rebel at this teaching, but woe fore God. unto those who dare to strive with their Maker. Sooner or later, all such contention will end in the destruction of the contenders. It is wisdom not to cavil at election, but to admit that the Bible teaches

### THE FRUIT OF THIS CHOICE

God's choice of a person? Listen to Christ the conscience is cleansed, ed is the man whom thou chooseth and causest to approach unto ashamed; neither be thou con- lieve that he is, and that he is a re- the gospel of grace preached and root; the approach unto God is the fruit. The one precedes and is the the shame of thy youth" (Isa. cause of the other. But note the 54:4). certainty of each thing. Everyone whom God chooses He causes to approach unto Him, or vice versa. There is no such thing as one chosen of God who fails to approach God - infants notwithstanding. Neither is there one who

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ready chosen of God.

MILBURN COCKRELL \_\_\_ Editor approach." By nature the sinner ing love: therefore with loving- the Spirit of supplication (Zech. Editorial Department, located in is at a distance from God, alien-kindness have I drawn thee" (Jer. 12:10). KENTUCKY, where ated from Him, carnal, callous, 31:3). By this powerful operation all subscriptions and communica- dead in sin, without any spiritual of the Spirit the sinner is secretly nity comes from God, and by aptions should be sent. Address: feeling, or heavenly desire. There drawn in his heart and affection proaching God in Christ we re-

to fallen man! God did not choose holy presence. The convicted sin- frowning world. I have found it so. His people to die as they were ner must come in godly fear and What about you? born. They were not elected to with confession of sin. Efficacious live in ignorance, enmity, and grace breaks his heart, humbles liever is constituted a priest besin, and then after death go to him, and causes him to acknowl- fore God. Each believing soul can Heaven without a change. Instead, edge he has acted wrongfully. He purposed to break down the barrier between Himself and their souls. He determined to make them new creatures and to bring them to Himself.

### THE BARRIER OF SIN

Sin is the greatest barrier between God and His chosen ones. The Lord said in Isaiah 59:2: "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Sin stands as a partition wall dividing between them, hindering communion. It makes allegiance between the two impossible. It provokes God to withdraw His gracious presence and to hide His face.

To resolve this problem the Father sent His Son. "He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Heb. 9:26) and "to make an end of sins" (Dan. 9:24). In prospect of the coming atonement of Christ the psalmist said: "As for our transgressions, thou shalt

To the Ephesian church Paul wrote: "That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from The psalmist did not cavil with the commonwealth of Israel, and God's choice of a people to grace strangers from the covenants of and to glory in eternity past. He promise, having no hope, and withrejoiced in this great truth. To out God in the world: But now, in him election is the root of all bless- Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes be provided for all. were far off are made nigh by the

which the redeemed will bathe off from God and His law. The sinthroughout the never-ending ages ner is afar off from salvation by Christ and the promises of the gospel. He is at a distance from and his own transgressions. The blood of Jesus gives nearness of Man thinks it highly reasonable access to and communion with In the afternoon, Bros. Don Pre-

### THE BARRIER OF SHAME

When the Spirit touches the conscience with God's holy law, he charges the sinner with being "guilty before God" (Rom. 3:19). This produces a feeling of shame and confusion of face. Adam and Eve knew no sin until they broke God's law. Sin brought shame into Men cavil at the right of the the world. The sinner cannot draw overeign of the universe to select near with confidence to the Lord those He will make happy. They because of this sense of shame be-

> this is the "blood of sprinkling" which purges the conscience from with a true heart in full assurance weeping" (Jer. 31:9). of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience" (Heb. "Fear not; for thou shalt not be to shame: for thou shalt forget him."

### THE DIVINE DRAWING

The convicted sinner needs more than the sight of the atoning blood that cleanses from all sin. He must have the secret drawing of the Spirit, if he is to approach God. Jesus Christ said: "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him:

The natural depravity of man is The Lord then answers back: "I hearest prayer, unto thee shall all The Tabernacle, " iesthood seen in the expression, "causest to have loved thee with an everlast- flesh come." The Spirit of grace is is an impenetrable barrier between toward God, he is drawn with the ceive a measure of these blessings.

recklessly and heedlessly into His

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Elder Elvis Gregory is the host

God's grace removes this sense and his bosom heaves with sobs of all his people" (Psa. 116:18). of inward shame. The means of of genuine contrition, he discovers The believer in this age finds the pleasure and sweetness in an hon- Lord's church among his chief est confession of sin. Of old the joys. His heart cries out: "A day guilty. Then we can "draw near Lord said: "They shall come with in thy courts is better than a thou-

### COME IN FAITH

unspeakable and full of glory.

### COMES IN PRAYER

The Baptist Examiner approaches God and was not al- to cry out, "Draw me, and I will grace of God call upon the Lord. run after thee" (Sol. Songs 1:4). The psalmist said: "O thou that

Every blessing for time and eter-PUBLICATION POLICIES: All motter for publication should be sent to the editor. All manuscripts sent should be typed and double spaced. All such material becomes the property of TBE and will not be returned unless requested by the writer. We reserve the right to edit and condense all materials sent to us for publication. Church news items must reach us one month prior to publication.

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Oh, what a blessing election is recklessly and heedlessly into His strength of prayer I can face a

> In this dispensation each be-"enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus" (Heb. 10:19). What a privilege to approach God in earnest prayer! "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to Elder Steven L. Hamilton, 12635 his will, he heareth us: And if we Pearl Street, Southgate, Mich. know that he hear us, whatsoever 48195, has accepted the pastorate we ask, we know that we have the

### COMES IN PUBLIC WORSHIP

Why does the Lord cause the man of His choice to approach unman chosen of God will not only approach God, but he will also tread in His courts. He is said to permanently abide there. There he is at home with God. Why should he go out unto the world? To depart from God's house is to leave cistern without water? the One Who made everything and

When this Psalm was written the priests and Levites dwelled at home in God's tabernacle. They were constantly rendering service there. The Israelites were continually bringing sacrifices and offerthe meeting house of the church, ings to the house of the Lord. The located on Highway 69 South, whole religious life of Israel was built around the tabernacle and its worship.

Those chosen of God take pleasure in going to the place of public worship, regardless of what age they live in. David said: "Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth" (Ps. 26:8). Again he wrote: "My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God" (Ps. 84:2). The child of grace believes life-long church attendance: "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple" (Ps. 27:4).

He who has experienced the grace of God delights in giving his tithes and offerings to his church each Lord's day. Psalm 96:8 commands: "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts." In response to this command, David wrote: "I will pay my vows When tears roll down his cheeks unto the Lord now in the presence

sand" (Psa. 84:10). How pleasant he finds the ordinances and doc- and are 534" x 858" x 1" thick. There can be no approach unto trines of Christ's church! What a What blessing flows out of 10:22). Through the propitiation of God without a measure of faith, blessing to have fellowship there Hebrews 11:6 says: "But without with God's people! What a privithe words of the psalmist: "Bless- and the soul finds access to God. faith it is impossible to please him: lege to sing the songs of Zion! for he that cometh to God must be- What a thrilling experience to hear thee." The original choice is the founded; for thou shalt not be put warder of them that diligently seek to see sinners converted! Nothing on earth can compare with this.

By faith the sinner believes the How any person can claim to truth as it is in Christ Jesus. He know God and never become a embraces the promises of the member of Christ's church is a gospel. He views the cross of Cal- mystery to me. The text indicates vary and sees the blood of sprink- that God will lead those He has ling. He believes on the Lord Jesus chosen to serve Him in a New Christ to the salvation of his soul. Testament church. While church He believes and rejoices with joy membership does not save a man, it is good evidence of having experienced the grace of God. If It may also be said that the be- Christ loved the church so much and I will raise him up at the last liever approaches God in prayer, that He died for her, it stands to day" (John 6:44). Thus he is made Those who experience the saving reason that one saved by Christ

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would love his Saviour enough to live for Him in the church. Any professor of salvation who ignores the Lord's church would do well to question his election of God.

### A SATISFIED MIND

David concludes by changing the person. He goes from the singular to the plural: "We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even thy holy temple." God keeps a good house, and it is filled with an abundance of goodness. In public worship the believer can feast upon the provision of God's Word. He can feast upon Christ, the Bread of Life, to full satisfaction. His hunger and thirst for righteousness can be filled. Sweet communion with God suffices him always.

Are you satisfied? No doubt you have tried the world. But I believe that you will agree with me that it gives no solid satisfaction. Hidden behind its pleasures of sin are pain and sorrow. Have you not found them an aching void - a broken

Have you tried Jesus Christ? He alone can satisfy. To be satisfied with the goodness of God's house is to be satisfied with God's goodness in the Person and work of Jesus Christ. There is in Him a righteousness and atoning blood to satisfy the demands of the law and all the cravings of a guilty conscience. There is a power that satisfies, a love that satisfies, a salvation that satisfies, and nothing else will satisfy!

Someone says, "I would be happy to come to Christ, but how can I be sure He has chosen me?" Let me ask you a few questions: Has God caused you to approach unto Him? Are you pouring out your heart to God in humble confession of sin? Do you by faith take hold upon God's promises? If you have done this, or you are willing to do this, you can be assured you are chosen of God. Your willingness is the fruit of this choice.

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### How They Did Things In New **Testament Times**

Each church handled her own affairs, and no other church or religious group meddled. You can find no exception to this.

Missionaries were sent out by churches. (Example - the church at Antioch. See Acts 13:2-4 with TION?" 14:27). As indicated here, report was made back to the church that sent them forth.

The churches had pastors and deacons - just these two offices. No president of this, that, and the other. When something needed to be done, a committee was appointed to see to it — like the men who were appointed as "messengers" to go with Paul to take the benevolent gift up to Jerusalem.

### What Has Grown Up Through The Centuries

known. The clergy is graded so doing." and completely dominated until there is no room for freedom, the place of the "bishop." Ecclesiastics do as they are told, 2. The church program is made to protect his life with armed ed as disloyal. force. When people have refused

### Protestantism Never Broke The other pastorate. Shackles Completely

will. Congregations must take who the program. is sent.

### What About Baptists?

Through the centuries they have been a free people, but they are busy today sticking their heads in the "stocks." More and more they are centralizing their power, until what is the present situation. We outline it:

1. The "State Secretary" takes

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Question:

Joseph, Genesis 44:1-5: "And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with foods, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth. And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. And as soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses. And when they were gone out of the city, and Baptist churches apostatized to not yet far off, Joseph said unto and gradually there was formed men; and when thou dost overtake we meet this Person again. Moses child after birth. Manoah asks the mind. You do not know what it is. a "hierachy" that culminated in them, say unto them, Wherea full-fledged pope with Gregory fore have ye rewarded evil for not destroyed thereby. Moses turns name. The Angel replies that it is the Great (590-604 A.D.). Here we good? Is not this it in which my aside to examine this strange secret. This Hebrew word "secret" racies that the world has ever he divineth? ye have done evil in the bush. He sees Moses turn ful" in Isaiah 9:6. We know who

and they dare not rebel. When up and handed down to the church, Luther rebelled, his friends had and it must obey or else be brand-

obedience to the pope, they have ecclesiastical "headquarters." If the Lord refers to Himself as the been put to sword. (Example: The a pastor does not toe the mark, God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of tion of the Old Testament teaching slaughter of the Huguenots in he is blacklisted, and effort is Jacob. He tells of His knowledge of about the Angel of the Lord. But France.) Kings were seated and made to prevent him from suc- the condition of the Children of they are enough to teach us clearunseated by the pope in old times. ceeding and from obtaining an Israel and informs Moses of His ly the doctrine relative to this

4. The all-important thing that land. The Methodist church which are NOT free - they do what came from the Church of England they are told, for they fear the is dominated by bishops. The pas- ostracism, the criticism, and the tors are bossed and sent hither discrimination that they know they and you regardless of the Lord's will suffer for any deviation from An Exposition of Hebrews \$17.95

# Angel Of The Lord

(Continued from page one) informs us that "three men stood by him." Therefore, one of the three was God Almighty. I pause to point out that whenever angels appear to men in the Bible, they always appear as men. No halo. No wings. Just as men. At least this is usually the case. In verse Good print in a handy size, 41/2" 9 we learn that this man knew the x 67%" pages. Center References. name of Abraham's wife. In verse 8 10 this Being promises to cause

> Now Sarah and Abraham were past the age of having children and it would take a miracle for them to have a child So Sarah laughed upon hearing this. This Being knew that Sarah laughed though she only laughed within herself, and He rebuked her for it. In verse 14 this Being asks the question: "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Thus identifying Himself and His promise with God and God's almighty power. In verse 17 and following, this Being identifies Himself as the Lord and reveals to Abraham what He is going to do to Sodom. Verse 22 informs us that the two men who were really angels went towards Sodom but Abraham stood yet before the Lord. Verse 33 informs us that the left communing with Abraham. Satan and His Gospel ...... Genesis 19:1 informs us that the Regeneration 27.50 other two men of 18:2 were angels Tithing and they came to Sodom.

Now look at Genesis 22:11-18 as Divine Healing tex Lining, Brown, Black \_\_ 31.95 we meet the Angel of the Lord Christian Liberty Indexing by Special Order only. again. Abraham, in what is prob- The Christian in Romans ably the greatest human example. Seven

knife in hand and is about to slay in this Angel. Isaac. The Angel of the Lord cries to Abraham, and upon Abraham's do urge you to ignore chapter diviresponse, tells him to spare his sion as you read the Bible. So often these! This Angel of the Lord re- ter 6 here continues the incident fers to Himself as God in verse of the last part of chapter 5. Joshua 12. Abraham recognizes this fact is the leader of the Lord's armies. and names the place Jehovah-jireh. He is surveying Jericho and study In verse 15 the Angel of the Lord ing how to attack the city. Likely calls to Abraham again and in he is praying about the matter. A verse 16 calls Himself the Lord, Man appears to him with a drawn "WHAT NOTED HEBREW HAD and in verse 17 and 18 makes sword. Joshua asks if the Man is A MAGIC CUP FOR DIVINA- promises that only a Divine Being for them or against them. The Man

> Being appears again and is refer- to remove his shoes as he is standred to this time as The Angel of ing on holy ground. Then continu-God, and in verse 13 He calls Him- ing without a break this Man-this self the God of Bethel. In Genesis Captain of the Lord's host-gives 32 we have that mysterious night Joshua the battle plan for the descene of the wrestling match be- feat of Jericho in chapter 6, and tween Jacob and a mysterious As- this Man is referred to in 6:2 as sailant. How the commentators the Lord. wrestle with this wrestling match. Who was the man who wrestled Manoah and his wife are without with Jacob through that long night children, but deeply desirous for til the break of day? Jacob knew a child. The Angel of the Lord apwho He was for he named the pears and informs them they are place Peniel which means "the to have a child, and orders them John chapter 1 and other places. face of God."

3. Pastors are largely placed by Person. In verse 6 this Angel of of the Lord, He has seen God. purpose to deliver them.

The Protestant Reformation of is stressed among Baptists today is the promise that an Angel will go what we learn from these Scripthe 16th century did not go back is not sound doctrine but coopera- with Israel in their journeys and tures that I have given. Now let to the Bible - it only made cer- tion in the program devised by give them leadership and victory. tain changes. The Church of Eng- the denomination. If this program They are warned strongly to obey land is not free. It has a system were inspired of Heaven, it this Angel. They are told that the this subject. of bishops - superior clergymen, could not be insisted upon more name of the Lord is in this Angel. and heads up in the King of Eng- strenuously. Pastors in the main "Name" refers to the Being and Lord is a Divine Being. He is God.

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Now look at Joshua 5:13-6:2. I What blessed words were they obscure the Scripture. Chapreplies that He is the Captain of In Genesis 31:11-13, this strange the Lord's hosts and orders Joshua

Now look at Judges 13:16-20. how to act during the carrying of A word reveals. A word gives a Now look at Exodus 3:2-6 and the child and how to deal with the sees a bush burning with fire but Angel of the Lord what is His lord drinketh, and whereby indeed sight. The Angel of the Lord is in is the same as the word "wonderaside. In verse 2 we read, "The the Wonderful One is in Isaiah 9:6. Angel of the Lord," but when this Well, the same name is given to Being speaks in verse 4, we read, the Angel of the Lord in Judges "The Lord saw that he turned 13:18. Furthermore, verse 19 tells aside to see, God called to him out us that the Angel of the Lord did of the midst of the bush." So the wonderously. In verse 22 Manoah Angel of the Lord, the Lord, and lets us know that he is aware of God all refer to the same Divine the fact that in seeing the Angel

Now these are but a small por-Being. And the rest of the Bible on Now notice Exodus 23:20-23. Here this subject is in harmony with us notice some lessons we can learn from these Scriptures and

We learn that the Angel of the Now there is no possibility of doubt about this. If I have not proven from the Word of God the doctrine that the Angel of the Lord is a Divine Person, I should despair of proving anything. I tell you that you can as definitely prove the Deity of the Angel of the Lord as the Father or the Holy Spirit. The Angel of the Lord is God.

prove that the Old Testament thians 10:4 plainly says so. teaches a plurality in the Godhead. 95 ment teaching.

95 to learn from the Scriptures the Lord in blessing to His people. 95 studied in this article is that the Now get this sentence if you for-Angel of the Lord is the Lord get all else. The truth about the 95 Jesus Christ. Oh, beloved, be Angel of the Lord as set forth in 45 lieve me, the footprints of the An. this article shows forth the eternal gel of the Lord on the pages of concern of Jesus Christ for His 95 the Old Testament are none other people and His activities on their than the footprints of our wons behalf. Please read that again. 95 derful and adorable Lord and Sav- The activities of the Angel of the 95 iour, Jesus Christ. The appear. Lord show forth the activities of ance of the Angel of the Lord in Jesus Christ for His people. And 1.00 the O.T. is a Christophany. It is please know that they are as great .75 Christ in the form of a man. At some of those activities? .75 His incarnation He joined His .75 Deity with a human nature for the Revealer of God and the ways of .75 rest of eternity. But previous to .75 that, He often appeared in human .35 form as the Angel of the Lord.

This fact can be connected with .35 Jesus being called "the Word" in

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message. I have something in my I speak it forth to you in words. I reveal by words to you what is in my mind. So God, in His supreme glory is unknown and unknowable. He has in His mind what we can never know. Lo, behold and wonder and worship, Jesus Christ comes forth. He is the "Word of God." He reveals God to us. He reveals the mind and purposes of God to us. He is the "Word." He is the "Angel." We see Him, we know Him, we learn of Him, we love Him, and behold, in so doing, we see, and know and learn of and love God.

This fact explains I Corinthians, 10:4: "For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ." What a mysterious Scripture! What on earth does it mean? The doctrine of the Angel of the Lord explains it to us. The Angel of the Lord is Jesus Christ. Seen or unseen, this Angel was with the Children of Israel in all their journeys. Did they have manna from Heaven? The Angel of the Lord provided it. Did they have water from the rock? The Angel of the Lord gave it to them. Did they win great victories? The Angel of the Lord led them forth and gave them victory. Oh yes, every moment of time and every step of the journey - seen or unyou can the Deity of Jesus Christ or seen - the Angel of the Lord was with them, and the Angel of the Lord is Jesus Christ, and so Jesus From this we see and can easily Christ was with them and I Corin-

This fact helps explain Micah Many seem determined to make 5:2. This Scripture tells of the the plurality of the Godhead to be birthplace of the Messiah - the a doctrine confined to the New spot on the earth that shall be Testament. Not so, beloved. There blessed and made famous forever is God the Father and there is a by the birth of Jesus Christ. But Divine messenger whom He sends Micah informs us that this one forth known as the Angel of the who shall be born in Bethlehem of Lord. There is the Sender and Judah, is one "whose goings forth there is the Sent One with the mes- have been from of old, from ever-95 sage. From this truth then, we see lasting." The Babe of Bethlehem plurality in the Godhead in the Old has an eternal past. He has been Testament. From other Old Testa- going forth long before Bethlehem. ment Scriptures we learn that this How can we explain this. Well, it 95 plurality consists of the Father, needs just believing more than 95 the Son, and the Holy Spirit, it needs explaining. But it is 95 and all of this is clear Old Testa- partly explained by the fact that Jesus, long before Bethlehem, had But the main lesson I want you been going forth as the Angel of

The Angel of the Lord was the (Continued on page 6, column 4)

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"Please reconcile Matthew 11:2-3 with Matthew 11:11."

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The verses (Matt. 11:2,3) in question deal with the words of John the Baptist, while he was in prison and apparently requiring assurance that Christ was all that he him for that — we, too, constantly peaceable assurance in the Word of God!

Christ's statement (Matt. 11:11) in no way stands in conflict with John's question, therefore, no reconciliation is necessary. Our Lord is simply granting to John the favor of His praise - may we when we stand before our Blessed Redeemer, have the joy of His praise "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

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I'm sorry but I don't understand what needs to be reconciled about these two passages.

Matthew 11:2-3 just shows that John, while in prison, was in need of a little assurance, and so he sent some disciples to make sure that Jesus was the Christ. We all get to the place from time to time that we begin to doubt a little and than John." need some reassurance. John was in prison and no doubt started to feel a little depressed.

Matthew 11:11 simply tells us that Christ shows John's greatness here on earth and his position in Heaven. No man can be so great here on earth that he goes beyond the heavenly creation.

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his disciples, and said unto him, from Isaiah 61:1 that the Messiah of the church; receives, dismisses, we look for another?"

say unto you, Among them that are born of women, there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Perhaps I can make clear the situation in the following words: John the Baptist believed that he was the forerunner of the Messiah, called of God to prepare the way for Him. He did this fearlessly, until he encountered the anger of the man in rulership and his wife. This ruler slammed him in jail.

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John had come preaching that the kingdom of Christ was about to appear, but Christ wasn't acting as he thought He would. The political leaders hated Him. Pharisees and Sadducees and Jews in high position repudiated Jesus. They ridiculed the idea of His being the Messiah, and many of the Jewish people followed off after them. How could the kingdom of Christ come when there was such sentiment against Jesus?

"Go back to John and tell him translators have not found. about the things you're seeing the dead are raised and the poor have the gospel preached to them. Blessed is the one who doesn't get offended in me."

As these disciples took off to tell John these things, we can well believe that the crowd that was looking on began to grumble at John, and to comment that they hadn't all along had much confi-



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A question like this one brings me face to face with the fact that about God's precious Word. I hope same office, the overseer of a cause I do not find any satisfactory composed of a number of churches. helps in my little library. As to why John sent his disciples to our classes of elders - preaching eld-Lord, some say one thing while ers and ruling elders. The pastor Take a good look at Matthew others suggest something else, and the ruling elders of a con-Art thou he that should come, or do would open the prison to them that and excludes members. The indiare bound. Still here he was lan- vidual members of the congrega-

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Durant proceed for the contract of the contrac far as he knew his Lord had forgotten all about him. Try to put are all independent of each other, yourself in John's place. You would be thinking that after all you had done for the Lord it would seem and aid; and their decisions are that He could open that old prison for you. You would be perplexed no little. So I feel sure that it was dependent and a pure "democa puzzle to John as to why his Lord racy," and is perfectly competent rible predicament.

need help. There must be some- world. A church self-organized, thing in the original that all the without a council, would be a translators have overlooked. As it church; but it would have no right Here John was in jail and Jesus stands, our Lord seems to be say- to call itself by the name of some wasn't doing anything that even ing that He is no greater than one of the denominations - as the looked like bringing in the king- John. We must remember our Lord Baptist - without their consent, claimed. We certainly cannot fault dom. John came to wonder, "Is it was born of a woman. So if He for the reason that it might hold possible that I have been mis- means that no one born of a wom- doctrinal views and practices which require assurance, and we find taken - that this is not really the an is greater than John, He is would bring discredit on that demyriad promises, which grant us Messiah?" He decided that he automatically saying that John is nomination. would seek to find out, so he sent just as great as He is. That simply two of his disciples to ask Jesus cannot be. He could say that He 'Are you really the Christ or and the Father were one, but He should we look for another?" Jesus would never say that He and some let the disciples of John stand one of Adam's race were one. So around and see the miracles that I repeat, there simply must be He was performing. Then He said, something in the original that the

> Tell him that the blind receive in the kingdom of Heaven was been talking about positional great-

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dence in John, the man who lives ness. John was the herald who was so crudely. Jesus said to them in to announce the coming of the substance, "John is not only the king. So these who will be in the one whom the prophet said would kingdom when our Lord comes be the messenger sent to prepare and sets up His kingdom will be My way, he is as great a man as greater positionally than the herlives on this earth today. But as ald who announced the coming of great as he is, there is a day the kingdom. But most certainly coming when My kingdom will be John will be in that kingdom. Then brought in, and then the very least his position in that kingdom will be in that kingdom will be greater greater than his position as the announcer of it.

### [TITI The "Church"

(Continued from page one)

There are three prominent forms of church government, indicated by the terms, Episcopacy, Presbyterianism, and Independency. Episcopacy recognizes the official superiority of a "diocesan bishop" over the "inferior clergy," as well as "the laity."

In apostolic times, "bishop" and there is so much that I do not know "pastor" were terms signifying the my co-workers will help me, be- single church, not of a diocese

Presbyterianism recognizes two Look now at verse 11, "Verily | guishing in Herod's prison. And so tion have no voice. From the decision of a Session there is an appeal to the Presbytery, which is composed of preaching and ruling elders from a number of churches. From the Presbytery an Assembly, whose decisions are final.

Episcopacy and Presbyterianism thin. imply that it takes several local congregations to make up what is called "the church." We, therefore, often hear of "The Episcopal Church of the United States," "The 7.95 pedient, but it is not Scriptural. self-pronouncing type, dictionary- Add \$4.00 extra for Indexing.

When Paul had occasion to speak BOOKS ON THE CULTS of more than one church, he al- Armstrong's 300 Errorsways used the word "churches," as, "the churches of Galatia," "the churches of Asia." It is therefore improper to speak of the thirty thousand Baptist churches in the United States as "The Baptist Church of the United States"; we should say, "The Baptist Churches of the United States;" for they their "Associations" of churches being merely for mutual sympathy not binding on any church.

Every Baptist church is an inseemed to neglect him in his ter- to do whatever a church can of right do. It is as complete as if When I come to verse 11 I really it were the only church in the

> According to the Baptist view, pastor and deacons), and should sent to any Association of churchis Scriptural, can be easily shown churches, received, excluded, and of their choice? restored members, appointed their own officers, and whose decision in all cases was final.

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The advantages of such a form the governing power of churches of church government are many. rests with the members (including It gives every member in the church a voice in its management; be administered in accordance the rich and influential cannot with New Testament usage. The lord it over the poor. Then each officers of the church can do church knows which of its memnothing without the consent of the bers are best fitted, both spirit-When our Lord said that the least membership. The power of a ually and in a business sense, to church cannot be delegated, either conduct successfully its affairs as their sight, the lame walk, the greater than John, He must have to its officers, or to any delegates church officers. And who are more competent to choose a pastor than es, in any way that will impair those over whom he is to preside? its independency. That such a view How often we see or hear of churches crippled, and their usefrom the conduct of the New Testa- fulness impaired, by pastors who ment churches, that, as individual have been placed over them, not

the action of the council.

Again, it prevents the circulation of doctrinal errors. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Hence it follows, that if a Bap- But among independent Baptist tist church were to call a council churches, it has no opportunity to of sister churches to consider the spread; for a local church, under advisability of ordaining a certain a sense of its responsibility, is person to be their pastor, and quick to detect, and as quick to that council would not be bound stamp out a heresy. It would not by the council's action, and could have to be carried from Presbyordain or not, as it might choose. tery, to Synod, to General Assem-The independency of the church bly, as in the Presbyterian Church, would thus not be impaired by the until the whole denomination was action of the council; but at the divided on it. It was in great part same time, courtesy, and the stand- by a single case of discipline that ing of both church and pastor, (Continued on page 5, column 2)

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how a religious democracy and a loyal as well. We do not mean religious episcopacy can unite to be hung on either horn of this without the sacrifice of principle dilemma, nor do we intend to be on the part of one or both; if a party to hanging anyone else you can manage it, it is none of on either horn of this dilemma. our business, and we would most No man who believes either of certainly bid you "God speed" in the following statements from

And while we do not understand how a denomination that believes in immersion, and immersion alone as baptism, and believes that baptism is one of the conditions of salvation, can unite with people who believe that sprinkling or pouring is baptism, and fight immersion as baptism and administer it only under pressure and in order to get members that would otherwise be lost. But if in spite of this difference a Christ-honoring union can be formed by your denominations, we are glad of the union and will bid those so forming it, "God speed."

While we do not understand how people that believe that baptism only for those who can believe and under the necessity to speak out repent for themselves, can unite about what men demand that we with those who sprinkle babies (who all know cannot believe) and live in peace with them, but if it can be done and a brotherly union and cooperation be preserved we will rejoice in it and bid you "God speed."

### **Our Position Concerning** Cooperative Evangelistic Work

We have a general principle which governs us in all such matters. We do not want to put ourselves in such a position as that we will be compelled to be disloyal to Christ in order to be courteous to our brethren with whom we do not agree, or else be discourteous to our brethren in order to maintain our loyalty and obedience to Christ. We look upon the truth we hold, wherein we differ from others, as a peculiar trust committed to us. We think that to fail to hold it ourselves as sacred and inviolate, and to fail to teach it to others is both disobedience and disloyalty to Christ. We think that to be silent when Christ would have us speak is disobedience to Him, and is a practical denial of Him.

We believe that if we are to go into union or co-operative meetings with others, who do not agree with us, and a preacher of some other faith were to be the spokesman for all of us, that in order to show proper courtesy to his cooperating brethren the preacher would be restrained from preaching some of the things which The Reign of Graceshould be preached because he thinks our Lord commanded it. We know that if he withheld speech where he felt the Lord would have The Office and Work of the him speak, that he would be disloyal to Christ. This we would not have him do under any circumstances. We feel that if we were in a union meeting and the preacher were to preach what we consider the most deadly heresy, Biblical Numerology (A Basic though something we knew he and his people held before we entered the union service, we would be compelled to keep silent because he had a right to preach what he and his people believe, for this is the right of every American citizen. We know that if we kept silent that by many our silence would be interpreted to be endorsement of what we consider to be error. We do not propose to be put in such a position.

We know also that if we went True or False?-David into a union meeting with brethren, with whom we were not in What The Bible Says About agreement in doctrine, and one of our brethren was the preacher, Divine Inspiration of the and should preach all we believe he should be justly considered dis- Angels-God's Secret Agentscourteous. If, on the other hand, he, for the sake of being courteous Can the Dead Communicate to the co-operating brethren, were to withhold a part of the message that he considered a part of God's Whosoever Will-Herman message to the world, he would

While we do not understand be disobedient to Christ and dis- sage in the Bible. the New Testament, can enter a union meeting and be loyal to Christ:

> my commandments" John 15:15 (American revised version), or "If any man love me, he will keep my words," John 14:23 (American revised version), or "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you," can consent to ask anyone to withhold any word he thinks Christ commands. Nor will thinks loyalty to Christ demands that he should speak.

> We are sure that the very demand upon the part of men, that we should keep silent about any part of God's message puts us should keep silent on. The man who under such circumstances keeps silent denies his Lord and is traitor to Him. - J. W. Gillon.

Ed. Note: This was written approximately 50 years ago as J. W. Gillon's courteous but positive Heavenly Citizenship refusal to have part in a union revival effort. It still answers all unionists.

# The "Church"

(Continued from page 4) the Presbyterian denomination in this country was divided into the Old and New Schools; and a petty dispute in a small parish has been known to embroil the whole Eng-

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"If ye love me, ye will keep of doctrine, in spite of the independence of the churches, has been, and is, a matter of surprise, and can only be accounted for by the fact, that they derive their doctrinal views directly from the New Testament Scriptures.

More satisfactory corrective discipline can also be obtained by the "independent" method of he consent to be silent when he church government. A member is quietly approached according to the rule mentioned by Christ (Matt. 18:15, 17); every opportunity is given here to explain and confess; and if, after a full hearing, it is deemed best for the glory of God and the good of the church to exclude him, he is excluded; and the world at large knows nothing of it, and the denomination is not scandalized, or rent by his misconduct.

(Continued from page one) He owned no foot of earth; and between the cradle and the grave was a sojourn in which "the Son of man had not where to lay His head." The mountain top whither He constantly withdraw to commune with His Father was the nearest to His home. And hence there is a strange, pathetic meaning in that saying, "And every man went unto his own house; Jesus went unto the Mount of Olives."

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### so it is to be with His disciples. Jesus," as He has entered in by "For our citizenship is in Heaven," says the apostle. Herein is the saying of Lady Powerscourt true: looks up from earth to Heaven, but one who looks down from Heaven to earth." A celestial nativity implies a celestial residence; and with a certain divine contemplate the sordid, self-seeking children of this present evil age and say, with his Lord: "Ye are from beneath; I am from above;

that to say this truly and to live it really may subject us to the experience indicated by the apostle: in the apology which an old rement which he and his friends received from the men of this world. "they do not understand court manners or the etiquette of Heaven, never having been in that country from whence we come; therefore it is that our ways seem strange to them." Would that in the Christians of today celestial traits were so conspicuous as to occasion like remark! Perhaps it is because there are so few high saints in the church that there are 4.95 plane.

What means that lofty address 1.00 brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling"? (Heb. 3:1). The reference is not merely to our final destiny as those who are 10.95 to be called up to Heaven, but to our present service as those who Lord-R. C. Trench \_\_\_\_\_ 2.95 have come down from Heaven; sons of God rejoicing in a celestial F. Walvoord \_\_\_\_\_ 3.50 birth, bringing the air and manners of glory into a world that knows not God. As such we are exhorted to "consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profes-John F. Walvoord \_\_\_\_\_ 6.95 sion, Christ Jesus"; an apostle being one who comes forth from -Benjamin B. Warfield \_\_ 5.95 God, and an high priest one who goes in unto God. And Christ Jesus not only fulfills both these 5.95 offices in Himself, as He says. "I came forth from the Father again I leave the world and go to Watson 7.95 the Father," but He makes us partakers with Him of the same heavenly calling, sending us into the Octavius Winslow ...... 1.45 world, as the Father hath sent Him, and permitting us "to enter 1.95 Testament-Leon J. Wood 3.95 into the holiest by the blood of

### THANK YOU GOD

He gave Himself that life we might receive. My pen seems to run dry as I would explain My wonderings of God's purpose for man. Yet the Word explains it ever so plain, As it carefully lays out all of God's plan. Before He even the World would create God knew you and me and our future fate!

God would someday have to send us His Son To be born of a virgin, from sin free. He had to be our justification; Was born to die, shed His blood on a tree. Our only hope is in Him to believe. He gave Himself that life we might receive.

I thank you God our sin you did sever. I thank you God that you gave us your love. I thank you God that our life is forever, I thank you God that you returned above. You're preparing that place for us to come, Your Spirit in us, until we reach home.

> -HERB ENGELSON Melbourne, Florida

'The Christian is not one who ye are of this world; I am not of this world."

Let us be admonished, however, "Therefore the world knoweth us not because it knew Him not." There is a certain quaint beauty former made for the hard treat-'Why, brethren," he would say, down from an exalted spiritual

cept by a church that reaches himself such an epitaph as that to the apostle, "Wherefore, holy food and raiment and content-An impracticable ideal, it will

His own blood.

Confessing that our citizenship is in Heaven, it should be easily determined what our conduct and bearing towards the world must be. One is expected to pay taxes and make investments where he holds residence. Therefore, all calls to bountiful giving and all demands condescension may the Christian for rigid self-denial are to be esteemed as reasonable assessments, not as gratuities. Christianity is no paradox, in which believers are required to do peculiar things for the sake of being peculiar, and to exhibit startling contradictions for the sake of arousing the contradiction of sinners against themselves. When we are called to lay up treasures in Heaven, it is because that is our country; when we are enjoined not to love the world, neither the things that are in the world, it is because this is not our country.

> Two practical errors spring from an earthly theology, viz., that the world is the Christian's home, and

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so many low sinners outside the the grave the Christian's hope. On church, since the ungodly can the contrary, one possessed of a never be powerfully lifted up ex- clear advent faith would choose for which Dean Alford composed for his tomb: "The inn of a traveler on his way to Jerusalem." Ah, yes, that is it! A pilgrim's portion, ment therewith; the mansion which fortune has provided, or the cabin which penury has reared, each alike counted a hospice where one lodges, as "a pilgrim and stranger in the earth"; and the grave a narrow inn whose windows look towards the sunrising. where the sojourner sleeps till break of day - this, without question, is the ideal of the Christian life as outlined in the Gospel.

> be said. But it was not so in the beginning. To say nothing of apostolic Christianity, let us ask what it was that gave the Christianity of the first two centuries such extraordinary vigor in its conflict with heathenism. An eminent writer, Gerhard Uhlhorn, has shown with a graphic hand (Continued on Page 7, Column 4)

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### THE GOOD FIGHT

Be strong in the Lord, in the power of His might, When He calls you to battle, then fear not the fight; If summoned to witness, face bravely the throng While the battle is raging, in faith be you strong.

We live in a day when but few fear His name; The majority glory and pride in their shame, They search not the Scriptures to find out God's will, But drink at the broken cisterns their fill.

God has been forsaken by church and by state To such an extent that His precepts they hate; And wolves in sheep's clothing lead people astray To make them believe there is no narrow way.

Great minds in high places believe but a lie, And the truth of God's word arrogantly deny; O great is their guilt in deceiving the nation, While at the same time undermining their station!

'Tis true they enjoy a prosperous lot, But to attribute this to the Giver they ought; O that divine love by the masses were found! The praise and the glory to God would redound.

'Tis time to awake, Christian, gird yourself now With the strength of the Spirit, and show the world how A return to the Bible might reverse the trend; What country would covet an untimely end?

-Contributed

# Halliman Would Like Letters Of Advice On Mission Areas

By FRED T. HALLIMAN Missionary To New Guinea

Dear friends.

to get a letter out to you and now grace of God into lasciviousness, I count it a joy to be able to send you word of the mission work in New Guinea.

While we work under adverse conditions here many times, we have not had to do so to the same degree that most of America has had to do for the past few months. We have been keeping up with the news pretty well regarding the severe winter that has covered most of America and have been much in prayer regarding the situation, especially the areas that are so severely affected by fuel shortage. As a contrast, we have continued to enjoy 70 to 80 degree weather during the day and no cooler than 55 at night.

We have many problems, but in spite of them all, God continues to bless the work here and it continues to grow. Our services are well attended most of the time. Right after I returned from Amer- and denying the only Lord God, ica last October, I started teach- and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude thick, ing the book of Revelation here 3-4). at the church on the Mission Sta- However, while several around tion. I have taught most of the here are saying of me like Festus books of the Bible, and some sev- said of Paul, ". . . thou art beside eral times, over the years that I thyself" (Acts 26:24), I freely ". . have been here, but have never confess . . . that after the way seen such interest shown in any which they call heresy, so worship portion of the Bible as is being I God of my fathers, believing all shown in the study on Revelation, things which are written in the For nearly three months now our law and in the prophets" (Acts attendance has averaged about 400 24:14). per service. During the month of Recently, we have been battling thick January we held services every with the Universal Church crowd. day except Monday and Saturday I should re-state that and say a and then again this week we have part of the Universal Church done the same. I believe that I crowd, for I know of none of the could say without any fear of con-religious groups here, including the tradiction that this is the only Australian Baptists, but what beplace in all of Papua, New Gui- lieve in the Universal Church. This nea where this book has ever been heresy of course leads to all sorts taught. It is a real blessing to see of other heresies. God's people show so much in- About two weeks ago, folk from

should we elect to go along with ies and not all of them were black, the religious crowd, but when we converged on the Mission Station, "Preach the Word: be instant in demanding among other things, an season, out of season; reprove, re- explanation as to why we of the buke, exhort with all longsuffering Sovereign Grace Baptist Mission and doctrine," we find that the baptized all that came to us from time has already "... come when their missions. For almost four they will not endure sound doc- hours I argued with these heretics trine" (II Tim. 4:2-3). When we regarding the Lord's church and

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". . . earnestly contend for the let me know what you think. With faith which was once for all de- enough resources and manpower, livered unto the saints," we are there is no limit to where we could immediately confronted with ". . . go here in New Guinea. Greetings to each of you from certain men . . . who were before Papua, New Guinea. It has been of old ordained to this condemna- Papua, New Guineans that we talk some time since I have been able tion, ungodly men, turning the



FRED T. HALLIMAN

terest in His blessed Word, four different Mission Stations, Our ministry could be easy here, mostly the pastors and missionarfinally had to close the discussions THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and walk off due to the fact that they were almost ready to stone \*\*\*\*Indexing by Special Order Only. Re-Entry-John Wesley White

me. It has been a long time since

I have seen a mob so mad and some of the last words spoken were by the opposing crowd threatening me with violence, if I ever came back to what they call "their area" to preach.

Since then they have tried twice, unsuccessfully, to drag me into court over the fact that I refuse to stop baptizing all that come from their organizations. They Heavenly Hope \_\_\_\_\_ have threatened to do bodily harm Divine Order of the Sexes \_\_\_ to our pastors and missionaries and burn the Baptist church buildings down, but we keep right on going and preaching the truth, expecting God to fight our battles for us and He is doing a much better job than we could do. As each time in the past, when persecution like this has arisen, our work has been strengthened both numerically and spiritually.

asking me now for over a year to put in a Mission Station. As yet, fied with soup since. I do not know what the Lord would have me to do. One of the purposes of this trip, is to try to discern the will of the Lord in the matter. In my last letter to TBE. I asked for as many of you as desired to write to me and give me your opinion on the matter and to date I have heard from no one on the matter, however, as I write this, there has not been time for any replies. I trust that several of you, especially the supporters of the work will write to me and

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to from other mission groups that attend our services is as follows: "We get nothing but soup where we go, but you Baptist feed the people on strong meat." Even for the New Guinea native, it only takes a service or two until they can tell a marked difference in The Lord willing, next week on what we preach and what they Tuesday, I plan to go on a mis- are used to. I can well remember sion patrol. I will be going over when I was quite satisfied with a into the Huli area. This is the spiritual "soup" diet, but once I area where the people have been got a taste of the strong meat of the Word, I have never been satis-

As yet I have not been able to patrol into the Pori-Auwi Valley where we have a large work, but expect to be going there before too long after I return from this trip. May the Lord bless each of

### TELITI. Angel Of The Lord

(Continued from page three) the Triune God.

Angel of the Lord guided the chilto stay there. When to start out again. Where to go as they went in the Cloud and in the Pillar of Fire. He was leading them. So does the dear Lord Jesus lead us today. Oh, to be aware of this! To look for and ask for that leading. And to follow it when it is

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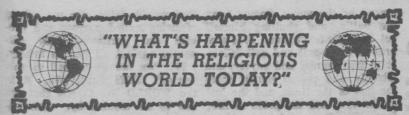
dren of Israel. Two million people in a waste and howling wilderness. No convenient stores or supermarkets nearby. No clothing goods stores, no drug stores. What will they do? How can they possibly survive? The Angel of the Lord is there. He provides food. He provides water. He (Vol. 3) Him a selited to 1.50 healeth them of their sickness. He .30 causes their clothes to last for .15 forty years. He sees that all needs are met. So does Jesus supply the needs of His people today. He supplies all their needs according to His riches in glory. They shall lack nothing that they truly need.

> The Angel of the Lord was the Protector of Israel. He led them in battle and gave them every victory they achieved. It was not by might or strength they conquered. So Jesus protects us, and leads us and gives us victory in our lives and in our service for Him. Not always. Oh, not always. Not as often as it should have been and could have been. I say this to my shame. But to God's glory, I will say that I have known the victory. I have had victories in my life. I have had victories in serving the Lord. Oh, blessed hours! Blessed songs of victory over some problem, some temptation, some trouble. Yes, praise God! I have known some victories. And I know where they come from. Jesus is the one who is the Giver of Victory to His people.

The Angel of the Lord — unseen or seen - was the ever-present God to God's People. So Jesus Companion of the children of Christ reveals God to us. I know, Israel. I Corinthians 10:4 says that love, and worship Him. In so Rock followed them. That Rock doing, I know, love and adore the was the Angel of the Lord. That Triune God of the Bible. I study Rock was Jesus Christ - always the Bible about Jesus Christ. I there - ever present. And so it is get to know Him better through with Jesus. He is always there. He fellowship with Him. And as I do is ever present. He will never this I learn more and more about leave or forsake a one of His own. We may not be aware of His pres-The Angel of the Lord was the ence. We may not draw the bless-Leader of God's people. Jesus is ings we could from His presence, my Leader. He tells me through but He is there. In the dark hours His Word what I am to do and of the night, in the sadness, in not to do. He leads me through the conflict, He is there. And, oh, His ordering of the events of Prov- how blessed it is when we become idence. He leads me as He speaks aware of His presence and turn to my soul, and He does speak to to Him for leadership, for strength, the souls of His people. The for supplies, for victory, and yes - when there is nothing else, no dren of Israel through the wilder- special need - just to turn to ness. Where to stop. How long Him for companionship! Oh, no earthly joy can compare with the blessedness of just having comforth. The Angel of the Lord was panionship and fellowship, with Jesus Christ! Yes, He is always

The Angel of the Lord in the Old Testament — Jesus Christ in the New Testament. One and the same Being. Doing the same wonderful things for the people of God. I The Angel of the Lord was the hope that from this day forth, Provider of the needs of the chil- you will never be able to read the words "the Angel of the Lord" in the Old Testament without there discerning with Spirit-taught discernment the wonderful person of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Lord bless you all!

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A General Motors spokesman, nance it, could not understand the Director Zeffirelli told a news objection. He said a panel of "norepresentative of the Vatican, had would be delighted to have the film

> To protest the showing of THE LIFE OF CHRIST, write to Mr. E. M. Estes, president, General Motors Corporation, 11-265 GM Building, Detroit, Michigan 48202, or Mr Herbert S. Schlosser, National Broadcasting Company, 30

Louis Hillendahl, pastor of the e, Ill., says a counseling pro- Grace Abounding to the am conducted by his church inded nude therapy sessions.

Mr. Hillendahl, 56, said the sessions were held with 20 to 25 men Pilgrim's Progress in ... 1.45 and women participating. At least one of the sessions was held in the

Pastor Hillendahl said Robert 39.95 Schumm, the United Methodist Church's district superintendent, "was kept informed about what we were doing and said that we had

Bishop Paul Washburn, head of 1.25 the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church, and Man?—Brownlow North .... 1.45 his cabinet of seven clerics have charged Hillendahl with "impru-..... 1.45 dent conduct and unministerial behavior" for organizing nude therapy sessions for his parishioners. \_\_\_ 11.95 (Adapted from METHODIST OB-SERVER, 2-77).

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> 10.6 per cent, from 1970 to 1976. in Denmark, Sweden, France, The elementary school age popula-Italy, and Israel. tion (5-13) dropped by 5.8 million or 10.1 per cent.

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He said the Kaufmans, and other members, knew they were obligating themselves when they joined the synagogue.

LONDON (EP) - Danish filmmaker Jens Joergen Thorsen, who caused a nationwide controversy in Britain last year when he announced plans to produce a pornographic movie there on the "sex life" of Jesus, has been barred from entering the country.

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> David Shortridge, in an article published by the Geographical Review, said the "buckle" of the belt is in Jackson, Miss. He based his observation on research gathered during a two-year study.

> "Mencken, if one reads his writings, particularly hated the Southern Baptists and Methodists," Shortridge said. "I think the Methodists have changed, from very conservative to the liberal side. And I think that's carried Kansas

> "Mencken wasn't wrong. I think that times have changed.'

The professor predicted that the religiously because of the election Delegate Decatur W. Trotter (D- of Jimmy Carter as President.

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Our Lord set forth His depart- work of gathering out a people ure from the world under the par- for His name. able of "a certain nobleman who But, lest we fall into fatal error, He shall return to reign over the of apostasy.

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those who, like their Lord, have been sent hither to accomplish the

went into a far country to receive let us not imagine that we are for himself a kingdom, and to re- reigning with Christ on the earth, turn" (Luke 19:12). As a Roman, or that the kingdom of God has living in Judea, on appointment to been set up in the world. The the governorship of that province, church's earthly career during the would go to Rome to be invested present age is the exact facsimile with office, and then return to of her Lord's - a career of exile rule, so Christ has gone to Heav- rather than of exaltation; of reen to be invested with the king- jection rather than of rule; of ship of the world, and now He and crossbearing rather than of scep-His watchful servants are eagerly tre-bearing. Grasping at earthly waiting for the same thing; He sit- sovereignty for the church while ting at God's right hand "expect- the Sovereign Himself is still abing till His enemies be made His sent has proved, as we shall show footstool," and they expecting till hereafter, the most fruitful root

It may be said that this picture of the church, as despised and rejected in the world, suffering, outcast, and in exile, does not correspond to the facts. Not to the facts of our own generation, we world, even as I am not of the admit, wherein the world is on such excellent terms with Chris-"kingdom of God," the "kingdom tians. But that it represents the character of the dispensation as a whole cannot be questioned, and "born from above." True, when we recall the Dark Ages and this kingdom is now in the world martyr ages of the Christian era; the prisons, and racks, and dungeons, and stakes, which stretch on through so large a portion of Brevier Clarendon Reference Bible this age. And the pictures of These wide margin Bibles are prophecy are composite pictures, intended for pastors, teachers, and gathering up the main features of students. Generous margins and the entire dispensation and preruled note paper provide space senting them in one. Viewed thus, for personal notes. The text is prediction and history perfectly

> "The kingdom is now here in mystery, and to be here hereafter in manifestation," one has tersely put it. And to this the predicted destiny of believers corresponds. "Your life is hid with Christ in God; when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory" (Col. 3:4). "Sons of God, therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not" (I John 3:1). "The earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God" (Rom. 8:19). "If we suffer, we shall (Continued on Page 8, Column 1)

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### THE GOOD FIGHT

Be strong in the Lord, in the power of His might, When He calls you to battle, then fear not the fight; If summoned to witness, face bravely the throng While the battle is raging, in faith be you strong.

We live in a day when but few fear His name; The majority glory and pride in their shame, They search not the Scriptures to find out God's will, But drink at the broken cisterns their fill.

God has been forsaken by church and by state To such an extent that His precepts they hate; And wolves in sheep's clothing lead people astray To make them believe there is no narrow way.

Great minds in high places believe but a lie, And the truth of God's word arrogantly deny; O great is their guilt in deceiving the nation, While at the same time undermining their station!

'Tis true they enjoy a prosperous lot, But to attribute this to the Giver they ought; O that divine love by the masses were found! The praise and the glory to God would redound.

'Tis time to awake, Christian, gird yourself now With the strength of the Spirit, and show the world how A return to the Bible might reverse the trend; What country would covet an untimely end?

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By FRED T. HALLIMAN Missionary To New Guinea

to get a letter out to you and now grace of God into lasciviousness, I count it a joy to be able to send you word of the mission work in New Guinea.

While we work under adverse conditions here many times, we have not had to do so to the same degree that most of America has had to do for the past few months. We have been keeping up with the news pretty well regarding the severe winter that has covered most of America and have been much in prayer regarding the situation, especially the areas that are so severely affected by fuel shortage. As a contrast, we have continued to enjoy 70 to 80 degree weather during the day and no cooler than 55 at night.

We have many problems, but in spite of them all, God continues to bless the work here and it continues to grow. Our services are well attended most of the time. Right after I returned from Amer- and denying the only Lord God, ica last October, I started teach- and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude thick ing the book of Revelation here 3-4). at the church on the Mission Sta- However, while several around tion. I have taught most of the here are saying of me like Festus books of the Bible, and some sev- said of Paul, ". . . thou art beside eral times, over the years that I thyself" (Acts 26:24), I freely ". . portion of the Bible as is being I God of my fathers, believing all attendance has averaged about 400 24:14). per service. During the month of Recently, we have been battling thick. day except Monday and Saturday I should re-state that and say a and then again this week we have part of the Universal Church done the same. I believe that I crowd, for I know of none of the could say without any fear of con-religious groups here, including the tradiction that this is the only Australian Baptists, but what beplace in all of Papua, New Gui- lieve in the Universal Church. This taught. It is a real blessing to see of other heresies. God's people show so much in- About two weeks ago, folk from terest in His blessed Word.

should we elect to go along with ies and not all of them were black, the religious crowd, but when we converged on the Mission Station, they will not endure sound doc- hours I argued with these heretics trine" (II Tim. 4:2-3). When we regarding the Lord's church and

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". . . earnestly contend for the let me know what you think. With faith which was once for all de- enough resources and manpower, livered unto the saints," we are there is no limit to where we could doing, I know, love and adore the was the Angel of the Lord. That immediately confronted with "... go here in New Guinea. Greetings to each of you from certain men . . . who were before Papua, New Guinea. It has been of old ordained to this condemna- Papua, New Guineans that we talk some time since I have been able tion, ungodly men, turning the



FRED T. HALLIMAN

have been here, but have never confess . . . that after the way seen such interest shown in any which they call heresy, so worship shown in the study on Revelation. things which are written in the For nearly three months now our law and in the prophets" (Acts

January we held services every with the Universal Church crowd. nea where this book has ever been heresy of course leads to all sorts

four different Mission Stations, Our ministry could be easy here, mostly the pastors and missionar-"Preach the Word: be instant in demanding among other things, an season, out of season; reprove, re- explanation as to why we of the buke, exhort with all longsuffering Sovereign Grace Baptist Mission and doctrine," we find that the baptized all that came to us from time has already ". . . come when their missions. For almost four finally had to close the discussions THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and walk off due to the fact that they were almost ready to stone \*\*\*Indexing by Special Order Only. Re-Entry-John Wesley White me. It has been a long time since

I have seen a mob so mad and some of the last words spoken were by the opposing crowd threatening me with violence, if I ever came back to what they call "their area" to preach.

Since then they have tried twice, unsuccessfully, to drag me into court over the fact that I refuse to stop baptizing all that come from their organizations. They Heavenly Hope \_\_\_\_\_ have threatened to do bodily harm Divine Order of the Sexes \_\_\_ to our pastors and missionaries and burn the Baptist church buildings down, but we keep right on going and preaching the truth, expecting God to fight our battles for us and He is doing a much better job than we could do. As each time in the past, when persecution like this has arisen, our work has been strengthened both numerically and spiritually.

asking me now for over a year to put in a Mission Station. As yet, fied with soup since. I do not know what the Lord would have me to do. One of the purposes of this trip, is to try to discern the will of the Lord in the matter. In my last letter to TBE, I asked for as many of you as desired to write to me and give me your opinion on the matter and to date I have heard from no one on the matter, however, as I write this, there has not been time for any replies. I trust that several

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As yet I have not been able to patrol into the Pori-Auwi Valley expect to be going there before too long after I return from this trip. May the Lord bless each of

### MIT Angel Of The Lord

(Continued from page three) of the work will write to me and God to God's People. So Jesus Companion of the children of Christ reveals God to us. I know, Israel. I Corinthians 10:4 says that love, and worship Him. In so Rock followed them. That Rock the Bible about Jesus Christ. I there - ever present. And so it is the Triune God.

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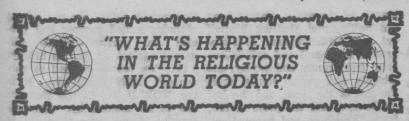
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The Angel of the Lord was the Protector of Israel. He led them in battle and gave them every victory they achieved. It was not by might or strength they conquered. So Jesus protects us, and leads us and gives us victory in our lives and in our service for Him. Not always. Oh, not always. Not as often as it should have been and could have been. I say this to my shame. But to God's glory, I will say that I have known the victory. I have had victories in my life. I have had victories in serving the Lord. Oh, blessed where we have a large work, but hours! Blessed songs of victory over some problem, some temptation, some trouble. Yes, praise God! I have known some victories. And I know where they come from. Jesus is the one who is the Giver of Victory to His people.

The Angel of the Lord - unseen or seen - was the ever-present Triune God of the Bible. I study Rock was Jesus Christ - always get to know Him better through with Jesus. He is always there. He fellowship with Him. And as I do is ever present. He will never this I learn more and more about leave or forsake a one of His own. We may not be aware of His pres-The Angel of the Lord was the ence. We may not draw the bless-Leader of God's people. Jesus is ings we could from His presence, my Leader. He tells me through but He is there. In the dark hours His Word what I am to do and of the night, in the sadness, in not to do. He leads me through the conflict, He is there: And, oh, His ordering of the events of Prov- how blessed it is when we become idence. He leads me as He speaks aware of His presence and turn to my soul, and He does speak to to Him for leadership, for strength, the souls of His people. The for supplies, for victory, and yes - when there is nothing else, no special need - just to turn to ness. Where to stop. How long Him for companionship! Oh, no to stay there. When to start out earthly joy can compare with the again. Where to go as they went blessedness of just having comforth. The Angel of the Lord was panionship and fellowship with Jesus Christ! Yes, He is always

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He had proposed making mandatory a "silent meditation" measure which is voluntary in Prince Georges County schools. That change is necessary, he told the committee, because of "the great deal of violence, disruption and disorder" influencing students in today's so-

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LONDON (EP) - Danish filmmaker Jens Joergen Thorsen, who caused a nationwide controversy in Britain last year when he announced plans to produce a pornographic movie there on the "sex life" of Jesus, has been barred from entering the country.

Mr. Thorsen was detained when he flew into London's Heathrow Airport from Copenhagen on Feb. 9 and referred to the Home Office (Interior Ministry). Later, Home Secretary Merlyn Rees announced in the House of Commons that Mr. Thorsen's entry into Britain was "not conducive to the public good" and that Mr. Thorsen would be sent back to Copenhagen later in the day.

The number of children under been refused permission to film The Danish movie producer has 10.6 per cent, from 1970 to 1976. in Denmark, Sweden, France,

> LAWRENCE, Kans. (EP) - The "Bible Belt" of America, a term coined by H. L. Mencken a generation ago to describe the Midwest, has shifted about 1,000 miles to the south, a University of Kansas geology professor contends.

> David Shortridge, in an article published by the Geographical Review, said the "buckle" of the belt is in Jackson, Miss. He based his observation on research gathered during a two-year study.

> "Mencken, if one reads his writings, particularly hated the Southern Baptists and Methodists." Shortridge said. "I think the Methodists have changed, from very conservative to the liberal side. And I think that's carried Kansas

> "Mencken wasn't wrong. I think that times have changed.'

The professor predicted that the religiously because of the election

(Continued from page five) that it was just this quality of absolute unworldiness which constituted the secret of its power. The men who conquered the Roman Empire for Christ bore the aspect of invaders from another world, who absolutely refused to be naturalized to this world. Their conduct filled their heathen neighbors with the strangest perplexity: they were so careless of life, so careful of conscience, so prodigal of their own blood, so confident of the overcoming power of the blood of the Lamb, so unsubdued to the customs of the country in which they sojourned, so mindful of the manners of "that country from whence Reports reaching here indicate they came out." The help of the that the transfer involves more world, the patronage of its rulers, than three million students and 80,- the loan of its resources, the use 000 teachers. Even when the gov- of its methods, they utterly reernment nationalized the primary fused, lest by employing these they Yet in view of the constant rein- tates who do not believe in the and secondary schools, 80 per cent might compromise their King. An of the public schools continued to invading army maintained from an be administered by various church invisible base, and placing more confidence in the leadership of an port of Brother Fred I. Halliman unseen Commander than in all im- to: MIAMI (EP) - Members of Mi- perial help that might be proffered, E. M. Estes, president, General ami's Beth David Synagogue were - this was what so bewildered recipients of court summons to and angered the heathen, who help assist the facility in financial often desired to make friends with the Christians without abandoning their own gods. But there can be no reasonable doubt that ed to Richard and Nina Kaufman, that age in which the church from the world was the age in mission works. which Christianity was most victorious in the world.

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ure from the world under the par- for His name. able of "a certain nobleman who He shall return to reign over the of apostasy.

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It may be said that this picture of the church, as despised and rejected in the world, suffering, outcast, and in exile, does not correspond to the facts. Not to the facts of our own generation, we admit, wherein the world is on such excellent terms with Chris-"kingdom of God," the "kingdom tians. But that it represents the character of the dispensation as a whole cannot be questioned, and "born from above." True, when we recall the Dark Ages and this kingdom is now in the world martyr ages of the Christian era; the prisons, and racks, and dungeons, and stakes, which stretch on through so large a portion of Brevier Clarendon Reference Bible this age. And the pictures of These wide margin Bibles are prophecy are composite pictures, intended for pastors, teachers, and gathering up the main features of students. Generous margins and the entire dispensation and preruled note paper provide space senting them in one. Viewed thus,

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## Can Baptismal Remission Be Found In Acts 2:38?

By PROF. A. T. ROBERTSON

Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

This is one of the passages appealed to in support of the doctrine of baptismal remission. Advocates of the sacramental theory of salvation insist that "unto" ("eis") here has to mean "in order to" and that Peter clearly makes baptism a prerequisite to the remission of sins. But such a position breaks down so far as "eis" is concerned, for this preposition is frequently employed where purpose is impossible. We have such an example in Matthew

reign with Him" (II Tim. 2:12). opprobrium, and torn by persecu-Obscurity, rejection, exile, and tion, and beaten by hireling sheptrial in the world now; manifesta- herds, and the end is not yet; for, tion, vindication, enthronement, as good Samuel Rutherford says, when the King comes — this is "So long as any portion of Christ's the foretold calling of the children saints are out of Heaven, Satan will strike at them."

However favored in our times, the extraordinary triumphs of the it has the promise of the kingdom, gospel which have characterized in which rejection shall give place this nineteenth century, may tend to rule, and crucifixion to coronato seduce us into the notion that tion. When? "And when the Chief the kingdom has already come, Shepherd shall appear, ye shall rethough the nobleman who had ceive a crown of glory that fadeth gone into a far country has not not away" (I Pet. 5:4). Whatyet returned. That we may think ever temporary respite from pertruly on this subject, let us hear secution we may enjoy, so that our Lord's voice, saying: "Fear for the time it may be said as of er's good pleasure to give you the no permanent peace is guarankingdom" (Luke 12:32). In spite teed until the Lord's return. "And of widespread conquests of the to you who are troubled, rest with gospel the church is still "a little us when the Lord Jesus shall be flock," amid the vast population revealed from Heaven" (II Thess.

10:41, 42: "He that receiveth a Please explain Acts 2:38: "And prophet in ("eis,") the name of a reward! and he that receiveth a in the name of Jesus Christ unto righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And who soever shall give a drink unto suade you to remain in the midst This is our standard. cold water only in ("eis") the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward." Here we have "eis" impossible. "In the name of" one because he is a prophet, a lies of earth? Is it not written righteous man, a disciple, not in "Who hath delivered us from this Shall we rise up from praise to order to make one a prophet, a present evil world, according to sit down at the cardtable? Let us righteous man, a disciple.

So in Matthew 12:41 we read, "The men of Nineveh shall stand thing." "Touch not, taste not, hateful. up in the judgment with this gen- handle not." Keep aloft from all eration; and shall condemn it: for they repented at ("eis") the preaching of Jonah; and behold a greater than Jonah is here." The book of Jonah shows that the preaching of Jonah led to the repentance of Nineveh, not the repentance leading to the preaching. As a matter of fact Jonah was indignant at their repentance and the sparing of the city which upset his prophecy of the destruction of the city.

There are many more instances Jan in the New Testament where "eis" cannot have the motive of purpose. The preposition can be so employed, but this is only one of many usages. It is perfectly good Greek to translate "eis" 'because of' in Acts 2:38, "Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ because of the remission of your sins." The Revised Version uses the colorless translation "unto" (or "with reference to"), which allows any application that one may wish.

The simple truth is that Acts 2:38 must be interpreted in harmony with the general trend of the New Testament teaching on the subject of repentance and baptism. Repentance, faith and confession precede the baptism. Regeneration of the new life is symbolized by baptism, but is not caused by the ordinance. Those that believed were baptized because they had been saved, not in order to be saved. Ceremonialism crucified Christ and clashed with spiritual Christianity. It is inconceivable that this would have been true if Jesus and the apostles had taught ceremonial salvation. -WESTERN RECORDER

### SET APART

By HORATIUS BONAR

"They were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works" (Psalm 106:35).

God meant Israel to "dwell alone," to keep aloof from the nations round about, lest they should learn their works and walk in their ways, and forsake Himself, the "living and the true God!" This isolation might be set down as pride, self-esteem, assumption of religious superiority; but it was done by the command of Jehovah, and was meant both as a testimony against evil and as a preservation against the snares around. Israel was to be "holy unto the Lord," and, as such, was not to be "numbered among the nations."

Thus God has "set apart" the church. It is to dwell alone. "In the world," but not "of the world"; hearing each day from Himself T the solemn words, "Love not the world," and the still more solemn warning, "The friendship of the world is enmity with God."

This is not the isolation of the P

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hermit or the monk, fleeing from that would defile. Be not afraid aration from evil and evil fellow- nesses against all that is unholy. and abominable idolatries."

I. "Come out from among them" (II Cor. 6:17). Let nothing perin Chaldea: "Get thee out."

II. "Be ye separate." What have aim. used where design is absolutely you to do with a world which lieth in wickedness? What has a man with Belial?" Shall we go from means "because one is." In each that has risen with Christ to do the communion table to the theinstance the reception is accorded with the vanities, gayeties and fol- ater? Shall we drive from the the will of God our Father?"

the battle, and shutting himself of being called narrow and preout from his fellowman. It is sep- cise and puritanical. Be wit-

ship; from vanity and gayety, and IV. "Be not conformed to this frivolity and carnal mirth; from world." THIS world! No. It is the lust of the flesh, and the lust the WORLD TO COME that we prophet shall receive a prophet's of the eye, and the pride of life; are to be molded by. Non-confrom "revelings and banquetings, formity to the present world is the Christian's rule. be conformed to both.

V. "Be ye holy, for I am holy." one of these little ones a cup of of them, for "evil communica- and uncompromising; very noble tions corrupt good manners." Hear and solemn! Like God in holiness the voice that spoke to Abraham and purity and hatred of sin! This is to be our watchword and our

> VI. "What concord hath Christ prayer meeting to the ballroom? be wholly for Christ, or not at all. III. "Touch not the unclean Half-heartedness is perilous and

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