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formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee" (Isa. 43:1-3).

The primary application of these but, if you are not familiar with promises contained therein, then way: read them over a number of times for they are God's Word to you, also. It is a promise to all of God's I am God's property because He people everywhere, so let us claim made me. Colossians 1:16: "For

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"Then Joseph could not control

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Joseph! (Genesis 45:1-8).

the divine nature, having escaped and for Him." the corruption that is in the world through lust." He guarantees to (v. 1) through lust." He guarantees to (v. 1) have redeemed thee," says are redeemed through lust." "For all the promises of God in God. I am God's property because Him are yea, and in Him Amen, He purchased me. (I Pet. 1:18). unto the glory of God by us," so let us take Isaiah 43:1-3 to ourselves. Notice first in these verses:

I. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE AD-DRESSED.

Who are they? The last three words in verse 1 reads, "thou art words are to the nation of Israel; mine;" that is to say, God is addressing the people of God. Those these verses and the wonderful who belong to God in a three-fold

a) We Are His By Creation (v. 1)
"... the Lord that created thee."

it more fully for ourselves. God by Him were all things created, has given us many wonderful that are in heaven, and that are "But now thus saith the Lord that promises. II Peter 1:4: "By which in earth, visible and invisible, created thee, O Jacob, and he that are given unto us exceeding whether they be thrones, or domingreat and precious promises, that ions, or principalities, or powers— by these ye might be partakers of all things were created by Him,

c) We Are His By Election (v. 1) "I have called thee by name; thou art mine." Long before God (Continued on page 4, column 4)

NO UNCERTAIN SOUND

By MICHAEL GREEN

"If the trumpet give an uncertain sound who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

Today we have many uncertain sounds all around us, even some hidden among us. This is why we one: . . ." must study God's word so we our churches.

I believe to be the most taken for- cannot perform a righteous act er be plowing nor harvest. And granted ordinance in the Lord's among men and toward men, but churches today and that is the rather, because man cannot per-

> Paul wrote in I Corinthians 11: "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come." In many churches they are not remembering the Lord's death, because in the elements of the Lord's Supper they deny Christ's deity and blood atonement. Many sound preachers of our day preach Christ as being perfect and deny (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX defined that "the doctrine which declares that the most instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of p. 359). Almighty God, in view of the merfirmly and constantly by all the 3:15). faithful." (The Question Box, pp. 358, 359).

think, but to Mary's own birth. It does not define the sinlessness of Mary (free from actual sin), but declares infallibly that Mary ceived in the womb of her mother, the apocryphal St. Ann.

ma. The Question Box of the Paulist Fathers moderates this papal claim by admitting that "the Scriptures nowhere expressly teach this doctrine, but Pius IX Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first cites two passages from which it may be inferred." (Question Box,

The first passage in the Catholic its of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of Douay Bible reads: "I will put enthe human race, was preserved mities between thee and the womexempt from all stain of original an, and thy seed and her seed: sin, is a doctrine revealed by God, she shall crush thy head, and thou and therefore must be believed shalt lie in wait for her heel" (Gen.

Even if the Catholic rendering of "she shall crush thy head" were The dogma is not related to the correct, and if "she" prefigured birth of Christ, nor to the virgin- the second Eve (Mary), the text ity of Mary as many erroneously still would not imply her exemption from original sin. But the Catholic translation of "she" is an admitted forgery. The original Hebrew text reads "He" or "It" was without original sin when con- (Heb. Hu), not "she" (Heb. Hi). The Greek text of the Septuagint reads "He" (Gr. "Autos"; "Aute" Pope Pius IX refers to Genesis is "she"). Irenaeus taught that by 3:15 and Luke 1:28 as scriptural the seed is meant Christ. So did evidences of the truth of this dog- (Continued on page 5, column 3)

What The Bible Says On Total Depravity

By ELD. BILL MAYES Tampa, Florida

Romans 3:10 "As it is written. There is none righteous, no, not

In our text, Brother Paul has won't be guilty of having uncertain placed the whole human race in a sounds in our daily lives and in state of unrighteousness! The reason why humanity is not righteous I would like for us to notice what in God's eyes is not because man



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form a righteous act, on his own volition, toward God.

When God told Adam in the Garden that he would die, in the day that he ate of the forbidden fruit, it was not physical death that God had in mind. We know this because Adam lived in the flesh for nine hundred and thirty years. It was not that Adam was to die to his human relationship to other humans, for if this were the case there would have been no human race. Adam is shown to be the father of

the human race, by reason of our

very existence, so Adam did not die out of the human race. There was no human race apart from Adam! Neither did Adam die intellectually for he continued to perform those things needful to life, out of his mental ability to gratify his fleshly needs.

Adam had all his human faculties intact, as long as he lived and performed human acts. In fact, Adam was the smartest man that ever lived from the point of view that would be taken by the educators of our day.

Yet, Adam died according to the Sovereign decree of God, for God could not be in error. Adam died with the whole human race in his loins, for he was the father of all mankind. As Adam's heirs, the human race died with him and this was at the moment of Adam's transgression. With most students of theology, there is no question of Adam's dying, for any Bible be-liever knows that he died. The question is, what part of Adam died? We have already shown you that neither physical, mental nor social death occurred in the transgression, so let us consider Adam's spiritual existence.

Some say that Adam's spirit died in the transgression, but to this we cannot agree, while at the same time we would affirm that spiritual death occurred. The living spirit of Adam did not die in the sense that it went out of existence, but spiritual death occurred according to the true meaning of the term death.

Death means separation! If you tills dell would simply ask you, "Is it not (Continued on page 5, column 3)

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And all the lukewarm will FIRE

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SWEETEN UP, And all the discouraged folks will

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LOOK UP, And all the estranged folks will

MAKE UP, And all the gossipers will SHUT

And all the dry bones will

SHAKE UP. And all the true soldiers will STAND UP,

And all the church members will

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himelf before all them who stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. And he wept aloud; and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. And Joseph said unto his brethren, 1 am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were terrified at his presence. And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near unto me, I pray you. And they came near. and, he said, I am Joseph, your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me here; for God did send me before you to preserve life. For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five



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"No. "Why?"

"Because they are not worth counterfeiting." "Did you ever see a counterfeit

Christian?' "Yes."

"Why was he counterfeited?" "Because he was worthy of

counterfeiting." "Was he to blame?"

"No."

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I never realized how wonderfully God set forth the truth of His providential dealing with His own in the life of Joseph unto a short time ago . . . How marvelous and how timely was God's teaching (Continued on page 6, column 1

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"Why is the house of God for- friends, that church attendance is saken?" (Neh. 13:11).

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much poorer today than it was morning and only 2% attended About twenty-five years ago, J. when the chief of the F.B.I. issued church on Sunday night. "Did you ever see a counterfeit Edgar Hoover, Chief of the F.B.I., that statement a quarter of a cenissued a statement that church tury ago. Today, with stores open Mr. Hoover made, I come to my UP. attendance was at an all-time low. just the same on Sunday as during text, and I ask it as a question, He said at that time that only 8% the other six days, with sports as it is asked here in the Word of of America's population went to events running rampant all over God, and I hope I will be able to church on Sunday morning and America, and with a lack of doc- answer it - "Why is the house of only 2% attended church on Sun- trinal preaching from the pulpit, I God forsaken?" am sure that church attendance is I am certain that there has been much lower today than it was five years, but rather, beloved that only 8% of America's popula- (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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God's House ...

(Continued from page one) THE BIBLE.

I never realized until this past of God. We read:

"Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth" (Psa. 26:8).

This is from one of the Psalms of David, and David said, "I have loved the habitation of thy house."

I am sure that every saved person could say what David said. It seems to me that saved people ought always say, "I love the habitation of thy house." Whenever I talk to someone about being in the church services, and I have to more or less persuade, and beg, and coerce, and coax that person to attend services in God's house, I just have a feeling that such a one doesn't know the Lord Jesus Christ. He doesn't know the God that dwells within that house. If a man is saved, he will say, like David. "I have loved the habitation of thy house."

respect:

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"Those that be planted in the House of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God" (Psa. 92:13).

Have you been planted in the house of the Lord? Are you a fixture, so to speak, in the house of Editorial Department, located in God? If that is true of you-if you are a fixture in the house of God, then you shall flourish in the courts

Notice again:

"Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them. Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools. They go from strength to strength, everyone of them in Zion appearsth before God.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah. Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness" (Psa. 84:4-10).

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"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen"

(Eph. 3:21).
"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psa. 122:1).

I say to you, the house of God



JOHN R. GILPIN

the Bible. Like David, I would say "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." If someone would come to me and give me an invitation to ing to "blister" him and side with The truth of the matter is, there is week just how important a place attend services in a true church, I God's house is given in the Word would consider it one of the great. I didn't know a thing about what est privileges, and one of the highest honors, and one of the most outstanding blessings that could come to me. I don't say that just going into a so-called church building is an honor. I don't say that going into even a so-called Baptist Church is an honor. It isn't the name that is over the door that makes it a Baptist Church; it is the doctrine that the church stands for that determines whether or not it is a true church; that determines whether or not you ought to be affiliated with it; that determines whether or not you ought to put your tithe there; that determines whether or not you ought to worship there. I say to you, if you can find a true church and someone invites you to attend it, then thank God, and like David, say, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the

Notice another Scripture in that house of God occupies a most important place so far as the Word of God is concerned. In fact, we are exhorted to attend the services in the house of God. When Paul

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did not he say:

"Not forsaking the assembling how someone speaks about his use of ourselves together, as the man- of drugs on the basis that he is ner of some is; but exhorting one trying to contact God. another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. most ridiculous thing in this world. 10:25).

us to be sure that we are in attendance in the house of the Lord? I think that every child of God ought to make it a point to be in the house of God Sunday morning, and Sunday night, and Wednesday night especially, unless he has a reason that is approved by a good conscience before God.

This past week I had a letter from a lady who tells me that she is a cousin of mine, living in Indiana. I have never seen her, and I don't know anything about her except that a few years ago I do remember that she wrote me that she was in a sanitarium. I think she has spent some seven or eight years in a tuberculosis sanitarium. She wrote me and asked me a question relative to church attendance. The pastor of the church where she attends evidently has been insisting that everybody come to services everytime, and I think he is right. I don't think he ought to have to insist upon it. I think that your place is in your church when Sunday comes, and the preacher ought not have to insist upon you being there. You ought to know that it is your place.

Well, evidently this pastor had a lot of folk that were not attending services and he had made a statement relative to church attendance, which she sent to me. He said everybody from hence forward was to be expected in the services both Sunday morning and Sunday night or else they would be asked to move their membership someplace else. He said, "If you get mad at this and go someplace else to worship, I have done you a favor. If you go someplace else and quit, I still have done you and the church a favor because you are not doing anything for the church at the present time." It was a pretty strong article that this preacher wrote. This second cousin of mine didn't like it, and she not running over one another to wrote me expecting that I was goher. I wrote back and told her that a very, very small minority that is the preacher stands for, nor what the church stands for, but I thought he was surely right when he said that people ought to be in the house of God Sunday morning and Sunday night.

I tell you, beloved, when you are sick, when you have things that call you out of town, when you have business elsewhere, those things ought to be expected, but for people to promiscuously absent themselves from the house of God, I say it is wrong, for Paul said, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is."

So I say, beloved, any way that you look at this, you can see that God's house is given a most important place in the Bible.

There are appalling circumstances that surround us today. There are unusual things that are taking place, and I am amazed at the appalling circumstances that are all about us.

For example, especially, young people are using LSD and various drugs, and they are talking about wrote to the Hebrew Christians, it as though they were "taking a

[] Mosen Massell Massell Massell Massell [] trip." Every once in a while I read

I want to tell you, that is the It is the most appalling circum-Did not Paul exhort us and urge stance that I can think of. I tell you, you don't have to "take a to contact God. You need to read the Word of God if you want to know about God. You need to go to God's house if you want to know about God. You need to go where the Word of God is preached if you want to know about God. You don't need to do these other things. I say, beloved, in view of the appalling circumstances of today-in view of that, God's house is certainly the place that you

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ought to find yourself when Sunday comes, and surely it is given a most important place in the Word of God.

But evidently in the days of Nehemiah it was as it is today. Today folk are not finding their way to the house of God. People are not running over each other in droves and multitudes to get in true churches today to hear the word of God. In fact, they are get in these false churches today. going to the house of God today. It was thus in Nehemiah's day. It is thus today. Nehemiah said. "Why is the house of God forsak-

en? Great as it is, important as it is, and occupying a tremendous place in the Word of God, why is it forsaken?"

stances that surround us today, in view of the fact that we are exhorted to attend the services in God's house, I ask, like Nehemiah,

The why is the house of God forsaken?

WHY IS GOD'S HOUSE FOR-SAKEN?

I want to give you what I think are seven of the outstanding reasons why God's house is forsaken today.

The first reason is, unscriptural preaching.

Some people might like to go where they wouldn't hear the Word of God. In fact, in the Old Testament, we find in Isaiah's day that there were people who didn't want the Word of the Lord. They weren't concerned in hearing the Word of God, and they said, "Speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits" (Isa. 30:10). But, beloved, the majority of people are not that way. Even the majority of unsaved people are not concerned about a false preacher that preaches falsely, and delivers heresy. I am convinced that the first reason why the house of God is forsaken is because of unscriptural preaching.

I will say today what I said twenty-five or thirty years ago, that modernism in the pulpit makes for worldiness in the pew. I insist that when there is not scriptural preaching from the pulpit, that the membership of the church becomes worldly and they care not for the house of God.

I turn to the words of the Apostle Paul. Facing the future, and thinking about what is out before us, Paul said to young Timothy:

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; PREACH THE WORD; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine" (II Tim. 4:1, 2).

I am convinced that if there is any one thing that could cause people to come to the house of God, it is that they might hear the Word of the Lord. I know that unsaved people have to be drawn to the Lord. I realize that even God's children have to be taught to enjoy the Book, but I insist go to God's house, does so just because there is something preached hear any place else.

The second reason why house of God is forsaken is cause of unbended knees.

We read:

"Pray without ceasing" (I Thess. 5:17).

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a right-eous man availeth much" (James

turn to the book of Acts and I find that the early church spent their time praying when they had difficulties. Listen:

'And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31).

When did they speak the Word of God with boldness? When were they filled with the Holy Spirit? When did the Spirit of God shake the place where they were? When did they have a visible manifestation of God's presence? Beloved, it was when they prayed.

I ask you, how many times this past week have you bent your knees or have had an attitude In view of the appalling circum- of bended knees in behalf of the church of which you are a member?

I remember in the Word of God (Continued on page 3, column 1)



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(Continued from Page Two) that Jesus talks about a woman who came to an unjust judge-not once, but repeatedly, asking this and to relieve her of her adversary. We read:

"There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?" (Luke 18:2-7).

I tell you, if that unjust judge were moved by the continuous appeal of this widow, for him to take care of her in view of her adversary, if he were moved with compassion for her, surely the great God of the universe would be moved when God's people on bended knee cry unto God that God's house might be filled.

A third reason why the house of God is forsaken is unkept vows.

I wonder how many times you have made God a promise and didn't keep it. I wonder how many times you have vowed before the Lord, but didn't pay your vow. We read:

"When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools; pay that which thou hast vowed" (Eccl. 5:4).

This is not speaking only of money. When you hear the term you would naturally assume that he was talking about money. But, beloved, it goes far beyond that. It says that when you make a vow before God, don't fail to keep that vow.

I remember a man in the Bible mighty promises. In fact, he made God three promises.

"And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and unpaid tithes. will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, in peace; then shall the Lord be personally, but you hold back a of God is forsaken is undisciplined my God: and this stone, which I blessing that might come to the church members. God's house: and of all that thou ate member? shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee" (Gen. 28:20-22).

Jacob made some vows. He said, "You are going to be my God and this is going to be your house, and whatever you give me, I will give a tenth back to you." Did Jacob keep his vows? Beloved, for thirty years Jacob ignored the very him coming back to Bethel years ings. He hadn't been to God's (Mal. 3:8-10). house for thirty years, yet he ter he was saved, those things, but brings His blessing. he never kept his vows.

I don't think there was any doubt that his sons became quarrelsome. I don't think that there was any doubt that his family relationships became very strained, and I think I know the reason for these strained family relationships. unjust judge to take care of her, Beloved, he had failed to keep his vows to God. You can't ignore the vows and the promises that you have made to God and expect God's blessings to fall on you.

A fourth reason why the house of God is forsaken is unconfessed

The Word of God talks very plainly about us confessing our sins unto the Lord. The book of John was written to saved people, and in it John says:

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). Solomon said:

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth mercy" (Prov. 28:13).

sin on the part of God's people. which Thou gavest Me to do." Do you remember how that wedge of silver, and a goodly not from the eye of God. The (Rev. 1:15). Bible says that the army of Is-Ai, and when the inhabitants of the town came out against them thir- saken? I think one reason is the before the inhabitants of Ai. What ica. was wrong? God had promised to something wrong and when they tongues. held inquisition, it was found that the finger of guilt pointed to Achonly when Achan and his family were stoned, and only when Achan had publicly made confession of

over the city of Ai. I tell you, beloved, when you preaching, unbended knees, unkept vows, and unconfessed sin.

of God is forsaken is because of tongue, this means his religion is

Do you realize that when you fail to bring your tithes unto the and raiment to put on, so that I Lord that you hold back not only come again to my father's house a blessing that might come to you have set for a pillar, shall be church of which you are a corpor-

Listen:

have robbed me. But ye say, by causing people to forsake the Wherein have we robbed thee? In house of God. tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

night that God saved him. We find now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the Thess. 3:6). later, with tithes in his pocket he windows of heaven, and pour you noring God's leadings and deal- not be room enough to receive it"

Robbing God brings His curse. promised God on the morning af- Proving God with your tithes

Why is the house of God for-



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Ephesians 5:26-33.

order to show the solemnity of the the Word that we were begotten imperfections will be gone. Paul's marriage relationship, united it (James 1:18); that we were called desire in II Corinthians 11:2 was with the teaching of the church in (II Thess. 2:14); that faith was that he might present the church her relationship to Christ. In this age of such a shallow concept of marriage and of the place of men and women in the home and in the God is quick, and powerful, and have One Who is able to keep us church, this is a vital study.

VERSE 26

"That He." We can never lay too and forsaketh them shall have much stress on the Person and work of Christ. In John 17:4 we Why is the house of God for- read, "I have glorified Thee on saken? Because of unconfessed the earth: I have finished the work

ty-six of the Israelites fell dead, unpaid tithes to be found in the and the entire army fled from pockets of Baptists all over Amer-

Listen:

troubles" (Prov. 21:23). to be religious, and bridleth not his

bless, and did God give victory heart, this man's religion is vain" (James 1:26).

the service, yet goes out from the Bible (I Cor. 3:11-15; II Tim. A fifth reason why the house the service and fails to bridle his

> Why is the house of God forsaken? It is because of unbridled

> A seventh reason why the house

I have a feeling that when a church allows her members to do any way they wish and never dis-"Will a man rob God? Yet ye cipline them, that church is there-

"Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Bring ye all the tithes into the Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves storehouse, that there may be from every brother that walketh promises He made to God the meat in mine house, and prove me disorderly, and not after the tra-

"And if any man obey not our had never brought to God, and ig- out a blessing, that there shall word by this epistle, note that man, and have no him, that he may be ashamed" (II Thess. 3:14).

> Beloved, why is God's house forsaken? Why is it that we have such a hard time here getting people to attend church? There is not a week goes by that I don't ask from one to a half-dozen new people to come to the services with us. I invite them to do so, but rarely do they come. People will promise. They say, "I will be there on Sunday," or "I will be there at your • Plus Postage—See Page 8. revival meeting," or "I will attend your special service." They rarely come. I am sure that you have the same experience and I ask, why is the house of God of Calvary Baptist Church forsaken? Why is the house of God of all the churches that I know forsaken? Why are the most scriptural churches in America living at a dying pace? Why is it that the best preachers and the best teachers in America have only a handful of people attending services? I think you will find the answer in one or more of these seven reasons that I have given—unscriptural preaching, unbended knees, unpaid (Continued on page 5, column 1)

5). Notice, God uses the Sword of 4:8; I Pet. 5:3,4).

"Not having spot or wrinkle, or "Not having spot or "No created (Rom. 10:17). It is the at Corinth as a chaste virgin. Word that sets us apart day by day (John 17:17). Yes, "the Word of sharper than any twoedged from falling and to present us faulting is concerned is only symbolic 25). (I Pet. 3:21; Acts 22:16).

VERSE 27

"That He might present it to himself a glorious church." We "Might sanctify and cleanse it." must re-iterate what we have prob-Achan stole a wedge of gold, a Herein is the end result of the ably stated in previous references work of Christ. He redeemed, to the doctrines of the church, that Babylonish garment, and how, reconciled, regenerated, and will any reference to the gathering towhen he did so, he digged into glorify His people individually and gether of the saints in a future asthe ground of his tent and hid collectively. Through His blood we sembly (II Thess. 2:1) does not in care for his wife. them from the eyes of man, but are purchased (1:14), and purified any way change, nor add to, the meaning of the church as a local "With the washing of water by assembly established on this earth rael went out the next day to do the Word." The saints have had a during the ministry of Christ. This for a man to preserve himself. battle against the little town of spiritual bath (John 13:10; Titus 3: church, and later churches, are "But nourisheth and cherisheth Ai and when the inhabitants of the clearly identified throughout the it." It is beastly for a man to fail New Testament always as local to provide for, protect, and to preassemblies of baptized believers. On this, there can be no question. They are referred to, not as A sixth reason why the house parts of the universal invisible give them victory. There was of God is forsaken is unbridled church; for this is a false meaning of the word "church," but as ing in subjection to her husband. whole churches (Acts 15:22; Rom. "Whose keepeth his mouth and 16:23) and as whole bedies, as rean. The Word of God tells us that his tongue, keepeth his soul from ferred to in Ephesians 4:16 and I Corinthians 12:27. The church is "If any man among you seem referred to in the generic sense be religious, and bridleth not his such as, "Tell it to the church" what he had done to God, did God tongue, but deceiveth his own in Matthew 18:17, not meaning a particular church; as we use the term wife or school, etc. Further, Anybody who seems to be re- the term "glorious church" doesby the name of of Jacob, who, the ask me why the house of God is ligious, who goes to church, picks n't mean there will be no distincday he was saved, made God some forsaken, I will say, unscriptural up a Bible and songbook and re- tion in relationship to rewards, for ligiously enters into the spirit of rewards also are clearly taught in

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"But that it should be holy and without blemish." Thank God, we sword" (Heb. 4:12). Any refer- less before the presence of His ence to baptism, as far as wash- glory with exceeding joy (Jude 24,

VERSE 28

"So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself." We have here the intimate relationship between husband and wife; so much so, that one is incomplete without the other. If a man cares for himself, he will

VERSE 29

"For no man ever yet hated his own flesh." It is a natural thing

"But nourisheth and cherisheth serve his wife. He is to do all in his power to minister to her needs. This will bring joy and happiness in the home and, of course, a ready response from the wife in her be-

"Even as the Lord the church." The perfect pattern for the husband is set forth in the Lord's care and concern for the church. How men need to re-evaluate their position as husbands.

VERSE 30

"For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones." Our position as sons of God is a result of a birth from above through the Lord Jesus Christ. Eve was taken from the side of Adam; we, spiritually, from the side of the Lord Jesus Christ.

VERSE 31

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." How few couples know anything about the seriousness of marriage! It is treated as some kind of game or trial, and if it doesn't work out, try it with some one else. This is what makes divorce such a sad thing. If Biblical admonitions were followed before and after marriage, there would be no divorce. However, because of sin, divorce has become the normal thing in our age. I recognize many children of God have broken hearts because of this question.

VERSE 32

"This is a great mystery." We are not dealing with an insignificant teaching, but one of tremendous value and depth.

"But I speak concerning Christ and the church." Every marriage is a portrayal of the marriage to come referred to in Revelation 19:

VERSE 33

"Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband." Even though the emphasis has been on the relationship of Christ and His people, this in no way diminishes from the earthly relationship of husbands and wives, but should serve to motivate a closer

Conclusion: May the Lord of with its typical meaning. If you glory revive the proper attitude have been amazed at the detail towards the vows of marriage;

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It most certainly does - time and time again. "And I will restore the judges as at the first, and thy counselors as at the beginning: afterward thou shall be called, the city of righteousness, the faithful city" (Isa. 1:26). "At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imaginations of their evil hearts. In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel . . . " (Jer. 3: 17,18). "And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase" (Jer. 23:3). "Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years" (Mal. 3:4).

These are just a few of the many, many Scriptures that teach plainly that Judah and Israel will be returned and reunited.

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The woods are full of Baptist preachers in our day who hold to the a-millennist teaching. They say that Christ will not ever reign on this earth at all. Along with that teaching is the teaching that God is through with the Jews. One of them was heard to say that when we come to T Thessalonians 4:16-17, that's it. In other words he was saying that when our Lord comes for His saints this old world will cease to exist.

That is what a lot of Baptist preachers are saying, but what does the Book have to say on the subject? That is what counts. In Genesis 17:8 God said to Abraham, "And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan for an everlastssession; and I will be their God." Then in Genesis 48:3-4 God this I say, that the covenant that voice in the world. God is told Jacob the same thing. Genesis 15:18 tells us this land of Canaan will include all the land from way over to the Euphrates River. That will take in besides the present country of Israel, the countries of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Iraq. The Jews have never pos- ise" (Gal. 3:17,18). sessed all this land, but they will in the coming day. So the Arabs the land to Abraham, and his seed might as well start looking for a after him, was of pure and free place to move to.

When Solomon died the land of Canaan was divided into two separate countries. Israel up in the Northern part of the country and earth, God has not for one single Judah in the Southern part. These moment forgotten His promise to two nations have never been unit- Abraham and his seed, and now afed, but they will be before too long. In Ezekiel 37:22 God says, "I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel." Then in verse 25 God says, "And they shall dwell in the land tible roots of the fig tree nation is no man seeketh after." that I have given unto Jacob my now beginning to shoot forth some

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servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever." So we see that the Jews are to live in the land of Canaan as one nation for ever. And in Matthew 19:28 our Lord says the 12 apostles are to sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. That is what the Book says. And I believe every word of

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Genesis 17:7,8: "And I will establish My covenant between Me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God un- 8 thru 13:2). Amos 9:14,15: "And to thee and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession." (The Abrahamic Covenant).

II Chronicles 9:8: "God loved Israel to establish them forever." God gave Canaan to Abraham, and his seed after him for an everlasting possession. But some will "Israel backslid, disobeyed God, and thereby forfeited their right to the land." When God gave the land to Abraham and his seed after him, there were no ownership conditions stipulated. Their dwelling in the land, and God's blessing on them and the land were conditioned on their obedience to the Mosaic law, but the land itself was given to them for an everlasting possession. Israel's disobedience brought bitter chastening from their Divine law giv- tops them all. er, they were temporarily (2500 years to date) deprived of their land. They were scattered in all four directions, nevertheless the land they received from God in fulfillment of His promise has been their land all the time. Not only does Israel have Divine title to the land, but they will ultimateoccupy the land. Isaiah 49:6: "It is a light thing that thou shouldest be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also tiles, that thou mayest be My salvation unto the end of the earth."

Paul meets the arguments that the law they have been eternally set aside as a nation, saying, "And law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by prom-

The promise wherein God gave grace. God's grace ever shines, even in spite of man's disobedience. While the world considers Israel to be the off scouring of the ter twenty-five hundred long and bitter years we see an Israelitish remnant back in the land. Israel's withering season has entered its political blooms. Matthews 24:32: birth in May 1948, and though Is-Now learn a parable of the fig rael may assert national strength tree; when his branch is yet ten- she cannot at this time produce der, and putteth forth leaves, ye fruit acceptable to God, and shall know that summer is nigh." How- not be able to do so until her spir-

ever, be it understood, Israel per se is yet under the curse of spiritual slumber (Rom. 11:8), and shall be until the close of the seven-year tribulation period, but this in no way militates against the teaching that the present regathering of Israel to their God-given homeland is the first of two steps in which God restores to Israel her former glory. It is the present regathered Israel that the antichrist armies fight against in the battle of Armageddon, and it is this same Israel whom God fights for and delivers from the antichrist's intended annihilation.

"For, behold, in those days, and at that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for My people and for My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted My land" (Joel 3:1-2). The second stage of Israel's regathering comes immediately after the heavenly overthrow of the government of the ed? So notice. antichrist (Mt. 24:29-31; Zech. 12:

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"God hath not cast away His peothrough Israel's disobedience to ple which He foreknew" (Rom. 11: 2: "through the waters - through with them "the form of the fourth 2), but they were set aside as God's evangels and executive was confirmed before of God in working through His church, the Christ, the law, which was four Bride of Christ, but when her work hundred and thirty years after, in this pre-trib earth is over, and the Nile River in Egypt all the cannot disannul, that it should she is made altogether heavenly; make the promise of none effect. then once again will God turn His For if the inheritance be of the earthly people, to establish them permanently in their ancient and covenant land. No one is saved by being an Israelite, geneology is destitute of saving virtue, and all that are in Israel are not of Israel, but the elect within Israel shall obtain all the promises made to Abraham (Rom. 11:7), "I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break My covenant with them: for I am the Lord their God" (Lev. 26:44).

Jeremiah 30:17: "For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord; because they called thee an initial close, and the indestruc- Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom

Israel experienced national re-

ual slumber shall be removed, and eth." they will be reestablished in the land given them in the Abrahamic never again be any border dis-Abrahamic covenant. Now Israel's works are all wood, hay and stubble, and shall be destroyed in the they shall "look upon Him whom they pierced," "He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root, Israel shall blossom and bud, fruit" (Isa. 27:6).

Deliverance . . .

(Continued from page one) created the earth and all that is in it He purposed that we should be His. I am His because He made me, because He redeemed me, and me in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be stop here, and so finally notice: holy and without blame before Him, in love."

Look again at verse 3, and nothe ones to whom the Lord makes a very wonderful promise; we are the people addressed. Are you sav-

II. THE PATH ALONG WHICH THE CHRISTIAN IS TRAVELING

Nowhere in Scripture or in experience do we find that the Christian life is an easy life. The Christian life is not a bed of roses, an easy way and a self-indulgent way, and from our Scripture text we learn that the way God has chosen for us sometimes leads us through fire and through water. Sometimes we imagine that those who live closest to Him are favored and will escape trial and testing. God does have His favorites, and in children are His favorites, and in Hebrews 12:6 we learn that it is "whom the Lord loveth he chast-eneth," and that trial for the Christian is inevitable. Philippians 1:29: "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake," and also reaffirmed by I Peter 4:12-13.

In verse 2 we are told four things about the road that we are to travel:

a) It is A Divinely-Ordained And A Divinely-Ordained Way.

The Lord, the Sovereign Lord, Who knows the end from the beginning, is speaking to His people, and He looks ahead, and says, "You are going to pass through Fire and through Water!" Are you going through this experience now? Then take comfort, for He knows all about the way you are going for He planned it for you. Psalm 37:23 says, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way."

b) It Is A Very Rough And Testing Way.

See how it is described in verse the rivers — through the fire the flame." These are experience

CONTROL OF THE RESIDENCE OF THE PROPERTY OF TH of Christ. With the second coming the Lord does not say, "IF thou of Christ Israel's curse of spirit- passeth," but "WHEN thou pass-

c) It Is A Way Of Varied Testing. Not any of us pass along the covenant. After that, there will same way. God plans a different way for each of His children. We putes over the lines drawn in the may pass through the water and not through the fire; we may pass through the fire and not through the water; or we may pass fires of Armageddon, but when through both plus. You have only to observe the lives of other Christians to see how varied it is.

Read through the Psalms and see how varied the testing of the and fill the face of the earth with Psalms. As you read and as you consider the trials and testings of other Christians, you will realize how different are the chastenings which the Lord permits in the lives of His children.

d) On The Way Some Testings Are Very Severe.

In verse 2 we read of "water," "rivers," "fire," "flames" and "flames" and these testings can be very severe. If we were to stop in our study because He chose me. Ephesians here we would be left in a very 1:4: "According as He has chosen discouraged mood, and how desolate we would be; but it does not

III. THE PROMISE THAT IS MADE TO THE CHRISTIAN.

The promise of chastening is betice the words, "Thy God." We, ing fulfilled, but what else does who are born-again Christians, are God promise His people? God never breaks His word and always keeps His promises. Deuteronomy "Know, therefore, that 7:9 says, the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, who keepeth covenant and mercy with them who love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations."

This God, our God, makes a four-fold promise to us:

a) He Promises The Security Of His Property.

Are you going through the waters, or the fires, and are you nearly overwhelmed? God says, "Thou art Mine" (v. 1). "Fear not . . . thou art mine - my creation, redemption and election. Do you think that I am going to lose the property which cost Me so much and which is so precious to Me?" (I Pet. 1:18-19).

b) He Promises The Adequacy Of His Protection.

Look at verse 2 again: "they shall not overflow thee . . . not be burned . . . neither shall the flame kindle . . ." This means that although the situation may be very serious and desperate, the Lord will not let it overwhelm us. I Corinthians 10:13 says: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not permit you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation, also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

c) He Promises That He Will Always Be Present.

Look at verse 2 yet again. When these things happen, what? "I will be with thee." Read the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego in Daniel, third chapter. Notice that not even a hair on their heads was burned, but more wonderful, we read that there was ... like the Son of God"; and God

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"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled from the world. with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18).

I think this is the answer to for everyone of us who are here, is, to be filled with the Spirit. If that isn't enough answer, then I certainly think that this coupled to it would answer the question:

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is God that you have done so, and I not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (I John 2:15-17).

Here is my question: Why is the you realize this truth: house of God forsaken? I think I

that the house of God is not for- boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). saken? It is for us as Christians to

It is much easier to be filled with world and to be filled with the wine wherein there is excess, rath- Spirit, that the house of God might tion, "Why is the house of God er than to be filled with the Spirit. not be forsaken. forsaken?" I think that answer is It is much easier for us to become tangled with the world than it is for us to turn from the world, but God's Word says for us to be filled with the Spirit and we are to turn

CONCLUSION

If I speak to an unsaved person, God's people. I think the answer I would say to that one, my message to you as I talk about the house of God, is this: Thank God, you have found your way into God's house. Maybe in spite of what your pastor does; maybe in spite of what your Sunday School teacher does; maybe in spite of what your mother and father do; maybe in spite of what your friends do, you have found your way to the house of God. I thank would say to you in the light of my message, I am so glad that you have found your way to God's house and you haven't forsaken it. Might it please God today to help

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of God, who is a triune being! Man is created in the image of God and is a tricotomy or triune creation. He is body, soul and spirit. His soul is simply the life that exists in the body, which even all animal life has existing in them. This is not to say that animals have a spirit, for only man was created in the image of our triune God.

and in one sense this is true. the fraud as follows: "The transla- Translating it as an adjective, Adam's spirit did not go out of ex- tion she of the Vulgate is inter- Catholics insert the name "Mary istence, nor did it leave him with pretive; it originated after the in their often repeated prayer: only body and soul. His spirit died fourth century . . . and cannot be "Hail, (Mary) full of grace." The in the sense of separation, but not defended critically . . . The con- adjective "full" is not found in the from himself, but rather in the queror from the seed of woman original Greek Text. "Full of sense of God withdrawing from his spirit and leaving it desolate, or head, is Christ . . . No direct or separated from the person and fellowship of his Creator.

The reason why we believe that from scripture" (Catholic Ency-Adam was later saved, as well as Eve, is simply that the Genesis account tells us that after the Fall, he walked apart from God until hesitate to alter the Word of God God sought him out and began to

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God."

A vest pocket Testament with from God spiritually demands that a reuniting of the Spirit of God and 4 inches. Self-pronouncing Index, the spirit of man take place. We do not agree that the spirit of man is gone out of existence by Adam's sin, but is rather estranged from

Conception Of Mary

Light Blue, Red, White ___ \$4.95 (Continued from page one) Jerome who compiled the Vulgate, the official Latin Bible of the Roman Catholic Church. Jerome used A slender pocket Testament with "He" (Latin Ipse), but the presexceptionally good print. Self-pronouncing, Presentation Page, Print. ent text of the Vulgate reads "she" ed on India Paper, with Red Letter. (Latin Ipsa). (Romanism, p. 246).

Catholic scholars today admit the fraudulent translation of "she" The Dominican scholar, Psalms, Black, Chocolate \$17.95 Prof. Zapletal, states that the rendering of Ipsa cannot be found in the Fathers before Ambrose and

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who should crush the serpent's (Continued on page 8, column 2)

IX uses the falsification to prove that all things work together for

new Catholic translation of Gene- purpose will be fulfilled. Look at

After "Hail" usually follows a

(Continued from page four)

still says the same thing in He-

d) He Promises The Fulfillment

God has a purpose in everything

good to them that love God, to

them who are the called according to His purpose." One day His

verse 2 yet again, and notice very

The farther we pass along this

way of trial and testing, the near-

er we come to the time when faith

shall be lost in sight, the nearer

we come eventually into Glory

with Him. We shall have been en-

riched, refined and sanctified be-

cause we have come THROUGH.

Now see how the promise finishes: "I am the Lord thy God, the

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Do you know this One as your

Saviour? If not, He can be. All that

carefully these chosen words

Deliverance.

Pope Pius dren. Romans 8:28: "And we know

brews 13:5-6.

Justice and mercy met at the cross,

Jesus, my Lord, lived a sinless life,

For me, God's justice He sufficed, Saving my soul from infinite loss!

Salvation He offers so full and free,

He saves them for now and eternity,

By His marvelous, infinite grace!

categorical and stringent proof of

the dogma can be brought forward

Here then we have official Cath-

olic admission that Rome does not

to make it conform to its expe-

The crowning confusion is in the

The second passage cited by the

Pope in support of the dogma is

taken from the New Testament,

Luke 1:28, which reads in the Catholic translation: "Hail, full of

grace . . . (The salutation of the angel Gabriel). "Full of grace" is

dient interpretation. Instead of Of His Purpose.

clopedia, Vol. 7, p. 675).

before the dogma -

His glory He will not share with another,

High and holy and lifted up:

Man's sin He will not forget;

His justice must be met!

Total Depravity

(Continued from page one) true that when a loved one dies from a family, is it not so that a deep sense of separation abides in that family? This results in much grief for the departed one, which continues until the fact of separ-

Adam was created in the image

Some believe that the spirit of Augustine. (Atliches, 19). The After "Hail" usually follows a Adam died in the transgression Catholic Encyclopedia confesses title, a noun: "Hail gracious one."

talk with him again.

When the reproduction processes correcting the falsified text — as of humankind take place in time, Luther did more than 300 years that happens to one of His chileach conception is the result of the body and soul's reaction to natural processes. Therefore, all infallibly Mary's immaculate coninfants are born estranged from ception from the Scriptures. God spiritually from the womb, yet related to mankind in body and soul. Psalm 58:3 "The wicked are sis 3:15 in the Book of Genesis estranged from the womb: they go (Confraternity Edition) published stray as soon as they be born, a few years ago. This correctly "passeth through" — not passeth translates "He" (Christ) in place into. We are going through! Contributed the contributed the contributed that the of "she" (Mary). Yet, the old Vulsider with me Psalm 66:10-12. astray as soon as they be born, Gazetteer, Glossary, Presentation Page, and is printed on India speaking lies."

wicked die at birth in the sense of gate (Douay) version remains the going out of spiritual existence, only official text for Roman Cathbut declares that the reason men olic use, as irrevocably decreed by are wicked is because even while the Council of Trent, so that Mary in the womb they are estranged, (not Christ) can still be pictured or separated from God. They in and taught as crushing the serthe womb have body, soul and pent's head. spirit. In each aspect of their existence they are alive, but they only have physical and mental faculities that can relate to mankind but their living spirit is estranged from God, yet it is in existence.

Man walks from his conception a false translation of the Greek is necessary is repentance, asking in the womb, totally incapable of word kecharitomene which means and receiving. If you do know Him, relating to God, for in relating to "gracious," "favored," "accep- why not share these great prom-God there must be a spiritual retable," from the Greek verb charises with a friend? Psalm 107:2: lationship with God. This is what itoo, "to grace." (See Eph. 1:6), "Let the redeemed of the Lord say our Lord meant in John 3:3, when derived from the Greek noun char-he said, "Verily, verily, I say unto is (grace). so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." Amen. thee, Except a man be born again,

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God's Dealing

(Continued from page one) upon this occasion! I Corinthians 1:10,11 says

"But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, except the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."

A. God in due season led Joseph to know that it was He (God) not His brethren, nor the circumstances that brought him to Egypt.

1. While we shall see God's hand in it all (all things), yet he reminds them that they had sold him into Egypt. Genesis 45:4c:

And he said, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt" Genesis 45:5b:

. . . that ye sold me here." In order that they might be reconciled unto him they had to be confess their evil doing.

2. Now, we shall look directly at the Scriptures that teach us that God sent Joseph into Egypt.

a. Verse 5:

"Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me here; for God did send me before you to preserve life."

This verse tells us the purpose of God's providential dealing with Joseph was to preserve life.

b. Verse 7:

"And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance."

God's purpose, "To preserve for Israel a posterity and to deliver them by a great deliverance." Is there not a hint there of their deliverance from Egypt? Hebrews

"By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, which the Egyptians, attempting to do, were drowned."

c. Verse 8:

"So now it was not you that sent me here, but God:"

B. We shall see what God wrought as well as to the way of His working!

1. Like God's discipline we see that in His providential dealing "it is for our good as well as for His glory." But we note the fact that in Romans 8.28, "we know" that all things work together for good to them who love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

2. God's Discipline. Hebrews 12:

"For whom the Lord loveth He son whom He receiveth. If you endure chastening, God dealeth with you as sons; for what son is he of which all are partakers, then

ward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them who are exercised by it."

3. Joseph's good!

He was made a father unto Pharaoh (Verse 8). Note his prestige in Egypt.

"God: . . . made me a father unto pharaoh, lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

C. What are the practical effects of this study?

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2. Luke 17:5:

"And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith!"

3. James 1:3-6:

"Knowing this, that the testing of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire. lacking nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth liberally, and unbraideth not, and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith nothing waver-

Total Depravity (Continued from page five) the spirit of God. There is absolu-

and/or the mind of the natural man that would be able to cause man to seek after the spirit of God. Man exists in total unawareness that he even needs God spiritually, chasteneth, and scourgeth every although he may acknowledge his need of God's favor on his fleshly life. He may even improve his morality due to his mental awarethat the Father chasteneth not? ness that a Creator exists. He may But if ye be without chastisement, even be very religious and live a sacrificial life in the flesh, due to are ye bastards and not sons . . . his being conscious of a religious but He for our profit, that we need in his very being. For this

might be partakers of His holiness! reason we believe that folks who (Verse 10c). Now no chastening for become so-called Monks, Nuns and the present seemeth to be joyous, Priests are doing so in answer to

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"It should have been a noble ennobling experience," music critic wrote. "It turned out to be merely unnerving, a bad be-ginning for the cathedral and an unworthy ending for Sills (who four children and said Mr. Green made the event her last public recital)." According to Mr. Bernheimer, "the blown-up, distorted, Ms. Bryant's career began when smudgy, blurred, garbled sounds she was runner-up in the 1959 Miss that bounced off the multi-faceted America contest. She then began crystal surfaces . . . bore no resemblance to reality. As an inseveral million-seller records and evitable result, the Sills performmarried Mr. Green in 1960. Later ance bore no resemblance to art."

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> HAVERFORD, Pa. (EP - An Episcopal priest here has been charged with the assault and robbery of about \$40,000 in cash from a parishioner who said he brought the money to the church office to purchase a coin collection. The Rev. John C. Kolb, 49, rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles in this wealthy Philadelphia suburb, was arrested by police in a Holiday Inn about four hours after the alleged robbery.

> Now free on \$10,000 bail, he was charged with robbery, theft, receiving stolen property, recklessly endangering another person, simple and aggravated violation of the firearms act. However, the victim, church member Thomas Underwood, 21, has said he would not press the charges. Police offered no motive for the alleged robbery, but sources close to Mr. Kolb said he had been subject to bouts of severe depression recently.

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convention spokeswomen said the weight of opinion is against ordi-

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (EP) - A cause of the low rents he charged Kentucky group has launched a poor tenants of the two buildings campaign to post \$10 framed copies of the Ten Commandments public schools across the nation. The project is directed by the battles with the U.S. Internal Rev- Lexington Heritage Foundation orenue Service, but will provide him ganized by Tom Miner. A manuwith a large tax deduction and facturing firm here, Frame Headallow tenants of the buildings to quarters, Inc., is churning out the framed copies at a rate of 100 a day. They will be sold for \$10 each plus handling to interested teachers or others.

Mr. Miner said he is aware of possible church-state legal challenges in other states, but expressed confidence that courts there would rule in his favor as the Kentucky Supreme Court recently did. The Kentucky Supreme Court ruled on a tie vote that the Ten Commandments must be allowed to be posted, in Kentucky's public schools. The court, noting that commandments' historical significance and positive moral influences, said that posting the document didn't violate constitutional bans on church-state entanglements.

WASHINGTON (EP) - A movement aided by such Southern Baptists as Adrian Rogers, Jimmy Draper, James Robison and William F. Powell to restore prayer in schools is gaining momentum in its goal of bringing to the House floor a bill that would deny federal courts jurisdiction in the mat-

Mr. Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, joined other religious leaders and conservative congressmen including Rep. Phillip Crane, (R-Ill.), and Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), in announcing the kickoff of National Prayer in School week - an "intensified effort by ad hoc coalition of religious, political, professional and civic persons and organizations to secure the required 218 signatures to bring S. 450 to the No No No

WASHINGTON (EP) - Despite provisions of the Helsinki accords calling for religious liberty, violations of religious rights are on the increase in the Soviet Union and eastern Europe according to testimony before the Commission on disappearances. Security and Cooperation in Europe, commonly known as the Helsinki Commission.

The commission, composed of 12 members of Congress and three executive branch representatives, is holding hearings to prepare a report on how well the 35 signers of the 1975 agreement promised to "respect the freedom of the individual to profess and practice . religion . . . in accordance with the dictates of his own conscience." An increasing lack of compliance a mong Soviet bloc in suburban Bloomington to put countries has drawn protests from prayer in Kennedy High School

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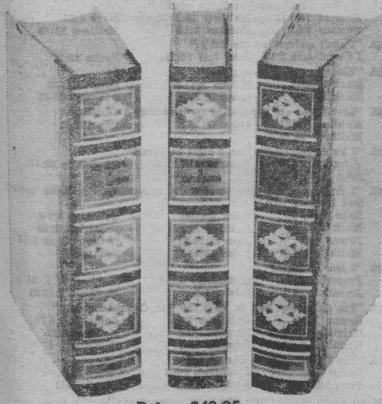
were preparing to return to the Philippines to begin their second four-term as missionaries of the Baptist General Conference after a year's furlough. But four days before their scheduled departure, his wife, Mary, and their 8-year-old daughter, Beth, disappeared.

They were last seen when they left a beauty shop in suburban Roseville and are believed to have been abducted. A 6-year-old suburban Arden Hills boy, Jason Wilkman, was seized about two hours after the Stauffers disappeared, and authorities believe one man is responsible for all three

MINNEAPOLIS (EP) - When high school seniors of the Minneapolis-St. Paul area walk across the stage to receive their diplomas during the next month, some will be blessed with prayers. Others won't. It has been 17 years since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that official prayers in public schools violate the U.S. Constitution, yet the ruling is just now affecting graduation ceremonies.

A successful effort by parents both religious and political circles. graduation this year raises the issue of whether invocations and ST. PAUL, Minn. (EP) - Elder benedictions at graduation are le-(Continued on page 8, column 1)

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"What's Happening"

(Continued from page 7) gal. The Minnesota Civil Liberties Union says no. The Bloomington parents, backed by the school superintendent, say yes - and say they wonder why anyone would be upset by a graduation prayer.

PRINCETON, N.J. (EP)-Forty percent of American teenagers believe in astrology, more than twice the percentage of the adults that do, says the latest Gallup Organization Youth Survey. That figure represents about 10 million teenagers, particularly young girls, who believe that the characteristies and the shifting positions of the stars influence the daily events of their lives.

Thirty-six percent of boys and 44 percent of girls 13 to 18 years old said they believed in astrology. Forty-seven percent of girls in the 13 to 15 age bracket said they believed, making them the most like- imply that Mary was immaculatelieve were 16 to 18 year old boys, mother. The salutation took place 30 percent.

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Jesus Christ has formed a sect of 12 "apostles." In another part of town, a man who claims to be Judas Iscariot says he wants to apologize to Jesus and ask his forgiveness for betraying him for 30 15:22). pieces of silver. Asked if he would meet with "Judas Iscariot," the man calling himself Jesus Christ replied: "Anyone wishing to speak to me must contact one of my it in the observance of this ordin-apostles for an appointment."

Reflecting on what she calls "all this nonsense" in Kitwe, Seventh-Day Adventist evangelist Oddiah Chiyangaya said it was a sign that Judgment Day "is not far off."

CHANGE ! Conception Of Mary

(Continued from page 5) grace" in the Greek language is pheres charitos. (See John 1:14). (Romanism, p. 247).

Even if the translation "full of grace" were correct, it would not ly adherents. Least likely to be- ly conceived in the womb of her when Mary was full grown, and KITWE, Zambia (EP) — If you "full of grace." The apocryphal want to speak to "Jesus Christ," gospel of the birth of "face." which the dogma gradually developed, reads: "She shall be full of grace of the Lord immediately And that goes for "Judas Iscar- upon her birth" (3:3). Mary's birth personal apology for his earlier actly 9 solar months after the albetrayal. At least, that's what the leged immaculate conception. As local self-styled Jesus Christ has the salutation does not specify the anywhere in the houses or eaten. time at which Mary became "gra-

Mary, contrary to Scriptures, was conceived without original sin." (Romanism, p. 247).

The Catholic Encyclopedia excuses the papal assertion by stat-"But the term (kecharitomene) "full of grace" serves only as an illustration, not as proof of the dogma." (Cath. Enc., Vol. 7, p.

We have seen therefore that by their own admission Catholic apologists can find no scriptural proof for the immaculate conception of Mary, while there are many Scriptural texts contradicting the Rom-

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (I John 1:8). "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (I Cor.

No Uncertain

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Let us see what God's Word says concerning the correct elements of the Lord's Supper. "And as they were eating Jesus took bread, blessed it and brake it and gave it to the disciples and said, Take eat; This is my body" (Matt. 26: 26). Notice Christ took bread. In vs. 17 of this same chapter we find that all they could have according to the law was unleavened bread, because leavened bread was forbidden at the observance of the passover, which was why they were there in the first place. In Exodus 12:15,19 we find that leaven was not to be

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Death was the penalty if not heed-A Kitwe man claiming to be cious" it could not imply that ed. We find that it was to be kept in the manner set forth by God from then on. (See Ex. 12:25). Hebrews 4:15 tells us Christ was without sin. If Christ had leaven present that night He sinned and therefore, this would not be a true statement. But Christ did not have leaven present at the observation of the passover. In John 17:4 we GIVE 5 GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE BAPTIST EXAMINER read: ". . . I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." He finished it, kept the whole law SEND US 5 SUBSCRIPTIONS, WE'LL RENEW YOURS FREE! completely.

As we read in chapter 12 of Exodus concerning the fact that leaven was forbidden in the observance of the passover, so also, leaven was forbidden from the Old Testament sacrifices. (See Ex. 34:25). Leaven was to be excluded because it is a picture of sin as in the word blemish in Exodus 12:5. These ordinances were to bear witness of Christ. Therefore anything representing sin must not be present because Christ had no sin! Christ told the disciples in Matthew 16:6 to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Would Christ tell the disciples to beware of something in Him? No, because there was nothing unclean in Him. In John 14:1 we read, "... Ye believe in God, believe also in me." He said believe, not beware, of anything in Him.

So we find that the first element used by Christ in the Lord's Supper was one loaf of unleavened bread (Matt. 26:26).

The second element, "The Fruit of the Vine" in Matthew 26:29, was wine because wine has no leaven in it. Remember in Exodus 12:15, 19, no leaven was to be present at the passover. If Christ had grape juice at the passover He sinned, because grape juice has natural leaven present in it. Christ did not have sin, therefore He used wine to represent His blood. In Deuterthis being wine and grape juice. These represent the two types of blood. Grape juice, first of all, represents our blood, because it

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Nowhere is the use of wine for bidden outside of the priests in Le viticus 10:8-10. "And the Lord spake unto Aaron, saying, Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou nor thy sons of the congregation lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations tween holy and unholy, and be

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