

Pray hardest when it is hardest to pray.

CHRIST CAME -- BUT WHY?

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PART I

Jesus came and lived a good life, but that is not why He came. He came and was obedient to His parents as a child, but that is not why He came. He came and deposed Himself well in the community where He lived as a young man and as a man, but that is not why He came.

Jesus came, healed a few bodies, eased a few minds, relieved some pain, gave sight to a few blind, and raised a few dead, but that is not why He came. Had Jesus come to heal sin-sick bodies, give sight to the blind, ease human pain, or raise the dead, the Millennium would have arrived. The Son of Man already would have been "King of kings and Lord of lords," and the last 1900 years of "distress of nations" and "wars and rumors of wars" would not have transpired!

Jesus came and calmed the waves, stilled the winds, made a feast for a multitude on a couple of occasions from a little bread and a few fish, but that is not why He

came. Had He come to satisfy fleshly needs, the Millennium would have arrived. The earth would be untroubled by storms and disasters, and the people would be enjoying an abundance that would make hunger and human wants unknown.

Jesus endured the rejection of men when "His own received Him not," but that is not why He came. He was spurned by many of His disciples who "went back and walked no more with Him" (John 6:66), but that is not why He came. He was tried before Caiaphas and Pilate and mocked in the court of one called Herod, but that is not why He came.

Jesus was denied by Peter, His disciples who had earlier testified, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God," but that is not why He came. Jesus was betrayed by Judas Iscariot, "the son of perdition," who also walked with Him for a time, but that is not why He came. He made "the best wine" from water for the wedding in the early moments of His ministry, and men provided Him the "worst wine" in the concluding moments of His ministry, but that is not why

He came.

God is specific as to why Jesus came!

God is absolute as to why Jesus came!



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We learn, "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). Wondrously, we hear, "He was manifested to take away our sins" (1 John 3:5). Climatically,

God proclaims, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. . . ." (1 Tim. 1:15). Ultimately, God tells us, that Jesus "His own self bare our sins in His body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24). God, the Father, tells of His involvement in, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10).

Jesus came to heal sin-sick souls!

Jesus does this with absolute perfection!

How unconscionable, then, that some men insist that God lied when He says that He saves "to the uttermost those that come unto God by Him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25)! What travesty that the "Charismatics" and others insist that the saved are not really saved "to the uttermost" or that the saved are not eternally secure in Christ Jesus. Such piteous creatures hear Jesus say, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36), and apparently without conscience reject the truth while calling themselves

"Charismatics" and sometimes even Christian.

Obviously, Baptists cannot be "Charismatics"!

On occasion, "Charismatics" may quote "I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Tim. 1:12), "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7), and He "bare our sins in his own body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24). Tragically, however, these walk in such depths of spiritual darkness that they cannot accept salvation which is eternal and secure. These are involved in salvation in which they suppose they have a part, but they reject salvation "by grace through faith" (Eph. 2:8) which is wholly of our sovereign God and secure forever in Christ, "not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:9)!

These "Charismatics" who give themselves to the fleshly excesses of so-called "healing," "tongues," and "miracles" can never understand these Scriptural truths. It is understandable, then, that they (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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I WILL PRAISE HIS WORD

By HERB EVANS
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"In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust: I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil. . . . In God will I praise his word: in the Lord I will praise his word. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me" (Ps. 56:4,5,10,11).

Brethren, we are doing the right thing when we exalt, magnify, and praise the Holy and Magnificent English Word of God. Christians in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain would be hard put to praise the Word of God written in another language. The Scriptures themselves assure us that we are doing the right thing. However, neofundamental brethren, who question, belittle, and discredit the English Bible of 1611 (King James), are doing the wrong thing—the sinful thing.

The wrath of the Bible correcting brethren is upon those who praise God's Word. Bible correctors can be expected to lie about us and to wrest our words, as well as God's Word, to mean something entirely different than what has been said. Bible correctors are experienced word wrestors! Bible correctors must put Bible praisers in the worse possible light to discredit their position and to save their own

hides; for pastors, students and lay Christians are beginning to look their way with raised eyebrows. Yes, all their thoughts are against us for evil, but we do not fear what flesh can do unto us, for we have put our trust in the Lord.

Certain Fundamental Bible Correcting colleges have seen fit to expel both teachers and students for, believe it or not, "praising God's Word." These schools are not just fundamental; they are the most fundamental of schools.

One certain missionary to Mexico had his support dropped by a well known pastor in Maryland. Why? Because he praised God's Word!

A certain Bible-praising brother has had his personal life's tragedy dragged out publicly to discredit his position on the King James Bible. His accusers, who are always talking about not gossiping or slandering a brother or listening to gossip about him, didn't even have the decency to get the story straight. Of course, the same brethren see fit to excuse other more cooperative brethren of the same and worse circumstances.

These unsung heroes of the faith were not afraid of what man could do unto them. They, like others down through the centuries, would not be muzzled by Ecclesiastical (Continued on page 8, column 3)

WHAT IF THERE WERE NO CHURCH IN YOUR AREA?

WHAT IF THERE WERE NO CHURCH IN YOUR COMMUNITY? Suppose the doors of every church in your community were closed, never to open again; and the house of God had become the habitat of bats and of owls, and the pulpit and the pews were all covered with dust.

WHAT IF THERE WERE NO CHURCH IN YOUR COMMUNITY? And suppose the foundation of the house of God had given away, the doors tumbled down and the windows were broken out, and the roof admitted the snow and the rain.

WHAT IF THERE WERE NO CHURCH IN YOUR COMMUNITY? Now suppose the church house had been moved away; having no steeple to grace the roadside, directing the traveler toward heaven.

WHAT IF THERE WERE NO CHURCH IN YOUR COMMUNITY? Just suppose the church house had been moved away; and the old church-yard was now plowed for profit, and the path that once led to the house of God, was now covered with weeds and briars and grass.

WHAT IF THERE WERE NO CHURCH IN YOUR COMMUNITY? (Continued on page 5, column 1)

By Eld. KEITH I. MERRITT

I have an impossible task: to address such a large subject in one short message! I can only survey and suggest. But, hopefully I will be able to lay the foundation upon which can be built a godly Christian home.

First of all, the home is a great theme of the Scriptures. It is one of three God-ordained institutions for this age. Sadly, it is an institution which has greatly degenerated in the modern world. Satan has attacked it in every facet! May God restore us godly homes.

Before we consider the home in detail, we need to define the commission of the home. There is a commission for the home. In defining the divinely-given role of the home it is best to compare and contrast its commission with that of the other two divinely-established institutions—the church and human government.

The church, as commissioned, is the only authoritative agent in this age for the propagation and preservation of God's holy Word. In Matthew 28:18-20 we have the essence of the commission of the church:

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

We have: (1). Worldwide proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. (2). Full discipling of any converted by the preaching of the Word, which includes confession (immersion) and incorporation (church planting) and indoctrination in all the Word of God. By so doing the church will indeed be-

come the "pillar and ground of the truth."

As to the institution of human government as ordained by God, we find its commission is to protect its subjects and preserve peace. A key passage concerning the function of government is Romans 13:1-7:

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God. . . . and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor."

Zeroing in on verse four, we read, ". . . the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." Human government, therefore, is ordained of God to protect its subjects and to preserve the peace. It is authorized and commanded by the Lord to exercise ultimate temporal authority through capital punishment for capital crimes. In our age there must be no effort of the state to function for the church or the home! I fear that unless the Lord comes first we are going to see in America an all-out attempt of the state to usurp the authority of the home and church. We are already able to see areas of conflict.

The Home, then, by God's design is commissioned to function (Continued on page 4, column 4)

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE?

GENERAL BRAMWELL BOOTH of the Salvation Army told a story about himself and his father, according to the Free Churchman.

"The old General" he said, "had a great liking for Peter, but I always thought of him as a rather wobbly type. On one occasion, I said to my father, 'How do you explain the circumstances of Peter's getting out on the water and seeing Jesus, and then, with all this to convince him, suddenly losing his faith and sinking?'"

"Well do I remember the old General's reply: 'Bramwell, my boy, YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF THE BOAT!'"

1 John 5:7, 8. . . . "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."

When I came upon and started studying this subject (the sacrifice of the Father), immediately the example of Abraham and Isaac came to mind. But even in this, the emotion that was shared between the father and son could not shed

any light on the magnificent love that was shared between the Father and the Son. We look at the Father and Son through human eyes, trying to understand the emotion that was shared there, and we cannot. A lot of people will say that God is not an emotional God; God has no emotions, but part of His attributes are emotions, where He says that I have loved and I have hated. I cannot understand, nor explain the emotions of God. I know that those emotions are perfect, in whatever ways they are expressed.

Man, today, pictures God as a God that wants to throw all sinners in Hell. Then they picture Christ as His Son that came to do battle against God to save some of those that God wanted to throw in Hell. They picture the work of Christ as an arrangement to save us from God. That is the average thought on God, instead of Christ coming to save His people from their sins. They ignore the gift of God, and that gift was a certain people to his Son. (John 6:39-44).

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A Sermon By David Goetz

THE SACRIFICE OF THE FATHER

LOST IN THE "WOULDS"

I "would" go to church, but it is my only day off.

I "would" stay for preaching, but I have to be doing other things.

I "would" attend prayer meeting, but my job is pressing.

I "would" visit for the church, but I just don't have the knack.

I "would" be saved, but I have plenty of time.

If the people who make these excuses were lost in the "woods," they would be very concerned about their condition, but they are very complacent about being lost in the "woulds." They are robbing themselves of the best things of life.

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Sacrifice Of Father

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There are not any differences in the Trinity. The triune God is in perfect harmony, even to the point of the Father sharing in Calvary.

I like to look at this and five points of the Father sharing Calvary.

1. The likeness of the Father and the Son.
2. The closeness of the love between the Father and the Son.
3. The manifestation of God's love in His Son.
4. The Father's giving of His only begotten.
5. The Father shares Calvary with the son.

In our text found in I John 5:7, 8 we see the likeness of the Father and the Son.

"For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."

First of all, we see the triune God that agrees in Heaven. God the Father, God the Son, (or the Word), and God the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. God has three different distinctions but yet one—God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Everything that is done is in agreement with one another. They cannot and will not disagree with one another.

for they are one. They cannot and will not be separated one from another, for they are one.

We worship one God in the Trinity of the wholly divine, magnificent God, the triune God. We worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity is in unity. The three personal distinctions in the one God is that they never confound the persons nor divide the substance. (Deut. 6:4) . . . "Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord."

We see here in verse 8 of I John (I often run through verse 8 and never contemplate the real meaning) . . . "And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood."

We see when we look at a few references—the harmony of the Trinity as one. Verse 1 of chapter 5 . . . "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." We see that we have to be born of God. John 3rd chapter tells us that we have to be born of the water and the Spirit. "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Then we find in verse 8, speaking of the Spirit, "so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." We have to be born of God and born of the Spirit. We that are born of the Spirit and born of God worship God in spirit. We find that in chapter 4, verses 23,24. "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him."

God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

In these Scriptures, we see that we have to be born of God, born of the Spirit and born of the water which is the next word that is used in I John 5: We must be born with the "Spirit and the water and the blood." In God's great salvation, we have to be born of God. We have to be born of the Spirit, and we have to be born of the water and the blood—the water being the Word of God. John 15:3 . . . "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." We find that in James 1:18 . . . "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures." I Peter 1:23 . . . "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." Then we see the sacrifice of the blood in verse 18. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ." The blood is the sacrifice of Christ Jesus.

What is the water and the blood? We find the meaning of that in I John 5:6. The water and the blood is Jesus Christ. "This is he that came by water and blood, even Christ Jesus; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth." We see the Trinity that bears witness here on earth is, first of all, the Spirit; the water and the blood as it refers to Christ Jesus. How does it refer to Christ Jesus? The water refers to the diet of Christ Jesus where the blood refers to Him as a God-man or the sacrificial lamb that was slain. We find that in John 1:1 where it says . . . "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Then you find, also, in John 4, speaking to the woman at the well, verse 11, "The woman saith unto Him: Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence hast thou that living water. Art thou greater than our father Jacob which gave the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I give him shall never thirst. But the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." This is referring to the washing of the water of regeneration—the washing with the Word used by the Spirit of God that springs up into everlasting life. This is brought out in John 7:37. "In the last days, that great

day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given. . . .) This is speaking of the Spirit using the water (word) in regeneration.

Then you find in John 8:31 . . . "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth (speaking of Christ) and the truth shall make you free."

We remember in our Scripture reading of I John 5:6—the spirit is truth or leads us into all truth.

Now we see the blood (also a representative) as the God-man. We find in Galatian 4:4-5, (speaking of Christ Jesus), "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." We find also, we that are born again, must be partakers of his blood. In John 6:53-57 . . . "Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat of the flesh of the son of man, and drink his blood, ye shall have no life in you. Whosoever eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, (meaning Christ) and I in him. As the living Father has sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me."

We see three agree in one in heaven, concerning God's great salvation. We must be chosen in

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heaven before the foundation of the world, if we are to be born in the earth. The three that agree in the earth are the Spirit, water, and the blood. We must be born again of the Spirit, the Word, and redeemed by Christ Jesus' blood. These three that agree in one cannot be separated in the earth. (Hebrews 2:14. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." There is not such a doctrine as spirit regeneration without word regeneration; you can not separate them.

You have not been regenerated by the Spirit and the Word without the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. John 19:34 . . . "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water." The water and the blood flowed from the same place and flowed together, and therefore if a man would be saved, he must have the three in one. Numbers untold would like to escape from hell, but they wished not to escape from sin. John 16:13-15 . . . "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you." I brought this out to say that God was still in heaven when Christ Jesus came in the flesh. That was not to say that God was not manifested on the earth because He was manifested in the person of the Lord Jesus. His apostles worried and wondered about this. But Christ Jesus put them to ease in

BRIEF NOTES

The Sullivan Sovereign Grace Missionary Baptist Church of Sullivan, Illinois will be holding special revival services beginning May 1 through May 7 with services at 7:30 each evening.

Elder Joseph M. Wilson of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, will be the evangelist and the church and pastor would like to invite everyone within driving distance to attend as many services as possible.

Anyone desiring more information or directions, please call the pastor at (217) 752-6276.

John 14:9 . . . "Jesus saith unto him, have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself; but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works."

In that, we see the likeness of the Father and the Son, "If you see me, then you see God. The work that I do, I do of God." In other words, we see Christ as the manifestation of God in the flesh, although God was still in heaven. 1 Timothy 3:16 . . . "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

We also see the closeness of the love between God, and the Son John 15:9 . . . "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love." We find also in John 17 the closeness of the Father and the Son. When he talks about the closeness here, he included us that are regenerated by the grace of God. We find in verse 22 . . . "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one." We see the closeness of the love in that they are one. We see the closeness of the elect in that we are one with Christ Jesus in God. In verse 23 we see the Trinity of God's love; "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." In the Trinity of the love of God, we are in Christ Jesus, Christ Jesus is in God and we are made perfect in that unity of love.

We find in verse 24 the eternal love of God. "For thou hast loved me before the foundation of the world." We have been loved in Christ Jesus. In verse 25, we find the closeness of the Father and Son. "Oh righteous Father; the world hath not known thee, but I have known thee and these have known that thou hast sent me." The world does not know God, but we who are called by his marvelous grace know God through the person of Christ Jesus. Then he ends it with verse 26, with the prayer of the Saviour. "I declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them." So we see the closeness of God's love between the Father and the Son in that they

were completely perfect, and are one.

Do you not think that, that love so great has no feelings? Do you not think that the Father delighteth in the Son and the Son in the Father? Do you not think there were emotions that were shared one toward another? Yes, the Scriptures bear this out. Matthew 3:17 . . . "And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And the words of Christ Jesus in John 12:49, 50, "For I have not spoken of myself, but the Father which sent me; he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak, and I know that his commandment is life everlasting. Whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father saith unto me, so I speak."

The Son glorified the Father, and the Father glorified the Son. The delight was in one another. In this we see the manifestation of God's love toward His children. God cannot be in the presence of sin; God cannot look upon sin. It tells us in our Bible that the whole creation groaned and travailed in pain because of sin. It also tells us that we who are regenerated have the first-fruits of the spirit, groan within waiting on the day of redemption.

God hates sin continually, but His hate magnifies His love. Hate that was so deep that He spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up. "How shall he not with him also freely give us all things" (Romans 8:32).

Then you see the love that was manifested toward us. Romans 5:8 . . . "For God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." We see the giving up of His Son shows us the greatness of His love, but it also shows us the severity of sin. I cannot comprehend a God with a love so great, that He would actually give of Himself. The most precious thing that He had He gave. That is, the sacrifice of the Father. I cannot put this in the terms that can be understood by our minds; I can only look on it in a human level.

But let me ask you fathers; would it be easier for you to die or to watch your son die? Mothers, would it be easier for you to die or to watch your daughter die? Oh, what great love God had for the elect children!

In I John 4:9,10 we see the manifestation of God's love toward us. God loved us and gave His only begotten Son, so that we might live. We love him, because he "first loved us" (Vs. 19). Herein is the manifestation of God's love that he loved us and sent His Son to be a payment for our sins.

Isaiah 53:10,11 . . . "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief; when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied; by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities."

It pleased or satisfied God to bruise His Son for His chosen. God saw the travail of His Son, declared the penalty paid. What does that amount to? The sum of it is (Continued on page 8, column 1)

READY AT LAST!

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Christ Came . . .

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should live to indulge in fleshly "religious experiences," turn to testify of those fleshly "religious experiences," and then encourage others to seek for fleshly "religious experiences." It is not surprising that they have little or no concern that God has called for faith in His "beloved Son in whom" He "is well pleased."

"Charismatics" walk in darkness apart from Christ!
"Charismatics" miss the effectual glory of the gospel!

If we miss the wonder of God's will toward us in Christ, we can never know the goodness of God in the Gospel, though our confused lives may give all of the evidences of worldly success. If we miss the marvel of God's grace as our only strength in the light of, "My grace is sufficient for thee" (2 Cor. 12:9), then every labor in which we indulge will be a lost and purposeless cause. If we "walk in the flesh, minding the things of the flesh" (Rom. 8:5), we cannot know the faith to which God gives testimony in "These, all, received a good report through faith" (Heb. 11:39) or "by their faith," and who together with those of us who walk by faith shall "be made perfect" (Heb. 11:40).

Clearly, "Charismatics" cannot comprehend Christ!

Historically, Jesus came born as a man, born of the flesh, by means of a woman. Spiritually, Jesus came born of God, begotten by the Holy Spirit. Historically, Jesus lived a life in the flesh perfect in every detail, yet becoming "sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Cor. 5:21). Spiritually, Jesus pleased the Father in all that He did "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Eph. 3:10-11).

Historically, the Scriptures ineluctably announce, "I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people" (Lk. 2:10). Spiritually, the Scriptures eternally provide, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ, the Lord" (Lk. 2:11) whom God "raised from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world but also in that which is to come" (Eph. 1:20-21).

Tragically, however, "Charismatics" whose concerns are fleshly "healings," "tongues," and "miracles" cannot really grasp, either mentally or spiritually, the historical or spiritual presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. They may present an appearance of religious unity, but they live by the confusion which must issue from their "din of religious doctrine"! Though God has determined a "Babel of tongues" until the Lord Jesus returns when even "The bells

of the horses" will have upon them "HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD" (Zech. 14:20), these would have us suppose there is a "unity" in their "babel"!

"FEELING!" is their cry—not the Scriptures.

Within the perimeters of their confusion, the "Charismatics" may even present the appearance of fleshly unity. With "wisdom" provided "the children of this world . . . in their generation" (Lk. 16:8), these dull the "din of their doctrines" with an appeal to "feeling"! Those who have not yet come to faith by hearing "the word of God" (Rom. 10:17) can find such an appeal to the flesh and to "feeling" most persuasive!

They may have the sophistication of the Romans and even the wisdom of the Greeks, but their concern for the flesh precludes their ever knowing, "The stone which was set at nought . . . is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:11-12). They may boast of "a word of knowledge" or even "seek for signs," but their commitment to the flesh precludes their coming to the faith. Their "Charismatic" aura may be such that they appear at times even to be Christian, but it would seem they serve him who appears as "an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:14).

"Charismatics" put their confidence in the flesh!

"Charismatics" put their faith in experiences!

Having missed, "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17), these can never know why Jesus came! Having committed themselves finally to fleshly "feeling," they have missed the Word and the faith, and they are incapable of perceiving the purpose of Christ's coming. Thus, the message in the ministries of the Apostles is unknown to them.

The Apostle Peter, for example, had walked and talked with Jesus. He had prayed and perhaps even wept with Jesus, for Lazarus was his friend, too. Peter was there when the thousands were fed. Peter was there when Jesus appeared, as it were, out of nowhere, "Walking on the sea" (Mt. 14:25)!

At the command of Jesus, Peter, too, "walked on the water" (Mt. 14:29). Perhaps the first mortal ever to do so! And the last! Yet, not one time throughout the rest of his life did he ever boast of this accomplishment. Rather, the emphasis is placed upon his weakness and the Lord's power. This is something those who live by the flesh rather than the faith can never know.

Peter was there when some of the sick were given renewed health, broken bodies were made whole, some of the possessed were freed of evil spirits, some of the lame were made to walk, some of the lepers were cleansed, some of the deaf were given their hearing, some of the blind were made to see, and some of the dead were raised. Peter was there when Jesus was "transfigured before them;



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Ephesians 4:11-15.

Intro.: When we consider the offices, ordinances, and the orders of the church, we see they were all given to the local assemblies. There is nothing any greater or of any more importance than the local assembly. To set it aside or to ignore it is a reflection on the wisdom of God Who ordained it. We need to highly consider the Ordainer, the Originator, the Organizer, and the Official of the churches. We are now noticing that each local assembly is a unit in itself.

VERSE 11

"And He gave." He Who has all power both in Heaven and in earth (Matt. 28:18); He that hath been highly exalted and given a Name which is above every name (Phil. 2:9); He which hath created and by Whom all things consist (Col. 1:16, 17) is the sender of gifted men as gifts to the church. Surely He knows who and what it takes

and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light" (Mt. 17:2) and "Moses and Elijah" talked with him (Mt. 17:3).

Peter was there when Jesus was betrayed by one who had walked as a disciple. Peter was there when Jesus was tried in the courts of men. Peter was there when the people cried, "Crucify him, crucify him" (Lk. 23:21). Peter was there when Jesus came into the midst of the disciples, "The doors being shut" (John 20:26). Peter was there when the 153 fish were caught. Peter was there when food was prepared by the resurrected Lord.

Peter was there when the Holy Spirit provided "cloven tongues like as of fire" (Acts 2:3). Peter was there when those from several lands and several tongues were "amazed and marvelled" that they heard "every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born" (Acts 2:7-8). Peter was there in Caesarea when Cornelius, other Gentiles, and the Jews who accompanied him heard them "magnify God" in their own tongues (Acts 10:46).

Everyone present heard!

Everyone present understood!

How, then, can "Charismatics" insist that God speaks through them in some nonsensical, unintelligible, guttural gibberish? How can "Charismatics" expect Christians to accept them as rational men and women?

If we can believe the Scriptures, God has never spoken to men except in an understandable language! His sovereign omniscience is evidenced in the truth that whether in the Garden of Eden, in Haran, on "the backside of the desert," in the land of Egypt, on the banks of the River Jordan, in Jerusalem, or in Caesarea, God spoke the language the people understood, or He provided that they should understand in their own language.

Wherever we turn in the Word, this is true!

Whenever God speaks, the people understand!

To Adam, God said, "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it" (Gen. 2:16-17). To Noah, God said, "The end of all flesh is before me . . . make thee an Ark of gopher wood . . ." (Gen. 6:13-14). To Abram, God said, "Get thee out of thy country . . . and I will make of thee a great nation" (Gen. 12:1-2). To Moses, God said, "I Am that I Am . . . thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you" (Ex. 3:14).

In each instance, God spoke distinctly!

In each instance, God was understood!

We can speak with certainty that (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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for a church to function properly. This was true in relation to the tabernacle and temple of the Old Testament and is true of the churches of the New Testament. Thank God, He "is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work" (II Cor. 9:8; Study I Cor. 12:4,11,12).

"Some, apostles." This was a particular office for particular men for a particular time, so when the apostles were removed by death, the office ceased, for there were no more eye witnesses nor any need for this office (Acts 1:21,22).

"And some, prophets." Before the completion of the Holy Scriptures God raised up men by whom He gave forth His message to the people; these men were called prophets. However since the completion of the Bible, we no longer have need of prophets, for God has given us a complete revelation; "so if any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God" (I Pet. 4:11).

"And some evangelists." A bearer of glad tidings of great joy; a proclaimer of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, similar to a missionary.

"And some, pastors and teachers." The pastor is to shepherd the sheep by being the overseer, caretaker, and guide. He is to take heed to the flock of God as well as himself and feed the flock of God, taking the oversight willingly. The words "pastor," "elder," and "bishop" are designations of the same office (Acts 20:28; I Pet. 5:1-4; I Tim. 3:1-7; I Tim. 4:11-16; II Tim. 2:24,25). Notice also, the pastor is to be "apt to teach" and to do the work of an evangelist (II Tim. 4:1-5). Others may have the capacity to teach, but the pastor is to be the primary teacher of the church.

VERSE 12

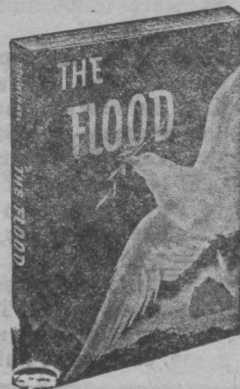
"For the perfecting of the saints." A right study of the Word of God makes the man of God perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (II Tim. 2:15; II Tim. 3:16,17). This prepares him to perfect the church by directing their affairs, both publicly and privately, according to the Word of God. The body of Christ, the church, is put into adjustment by the Word of God which is one meaning of the word "perfecting."

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The office of a pastor is a "great work." It is a "labor of love." It is a service. The man of God is to be given to prayer and to the ministry of the Word (Acts 6:4). Jesus Christ came to minister, which is the supreme example of service (Matt. 25:28). Epaphroditus was nigh unto death for the work of Christ (Phil. 2:30). Because of abuse and misuse, people greatly misunderstood the "work of the ministry."

"For the edifying of the body of Christ." Every effort of the man of God should be to build up the church so it can stand for the glory of God; to make the church strong so it can carry on the work of the Lord. Many times preachers, out of ignorance or arrogance, weaken the church.

VERSE 13

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith." This is to be a continual and a continuing process until the end of this age, just like the commission in Matthew 28:18-20. This is the mark we are to be consistently pressing towards and to be satisfied for nothing less. We should desire this for the church as a whole and not for just a few.

"And of the knowledge of the Son of God." Paul's individual desire, as well as his desire for others, was to know Christ and to be conformed to Him (Phil. 3:9-10).

"Unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Again, Paul's desire for the saints was, "I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you" (Gal. 4:19). If those of us who are pastors were as intense, possibly churches would be stronger. We are being "changed from glory to glory into the same image" (II Cor. 3:18).

VERSE 14

"That we henceforth be no more children." In Hebrews 5:14 we read the expression "of full age." That is, mature Christians who have drunk the milk of the Word and have grown to the place they can absorb the meat of the Word. (Contrast I Cor. 3:1-3).

"Tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine." A Christian who is not anchored in the Word of God or by the Word of God and who is not established in the faith, will be blown off course with the false doctrines of men. How vivid this is in the age in which we live.

"By the sleight of men." We have many magicians spiritually, whose hand and words are quicker than the eye. They can make error look like the real thing.

"And cunning craftiness." They are adept at trapping their prey (Luke 20:23).

"Whereby they lie in wait to deceive." Waiting for the right time and place.

VERSE 15

"But speaking the truth in love." The best weapon against the attack of the Devil is the Word of God (Matt. 4:1-11). Also we need to manifest the love of God in all of our activities, whether in the presence of the saints or our enemies.

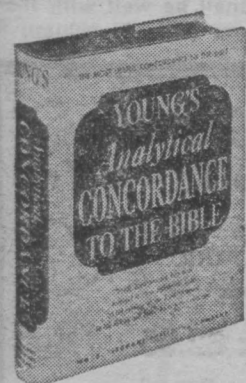
"May grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ." For the body to be lifted up into the thinking and the feelings of the Head, the Lord Jesus Christ, is a glorious thought (Phil. 2:5).

Conclusion: The provisions the Lord has made for the preservation and for the advancement of the churches and their application in God's providence is to be much appreciated and appropriated.

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Please reconcile the sovereignty of God and the responsibility of man.—St. Paul, MN

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I do not feel able to cope with a subject of such magnitude as this one. As you probably know whole chapters, and even whole books have been written on it. But, that the brethren may have more space for their articles on other subjects, I must of necessity refrain from taking up too much space. It seems that some people refuse to believe in the sovereignty of God, because they think it nullifies the responsibility of man. Others stress the sovereignty of God and refuse to accept the teaching of the responsibility of man. I must admit that man's finite reasoning cannot hold to both teachings.

But anyone who goes to the dear old Book for the answer must of necessity see that one of them is just as much a Bible doctrine as the other. There is really no conflict between them. And anyone who denies the sovereignty of God lets his ignorance of God's Word shine forth. Job 23:13, Psalm 115:3, Daniel 4:35, Matthew 19:26, and Ephesians 1:11 along with many other Scriptures will prove to any Spirit-led Christian that God is sovereign. And if man is not responsible for what he does, Scriptures like I Corinthians 3:11-15 and II Corinthians 5:10 are a farce. Revelation 20:12 shows plainly that the lost are responsible for their works.

The actions of some of our Lord's saints seem to indicate that God's sovereignty does not reach them. But I am fully persuaded that God has a purpose for permitting those actions. For example, no one can look at Lot's record and think for one moment that he was a saint. Nothing he did indicated that he was one of the Lord's saints. But when I see the angels take him by the hand and lead him out of Sodom, and when I see Peter calling him a just (DIKAIOS, righteous) man, I have to admit that he was a saved man. And I believe that God's purpose in all this was to show us the folly of our trying to judge as to who is, and who is not saved. That is God's business, and we should permit Him to take care of it.

The Bible teaches plainly that sovereignty and free will work hand in hand. In Acts 2:33 we read, "Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." Here we see the sovereignty of God and the free will of man working in unison. The Jews were doing just exactly what they wanted to do. They were acting according to their free will. But at the same time they were doing what God wanted or willed to be done. That is what Christ came to do. And the Jews gladly, but without

their knowing it, carried out God's will. The late T. P. Simmons has aptly said, "The action of any individual at any time could not have been different without the individual or the motives being different." Again he has said, "God having determined all circumstances, controls the motives that influence the will." There was no way those Jews could have even wanted to do other than crucify Christ, because God had determined the circumstances that controlled their will. But still they were carrying out their free will. No one told them that they must do what they did. So here, as in other places in the Scriptures, we see the sovereignty of God and the free will of man working together.

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Please understand me when I say that I do not attempt to "reconcile" God's teachings. I am not trying to be a smart aleck, but what I mean is I do not feel that it is necessary to try to bring God's Word into harmony. I may have to bring my own thinking into harmony with His Word, in fact, I have to do this many times. We must remember that our ways are not God's ways and we must accept and rejoice in His Word even if we can't always explain it.

These two precious truths walk hand in hand. They walk a parallel course as far as we are concerned. One does not cross the other nor does it cancel the other out.

We very definitely have a responsibility to God. Because of our sinful nature we cannot fulfill that responsibility and so God's sovereignty works in us to be able to do so, thus we hear the Psalmist say: "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other" (Ps. 85:10). There is a passage of Scripture in Ezekiel that shows this truth very well. "And He said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee, And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me" (Ezekiel 2:1,2).

Verse No. 1 shows Ezekiel's responsibility to stand and verse No. 2 shows God's sovereignty in giving him the grace to be able to stand.

God commands us to repent. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). Everyone is responsible to repent but because of our sinful nature we will not, yea we cannot, repent. Because of this, we are told in Romans 2:4: "... Not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth to repentance?" Thus Jesus said in John 6:44: "No man can come to me, except the Father

which hath sent me draw him..." It is because of this that Paul told the Philippians that God gives us the inclination and the ability to do what we are told to do. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13). We see this in Acts 13:48 "... And as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."

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God's sovereignty and man's responsibility have never been irreconcilable, except in the poor benighted minds of fallen creatures. In the infinite counsel of God these two great truths are in no degree paradoxical, much less contradictory. They are as two parallel lines running through all of Holy Writ. While the believer in God's absolute sovereignty cannot cause the two lines to merge and become a singular line, neither can the Arminian make them clash at any point. God's sovereignty and the responsibility of man are both clearly taught in the Bible, and inability to comprehend or explain a truth does not make it any less truth, nor does it lessen man's responsibility to believe and act according to the truth.

I am not discouraged by finding in the inspired Word of God many things which defy my scrutinizing powers, and if I understand any measure of divine truth I realize it was given by Him Who said, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:8,9).

Some who hold to the Christian name have taken the doctrine of God's sovereignty, twisted it, and made it the ground of their lasciviousness. A more correct connotation for these people would be fatalists or Antinomians. At the other extreme we find the Arminians who claim man by nature is a free moral agent, having the power and liberty to discern and choose between spiritual good and spiritual evil. The Antinomians go overboard on God's sovereignty, and drown in the murky waters of sensuality. The Arminians have never been on board, and are left happily standing on the pier of human merit. Between the Antinomians and the Arminians there are the Accountables, they by faith own God's sovereignty over them, and know they are accountable unto Him for every moment of the existence (Rom. 14:12.) God created the tree of knowledge of good and evil, He knew before He brought forth the tree that Adam would eat of the forbidden fruit of the tree, his eating of the tree was not contrary to God's will, yet one will search in vain to find the first indication that there was the least coercion from God which contributed to Adam's disobedience. God never forces anyone to sin, yet all men have sinned. God's sovereignty is seen in the fact that He could have kept Adam from sinning had He pleased, "For He worketh all things after the counsel of His own will" (Eph. 1:11; Job 23:13; Ps. 115:3; etc.). And Adam's responsibility is seen in the fact that he suffered the threatened penalty for his transgression of the covenant. Where there is no responsibility there can be no penalty, where

there is penalty there must be some power able to exact it, and the power to which all men shall ultimately answer for their sin is the all-Sovereign God of the universe. In doing righteousness the natural man suffers from both, a lack of will and a want of power (John 5:40, 6:44). Natural man is responsible to repent, for God has commanded all men everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30). Man is responsible to be holy, even as God is holy (I Pet. 1:16). Yet, man in his native state cannot do the first thing pleasing unto God (Rom. 8:8). "They cannot cease from sin" (II Pet. 2:14). However, man's moral and spiritual inability in no way lessens their responsibility, nor does the depravity of their hearts nullify God's right to command perfection of them. Stubborn, rebellious man may indignantly ask, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice?" Or he may proudly state, "We will not have this man reign over us." But all men are responsible to the sovereign throne of Christ, and will one day bow the knee to Him. For "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27; Phil. 2:10). God is sovereign over human life. It is He Who gives it, and it is He Who brings it to an earthly cessation (Job 1:21; Ps. 104:29). But then comes the judgment wherein man will own both, God's absolute sovereignty, and his personal responsibility.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Eccl. 12:13,14).

The Home

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in harmony with the church and government; and specifically to propagate the race and protect the family members. For confirmation of this look at Genesis 1:28 and 3:16-19:

"And God blessed them (Adam and Eve), and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over... every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

"Unto the woman he (God) said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception: in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground..."

I believe we can see from these passages that the home is for: (1). The propagation of the race, and (2). The protection of the family members by the submission of the wife to the husband and by his providing of daily food and shelter. I would have you notice at this point that God has glorified the home by

giving it a precedence (in time) over either church or state. The very first institution was the home. And, I believe that precedence is to be respected by both church and state. Hopefully I will be making this even clearer later in this paper.

Now, before we begin to consider the commission of the home further, let me say that the home, the church, and human government are all ultimately for the glory of our all-wise God. We ought to study

THE COMMISSION OF THE HOME IN DETAIL

The procreation or propagation of the race: Let's look at Genesis 9:1 for a moment: "And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth." At this point let me affirm my belief in various dispensations or ages as taught in the Scriptures. I believe there are dispensations but I would not allow what goes by the name of "dispensationalism" today. That system is used to deny the force of all but a small part of the Bible. What I am referring to says, yes there are various ages, but the revelation given in each is cumulative. We are not to say, "That is not for our age," unless we are specifically told in a later portion of the Bible that God's order or command has been changed. Therefore I believe that the command given to Noah and his sons is still in force. We saw the original command in Genesis 1:28, now it is repeated to the new heads of the race. Please note carefully, this command has never been altered as far as I can see in all the Scriptures. We are as much duty bound to yield ourselves to the propagation of the race as Noah and his sons.

It is my firm belief that "birth control" is to be by God's control! That may not be popular, but I believe it's true. That is the teaching of God's Word. In regard to this, consider the following, Genesis 29:31: "And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren." I believe that we find here the "norm" for the control of birth. The LORD opens the womb. The LORD gives children. Then again I Samuel 1:4-6, of which verse 5 reads: "But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb." Here we find that the LORD shut up the womb. In the other we found that the LORD opened the womb. I believe that here we find the "norm" for birth control—it is God's control.

If God sees fit to give you a large family, praise God. He'll send you a blessing with it. (I have a little first-hand knowledge since I have five children with one on the way.) We read in Psalm 127:3-5 and 128:1-4:

"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."

"Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD, that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee." (Continued on page 5, column 2)

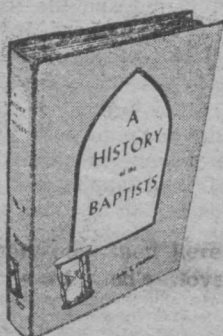
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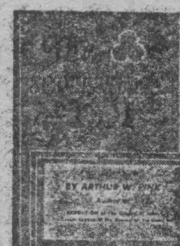
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WHAT IF THIS SHOULD COME TO PASS NEXT SUNDAY? And should find you in your usual way, of sleeping late, or just too tired, if not plain lazy; and no one was found in all the land who cared if the doors to the house of God were opened at all.

WHAT IF THIS SHOULD COME TO PASS NEXT SUNDAY? And should find you unaware that the house of God was forever closed, and the preacher had gone away, together with all the saved to be with the Lord.

WHAT IF THIS SHOULD COME TO PASS NEXT SUNDAY? And should find you in your usual place, just sitting around or strolling about, or seeking the pleasure that the world has to offer, which lasts only for a season. And then you found (but at last too late) that the church was gone; and the church yard plowed for profit. While the path that led to the house of God, was now grown up with weeds and briars.

WHAT IF THIS SHOULD COME TO PASS NEXT SUNDAY? And should find you in your usual mood; well, whose business is it if I don't go to church, or bother to send in my tithe. It costs too much to maintain the church, and the preacher's a pestilent fellow. They always pass the plate when I chance to be around; and I'm sure the church is a burden to the world. So take it along, get it out of the way, it is far more profitable to plow the ground where the old church stands.

Now, dear friend, you simply cannot afford to give the wrong answers to the above questions, and answer you must. There is not any neutral position. Jesus said in Matthew 12:30, and Luke 11:23—**"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."** To stay away from church, places you definitely on the side of those who would destroy the church, deny the Bible, close the doors to the house of God, drive all the Christians from our midst, and kill their ministers.

Remember, "those who stoned Stephen to death laid their clothes at a young man's feet, named Saul." And those today who are trying to close our church doors

by sowing seeds of strife and discouragement among the church members; and of making character assassination attacks on the preacher, are laying their clothes at the feet of all those who stay away from their church. There is no neutral position; Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me."

And now, my dear friend, I beg you in the name of all that is holy and pure, and upright; to take your family, your wife and your little ones, and go to the house of the Lord next Lord's day, and every Lord's day. Make it your business to see to it that there is a church in your community, and that it remains open until Jesus comes again.

The above questions are too important for you and me to leave to others; you cannot wait for someone else to open the doors of your church on Sunday morning; do it yourself. You cannot afford to wait for someone else to pay the expense of your church, "Lay by in store every Lord's day as God prospers you."

The Home

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Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house; thy children like olive plants: round about thy table. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD."

"Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD." I think that many today think a large family is a curse! But, it is not, God designs it to be a blessing.

I'd like to give you a quote from a man I don't generally endorse. The man is John R. Rice. The passage is from his book on the home (**The Home—Courtship, Marriage and Children, Page 164**) written in 1945. He has some good things to say in the book and especially in this section on birth control:

"Since most families actually want the babies that come, since God Himself gives life as He chooses and does not give babies except as He makes it possible to care for them, since nursing spaces children usually about two years apart, since fertility decreases as age increases, and since regular child-bearing is healthful and natural (for which a woman's body is fully prepared), in most cases it is obvious that birth control is not necessary nor desirable."

It may appear that Rice allowed birth control in some cases, but when one reads his whole section it is found that he argues against human birth control throughout. I feel that he would not ever allow the rightness of birth control, but if he did, I don't.

For some time the liberal establishment in our country has campaigned for abortion and birth control, saying that our planet would be over-run by the year 2000. However, consider: (1). The new estimates for world population growth are starting to decrease. I saw a U.N. official on TV the other night who said the newest estimate for world population by the year 2000 was 6 billion, down from 8 (or more) billion. It appears that the overpopulation theory is not borne

"Oh, What Manner Of Love Is This?"

MRS. FRANK PARRISH

*Eternal Father, God of love,
 Seated on Thy throne above,
 Ruling this vast universe,
 Thy will is done in Heav'n and earth!*

*Would Thou then send Thine own dear Son,
 To this world of sin to come?
 Thrice-Holy God, so pure and just,
 Hast Thou so loved this "worm of the dust"?*

*Yes, Thou foreknew me in Thy love,
 Chose me in Thy portals above,
 Predestined me to become,
 Conformed to the image of Thy Son!*

*Ordained, before the world had foundation,
 Christ came and purchased my salvation;
 Not with corruptible silver or gold,
 But with His own blood, He redeemed my soul!*

*In His own body on the tree,
 He bore my sins and set me free,
 Imputed to me His righteousness,
 My soul, in Him, forever blessed!*

*Oh, what love He bestowed upon me,
 That through the ages of eternity,
 I'll live with Him in perfect bliss,
 Oh, what manner of love is this?*

out by the facts. (2). U.S. population growth is considerably lower than the world's. Therefore, if any need to worry about the threat of overpopulation it isn't we who live in America. (3). God is going to greatly reduce world population in the Tribulation and at the Second Coming of Christ. After He judges the world the population will be drastically reduced. (4). As for abortion; it is murder and no saved person will allow it. (5). God's command for the saints (who all fear God and keep His commandments) is to "be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth." Therefore, we should not fear large families, but see them as evidence of obedience. Remember, three children per family only just about keeps the population even. So, it takes families of four or more children to be a multiplying and filling of the earth. (6). We could have chosen to illustrate the blessings of larger families (and there are some), but enough said.

The home is the only institution ordained by God for the propagation of the race. No other institution (or lack of one) is commissioned or allowed to carry out the propagation of the race.

The second aspect of the commission of the home—to protect the family membership. Again, I must say that we can only draw the outlines of this area of our study.

Since the home started with one man and one woman joined as one flesh, and since each successive home normally starts the same way, let's begin with the husband/wife relationship. I urge you to read here Genesis 2:18-25. However, I call your attention to verse 18: **"And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."** I want to point out several things from this passage. First, from the fact that the Lord said that it was **not good** for Adam to be alone, we learn that celibacy is not usually good. Only in mar-

riage is the man or the woman **complete**. A man is bettered and blessed and complemented when he is joined to a woman in marriage, in submission to God. So it is also with a woman; she also is greatly benefited in marriage blessed of God. (In a few special cases God designs a celibate life for an individual, and if they are serving and loving Christ there is no richer life. But, that is not the norm! That's not the usual function that the Lord intends for an individual).

Second, from the words, **"I will make a help meet for him,"** we see that God designed woman for man and vice versa. Now, unlike man's work, God's is a perfect work! Sin has indeed marred marriage, but all the world has attested God's workmanship. There can be no improvement. I don't need to go into what is going on today, you know about the spread of homosexuality. God says that is an abomination in his sight! His perfect plan is that one man marry one woman and the two become one flesh. There can be no improvement of any kind for God's way is PERFECT.

Looking at it again we learn that God created man (male and female) to be His chief, His highest creation. And the man (i.e. the male) He created first adding the woman second as a "help" to show the pre-eminence of the man. (This fundamental pre-eminence of the male is seen in most all animal kind—obviously God designed it that way. We can look at the animal kind and see that normally the male is larger, stronger, dominant, and usually more conspicuous by color or other features). Paul explains this truth in I Corinthians 11:1-16. We read in the seventh verse: **"For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God."** Notice that "Man" here is not speaking about mankind in general; it's talking about the male, for we have the contrast in the last part of the verse, **"but the woman is the glory of the man."** I couldn't do better at this time than to quote to you a statement by A. W. Pink concerning this particular verse:

"Now coming to the seventh verse: **For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God.** The man is the image and glory of God. That takes us back to the first chapter of Genesis and the 26th verse. You remember we read there that God created man in His own image and likeness. Those two words do not mean the same thing. Likeness means a resemblance; image means that which represents. The image on our coins is a representative of the King—his majesty, his dominion, his authority. Man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image—he represents God in this earth. What did God immediately say to Adam in the first chapter of Genesis and the 26th verse after that it was said, **"Let us make man in our**

image?" He said, **"Let them have dominion."** That is the thought. Then man is not only the image, but he is the "glory" of God. In what sense is he the glory of God? How does man glorify God? By his submission and by his obedience. The seventh verse concludes by saying: **"But the woman is the glory of the man—not the image of the man."** The woman does not represent the man; rule and headship have not been committed to her, but she is the "glory" of the man. In what sense? How? The woman is the glory of the man in the same way as the man is the glory of God, by submission and by obedience to her head."

The whole thing can be summarized by the thought of "headship." God designed that the man might be the "head" of the woman, (v. 3). As a sign of that headship the woman is to wear a covering upon her head, (v. 10); "power" is to be understood as a symbol of her husband's authority over her. She ought to be wearing this symbol that all might see, particularly here that the angels might see the good order of the husband and the wife in that home and in the assembly. (I trust that no one who professes the name of Christ will seek to argue and charge me with prejudice at this point—don't forget your argument is with the Word of God and with God Himself!)

Now we started out by saying that the home was for the protection of the family. Indeed, the headship, the pre-eminence of the man is a protecting influence in the home. By creation the woman is designed to be dependent. She is normally weaker physically and mentally. This is not a defect but a beautiful design by God to make the man the protector and leader in the home . . . The Bible has much to say to keep this divine order of the sexes in proper order:

In the home—The woman is to submit to her husband in all things—**"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ (her Protector and Saviour—K.I.M.), so let the wives be to their own husbands (her protector and saviour—K.I.M.), in every thing"** (Eph. 5:22-24). There is one area of exception to the wife's exclusive submission, which can be seen in I Corinthians 7:1-5. In sexual matters there is equality: both are to submit the use of the body. This is confirmed in verse 4: **"The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband; and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife."** In the case of marital relations there is to be an equal submission, the man or the woman according to the desires of the other. Let me say right here that I believe there has been much damage done to many marriages because of a failure of one or the other of the partners to submit to the desires of the other. One or the other will withhold themselves from the other. I believe that this is not of God; it is not God's design. There is a great danger in it. You will also notice in the passage another protecting design in marriage. Marriage protects from fornication. The temptation to commit sexual sins is greatly reduced: **"Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband"** (v. 2). One more example of God's protection which is to be found in the home.

In line with the submission of the wife to the husband: the wife is to avoid authoritatively teaching her husband, which includes "badgering" and arguing—**"Like wise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;** (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" (1 Peter 3:1-4). Now, you will notice that whenever a woman has a grievance with her husband (one that obeys not the Word) she is not to be one who is an authoritative teacher of her husband. She is to win him not by argument or by badgering, but by the manner of life she has: the purity, the holiness, the submission to God and His Word. By the beauties of the inner man she is to win her husband. I believe God forbids the woman to do any such thing as authoritatively teaching her husband. (Now, sometimes the wife might "put a little word in her husband's ear." I don't see that that is wrong. But, watch out when it gets to be argumentative or authoritative.)

The priority of the home and the headship of the man carries over into the assembly. The woman is to have her head covered in the assembly (we have already considered this when we were in 1 Corinthians 11). I believe that the headcovering is because of the divinely-established headship of the husband and the priority of the home. Again, the woman is not to be allowed to teach or to exercise authority in the assembly, since she took the lead and, in so doing, fell into sin, and led her husband into sin also in the garden. She was deceived, but if she had taken her rightful role she would have been under her husband's protective influence. The Scriptures declare: "Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. (Pre-eminence and priority.) And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved (protected, delivered from deception-K.I.M.) in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety" (1 Tim 2:11-15). Indeed, the woman is not to speak at all in the assembly, but should she even have a question she is to honor her spiritual guide and protector by asking him at home: "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church" (1 Cor. 14:34,35).

The priority of the home and the headship of the man carries over into human government. In Isaiah 3:12 God complains of Israel, then fallen in sin: "As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them . . ." I don't believe that God designed that women be in politics or that they should be in the leadership of human government.

Now, it is good for us to keep

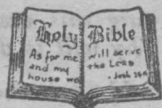
in mind that God has designed the headship of the man and limited the woman in each of these areas for the GOOD of the society, the church and the home, that they might be protected. The Lord has designed it for a good purpose.

Lest we seem to forget the duties of the man, let's turn and look at his duties for a moment. (1). He is to lead and guide in the home for the wife's (and the children's) protection: we read, "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered" (1 Pet. 3:7). So, the husband is to consider his wife, to know that she is the weaker vessel (physically and mentally) and that he has a great duty to protect her. God has endowed him with certain characteristics which make him equipped to do that. If he loves his wife he will desire to do that.

(2). The husband is to provide for the physical needs of the family with the wife's help, but her help is to be on the "home front": "And unto Adam he (God) said . . . cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; . . . In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread . . ." (Gen. 3:17-19). I think the understanding here is, that the man would be out there (in the field), primarily, to provide provision for his home. He will be the main one to supply the food and shelter. The wife should help all she can, but I don't believe that she should have a job outside the home as so many are doing today. The Scriptures say, "I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children (there it is again, God's command is to bear children: be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth), guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully" (1 Tim. 5:14). "Guide the home" the wife is told. In Titus 2:5 they are commanded to be "keepers at home." These wives who are out six days a week neglecting their families are going contrary to the Word of God. Their homes are paying for it! And, most often it is so that they might have a big house, new cars, a swimming pool and all those "necessities" you know. No! If we have food and clothing we are to be content. A man should be able to provide that for his family without the wife going out to work.

(3). The husband is to love and cherish his wife as his own flesh. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself" (1 Cor. 5:25, 28). The Bible tells us that Eve was made of a rib from Adam's side, about which someone has beautifully and, I think, accurately said: "Woman was not made from man's head as if she was to be his superior, nor from his feet as if he could thoughtlessly trample her under foot, but from his side to show that

IS "THAT" IN THE BIBLE?



Question:—

WHO CAUGHT 153 FISHES?

Answer:—Simon Peter, John 21:11.—"Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken."

she was to be his companion, one near his heart." I believe that this is the husband's duty: to love and cherish his own wife as his own body.

One last area should be covered—CHILDREN: We can give only a few thoughts. The product of every marriage should be children, and if God sees fit to withhold them, there must be some sorrow for that home. God has designed that a man and a woman marry and bear children.

However, God has designed the home not only for the propagation of the race through the bearing of children, but for the protection of the children born into that home as well. Here also, the father has the pre-eminence in authority and responsibility. He is the head of the wife and of the home. He should be recognized by the children as the chief (not only) authority figure.

In line with this truth, God has made the father chiefly responsible for the rearing of the children. Please note that I did not say the one chiefly involved in rearing the children. He is chiefly responsible; he must answer above all others for the job that has been done in their rearing. In Ephesians 6:4 we read: "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." In verses 1 through 3 there is an address made to the children. Then in verse 4 the fathers are addressed as those foremost responsible for the upbringing of the children. Let's look at the words at the end of the verse. NURTURE in the Greek, which according to Thayer means: "the whole training and education of children (which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals . . .)"

ADMONITION in the Greek for which Thayer gives: "admonition, exhortation." In what must be one of the better modern books on Christian counseling, Jay E. Adams (in his *Competent to Counsel*) says of this word admonition that it always has three elements: (1). there is sin and error to be corrected in the one admonished; (2). there is a verbal, personal rebuke administered to the one in sin, for that sin; (3). the goal is to correct and help that one to repent of the sin and amend his way; i.e., the motivation is love OF THE LORD (nurture and admonition of the Lord). This might be paraphrased: "as commanded by the Lord in His Word."

Let me summarize, therefore, the teaching of the verse. The father is to avoid arbitrary and unreasonable treatment of his children, but is rather to train them up in every way for God's glory, faithfully rebuking and correcting them when they go astray. The mother, according to the Scriptures, must be very much involved in rearing the children, but she is to respect the authority of her husband while doing so.

Part of every effort to faithfully raise children must be physical punishment for persistent disobedience. The Bible is clear: "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes (early)" (Prov. 13:24). Strong's Concordance gives for the meaning of "rod": "a scion, i.e., (lit.) a stick . . ." We probably come closest to the idea with our word "switch." We have not employed a switch in our home simply because a paddle seems easier to maintain. But, God says it ought to

be a rod. I believe that there is a good reason for the use of a rod or form of instrument. The switch smarts like everything but can inflict no permanent damage. It may make a black and blue mark at the worst, but I don't know that that is damage. There must be some pain or there is no punishment. Again, we read: "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Prov. 22:15). "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell" (Prov. 23:13, 14). "The rod and reproof (and they need to go together. You don't just come up to your child and give him a couple of licks without letting him know the reason. The rod and reproof need to go together) give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Prov. 29:15).

I want to add something that is a great burden to me, that too many (otherwise godly) parents are failing to recognize. I could bring a whole message on this one subject. Child-rearing and training is the sole responsibility of the parents. It is not the responsibility of the state, nor even the church. The state should further good training by protecting the freedoms of society. The church can have some limited role, but chiefly its task is to train adults—the parents.

Let me give you some quotes that will help you think along these lines. Paul Harvey had an article in his newspaper column recently, entitled "Could We Go To School—At Home?" It reads in part:

The U.S. Census Bureau discovered that one percent of our country's 32 million school-agers are not enrolled in school. Presumably many of those are not being educated at all.

However, the dean of the school of education, University of Massachusetts, Mario Fantini, knows of 500 instances where parents have sought and got legal permission to educate their children at home.

John Holt, author of the book, "How Children Fail," believe there are 10,000 families now teaching their children at home and that number is doubling every two years.

A spokesman for HEW confirms that an increasing number of families are educating their children at home.

There is nothing either new or un-American about the practice. In the 17th and 18th centuries most all families which could afford it educated their children at home—either with parental instruction or with professional tutors.

Even after public education was instituted, many parents kept their children at home to avoid exposing them to "alien religious beliefs."

Other families kept their children at home to help with farm work or shop work or chores; they got a "practical" education rather than "book-learning."

Our Lord was taught at home (as far as I can see); he was a carpenter, the "son" of a carpenter.

The public schools are an extremely dangerous place to put our children. I give you an example of what is being done in the schools. I couldn't possibly give you all or nearly all of what I've read or know about what is going on in the schools. This is one example (a rather "tame" one at that). One of the people at our church gave me this. It is from the "Weekly Reader", (Edit. 3, Vol. 49, Issue 9, 11-7-79) at the third grade level. It is entitled: "No More Spanking In Sweden."

"Sweden is the first country ever to pass a no-spanking law. The law was passed to protect children.

"Some people say the new law is good. Other people disagree. They say parents should be allowed to spank their children. What do you think about the new no-spanking law? Give a reason for your answer."

This is for third graders! Give a reason! Now, what are they doing? They are leading these children to question a fundamental teaching of the Word of God. How can we send our children to be taught these things?

And then there is the drug abuse. This is from the Baptist Times article as quoted in the Baptist Examiner. The title is "Pre-teens and Drugs."

"A Denver girl took an unknown drug at school and went berserk. She was taken to a neighborhood health center; but finding the place unbearable, she crashed through a window and fled. Her mother and doctors followed her home and found her in the bedroom perched atop the dresser, hysterically pleading with her mother to kill her."

The girl is a nine-year-old student at an elementary school!

Police and school authorities say that drug use in grade schools is on the increase. Elementary children often smoke grass out of curiosity. By the time they reach junior high they are hooked.

One veteran officer declared, "It used to be quite a bust if you would catch a guy with one marijuana cigarette. People used to spend time in the penitentiary for having one marijuana cigarette. It wasn't until the professional person's kid got involved with the stuff that the laws got more lenient. Now it's overwhelming. Everywhere you go the kids are using it — concerts, sporting events, right on down to the grade schools."

Recent government research estimates more than 4 million American youths between 11 and 17 use marijuana regularly. In far too many schools the 3 R's are "Reading, Ritalin, and Reefer."

The last thing that I would want to do is to send my child into such a cesspool. I seem to hear someone say, "But, we can't keep our children from every temptation. They will come into contact with people like that at some point." Yes, but rotten apples do spoil good apples. Our children will face temptation soon enough. But while we can, protect them; while they are in a formative stage; while they are likely unsaved, or, at the best, weak in the faith we should. (Continued on page 7, Column 4)

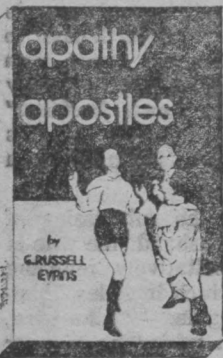
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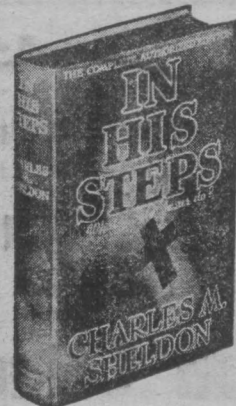
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"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY?"

MIAMI (EP)—The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) here says a record 1,250 Haitians have already fled to Florida this March, topping the previous high of 637 recorded in October 1979. "We're stymied," said William Metcalf, an INS assistant district director of investigations. "These people just keep coming in. There is poverty over there; they are hungry; they don't have work; we understand that. But the problems of Haiti have to be solved in Haiti, not here."

The plight of the estimated 12,000 Haitians now in southern Florida, and in other areas of the country, has been a rising concern for the religious community in the U.S. A national campaign was launched in October 1979 by a coalition of 17 religious and other groups to urge President Carter to give political asylum to the Haitian "boat people."

Most of the Haitians have entered the U.S. without visas and claim they are political refugees fleeing the oppression of President Jean-Claude Duvalier's regime. Immigration officials, backed by the State Department, however, claim the Haitians are economic refugees with no right of asylum. The INS has granted political asylum to only about 100 of the Haitians. Many of these apprehended have been sent back, some are in prisons.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (EP)—A dozen of the state's religious leaders have voiced their strong opposition to casino gambling in Newport, saying its introduction would result in "Rhode Islanders effectively losing control over Rhode Island as we know it."

"We believe there is a major difference between casino gambling and the simpler games of chance done primarily for amusement," the Catholic, Orthodox, Episcopal, Protestant and Jewish leaders declared in opposing a referendum proposed for next September by interests friendly to the idea. We predict that the introduction of casino gambling in Newport or any other Rhode Island community would result in the shift of control from local people to control by the gambling industry.

MONTREAL (EP)—A 28-year-old lieutenant in the Salvation Army and his wife have offered to "buy" unwanted yet unborn babies destined for abortion. The unusual offer was made by Chris Humphrey and his wife, Edith, who placed an advertisement in a suburban Montreal weekly under the heading, "Unwanted Babies Wanted."

The ad said that the couples would "pay cash for every unwanted living fetus scheduled for induced abortion." The newspaper ad did not identify Lt. Humphrey, but

he revealed his identity at a press conference called in response to the large response to the notice.

The amount to be paid to any mother interested in the scheme was not specified. Lt. Humphrey said this would depend on the financial circumstances of the mother-to-be.

The woman who agrees to accept payment would sign a contract with the special fund set up by the Humphreys, promising to bring the pregnancy to term. At birth, the baby would be hers to keep or to give up for adoption. But the Humphreys would be the "owners" of the baby until it was born, he said.

MONTREAL (EP)—Bingo, long used by Roman Catholic churches to raise money, is on the way out in the overwhelmingly Catholic province of Quebec.

Recently, Cardinal Maurice Roy, archbishop of Quebec City, issued a directive to the 274 churches in the archdiocese that they must end their sponsorship of bingo games by December 1981. He said that since bingo is a form of gambling, it has no place in the church. He said churches may employ other money-raising schemes such as bazaars, banquets and the like.

GREENSBORO, N.C. (EP)—District Attorney Mike Schlosser says evidence shows that the first shot in a November shootout which left five Communist activists dead came from a group of Nazis and Ku Klux Klansmen. Mr. Schlosser, defending his office against charges of unfair prosecution, testified at a Superior Court hearing on defense motions to dismiss charges against 14 persons related to the Nazi Party or the Klan.

Defense attorneys hold that the violence at the "Death to the Klan" rally Nov. 3 was sparked by members of the sponsoring Communist Workers Party. Mr. Schlosser said his office had found reason to seek indictment of some Communists, but was awaiting return of evidence from the FBI lab.

NEW YORK (EP)—A New York State appeals court has unanimously ruled that a comatose terminal patient has the right to refuse extraordinary life support systems, and that a guardian can order the respirator removed under certain guidelines.

The decision came in a "right-to-die" case involving Brother Joseph Charles Fox, an 83-year-old Marianist in Mineola, N.Y., who was sustained by a respirator after he fell into a coma Oct. 2, 1979. He died Jan. 25 of a heart attack, but the Appellate Division of State Supreme Court, nonetheless, went ahead and ruled on legal questions raised by the case.

"As a matter of constitutional law, a competent adult who is in-

curable and terminally ill has the right, if he so chooses, not to resist death and to die with dignity," the justices said in a decision written by Presiding Justice Milton Mollen. "We conclude that by standards of logic, morality and medicine the terminally ill should be treated equally, whether competent or incompetent."

LANSING, Mich. (EP)—Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson known for his law-and-order tough-line position said recently his efforts to reinstate the death penalty in Michigan are on schedule. He said Citizens for Capital Punishment is collecting about 8,000 to 9,000 signatures monthly and about 30,000 have signed so far. The petitions call for a general vote on the issue.

Mr. Patterson launched his campaign last fall and said then he had only a slim chance of getting the death penalty issue on the ballot this fall. He said that is impossible and the committee now hopes to put the issue before voters in 1982. Mr. Patterson's efforts began after a 13-year old girl was murdered last year. Her truck driver father

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set the campaign in motion and Mr. Patterson picked up on it. The death penalty was abolished here many years ago. Drives to reinstate failed in 1974 and 1978.

WASHINGTON (EP)—At a time when the legal rights of both parents and children are being increasingly debated, the nation's highest court has agreed to review the constitutionality of a state law used to permanently remove children from their parents.

The Supreme Court agreed to hear a Delaware case after a couple there had five children taken from them by state officials who found them "unfit" to be parents. The couple, identified in papers filed with the court only as John Doe and Jane Doe, has already lost twice in Delaware courts, most recently last August when the state Supreme Court upheld the action removing their children.

In its brief to the high court, the state cited two criminal convictions against the father, one in 1974 for sexually fondling his eldest daughter, the other two years later when the parents were both convicted of incest for being half brother and sister. Attorneys for the parents argued in a written brief asking the court to hear the case that the Delaware law is unconstitutional and therefore violates the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (EP)—Leaders of major Protestant and Jewish denominations are supporting legislation to repeal a new California law giving the state attorney general power to inspect church records. The new law, effective January 1, is part of a massive re-writing of the statute concerning non-profit corporations which was passed by the state legislature last year with the backing of the state bar association.

WELLS, Maine (EP)—The founders of the Temple of Bacchus have lost a long legal battle with the town of Wells over whether their temple is a church or a restaurant. A judge has ruled that it certainly isn't a church.

The temple, named after the Roman god of wine and revelry, was founded two years ago by Vincent J. Morino and H. Carlisle Es-

tes. After being denied a restaurant license, they opened the temple and offered divine feasts for \$15 contributions. Superior Court Justice Stephen L. Perkins has issued a permanent injunction to prohibit the temple from serving meals until it gets a restaurant license.

CHARLOTTE, Mich. (EP)—A rural pastor has defended in court his right to educate his children in his own Christian school which lacks state accreditation. The Rev. John Challender, pastor of Brothers and Sisters in Christ, said the 17 children who attended the training center his church operates get a better education than they could in public school.

His 12-year-old son, Tony, testified that he preferred the church school because there was a lot of swearing in the public school he formerly attended. Both the pastor and his wife, Ginny, who supervises the school, admitted they had violated the state law by not sending their two sons to public schools. The court must now decide if the state law is constitutional.

WASHINGTON (EP)—President Carter has been urged by the chairman of a House Judiciary subcommittee to define the penalties for avoiding draft registration before pressing for any further action to resume the practice.

The issue of enforcement has been raised at every Congressional hearing on the proposed draft registration in recent weeks, but the administration continues to state that the matter is under study, said Rep. Robert W. Kastenmeier (D-Wis.), chairman of the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties and the Administration of Justice. The enforcement question "must be explored, and answered, before proceeding any further with the President's proposal," Rep. Kastenmeier said at a press conference.

WASHINGTON (EP)—Five fundamentalist leaders presented petitions with more than 74,000 signatures to the White House to express opposition to measures to protect the civil rights of homosexuals.

"Homosexuality is perversion and should be dealt with as unlawful," they said.

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The Home

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The best cure for temptation is to be out of its midst. (Flee fornication, flee youthful lusts). Even nature should teach us that we should shield our little ones. Birds don't push their chicks out of the nest to fend for themselves. The day must arrive when they are full-grown and ready to be on their own. Will we be less wise???

Some Christians (?) use the excuse that the schools are only teaching non-religious skills, not religion. But, the public schools are teaching a religion! Consider this statement from a paper called the Chalcedon Report. (The Chalcedon organization is dedicated to Christian education and the support of it). "The state or 'public' schools are religious schools, earnestly dedicated to the teaching of the religion of humanism. In their minimum standards, their curriculum, their accreditation, standards and policies for teachers and schools, and their stated purposes, they represent a faith alien to Scriptures. Even more, they represent that faith which Scripture declares was first set forth by the tempter and which constitutes original sin: every man as his own god, knowing or determining for himself what constitutes good and evil (Gen. 3:5)." Over 100 years ago A. A. Hodge, a professor at Princeton recognized the evil of public education. He expressed his concern in these astounding words:

"I am as sure as I am of the fact of Christ's reign, that a comprehensive and centralized system of national education, separated from religion as is now commonly composed, will prove to be the most appalling machinery for the propagation of Anti-Christian and atheistic belief, and of anti-social and nihilistic ethics, individual, social and political, which this sinrent world has ever seen."

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tion that every party in the state has the right of excluding from the public schools whatever he does not believe to be true; then, he that believes the most must give way to him that believes absolutely nothing, no matter how small a minority the atheist or agnostic may be. It is self-evident that on this scheme, if it is consistently (and it is—K.I.M.) and persistently carried out in all parts of the country, the United States' system of national and popular education will be the most efficient and wise instrument for the propagation of atheism which the world has ever seen."

I hope that sunk in! This has come true to the very fullest extent . . . That's just a taste — if you desire to know more about teaching your children at home I'd be glad to give you all the help I can? We have been teaching our children for three years now.

I must touch on one last area: the home is for the protection of the family members physically. The parents (in particular the father) are to so labor that they can provide food and shelter for the family. I'm sure that you are in agreement with that. Paul said: "... for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children." (II Cor. 12:14). The parents are responsible for the physical well-being of the children as long as they are incapable of supporting themselves.

However, it is also true that the commandment, "Honour thy father and thy mother," teaches us that grown children must support aged and needy parents. Two very important passages in regard to this teaching are: Matthew 15:3-6 and I Timothy 5:3-8. Please look them up and read them carefully. If these Scriptures were obeyed our Social Security system would be transformed. And, there are those professing Christians who stick their aged parents in a nursing home and let them rot staring at the four walls! I have just heard that old people in large percentages die because doctors caring for them in these nursing homes refuse to give them medicines that would stay their lives. I think it was 50 percent! Oh! what a way to treat parents whom God says we must honor!

May God the blessed Spirit be pleased to use these few thoughts.

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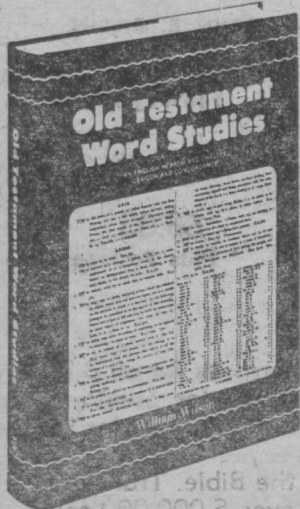
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Sacrifice Of Father

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that He turned his back on His own Son, for His chosen. Oh! never doubt the love of God for His love is sacrificial—giving of His Son.

This brings us to our fourth point, the giving up of His only begotten.

John 19:11 . . . "Jesus answered, Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivereth me unto thee hath the greater sin." Acts 2:23, 24 . . . "Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it."

We find the purpose of the giving up of His only begotten. The purpose was the crucifixion on Calvary.

John 17:4-6 . . . "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me: and they have kept thy word."

We see in verse six the Son praying for the ones the Father gave Him. Giving up of His only begotten was so that the elect

would be kept and preserved in Christ Jesus. I Peter 1:19, 20 . . .

"But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb, without blemish and without spot; who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifested in these last times for you."

We aren't saved by a death that happened centuries ago, but we are saved by the death that is eternal. His death was manifested in these last times for you.

This brings us to our fifth point—the Father sharing Calvary. We see the suffering of the Father in that He suffered at the expense of sin. Suffering was giving up of His Son to die. He suffered inexpressible pain at the suffering of His Son. The Father was in sympathy with His Son. In a deep sense, God suffered death before there was a cross on Calvary. There was a cross in heaven, where the sword of suffering pierced the heart of the Heavenly Father, long before it entered the heart of Jesus Christ.

Father, mother, would you turn your back on your son for an enemy? His love was to the greatest degree, for this is what the Father did—turn His back on His only begotten for sinners and enemies.

John 15:14 . . . "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

For God so loved—don't take that as a light statement. For God's love wasn't a weak emotion that couldn't fulfill its purpose. It was a love that found its object and preserved them for eternity. Such

is God's everlasting love for His chosen people.

Christ Came . . .

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the Word of God to Joshua, Samuel, David, Elijah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and the others through whom He has given us His Message was exact and understood. God's word to the shepherds on the night of the birth of Jesus was understood. So effectual was that word that today even the hosts of the doomed and those who will be damned find occasion to repeat, "Peace, and good will toward men" (Lk. 2:14). They do so, needless to say, while rejecting God, sometimes with unbridled violence.

Jesus spoke clearly when He walked among men!

At the River Jordan, John, the Immerser, understood the words of Jesus. The words of God, the Father, from Heaven were distinct, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Mk. 1:11). When Peter, James, and John were with Jesus on The Mount of Transfiguration, the word of God was understood, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him" (Mt. 17:5).

Without exception, the words spoken by angels have been understood. In one instance, Gabriel said to Mary, "Hail, thou that are highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women" (Luke 1:28). Mary's clear understanding is noted in her response, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? . . . Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word" (Lk. 1:34, 38).

The clarity of God's Word cannot be challenged!

A sequel to that high and holy moment would follow climactically some 33 years later. There was an earthquake, but the message of God was not in the noise or the rumble. Rather, after "a great earthquake," after the "countenance like lightning" and after the "raiment white as snow," God's message was given, "Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Come see the place where the Lord lay" (Mt. 28:5-6).

Later, the Apostles had a similar experience. Again, the words are clearly understood, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus who is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go" (Acts 1:11). The Apostles "Then returned . . . unto Jerusalem from the Mount called Olivet" (Acts 1:12).

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I Will Praise His . . .

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Pharisaical tyrants who would make the Word of God of none effect. They dared stand against despisers of God's Word and were persecuted by those who would shut their mouths.

Don't misunderstand this article and think that anyone is bellyaching and crying about others picking on them. These heroes welcome the abuse and the privilege to suffer for the Word of God. They realize that no device shall prosper against them.

The "Yea, hath God said?" crowd are cowards hiding behind schools and scholars. Have you ever wondered why they never appeal to the Scriptures? Have you wondered why they always appeal to history and to school A, B, and C? Have you ever wondered why Bible praisers can find a precedent in the Scriptures for their convictions and why Bible correctors, belittlers, and discreditors cannot find a precedent in the Scriptures? Is it because the Scriptures do not "thoroughly furnish" them (II Tim. 3:17), and they do furnish Bible praisers thoroughly. The Scriptures are our authority; scholars A, B, and C are their auth-

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orities. You see, you can't find their language in the Scriptures. Paul never says "a better rendering of the Hebrew is . . ." Peter never says, "according to the oldest Hebrew manuscripts . . ." John never complains about the Hebrew changing over the centuries. What you will find is statements like, "thus saith the Lord" and "it is written." A—men!

These cowards are upset that the battle is now out in the open and that they are going to be exposed for what they are. Have you ever noticed how Satan hates to be exposed? He likes to work under cover (at least until he has control of the majority). The battle is certainly raging; and we are winning; and they know it. Every fundamental institution in the United States knows that there is an issue here. Even institutions that despise the King James only position are trying to appease their students with conservative type terminology (that can be taken more than one way) and are swearing up and down that they are not really against the King James Bible. You see, they do not want any mass desertions over an issue that would make them appear less than conservative. Since their institutions are more important to them (more important than the Bible), they will yield somewhat to preserve them. However, they will not come out with a clearcut, understandable, unambiguous position; because they can't. They, as a whole, do not believe that the Authorized Bible of 1611 is really the Word of God. It is just a translation to them and will do until something better comes along. The carcasses of over 200 versions is proof that this will not happen.

So, what shall we do? Continue to praise God's Word, "in God" and "in the Lord" while the Bible correctors continue to say, "Yea hath God said?" in you know who. "Praise His Word"! Amen!

"What's Happening"

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ful moral deviation, not as a protected minority normal lifestyle," the petitions said. They were presented by Dr. Bob Jones III, president of Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C.; the Rev. B. Robert Biscoe, executive director of the American Council of Christian Churches, Valley Forge, Pa.; Dr. Wendell Evans, chancellor of Hyles Anderson College, Hammond, Ind.; Dr. Rodney Bell, president of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship, Virginia Beach, Va.; and Dr. Allen Dickerson, pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church, Elkton, Md.

Members of the group were received by Dr. Robert Maddox, President Carter's liaison with the religious community. Dr. Jones said later that Dr. Maddox, a Southern Baptist minister, tried to convince them that the president "was not going to do anything to hasten homosexuals' acceptance into society." "I frankly don't buy that at all," Dr. Jones commented. "If the president is against homosexuality, let's see some evidence."

NEW YORK (EP)—A 7-year-old boy was caught at Kennedy International Airport here carrying 12 pounds of marijuana worth \$6,000 in a false bottom of a suitcase that he brought with him on a flight from Jamaica. The marijuana was discovered after a custom check in which a dog sniffed the pot tucked under the false bottom of the boy's small suitcase. Investigators said the boy knew he was carrying pot, but didn't seem to understand he was breaking the law. He burst into tears when the marijuana was found.

Investigators said he was apparently used as a carrier by adult drug smugglers seeking to deliver marijuana from Kingston, Jamaica, to New York. They are looking for the man who was waiting at the airport for the boy, but disappeared during the incident. Police said the boy had been met at the airport each time by the same man, who claimed to be his father, but wasn't. Reports show the man wore the braided hair style of the Rastafarians, a Caribbean cult which uses marijuana in its rituals. Investigators are checking for a possible link between the cult and the young boy.

WASHINGTON (EP)—A report by the National Institute on Drug Abuse says marijuana use among students has increased in the last five years, and that the drug poses greater health threats than previously believed. The report also showed that the "potency of marijuana in the United States has increased markedly over the years," largely because of more use of stronger Colombian strain and less use of Mexican marijuana.

Warnings against marijuana use in past years have focused mainly on momentary psychological and intellectual effects, but an increasing body of research shows the drug causes more permanent and wider damage, the report said. New studies show that marijuana smoke contains more cancer-causing agents than tobacco smoke and can produce tumors in animals, the report said. Studies have also found marijuana to cause abnormalities in the reproductive cycle.



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