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

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## Have You Been Born Again?

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No one can get into this physical world without being born into it in a physical sense. It is just as true that no one can get into the spiritual realm — the Kingdom of God, without being born in the spiritual sense. Jesus states this in John 3 where He says, "YE MUST be born again," and "except one be



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born of water and of the spirit he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

An elderly woman — a woman of wealth, who knew that she was nearing the end of life, said to a relative, "You don't believe in such a place as Hell do you? You have children. Would you under any consideration burn those chil-

dren? Of course not, so how can you believe that God would permit His children to burn in Hell?" That woman's whole line of reasoning was based on the assumption that all people are children of God through the natural or physical birth. But they are not. "They that are children of the flesh, these are NOT the children of God." Speaking of the natural condition of people, the Scriptures (Continued on page 4, column 3)

## THE GOLDSMITH

Some one has said, "The goldsmith is never far away when the gold is in the fire." What a comforting thought is this! Job said, "When he has tried me, I shall come forth as gold." He had confidence that he would not be burned. And let us remember that the goldsmith is not trying to destroy the gold, but the dross.

Also, it is said that the goldsmith in the olden times looked longingly into the molten metal for the reflection of his image. When he saw that, he turned off the fire.

"In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none: and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve" (Jer. 50:20).

"In those days, and in that time . . . I will pardon them whom I reserve." This text is a prophetic reference to the nation of Israel, and the Divine pardon Israel receives when the Lord establishes His Millennial Kingdom in the earth. The significant factor I want to point out is: the Lord is holding in reserve Israel's pardon. Israel's blindness concerning God's eternal purpose for them will be taken away "in that time," the decree will bring forth, and that faithful remnant in Israel whom God has reserved will look upon Him whom they pierced, and know "in that time" they have been justified freely by His grace.

Israel does not enter the Millennium because a Papal decree has been issued wherein it is stated, that the Pope has forgiven Israel for crucifying Christ. Nor is it because they have been given favored-nation status by the U.S. Government. Israel enters the Millennium because God's merciful decree of eternal and unconditional election included them.

"For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their



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sins . . . as touching the election, they are beloved for the Fathers sakes" (Rom. 11:27-28).

Now, let us note some things that man reserves and then show that God has more of the same in reserve.

## THE GOLD RESERVE

Man has his federal reserve bank and insurance companies are required by law to publish their reserve dollar statement. To guarantee the negotiability of his dollar, man must have in reserve a measure of gold. In 1870 U.S. banks adopted the gold standard. Simply, this meant that any U.S. citizen could bring his paper currency to any bank and exchange it for gold. However, this policy did not long endure and found its terminus with the stockmarket crash of 1929 and the great depression which followed in the wake of the crash. (Continued on page 3, column 3)

PART ONE OF TWO PARTS . . .

## JESUS: THE PREACHER'S GREAT MODEL

THOMAS ARMITAGE

(PART ONE)

"Never man spake like this man" (John 7:46).

Archbishop Whately demands in a teacher of elocution, that he should possess, "Good taste and sound judgment to point out defects in his pupil, and exhibit in himself an adequate model for imitation." He deems it impossible to make an orator on merely artificial rules, without direct imitation of the best examples. These owe their great powers chiefly to nature; for were they destitute of pure feelings and lofty ideas, which show an original aptitude for oratory, they could not be orators. So then, when the pupil inherently possesses these qualities, the living example will come in to correct those bad habits which have corrupted nature, and to supply those defects which only the proper culture of nature can supply.

In like manner, when the high-minded and conscientious young preacher finds himself beset with perplexity in his opening ministry, he is not only entitled to a definite answer to the question: "How may I become an able minister of



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the New Testament?" but such a pattern should be set before him as must stimulate his hope of success. If he possesses a true and sensitive spirit, the pulpit will soon and infallibly force upon him the consciousness that he is working far beneath the standard of genius, much less of inspiration.

But it is to be regretted, that too often the only reply to his troublesome question contents itself with telling him what he ought to be, instead of showing him how he may become what he should be. Much more has been said than is profitable, in late years, by way of rebuke and fault-finding with preaching, and but little which is likely to ennoble the pulpit. Observant men see a wide gap between the negative and the positive here. It is a cheap and easy

thing to launch the sneer of irony and sarcasm at the popular defects of young preachers. One may laugh without effort at the awkward attempts of a new-fledged bird to fly; but it is a totally different matter for the expert mother-bird to catch him on her shoulders, soar with him into his native element, and there, in the upper air, to teach him by example the strong and graceful stroke of the wing; and the task of teaching the young preacher is about as trying, because, in the work of preaching, there is no one amongst us who can say, "Learn of me."

When stern criticism meets the lowly and honest-hearted young preacher, as the only reward for his hard toil, it commonly casts a chill upon his spirit, like a death-pall; and frequently the result is that crippling despair which makes him abandon his own personality as worthless; and, be-

(Continued on page 5, column 4)

## The Lord's Supper Elements

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The elements of the Lord's Supper in a local church are the unleavened loaf and wine. The Bible says in I Corinthians 11:23-26:

"For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered to you. That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

As we can see from God's Word the Lord's Supper commemorates the death of our Lord.

The Lord's Supper is also a church ordinance. I Corinthians 11:2 says, "Now I praise you brethren, that you remember me in all things and keep ordinances as I

delivered them unto you." The Bible says very clearly that the Lord's Supper is a commemorative ordinance instituted by Christ to be observed in each local church until He comes.

The Lord Jesus Christ instituted His Supper with the elements being the unleavened loaf, and wine. Unleavened bread is made without any fermented dough. Unleavened refers to bread unmixed with leaven, or to the Passover Feast, when only unleavened bread could be used. The loaf used by Christ was one of those prepared for the Passover Supper, and was unleavened. God said that no leaven should be used in any bread (Continued on page 6, column 1)

## Baptists Of New Hampshire

WILLIAM CATHCART  
(1826-1908)

Hanserd Knollys founded the First church in Dover, N.H., in 1638. A little later he preached Baptist doctrines; and in 1641 he was recognized by the people of Dover as a decided exponent of our principles; the result was two religious communities. After his return to England, the Baptists, it is said, fled to Long Island to avoid persecution, and for the same reason, in 1644, they removed to the neighborhood of the present New Brunswick, N.J., and called their new home Piscataway, after the original name of Dover. It is not certain that these Baptists were regularly organized into a

Baptist church in Dover.

The first church of our faith in New Hampshire, of whose regular formation there are no doubts, was founded at Newton in 1755. In 1770 it is supposed that there were but three Baptist churches in New Hampshire — Newton, Madbury, and Weare.

In 1770, Eld. Hezekiah Smith, an able and devoted minister, settled in Massachusetts, preached extensively in New Hampshire, and great blessings attended his ministrations. He baptized the Eld. Eliphalet Smith, a Congregational clergyman, and thirteen others, who the same day were formed into a Baptist church at Deerfield. Two days after Mr. Smith baptized seven persons, among whom was Samuel Shepard, who became one of the most active and useful ministers that ever labored in New Hampshire. He was afterwards, till death, the pastor of a church (Continued on page 8, column 4)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon By Milburn Cockrell

## THE PROSPECT OF SATAN

In Genesis 3:15 the Lord God said: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." The promise that the seed of the woman, Christ, should bruise Satan's head is an early prediction of Satan's future doom.

Ever since God spoke the words of Genesis 3:15 His people have had a promise of a coming day of deliverance from the power of the Evil One. It is significant that God

said the Seed of the woman would bruise the head of that old Serpent. A snake's poison is lodged in its head, and a bruise on that part is fatal. It is the purpose and plan of the Lord God for Christ to inflict a devastating blow to Satan, his principalities, and the whole of his kingdom.

## WHY IS THE DEVIL STILL LOOSE?

Why has the Almighty not already cast Satan into the lake of fire, seeing his destiny is foreordained? Why has he been permit-

ted to enjoy thousands of years of freedom? Why does not Christ come this moment from Heaven and bruise Satan's head? Why delay this judgment of the Prince of Darkness?

God works in His own good time every event according to His holy purpose. God created all things to be His servants: "For all are thy servants" (Psa. 119:91). Even a wicked creature like Satan is designed to serve God's purpose: "The Lord hath made all things (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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Johnson Motor Lodge, Donaldson  
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We have just re-printed the book  
"Eye Salve For Religious Owls  
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is a great book on the church.  
Price 60 cents each.

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the tracts on "10 Questions and  
Answers About Election." These  
are \$3.00 per hundred.

## Prospect Of Satan

(Continued from page one)

for himself, even the wicked for  
the day of evil" (Prov. 16:4). God  
did not make Lucifer the Devil,  
but He foresaw he would become  
the Evil One. Nevertheless, God  
created the creature who became  
Satan, because He knew how to  
get glory out of him.

A thing may in one sense be  
from God, and in another sense  
be from Satan. The Apostle Paul  
said: "And lest I should be exalted  
above measure through the  
abundance of the revelations,  
there was given unto me a thorn  
in the flesh, the messenger of Sa-  
tan to buffet me, lest I should be  
exalted above measure" (II Cor.  
12:7).

This thorn in the flesh came  
from Satan, and we can be cer-  
tain that he did not send it with  
a good design. But God designed  
to permit Satan to do this to Paul  
for a holy purpose --- it would sub-  
due pride and vain glory. God  
overruled this physical affliction  
for good. The Lord made the mes-  
senger of Satan, not a hindrance,  
but a helper to the apostle.

The Lord permits Satan to  
tempt, buffet, afflict, and sift us  
to accomplish His eternal purpose  
in our lives. All the evil which  
happened to Job was designed by

God to hide pride, to destroy self-  
pity, and to teach patience. While  
Satan is the principal actor in the  
evil we experience, it is true that  
God appoints it and performs what  
He appoints. "Shall there be evil  
in a city, and the Lord has not  
done it?" (Amos 3:6).

The Prince of Darkness was di-  
rectly responsible for Joseph be-  
ing sold into slavery, but God ap-  
pointed this event to bring to pass  
His decree. Joseph told his breth-  
ren: "But as for you, ye thought  
evil against me; but God meant it  
unto good, to bring to pass, as it  
is this day, to save people alive"  
(Gen. 50:20). The Prince of Dark-  
ness worked to bring about the  
fall of Judah, but God permitted it  
to occur for His glory and the good  
of His people. "Thus saith the  
Lord, the God of Israel; Like  
these good figs, so will I acknowl-  
edge them that are carried away  
captive of Judah, whom I have  
sent out of this place into the land  
of the Chaldeans for their good"  
(Jer. 24:5). Let us never doubt  
for a moment "that all things work  
together for good to them that love  
God, to them who are the called  
according to his purpose" (Rom.  
8:28).

In I Kings 22:19-22 I read: "And  
he said, Hear thou therefore the  
word of the Lord: I saw the Lord  
sitting on his throne, and all the  
hosts of heaven standing by him  
on his right hand and on his left.  
And the Lord said, Who shall per-  
suade Ahab, that he may go up  
and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And  
one said on this manner, and an-  
other said on that manner. And  
there came forth a spirit, and  
stood before the Lord, and said,  
I will persuade him. And the Lord  
said unto him, Wherewith? And  
he said, I will go forth, and I will  
be a lying spirit in the mouth of  
all his prophets. And he said,  
Thou shalt persuade him, and pre-  
vail also: go forth, and do so."

This lying spirit was either the  
Father of Lies or a fallen angel  
under his command. The Lord  
gave this lying spirit permission  
to fill the mouth of Ahab's prop-  
hets with lies. It is not without  
Divine permission that the Devil  
deceives men, and Satan by de-  
ception serves the decree of God.  
Job said of God: "With him is  
strength and wisdom: the deceived  
and the deceiver are his" (Job  
12:16). "To show his wrath, and  
to make his power known" (Rom.  
9:22). God lets Satan deceive those  
who receive not the love of God's  
truth that they might be saved.  
"And for this cause God shall send  
them strong delusion, that they  
should believe a lie: That they all  
might be damned who believe not  
the truth, but had pleasure in un-  
righteousness" (II Thess. 2:11-12).

### JUDGED AT HIS FALL

God's program of judgment upon  
Satan has many different phases.  
The first judicial dealing of God  
with him came at the time of  
his original rebellion. When Lucifer  
gathered a third of the angels  
of God together, he left his prince-  
dom on the pre-Adamic earth and  
pierced the heavens in a violent  
attempt to take over the throne of  
God in the Third Heaven (Isa. 14).  
Satan was defeated for Isaiah  
said: "How art thou fallen from  
heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morn-  
ing!" (Isa. 14:12). Christ speaks of  
this time: "I beheld Satan as light-  
ning fall from heaven" (Luke 10:  
18).

Ezekiel reveals a judgment up-  
on this great Fallen Angel in these  
words: "Thou wast perfect in thy  
ways from the day that thou wast  
created, till iniquity was found in  
thee. By the multitude of thy mer-  
chandise they have filled the midst  
of thee with violence, and thou hast  
sinned: therefore I will cast thee  
as profane out of the mountain of  
God" (Ezek. 28:15-16).

Each of the five "I wills" of  
Satan were met with five "I wills"  
from God. Satan said: "I WILL  
ascend into heaven" (Isa. 14:13),  
but God said: "I WILL cast thee  
to the ground" (Ezek. 28:17). The  
Devil said: "I WILL exalt my  
throne above the stars of God"

(Isa. 14:13), yet God replied: "I  
WILL destroy thee, O covering  
cherub, from the midst of the  
stones of fire" (Ezek. 28:16). Lucifer  
declared: "I WILL sit upon  
the mount of the congregation"  
(Isa. 14:13), while the Lord an-  
swered: "I WILL cast thee as pro-  
fane out of the mountain of God"  
(Ezek. 28:16). The Prince of Dark-  
ness boasted: "I WILL ascend  
above the heights of the clouds"  
(Isa. 14:14), but God thundered  
back: "I WILL lay thee before  
kings, that they may behold thee"  
(Ezek. 28:17). The Evil One cried:  
"I WILL be like the Most High"  
(Isa. 14:14), yet the Lord warned:  
"I WILL bring forth a fire from  
the midst of thee, it shall devour  
thee" (Ezek. 28:18).

There is much that we would  
like to know about the first judg-  
ment upon Satan, but much about  
it is obscure. It may have deprived  
Satan of any further work of apos-  
tasy among the angels. But Satan  
and his angels were not imme-  
diately imprisoned in Hell. God  
did not restrict him to any one  
particular place after the fall. He  
was permitted to retain much of  
the privileges he enjoyed before  
his sin.

The Scriptures indicate that Sa-  
tan now has access to Heaven to  
which he has a title by creation.  
We learn from the first and sec-

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF TBE

Balance, June 1	\$ 361.55
Receipts	5,136.59
Total	5,498.14
Expenditures	5,194.69
Balance June 30	303.45

Editor's Note: We ended the  
month of June with \$303.45 of a  
needed \$800. Our report never  
shows a deficit because we do not  
write checks when there is no  
money in the bank to pay the  
amount of the check. We do not  
have enough money to pay our  
bills for this week. This problem  
has been caused primarily by a  
twenty per cent increase in postal  
rates and a slight drop in offer-  
ings during the summer months.

Some have sent special offerings  
to help. We deeply appreciate this,  
but it seems we will be forced to  
skip a week in printing the paper.  
In addition to this we are in dire  
need of some supplies in our work  
in connection with TBE. I would  
sincerely pray that it will not be  
necessary to skip a week, and I  
will not do it unless it is absolute-  
ly necessary. However, I believe  
it is a Christian obligation to pay  
one's honest debts, and I will not  
operate TBE in the red for a long  
period of time.

and chapters of Job that Satan  
appeared with the angels of God.  
It did not seem his presence was  
unusual there. When the Lord asked  
him where he had been (even  
Satan must give an account to  
God of his works), he replied:  
"From going to and fro in the  
earth" (Job 1:7; 2:2). This clearly  
proves Satan was then at liberty  
on earth and had access to God  
and was not completely driven out  
of Heaven.

Christ gave Peter this warning:  
"Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath  
desired (Greek --- demanded by  
asking) to have you, that he may  
sift you as wheat" (Luke 22:31).  
The implication is that Satan ap-  
peared personally before God with  
this request.

Paul enjoined the Ephesians:  
"Put on the whole armor of God,  
that ye may be able to stand  
against the wiles of the devil. For  
our wrestling is not against flesh  
and blood, but against the princi-  
palities, against the powers, against  
the world-rulers of this  
darkness, against the spiritual host  
of wickedness in the heavenly  
places" (Eph. 6:11-12 R.V.). Thus  
the evil powers are yet "in the  
heavenly places."

John Milton in "Paradise Lost"  
described Satan as having been  
cast out of Heaven in the time of  
Adam. But this idea was based

## WHAT IS THE GOSPEL

(ACCORDING TO YOU)

What is the gospel, according to you?

Is it God's Word so faithful and true?

The teachings of Jesus, do not they consist

In the truth of the Word, which so many resist?

Do you receive it with pleasure, or with doubt and disdain?

When God says "mine elect" does it give you a pain?

And God's plan of salvation --- 'tis as plain as can be!

Makes me glad He elected, a sinner like me!

Yes, what is the gospel according to you?

To me it's God's Word, so faithful and true.

And the teachings of Jesus --- I know they consist

In the truth of the Word, which I cannot resist!

Fred Jacobs  
Norwood, Ohio

upon a misunderstanding of Reve-  
lation 12:7-12. The Revelation is a  
book of prophecy of "things to  
come."

### JUDGED AT THE CROSS

The purpose of the incarnation of  
Christ was to destroy the work of  
the Devil: "Forasmuch then as  
the children are partakers of flesh  
and blood, he also himself took  
part of the same; that through  
death he might destroy him that  
had the power of death, that is,  
the devil" (Heb. 2:14).

By death Christ abolished death  
to his elect. When the Messiah  
put away sin the cause of death,  
He delivered a severe blow to the  
empire of Satan. There was no  
hope of a redeemed community  
being given eternal life until  
Christ broke the hold of Satan and  
secured "the keys of hell and  
death" (Rev. 1:18). The Devil in-  
tended death to be the ruin of  
man, but Christ made His death  
at Calvary the means of life and  
immortality. This ruined Satan's  
whole program.

In I John 3:8 it is written: "He  
that committeth sin is of the Dev-  
il; for the devil sinneth from the  
beginning. For this purpose the  
Son of God was manifested, that  
he might destroy the works of the  
devil." Satan is the original sin-  
ner and the originator of sin in  
the universe. The very design of  
Christ coming into human history  
was to destroy sin and all its hor-  
rible consequences.

The precise time when Christ  
judged Satan was on Calvary's  
cross: "Blotting out the handwrit-  
ing of ordinances that was against  
us, which was contrary to us, and  
took it out of the way, nailing it  
to his cross; And having spoiled  
principalities and powers, he made  
a show of them openly, triumphing  
over them in it" (Col. 2:14-15).

The death of Christ defeated the  
counsels and designs of the princi-  
palities of Hell and the infernal  
power of Satan against the elect!  
The Saviour completely stripped  
and despoiled all spiritual ene-  
mies. The dying Redeemer con-  
quered and disarmed His foes; He  
stripped off their black armor and  
exposed them to public scorn and  
contempt before angels and men.  
The Mighty Conqueror rode over  
the powers of Hell in His trium-  
phant chariot. Believers have no  
cause to fear the law, sin, death,

Hell, or Satan, for the law is de-  
stroyed, sin is pardoned, death is  
abolished, Hell is locked up to the  
elect, and Satan is conquered!

With a view to Calvary, Jesus  
declared: "Now is the judgment  
of this world: now shall the prince  
of this world be cast out" (John  
12:31). "This world" is the vast  
and complicated kingdom of Sa-  
tan. It is the world ruled by Satan  
and involved in his doom. By  
means of the cross Christ set in  
motion a program which would  
finally expel Satan from the seat  
of authority. The cross was the  
hope of the elect and the dread of  
Satan.

### JUDGED IN THE TRIBULATION

In the middle of the Seventieth  
Week of Daniel, Satan and his an-  
gels will be expelled from the  
Second Heaven. In Revelation 12:  
7-10 it is written: "And there was  
war in heaven: Michael and his  
angels fought against the dragon;  
and the dragon fought and his an-  
gels, and prevailed not; neither  
was their place found any more  
in heaven. And the great dragon  
was cast out, that old serpent,  
called the Devil, and Satan, which  
deceiveth the whole world: he was  
cast out into the earth, and his  
angels were cast out with him."

This is the fulfillment of God's  
judicial purpose stated in Ezekiel  
28:17: "I will cast thee to the  
ground." Isaiah by the voice of  
prophecy cried: "How art thou cut  
down to the ground, which didst  
weaken the nations" (Isa. 14:12).

Satan's fate was declared by God  
from the time of his sin. This sen-  
tence was ratified at Christ's resur-  
rection and ascension. But the  
actual execution of this sentence  
is carried out by Michael in the  
middle of the seven-year tribula-  
tion. Satan and his wicked spirits  
are cast out of the Second Heaven  
without any hope of ever return-  
ing. When the angelic conflict is  
terminated, there shall be "peace  
in heaven" (Luke 19:38) and all  
things in Heaven shall be recon-  
ciled unto Christ (Col. 1:20).

When Satan and his angels are  
cast out of Heaven, it will once  
again be clean in the Lord's sight.  
But the confinement of Satan to  
earth brings great woe to the  
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## Prospect Of Satan

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unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev. 12:12).  
Although he can no longer accuse the saints before God in heaven, he can tempt and persecute on earth. During the last three and a half years of his freedom, he will wage his most vicious attack upon Israel (Rev. 12:13). The Great Tribulation on earth is brought about when Satan is cast out to earth.

### JUDGED AT THE SECOND COMING

The Second Advent of Christ to earth terminates the Great Tribulation (Matt. 24:30). It also ends the rule of the Man of Sin (II Thess. 2:8-10; Rev. 20:19). In connection with the Judgment of the Nations and the ushering in of the 1,000 year reign, Satan is bound: "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season" (Rev. 20:1-3).

What a happy day is ahead for this sin-cursed earth when Satan is no longer "the prince of this world." One day a mighty angel will put Satan in jail. This confinement in the bottomless pit is in preparation for the lake of fire — his final home. The seal upon Satan's prison is a surer seal to keep him from escaping than the seal over Jesus Christ in the tomb of Joseph. This restraint from activity contributes much to the peace and righteousness on earth for the Millennium.

Oh, wonderful hour! When the earth is free from Satan's power! Then the world will be free from Satanic deception — those in literal bodies will only have their depraved nature to tempt them to sin. Satan will cease to be the seducer and persecutor on earth. He will no more be the god of this world, nor will the world lie in the Wicked One. As long as he is unconfined in the abyss, we will live in an atmosphere impregnated with a deadly element.

Isaiah foretold this time: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited. Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously" (Isa. 24:21-23). It would appear from the expression "host of the high ones" that Satan's angels will

## IS "THAT" IN THE BIBLE?



Question:

"WHAT TWO LITTLE CHILDREN WERE TAKEN INTO EGYPT TO ESCAPE MASSACRE?"

Answer: Hadad and Jesus. First Kings 11:15-18: "For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom; . . . That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet a little child. And they arose out of Midian, . . . and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land."

Matthew 2:13-15: ". . . behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee unto Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: . . ."

also be confined in the Millennium.

A thousand years in prison will not improve the conduct of Satan, nor will it change the evil hearts of men in literal bodies who live during the Kingdom Age. In Revelation 20:7-9 it is written: "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."

This supernatural intervention will fulfill the prediction of prophet: "I will bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more" (Ezek. 28:18-19).

After the fire from God upon Satan and his army, the Bible says: "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone" (Rev. 20:10). God's judicial purpose announced

by Isaiah will come to pass: "Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit" (Isa. 14:15). This is why Christ said "everlasting fire" was "prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41).

Satan illustrates how sin brings a person downward. First, the Devil fell from the Third Heaven in his attempt to dethrone God. Second, he will be cast out of the Second Heaven to earth in the middle of the tribulation. Third, the Prince of Darkness will be cast out of the earth into the bottomless pit at the beginning of the Millennium. Fourth, he will be cast into the lake of fire for an eternity.

### CONCLUSION

Sinner, if you sin with the Devil, you must suffer his doom. Everlasting fire is not just for Satan and his angels. It is for all the unrighteous. The lake of fire is the future home of all impenitent sinners. Verily the meek shall inherit the earth, but the wicked shall be "chased out of the world" (Job 18:18). All the children of Satan will share in the doom of their father!

May God hasten the day when the Prince of Darkness shall be removed from his present dominion, and when Christ shall rule over the earth in righteousness. "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly" (Rom. 16:20).



## God's Reserve

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President Roosevelt asked congress to pass legislation which required the American people to turn in all of their gold to the banks. The law was passed and the American people surrendered their gold, receiving in exchange for it \$20.67 per ounce in paper money. No sooner had the American public given up their hard earned gold than the government raised the price to \$35.00 an ounce, which netted Uncle Sam a handsome profit of three billion dollars. This is just one of many socialistic programs which the popular FDR administration pawned off on the misery stricken people of the early 1930's. This action was nothing less than political pick-pocketing of the unsuspecting citizenry and the ill-gotten gain has steadily diminished until there is not enough gold in U.S. reserve to guarantee one-fourth of the paper money issued by the U.S. Treasury Department.

While men and nations steal and kill for gold, they need to learn they can never own it nor long possess it, for Almighty God said a long time ago: "The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8). The gold God has permitted man to play around with in this earth is but an infinitesimal part of the whole, for God has in reserve enough gold to pave every street of the New Jerusalem. "And the street of the city was pure gold" (Rev. 21:21). That which men fight and kill for in this life is predestined to accommodate the feet of the redeemed in glory.

### MAN HAS HIS RESERVE ARMIES

The world has become one big arsenal. The biggest piece of every nation's tax pie goes to their defense department. They all cry, "Peace, Peace." And are at the same time preparing for war. Christ prophesied of this perilous era in which we live when He said, "Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars" (Mt. 24:6).

The United States has her mighty seventh fleet in the Mediterranean area, held there in reserve, to deter Communist advances in that part of the world. The United States has a 49,000 man army in Western Europe

committed to the N.A.T.O. alliance, and to maintain a balance of power in Europe. I recently read where Russia has a two-million man army, the largest army of any nation in the world.

When I see on television that great Russian army parading in the Red Square of Moscow displaying their nuclear missiles and other instruments of war, I am caused to wonder at their great deception. Krushchev said, with a smirk on his face and a belligerent fist raised in the air, "If there be a god in the skies our mutniks and sputniks will knock him out of the sky." Well, Krushchev has learned better, for he has been knocked down to Hell by the God of the skies and all of the great atheistic armies of Communism are in for a rude awakening.

Be it large or small, every nation has their armies in reserve, standing ready, and waiting for the battle cry.

The mighty armies of both the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. by comparison with the army yet to be mustered by the Anti-Christ at the end of this age, would look like a couple of Boy Scouts troops. The Anti-Christ will amass the largest army this world has ever known. Many Bible scholars believe it will consist of 200,000,000 men. This figure is taken from Revelation 9:16 where it reads, "The number of the army . . . were two hundred thousand thousand." If a person does not take this number to be literal, he must then take it to represent a number beyond human computation. Either way the truth remains, it will be the world's largest human army.

### THE LORD GOD HAS HIS ARMY IN RESERVE

"The Lord shall utter His voice before His army" (Joel 2:11).

The King of kings also has His armies in reserve. Because we do not see His army on TV, nor hear their marching feet in our streets, nor the rumble of their cannons does not mean they do not exist. In World War II, General Rommel's army in North Africa was hard to see or find, but the allies never doubted for a single moment that the Desert Fox was out there with his mighty army. Joel 2:11 is not a reference to General William Booth, and the thousands of people on the street corners of the cities of the world with tamberines and cups in their hands. No, it is not a reference to the so-called Salvation Army. But it is a reference to those celestial troops held in reserve by the Generalissimo of the skies. The world does not believe they are up there, but don't you doubt it. They are there awaiting a call from their Commander-in-Chief, and soon they will hear the trumpet of the Archangel, and "at that time" the world will no longer doubt their existence.

Elisha the prophet of God knew the Lord had this great army in reserve. The King of Syria wanted to get rid of Elisha, for to the King, Elisha had become a pestilent itch and he wanted to scratch him. The Lord had bugged the Syrian king's council chambers,

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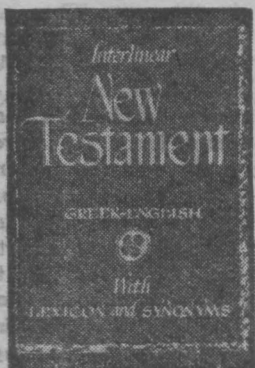
and had given Elisha a direct line. All the secrets of the King were revealed to Elisha, and he in turn brought the King of Israel up to date on the latest Syrian troop movements.

The King of Syria heard that Elisha was in the city of Dothan, and he sent a great army and compassed the city where Elisha was. Elisha's servant rose up early in the morning and saw that the city was surrounded by a mighty host and he said to Elisha, "What shall we do?" Now, I want you to read and remember Elisha's answer, "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." Can you imagine what ran through the mind of Elisha's servant? Maybe not, but I know what I would have thought. "This old man has blown his mind. There is no one with him and me, and he says don't get shook up, for there is more with us than all those Syrian soldiers and chariots."

Elisha saw the fear and doubt in his servant's countenance, and he prayed, saying, "Lord, I pray thee open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses, and chariots of fire round about Elisha" (II Kings 6:14-17). Christ says to the battle weary, and fatigued saint of this contemporary period, "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4).

### THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

At the battle of Armageddon, when that massive army of the Anti-Christ goes against Jerusalem (Lk. 21:20), and appears as if the Lord's remnant in Israel is about to be annihilated, then will that reserve army in Heaven be called into action. In viewing this battle, John in the book of Revelation, says, "I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses" (Rev. 19:11-14). The Anti-Christ armies are unaware that they are scheduled for a rendezvous with the Lord and His army in Armageddon. The Lord's victory in this battle is absolute, not suffering a single casualty, while the armies of the Anti-Christ are (Continued on page 4, column 4)



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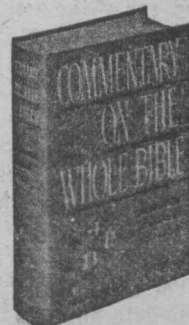
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# The Baptist Examiner Forum

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"Recently a Baptist preacher in our area practiced exorcism and claimed he had Scripture to prove he had this right. Do you agree?"

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I suppose that the Scripture which was used in Luke 16:17, but notice that the text also mentions speaking in tongues, handling serpents, drinking deadly poison and laying hands on the sick.

The importance of proper interpretation, here, cannot be overstated. Our Lord said that there would be certain signs which would follow believers. He did not say that such signs would last indefinitely — in fact, one such sign (tongues) is later said to have ceased (I Cor. 13:8).

The other of the signs were not to be matters of practice but of occasion. By that I mean that Jesus was not instructing to go out and seek to do them but rather if the occasion arose where it was necessary, then their success in so doing would be a sign of their belief.

I do not believe that the practice of exorcism, snake handling, etc., was valid then, therefore, I do not think it is valid now.

nassah disobeyed Deuteronomy 18:10 and dealt with wizards and a familiar spirit which provoked the Lord to anger.

It is dangerous to leave the preaching of the gospel and go into the dangerous practice of the evil spirits.

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By covering up the first part of Psalm 14:1 the atheist can prove by the Bible that there is no God. By covering up, or ignoring the first part of II Peter 3:9 the Arminian can prove that God is not willing for any of Adam's race to perish. And by reading his own theology into John 3:16 he can prove to his own satisfaction that God loves everybody. In the same way this Baptist(?) preacher can prove he has a right to practice exorcism. But so far as I am able to know there is absolutely no Scripture to justify his deeds when the Scriptures are rightly divided.

It seems to me that if we were expected to cast out demons, we would have a direct command to that effect, and we would be told just how to go about it. In the light of our failure to have anything of this kind, we are warranted in staying aloof from it.

There has been a big revival of the supposedly supernatural in recent times, and this has affected a number of denominations, including Baptists. Some individuals have held meetings all over the nation, and have had tremendous crowds. Reports have circulated of marvelous miracles. We think of one noted woman of this kind who died recently from heart trouble, which she had had from childhood. It is reported that she had collected a fortune of over a million dollars. I think of a man who held great meetings, and professed all sorts of wonderful miracles. He died an alcoholic, and he had accumulated a fortune. I think of several others who became rich in this way, and those professed miracles amazed many.

The question is, wouldn't God heal a healer, if they were getting multitudes of others healed? Would such persons beg for money for the Lord and then at the same time, pile up a vast fortune for their own selfish selves?

The miracle workers of the kind that I've been referring to, caused me to doubt the genuineness of the whole business. Exorcism goes along with what I fear to be a lot of fakery.

3. It is unexplainable. Clearly we are dealing here with a miraculous work of God, hence with something that does not lend itself to full human explanation. Along with it goes repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and let us remember that even these are produced by the Lord. Repentance unto life is "granted" as we read. And even faith is "the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8).

4. It involves the use of instrumentalities. The Word of God is used, and the new birth is never experienced by one who knows nothing of the Gospel. For proof of this read the following Scriptures: I Peter 1:25; Eph. 5:26; James 1:18. Since God uses the Word then, how futile it is to expect people to be saved under the preaching of deathbed stories, or indeed anything that leaves out the Word of God as it relates to Christ and His sacrificial death for sinners.

## INDICATIONS THAT ONE HAS BEEN BORN AGAIN

1. Spiritual appetite. A child born alive will soon cry for food. A person who has been spiritually reborn will crave spiritual food, too. Church members who find it punishment to sit and listen to the Word, have no appetite. Church members who can find every excuse imaginable for not attending the worship of God, should tell the truth and say, "I simply have no appetite for spiritual things." Why? They have never been reborn.

2. Changed attitudes: "Old things have passed away, behold all things are become new." We have seen dozens of people change their habits, change their associates, change their whole manner of life because there was something within that prompted this.

3. Manifest love for God and the things of God. "We love him because he first loved us." "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." That love will cause one to separate from the world. It is one of the most notable characteristics of the truly saved.

## God's Reserve

(Continued from page three) reduced to bird bait (Rev. 19:17-21).

"For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: He hath utterly destroyed them, He hath delivered them to the slaughter" (Isa. 34:2).

I cannot see that invincible army which the Lord holds in reserve, except by an eye of faith. But I know it is there, and one day after awhile, not only will I actually see it, but I will ride with it back to earth, for Christ is the Supreme leader of this army, and He has said to the believer, "Where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3). And

concerning the battle of Armageddon Jude writes, "The Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints" (vs. 14). By the grace of God, I will be somewhere in that heavenly throng.

## MAN'S WEAPONRY RESERVE

In spite of the S.A.L.T. talks, and so-called detent with Russia, the arms race goes on unabated. The nuclear powers now gage their enemy's strength according to the number of megatons they are able to put into a hydrogen bomb. By this standard Russia has a five to one superiority over the U.S. Russia has 25 per cent more IBM's than the U.S. But we do not want to overlook China. She, too, is in the International Ballistic Missiles business. It is believed by many in the U.S. Defense Department that China has an IBM that can reach the United States.

Russia's number of Surface-to-air Missiles far exceed that of the U.S. The USSR is ahead of the U.S. in nuclear missile submarines, interceptor aircraft and has 64 anti-ballistic missile systems while the U.S. has none (U.S. News & World Report, April, 1973).

Nations will go on stockpiling their weapons right up to the second advent of Christ to this earth, one nation racing against the other to see which one can have the most in reserve. These things should cause the saint to realize the futility of man's quest for peace apart from Christ, and alert them to the fact that their redemption draweth nigh.

## THE LORD'S WEAPONRY RESERVE

"Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? Or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?" (Job 38:22-23).

God says to Job, "Have you seen My arsenal? Have you seen Me use hail stones as guided missiles in battle? I am holding in reserve hail stones for the battle of Armageddon" (translation, o. b.m.).

Most people would laugh if you told them God is going to throw hail stones at the Anti-Christ army in the battle of Armageddon. Well, let them laugh. That is exactly what God is going to do. And I do not believe it is going to be like I heard one preacher say. He said, "The sky is going to freeze over and God is going to nonchalantly walk across the sky, breaking up the ice so as it will fall." No, it is not going to be like that. God never does anything in a nonchalant manner. Every piece of ice that God sends down in that battle lands on target, for it is directed by His vengeful and omniscient eye.

I imagine Noah's peers laughed at him also when he told them there is enough water up there in the sky to flood the whole world, and God is going to pour it out on this sin-ravaged earth. They did not believe Noah. It had not rained on the earth before, and anyhow, they probably thought, how could there be that much water up there in the sky? When God created the earth He held water in reserve above the earth, "And God made the firmament and divided the water which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament" (Gen. 1:7). We have a sad commentary written in few words telling about the infamous end of the antediluvians, "For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be" (Mt. 24:38-39).

The hailstones with which God bombards the Anti-Christ armies weighs as much as a talent. "And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent" (Rev. 16: (Continued on page 5, column 2)

## You ... Born Again?

(Continued from page one) say, "And were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." Jesus said, "Ye must be born AGAIN." The Greek word there is "anthen" which means "from above." Jesus indicates that it is not the natural birth that makes one a child of God — it is the second or spiritual birth.

## JUST WHAT IS THE SECOND BIRTH?

1. It is not human reformation. Quitting some of one's meanness does not reborn one.

2. It is not joining a church or being baptized. That is all that many professing Christians have—church membership. There is nothing about joining anything that makes a new creature out of one.

3. It is not "getting religion." "So and So got religion down there at a revival." We have heard such a statement many times. But people are naturally "religious." This is shown by the practices of the heathen who have their gods and their worship.

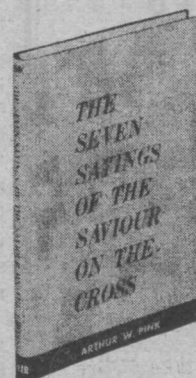
## POSITIVELY IT IS—

1. A work of God. (see John 1:13): "... nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." None of us borned ourselves into the world, neither can one born himself into God's family. Only God can bring about the new birth.

2. It takes place instantaneously. Some think of it as a process, like those for instance who talk about "praying through to salvation." Many things may lead up to one's receiving Christ as Saviour, but the work of God in regeneration is done immediately. The Philippian jailer asked the way of salvation, and believed as he was directed to do, and God wrought a miracle — the miracle of the new birth right there that night.

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I am doubtful about a Baptist preacher being authorized by the Bible to practice exorcism. Jesus cast out demons many times. He also walked on water. I visited the Lake of Galilee some years ago but I couldn't walk on the water. The Apostles cast out demons. A fine example of this is found in Acts 16:16-18, where the Apostle freed a woman of demon domination. I don't find Scripture teaching to indicate that exorcism is to be practiced as a part of the great commission, found in the last chapter of Matthew. This practice usually goes along with "tongues," "healings," and things of that sort.

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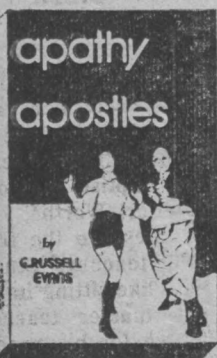
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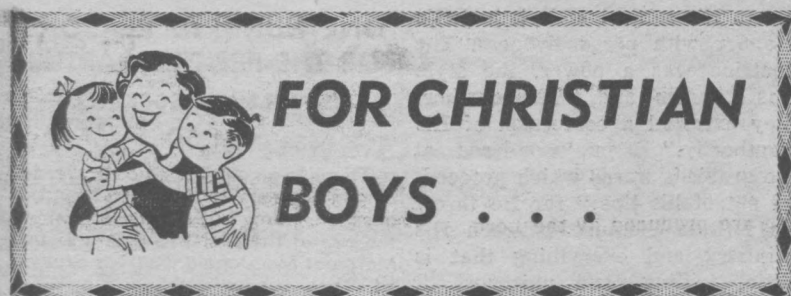
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"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers . . ." (I Tim. 4:12).

Since the establishment of this column, many thoughts of how you should live as a Christian have been set forth. Paul wrote to Timothy to be an example of the believers, and of all people Paul knew the need of being an example, for he was an example of Christ. "Be ye followers of men, even as I am of Christ" (I Cor. 11:1).

As we live for Christ in this world we know that the young person will grow up and eventually assume the responsibilities of pastoring the Lord's churches or serving in its other positions. Paul saw Timothy as a young person, who was in this position, so he gave him the advice contained in our text, which is good for you today.

First, we see Paul telling him not to let his youthfulness be despised (v. 12). When God calls His men into the ministry, they should set themselves apart and study the Word of God. As a member of the New Testament church you should be instructed by your pastor of the duties of the office and the church should give you full opportunities to exercise the gifts of the ministry (v. 14). Even those who believe they have the talent to teach the Bible in Bible School should begin now to exercise the talent and not allow their youthfulness to hinder them.

You should live a godly life which is according to the Bible's principles of life; one that is spirit-filled, loving, pure from this life's evils and lived by faith. By living as an example of the believers and not neglecting gifts that you have, you won't be inexperienced or even ashamed before God in your service. God influences us through Paul to "study to show thyself approved unto God" (II Tim. 2:15) and then to apply the Word to our lives and "be

ready always to give an answer to every man" (I Pet. 3:15).

Young person, what is your responsibility? You may say, I'm not old enough to work in our church. It is your responsibility to apply these truths in whatever field God prepares for you. He has the best purpose for your life, because He redeemed you with the greatest price, "for ye are bought with a price" (I Cor. 6:20) and that was His Son's blood.

Today you need to meditate on these Scriptures and if He has redeemed you, surely it is with a purpose, so "give yourself wholly unto them" (v. 15).

It isn't a secret, Paul said all would profit by Timothy's continual reading of the Word, exhorting of those around him, and the doctrine for which he contended. I have found it is also profitable for myself to look to the truths practiced in the younger saints, as they follow the Word in child-like faith.

The Bible declares to you to "take heed to thyself and unto the doctrine." Men may despise you, but remember that it is God's work you are to do. Continue examining your life and learn the precious doctrines that your God reveals to you! In this God will bless you and you will serve Him greatly.

### God's Reserve

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21). "And blood came out the winepress, even unto the horse bridles" (Rev. 14:20). Bible scholarship concurs that the weight of a talent is somewhere between 80 and 130 pounds, and the Anti-Christ armies are the inescapable targets of these divine ice missiles. Thus, it is reasonable to believe that under such outpouring of God's wrath that the enemy's blood runs down the valley at the height of a horse's bridle for a distance of 200 miles. It is also seen from Revelation 16:8 God has fire in reserve, and is going to use it to scorch men. This fire of God will be of such devastating force that it will make man's most powerful bomb to appear as a fourth of July firecracker. After the Millennium, God uses this reserve fire to purge, and reclaim this earth from the curse of sin (II Pet. 3:10-13). No, the Lord will not reserve His anger forever (Jer. 3:5).

### WICKED ANGELS AND MEN HELD IN RESERVE

Lucifer masterminded the first insurrection against the government of God. He, in collusion with a third part of the angelic host, led an unsuccessful coup against God. Lucifer had his angels waiting in reserve for the "I will be like the most High." He no sooner spoke these words and we hear God say to Lucifer, "Thou shalt be brought down to hell" (Isa. 14:14-15). Lucifer was cast out of Heaven and is progressively descending into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10). God charged the angels that allied themselves with Lucifer in their rebellion against Him with folly (Job 4:18), and Michael and his angels cast them out of Heaven (Rev. 12:7-9). And we learn from the Holy Spirit inspired writing of Peter that God NOW has the angels that sinned in tormentous reserve. "For God spar-

ed not the angels that sinned but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment" (II Pet. 2:4). Soon, their reserve period will be over and they will be cast into the lake of fire.

Wicked men are reserved for eternal judgment. "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished" (II Pet. 2:9). "The wicked is reserved to the day of destruction, they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath" (Job 21:30).

The rich man of Luke 16 is in Hell, held in reserve waiting to be brought forth to the White Throne judgment of God (Rev. 20:11-15). All that die in their sins go to this place of excruciating reserve to await their sentencing to the lake of fire which is infinitely more terrible. All that die in their sins will go to the eternal lake of fire, but all do not suffer the same measure of torment. The wicked will suffer according to the degree of their sins. And it appears from Scripture that false preachers are the ultimate sinners of all mankind, being more vile than Cain, Pharaoh, Esau, Hitler, Stalin, Mao and other destroyers of men's bodies. Paul says the false preacher is under a double curse (Gal. 1:8-9) and Jude likens them to "raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame, wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever" (vs. 13), not mere darkness, but the blackness of darkness, the very lowest Hell.

On the other hand, we see God has a righteous reserve, for whom He has reserved an eternal inheritance. During Israel's bitter days under their most wicked king and queen, Ahab and Jezebel, God says, "I have reserved unto Myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal" (Rom. 11:4). We need to remember: Where sin abounds, grace doth much more abound. This earth is the only Hell that God's innumerable reserve people shall know, and after our earthly pilgrimage we have "An inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven" for us (I Pet. 1:4).

God has eternally reserved His people for glory, and He preserves them in time. God would not lay up in heavenly store an inheritance for His people and then let them fail to realize it. This would be failure on God's part, but we learn from Scripture that "He faileth not" (Zeph. 3:5).

God's people are reserved and preserved in His omnipotent right

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hand and He says, "No man is able to pluck them out of My hand" (John 10:27-28). "And He reserveth wrath for His enemies" (Nahum 1:2).

### Jesus: . . Great Model

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cause other men succeed who are moulded on a different pattern from himself, in his distress he hopelessly renounces his own personality, and thus destroys himself to become the servile imitator of another.

Now where is the difficulty? Simply here: Like other young orators, at the bar or elsewhere, the young preacher must have a model. Then why not give him one? You require him to be the very embodiment of ease, originality, and nature; and he is conscious that he cannot be all this; and so you just tempt him to adopt an imperfect original, unless you allure him to copy one that is infallible. Suppose then, that he aims at the imitation of Chrysostom or Augustine, Luther or Calvin, Jeremy Taylor or John Owen, Wesley or Whitefield, Richard Baxter, or Thomas Chalmers, Henry Melville or Frederic Robertson: — what then? You observe that I mention only deceased preachers, assuming that no young man with the slightest regard for common decency will debase himself by copying any living preacher; because no living preacher can be even a proximate model till his work is completed, because the very last stroke which he takes may spoil all the rest of his labour, precisely as the last touch of a sculptor's chisel may ruin his life's work.

No young preacher is safe, un-

less he has the courage to regard all other preachers, whether living or dead, as his fellow-workmen, whose work, in one way or another, is defective, out of line, untrue; and the attempt to disguise the imitation of any man is only to court the shame of blushing, inasmuch as each one has fashioned his own work after some exemplar. In preaching, there has been of right and infallibility, but one Master; and imitation of Christ never made a preacher blush yet, for the reason that imitation of Him is legitimate in every sense, arising out of the infinite perfection which marks Him at every stroke, while the exact copy of another is illegitimate. Study any one of His sentences for the round year, if you seek chastity, simplicity, and force of words, and the last week will be the most profitable of the fifty-two. Blair pronounces a preacher perfect in style when he is grave, clear, and warm. If this be correct, then, our motto for the preacher as well as the hearer is: "Looking unto Jesus, the preaching King."

### SCRUTINIZE JESUS, YOUR MODEL

You will not find Him redundant, like Chalmers; nor agile, like Robertson; not capricious, like Melville, nor narrow, like Baxter; nor yet the fascination of a bygone age, like Augustine and Chrysostom. Any one of these was greater than we may ever hope to be, and all were beautifully like Christ in some respects, but none in all His features; nor may we hope that our copy of Him will be more perfect than theirs. But if we make Him our original, we shall avoid the possibility of copying imperfections — we shall remain

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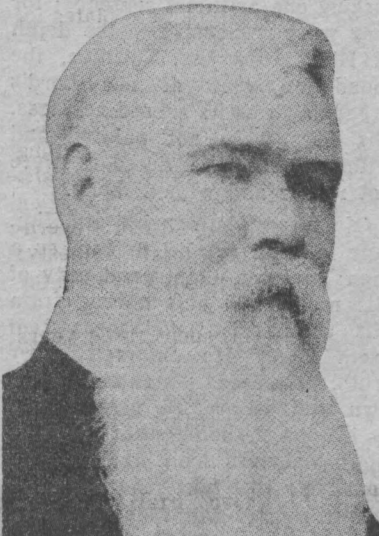
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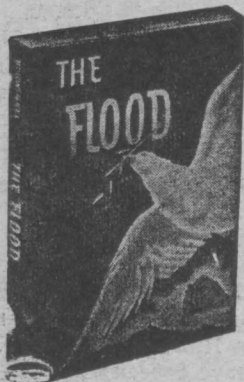
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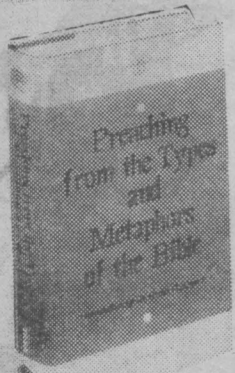
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## The Supper Elements

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brought to His altar, or mingled in any sacrifice or ordinance typical of the sacrifice of Christ for us.

He explained to the Jews why He instituted the unleavened bread of the Passover. The purpose being to teach them in the generations following, that He, the Sovereign Lord alone and unassisted, had delivered them and brought them out of Egypt.

"And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which he came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place; there shall no leavened bread be eaten" (Ex. 13:6).

Their salvation was of the Lord alone. The child of God's salvation is also of the Lord today — we were saved and called "Not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." The Arminian believer who believes man can come to Christ of his own will would do well to read this verse. To symbolize this fact, all leaven of every sort was to be diligently sought for in all their coats for seven days, and burned with fire, and by this they were given to understand that God was jealous of His honor, and that no part of salvation could be attributed to man or idol.

It is Scriptural to observe the Lord's Supper with the one unleavened wheat loaf. I Corinthians 5:8 certainly means that member composing that church celebrating must be without the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. No unleavened bread of sincerity and truth can exist in a local church unless only the members of the body observe the Lord's Supper.

Wine, not grape juice, is the other Scriptural element in the Lord's Supper. Our Lord and Saviour used wine made of the grape! It was fruit of the vine. There cannot be wine until fermentation ensues, and unfermented juice of the grape is but a mass

of leaven. We know that the saints in the local church have been washed in the blood of the Lamb — there is no more leaven. It is this element in the juice that causes it to ferment, and fermentation is the process by which it throws off and clears itself of this impurity. Again, we must be faithful to our Saviour. He commanded His churches to use wine. He forbade the use of any other liquid than the pure juice of the grape, when fermented and clarified.

Beloved, if the Lord's churches are going to be faithful to our Saviour and protect and observe the ordinance He has given us, let us follow completely by using unleavened bread and wine.



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perfectly natural ourselves while in some things we become like Him.

What if we reach after His high purity, as Robertson; His bounding fulness, as Chalmers; His chaste imagery, as Melville; His glowing fire, as Fenelon; His living compactness, as Massillon! Or, let us labour to breathe His earnestness, like Baxter; His topical thought, like Taylor; His soft intensity, like Robert Hall; and His heavenly-mindedness, like Leighton! Let us use His melting simplicity, with Pascal; His restless fervour, with Whitefield; His hal- lowing pathos, with Keble; and His translucent wisdom, with Paul! Then shall "we all, with un- veiled face, beholding in a mirror the glory of the Lord," be "trans- formed into the same image, from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord." You cannot lay too much stress upon this elementary thought; namely, that every man who preaches Christ must know exactly how Christ himself preached; and preach exactly as his Lord did, so far as he is able to copy Him. What were the matter, manner, and spirit of His public ministry, as the only true stand- ard of yours?

## HE GAVE TO HIS HOLY WORK THE ENTIRE ENERGY OF HIS BEING

He said: "Zeal for thy house consumes me." You could never have conceived of such a ministry had it not existed as a fact; for there is nothing ideal about Him as a model. As the Wisdom of God and the Power of God, He is the great miracle of our religion. In this fact, we center His delicate and keen moral perceptions — all that infinite fitness imports, and all the divine estimates of truth which its nature challenges. Here we locate His divine manliness, His spotless intrepidity, and the incarnate conscience which united His sympathies with all that is sublime in rectitude. These made Him feel that His words were His own. These sustained Him against all the audacity, recklessness; and arrogance which resisted His ministry. These gave Him the right of a hearing; preserved Him against all faults in exercising that right; and carried conviction to His hearers, without the need of forging one artificial sentence; for they were responsive to the depth of His earnestness. So then, the foundation work of our Lord's preaching was its sacred realness. His fires were not painted and without heat. His thunders were not mimic and without bolts.

Of course, you can imitate Him, only in what related to Him as a man; and yet, the true dignity of His ministerial acts sprang from His commission: "He was sent from God." He enforced every truth, not only as a man and as His own soul. Hence, He never spoke as if up to the moment of speaking there had been doubt in His mind, which He had now mastered, but which excited the fear that pos- sibly He was not entirely rid of it yet. Always His hearers felt His intensity, and once His lips ex- pressed it, when He said: "I am

the Truth." This reality made His doctrine easy and unrestrained, and for this reason He never as- sumed a mysterious mode of ex- pression, as if some new thought had just struck Him, and He was at a loss how to communicate it. Utterance sat upon Him with the grace of a vesture; He breathed the ease of speaking, just as He breathed the air of life.

Only twice did He even seem to hesitate for a word, and then, from plenitude of thought rather than poverty of language. Once, when laboring to set forth the de- generacy of the times, He asked: "To what shall I liken this gener- ation?" and once when He wanted to give the simplest idea of noise- less growth in the kingdom of God, He inquired: "To what shall I liken it?"

Here, He appears to hesitate for a moment; and then selects His figures, first, in the children of the market-place, and second, in the busy housewife at her bin, "leavening three measures of meal." But so intense was His energy, that Truth took up her abode in His breast as an inde- pendent oracle; and He allowed her to talk whenever she chose to command His passive and eloquent

lips. This incarnation of truth gave life to His subject and clothed His manner with persuasiveness. The doctrine was a power, the style was a charm, and, taken together, they extorted a confession of His "authority." Men "wondered at the gracious words which proceed- ed out of his lips;" for He threw an infinite distance between His ministry and everything that is little, trifling, and unimportant. Look again at your model, and see, that

## BETWEEN CHRIST'S MINISTRY AND HIMSELF THERE WAS AN UNIMPEACHABLE CONSISTENCY

In this respect, the preacher and His preaching were a unit. They harmonized at every point, be- cause the truth found in Him all that it taught. His truth was a pure spring, His practice widened it into a mighty river. His precept hewed the solid block from the strata, His practice shaped it into the majestic temple. In word He tempered the sword, in life every blow proved it invincible. In preaching the word, "I am the Truth," shows Him free; in prac- tice, "Which of you convicts me of sin," makes Him great.

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put on his gorgeous vestments and went into the most Holy Place, where the golden throne of Jeho- vah stood within the embroidered curtain, he was dumb in the au- dience chamber of the King Eter- nal. The people and lower orders of priests stood without, gazing at those mystic gleams of light which gave such glory to the veil of blue and purple and scarlet. They were full of doubt, whether or not Jehovah would accept the priest's ministrations for the sin- ful nation, and allow him to live in his presence. But in order to notify them that God desired to shine between the cherubim and was propitious, a row of bells and pomegranates was arranged upon the priest's robe; interchangeably "A golden bell and a pomegranate. If the priest were not smitten dead the moment that he passed the veil, immediately on raising his hands to minister to the Lord, the pomegranates struck the rim of the bells, and those without were filled with joy, for these chimes of the sanctuary proclaimed that the priest lived!

How much of all this there was in the public ministry of the Lord Jesus. In Him, golden voice and golden fruit spoke together. The bell and the fruit hung inter- changeably on the hem of His ministerial garment. His perfect precept rung out in His perfect example so harmoniously that you cannot distinguish one note from another; yet they are both golden. This blending music won His friends and silenced His foes. How the proud world would have re- joiced, if in Jesus there had been the slightest discord between the bell and the pomegranate. But while the heart dictated the truth, it moved the hand which establish- ed the living example; and the two chimed in sweet unison before God and men.

Therefore, my young brethren, the most inspiring thought in your ministry will lodge in the fact, that every proper attribute of your preaching is found in Christ personally. Your model Preacher and His preaching are one. Jesus spake as never man spake, be- cause He lived as never man liv- ed, and was what never man was. This fitted His words to all, be- cause it fitted them to Himself; and clothed both Him and them with an authority which no other man has ever swayed. This makes Him bold to say to you, "Learn of me," and should make you bold to copy Him at every step. You never have conceived of one qual- ity in a true preacher or in true preaching which did not inhere in Him, and you never can. No preacher can suggest one element which He lacked, nor point out one defect which, if separated from His ministry, would make it more perfect; so that He is the only true ideal of ministerial character and work. When you add to these considerations the fact,

## THE FULL-LENGTH PATTERN

No preaching conceptions are so mighty as His; no strains so ten- der; no thought so immeasurable. (Continued on page 7, column 4)

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

Seven British Protestant theologians have challenged the divinity of Jesus Christ in their jointly written book, "The Myth of God Incarnate." These religious infidels claim this book is an attempt to present a view now held by all theologians "gently and responsibly."

The book is edited by John Hick, professor of theology at Birmingham University and a member of the United Reform Church. Other contributors included Canon Maurice Wiles, professor of divinity at Christ Church, Oxford, and former chairman of the Church of England's Doctrine Commission.

Hick said of this book: "The history of Christianity includes various theological developments. The development is continuing. That the historical Jesus did not present himself as God incarnate is accepted by all (theologians) . . . Christian laymen today are not fully aware of it." Hicks says the book is aimed to enable Christians to maintain their faith in the light of modern scientific and philosophical developments.

"When I try to form a picture in my mind of this Jesus and of his teachings with the help of 100 years of biblical scholarship available to us, I feel that Jesus wasn't a Christian," Hick said.

The Bible says: "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world" (1 John 4:3). All seven of these religious infidels are demon-controlled and will burn in Hell with all unbelievers (Rev. 21:8).

Has Mormonism brought morality to the state of Utah where Mormons comprise 72 per cent of the population? Utah's crime rate (5,112.6) is above Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, Wyoming and several other states.

Salt Lake City and Ogden (Utah's two largest cities) metropolitan crime rate is 6,578.8. This is above Atlanta, Georgia; Birmingham, Alabama; Boise, Idaho;

Chattanooga, Tennessee; Cincinnati, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; Evanston, Indiana; Knoxville, Tennessee; New Orleans, Louisiana, and a host of other metropolitan cities.

Utah's divorce rate has dropped below the national average for the first time in 20 years (one-tenth of 1 per cent below), according to the Deseret News (the L.D.S. churches own newspaper for April 7, 1977).

How deep in debt is America? The National Taxpayers Union says the financial obligations of the U.S. are: National debt, \$701 billion; accounts payable, \$81 billion; undelivered orders, \$266 billion; long-term contracts, \$13 billion; annuity programs, including Social Security, \$4.65 trillion; unadjudicated claims and international commitments, \$53 billion. This makes a not-so-grand total of \$5.764 trillion. The total value of all property in the nation is estimated to be about \$5.7 trillion.

The Calvary Baptist Church in Holland, Mich., held a contest for people who arrived for services using energy-saving transportation methods. And first prize went to a man who showed up in a four-wheeled pedal cart.

But another Holland resident, watching news coverage of the event on television, recognized the prize-winning cart. It had been stolen from him.

A good question: Do modern gimmicks used by churches make converts for Christ or thieves for the Devil? The man who won the Bible should have opened it up to Exodus 20:15 which reads: "Thou shalt not steal."

Jewish community leaders and rabbis often make public statements about how Jews who come to Christ are less intelligent, less educated and the product of broken homes. The Graduate Theological Union Library of Berkeley, Calif., conducted a study of Hebrew Christians across the nation, and their findings seem to prove otherwise.

The survey showed that the average number of years of education is 14.91 (almost three full years of college). With regard to occupations 37 per cent were full-time students, 22 per cent were listed as professional or technical workers, and 9 per cent were in full-time ministerial work.

Those surveyed indicated the branch of Judaism they identified with while growing up as 37.6 per cent Reform, 34 per cent Conservative, and 15.1 per cent Orthodox. The family background indicates less divorce and separation of parents than the national average.

The average age a respondent came to believe in Christ is 20.8 years. Almost two-thirds became Hebrew Christians within six months of hearing the gospel and 75 per cent within one year. In answer to the question, "Have you ever actively witnessed for Christ?" 96 per cent said yes.

The dominant theological convictions of those filling out the survey were evangelical (53 per cent). Only 3 per cent checked the liberal category.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—The Supreme Court ruled here that states may not impose the death penalty for the crime of rape. In its 7-2 decision, the high court also hinted broadly that no crimes other than first degree murder are sufficiently heinous to demand capital punishment.

LONDON (EP) — Many observers here fear that England's most ambitious church unity project is heading for disaster.

The "Ten Propositions" drafted by the major Churches' unity commission have evoked confusing and conflicting reactions. And the recent report of a Methodist committee dampened ecumenists' spirits when it reported it had given only "unenthusiastic acquiescence" to the propositions.

Involved in the Church Unity Commission are the Church of England (Anglican), the Methodist Church, the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, the Congregational Federation, the Churches of Christ, the Moravian Church, the United Reformed Church and the Roman Catholic Church.

DULUTH, Minn. (EP) — The nationwide Baptist General Conference has voted unanimously to commend singer Anita Bryant for her actions to prevent the passage of gay rights legislation.

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (EP) — The Evangelical Free Church of America spoke out against abortion and divorce at its annual conference here. The denomination, with national headquarters in Richfield, Minn., said that an unborn child has the rights of a person from conception and these rights "may not be properly abrogated by law."

A resolution said abortion is "not a legitimate means of handling unwanted, inconvenient and embarrassing pregnancies."

Churches were urged to "take positive action in ministering to those situations where this problem of unwanted children exists." Another resolution held that "marriage under God is indissoluble" and that "divorce is not God's plan for man." A seven-point program for strengthening families was endorsed.

ALICANTE, Spain (EP) — The 54th Synod of the Spanish Evangelical Church has urged complete religious freedom and that Spain no longer observe Roman Catholicism as the state religion.

The resolution said the profession of a state religion "will always be an impediment to authentic religious liberty" and thus "the moment has come, when for

the benefit of the whole community and the Roman Catholic Church, this confession be abolished."

In other action, the Synod urged amnesty for those jailed in connection with disturbances in the Basque region.

## Jesus: . . Great Model

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Yet He poured them forth to His hearers in words simple enough to captivate a child, and in imagery noble enough to kindle the raptures of an angel. The more enlarged and profound His revelations, the more primary are His modes of stating them. Indeed, if He had not adopted this method, He would have hampered His ambassadors. His style furnishes them with the elements of suggestion, inquiry, exposition, and illustration. These awaken mental power, by starting all the sources of knowledge in the souls of His servants, and teaching them aptitude in its conveyance. Such a style prompts to exploration, and the mind employing it cannot be idle.

Many of Christ's auditors were well informed on some points of which He treated; yet in addressing them, He was so purely primary, that He lays the matter before them as if they knew nothing. This was, humanly speaking, the best means of sweeping away all the rubbish of erroneous impressions; and of confirming whatever of truth they knew. He proceeded upon no precise system, set and fixed; but adopted the elementary form, and was governed in its application by the circumstances in which He was placed at any given time. Thus, what the Apostle calls, "The present truth," flowed from Him when needed, and because He used no formal propositions, He spoke not words but things. This made Him as systematic as nature herself; but, like her, His system was not on the surface. His utterances are the best possible forms of rhetorical structure, oratorical ornament, and logical sequence; but all contributing to a sublime simplicity. Elsewhere, you find no such beauty of introduction, distinctness of discussion, and climax of application, as in His discourses. As we have already said, every element of great and good preaching which has come to light for eighteen hundred years was first a component part of His own.

A great German says of Fennelon, that he was "A man, a woman, an angel, and a child, all in one." He was masculine in intellect, woman-like in sympathy, angelic in gentleness, and child-like in simplicity. But this is infallibly true of your Lord, more than it can be of any of His servants; therefore, take Him as your model. You will be invited to emulate one preacher in his exordium, another in his peroration; one in his outline, another in his antithesis; one in his aphorisms, and another in his illustration; one in his paradox, and another in his quotations. But such imitation of pattern-men commonly degenerates into affections, tricks, and mannerisms, which degrade and disgrace the imitator: while to copy our Lord always leads to the highest perfection in preaching; for the reason that then the great Original flows out through the channels of the preacher's own nature and by his own originality.

Then, again, all models but Christ lead to a dead uniformity, even when disguise is attempted in the copy. But undisguised imitation of Him secures the greatest living variety. We hear this constant complaint, that in whatever Christian denomination a preacher is found, his preaching covers some particular school of theology

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or metaphysics; nay, he even bears certain stamps and badges which indicate pet methods and crotchets. Not only in his exterior, as the Oxford man dons his crimson hood, and the Cambridge man his purple; but he betrays his origin by tones of voice, gesticulation, and pronunciation. But, if ten thousand men became steeped through and through with Christ's truths, phraseology, spirit, and habits, so that they have entirely taken Him up into themselves, their preaching will be as various as the flowers which sprang up at his feet; all born and adorned under the light of the same sun. Their only resemblance one to the (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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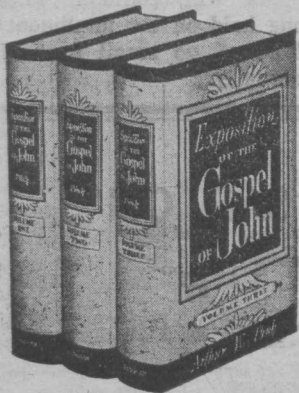
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Our Blessed Redeemer  
Saves to the uttermost.*

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God the Son,  
And Holy Spirit:  
Great three-in-one.*

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And God of glory;  
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Earth's greatest story.*

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And Lord of lords;  
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## Jesus: . . Great Model

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But you may ask, "What is the use of a divine model that is absolutely inimitable? Of what practical use can be a model which it is impossible to copy? Better have one that we can reach than one after which we are constantly stretching but which we can never duplicate." The difficulty with this suggestion is, in taking in anything is to strengthen the imitative powers, and not to create new ability. Therein lies the error of young preachers, in wishing for an imitable model.

A young artist, in copying a work of art, does not hope to succeed in making the copy as perfect as the original of the chief master who produced it. But in its use and study he hopes to improve in art himself; and perfection in the original is necessary to stimulate him to that improvement. He can never reach distinction till he aims at perfection. A man may be a giant amongst infants; but giants amongst babes are dwarfs amongst men. Tell the young orator that unless he comes to equal Demosthenes, he had better hold his tongue, and you chill his first efforts to speak. Tell the young limner that unless he makes the canvas live as Raphael did, all his efforts will be ridiculous, and he will never touch the pencil. Then, of course, art and eloquence must die out. So, tell the young preacher that unless he is as absolutely perfect as Christ he must not preach, and he will remain dumb. The fact is, that he is not required to be as absolutely perfect as his model. But, as the perfect standard in art is a living inspiration to the learner, so will

Jesus, the inimitable Preacher inspire hope and aim in the breast of his faithful young pupil.

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## The Baptists Of N.H.

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gathered in Brentwood, in 1771, with branches at one time in more than twelve different towns, and a membership of nearly 1,000.

During this year churches were formed in Richmond, Hinsdale, and Chesterfield. In 1780, Elder Shepard baptized 44 persons at Meredith and constituted them into a church.

Elders Hezekiah Smith and Samuel Shepard were apostles in New Hampshire, whose labors enjoyed a remarkable measure of divine favor. There were other early preachers and churches in New Hampshire worthy of our denominational name; and upon them and their brethren the Spirit of God fell, and converts were gathered and churches formed in all directions, until today we have seven Associations, 86 churches, ministers, settled and without charge, 103. The number of members is 9,210. In the department of Sunday Schools we find that there are 72 schools, with 814 teachers and 9,319 scholars.

In education the Baptist of New Hampshire have taken an active interest. In 1826 they founded the "New Hampton Literary and Theological Institution," at New Hampton.

Elder B. F. Farnsworth was its first principal and Professor of Theology. Elder E. B. Smith succeeded him in 1833, and retained his position until 1861. In 1838, Elder J. Newton Brown was made Associate Professor of Theology, and discharged the duties of the office until 1845, when Elder James Upham was appointed to the professorship. At the death of Elder Smith, Elder Upham became president of the institution, and retained the position until 1866. Owing to inadequate financial support the seminary was removed to Fairfax, Vt., in 1853. This institution gave instruction in the higher branches of a general education, and prepared young men for the ministry; and it had in connection with it an academy of a higher order for young women. In its two locations it had about 200 theological students, most of whom became very useful in the pastorate and in other departments of Christian work. Few seminaries with its means have rendered such important service.

After the removal of the New Hampton Institution to Vermont in 1853, the Baptists of New Hampshire took immediate steps to establish an academy at New London, which was opened in 1853; it now bears the name of Colby Academy.

The report of the benevolent

operations for the year covered by the statistics here given is, for the Missionary Union \$1,848.11; for the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, \$1,074.06; home missions, \$863.26; for the Convention, \$2,584.19; for home objects, \$82,114.04. The total for all purposes, \$92,254.03.

The State Convention was founded in 1826. It has accomplished great results in New Hampshire, and its affairs have been managed with much ability. In 1880 it aided seventeen churches and two missions, which have become churches. Its officers were Eld. W. V. Garner, president; Eld. W. Hurlin, secretary; A. J. Prescott, treasurer.

While in New Hampshire very many of the churches suffer constant diminution by emigration, a review of the last half century presents many facts, showing how the denomination has grown in that State.

Fifty years ago there were in New Hampshire seventy churches and forty-one ministers. The greater part of these churches were poor, and pastors that were settled received but a scanty support. Moreover, there was more or less direct oppression which Baptists

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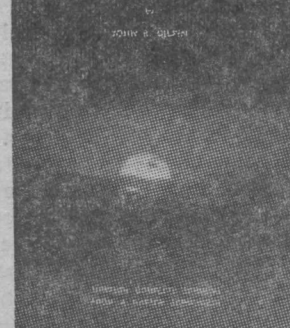
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were compelled to endure from the "standing order." They were the "sect everywhere spoken against." But a most happy charge has taken place in all these respects. The statistics given above will show the present situation of the denomination. Baptists have places of worship which will compare favorably with those of any other denomination. They are firmly planted in all the prominent cities and villages of the State.

In the valley of the Merrimack they were but little known fifty years ago; "Now the churches which occupy that valley," says Elder E. E. Cummings, in his "Ministry of Fifty Years," "are the pride and strength of the denomination throughout the State."

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