

JIMMY SWAGGART VERSUS JESUS CHRIST ON ETERNAL SECURITY

"A believer can stop believing, a Christian can stop being a Christian, and the born-again can turn their backs on salvation and become lost again —" Jimmy Swaggart.

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand" (Jesus Christ. John 10:27-29).

Well, anyone can see from the above quotations that Jimmy Swaggart opposes Jesus Christ on the subject of eternal security. You take your choice as to which one you will believe. For my part, I believe Jesus Christ. And what Jesus Christ says is true no matter what one believes, or what a popular, well-known preacher says to the contrary. A dear sister wrote a kind letter to TBE, sending an article by Swaggart on Eternal Security and asking for comments on this article. She stated her strong belief that God was able to keep that which she had



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committed to Him, and her belief in eternal salvation, but desired comments on this article. I am happy to send her these comments and, also, at the same time, prepare them as an article for TBE. I will say one thing to this dear lady — I do advise you not to waste your time reading magazines put out by heretics such as the one containing this article by Swaggart.

Swaggart states that the Bible reveals any number of persons who were at one time within the grace of God, but who subsequently fell from grace, and after this fall, became lost. But he

makes a lot of assumptions and many false statements in proving (?) this. Lucifer and the fallen angels are given as examples. The trouble with this is that the example does not fit. These beings being created in perfect righteousness, but also mutable, and then, since they were not of the elect angels, being left to their mutability, fell into sin. This is not the same at all as those who were lost and have been saved from their lost estate. One cannot prove that a saved person can be lost by proving that angels (who were not

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THE LORD'S WAYS ARE RIGHT

by Wade H. Miles

Raleigh, N.C.

Scripture: Hosea 14:1-9;
Text: Verse 9

Introduction:

Today I would like to call your attention to verse 9 of our text and think together on the way of the Lord in His dealing with men, and in particular His dealing with His own people. We shall attempt to show what the Lord Himself is like in a number of His characteristics. We also shall attempt to discover the great benefit there is in walking in His ways, and how serious it is for His people to refuse to walk in the ways that God has outlined for each of us.

Please notice that in our key verse we learn three important lessons:

1) There Are Two Types Of People.

In our key verse (9) they are

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NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US

Romans 8:38-39: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

There is nothing in death that can separate us.

There is nothing in life that can.

There is not an angel that can.

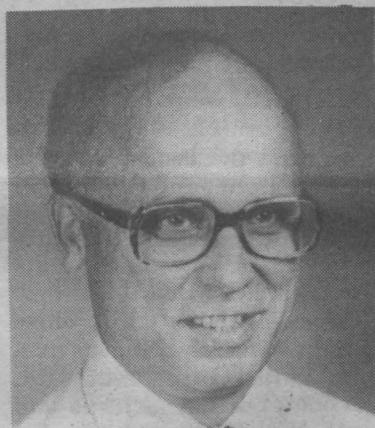
Good angels would not, bad angels cannot.

Principalities cannot. Satan is head of principalities of darkness.

Powers cannot. Satan is Prince of the powers of the air.

Things present cannot separate.

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SHOULD I JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

by C. K. Rand

There are people today that are asking themselves this question. With all the skillful propaganda in books and on the screen many nominal Protestants have asked themselves this question. Let us look at the benefits that the Roman Church offers.

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the Bible and knew all there was to know about it. Beloved, I must be pretty ignorant as compared to these two men for there is seldom a day that passes but what I learn something new about God and His precious Word, although I have read the Bible over and over again and again.

I am so thankful that as I

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SANCTIFIED (?) SCHEMES

by Roy Snell

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It is an evident fact that most of those outfits who profess to be "getting out the gospel" to a lost and dying world, have resorted to some religious huckstering which would be the envy of Madison Avenue. It is becoming increasingly obvious, also, they either trade off or sell their mailing lists to each other. I have had need of some Christian literature in the past and have ordered such material from time to time. Now I find myself deluged with all the gimmicks and come-on ploys which gives evidence that someone has hired an ad man with some imagination, a touch of brilliance and a measure of religiosity.

I have been the unwitting and unwilling recipient of appeals to buy a brick with my name on it, a cinder block for \$38.00 (seed faith money). I have received a styrofoam dolly cutout on which I am supposed to place an X where it hurts and to return it with a generous offering. Someone, somewhere has promis-

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A Sermon by John R. Gilpin

"THE HANDS OF GOD"

"But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people" (Rom. 10:21).

It has always been exceedingly interesting to me to notice the acts in the Bible attributed to the finger, the hand, and the arm of God.

For example, it is indeed interesting to notice that which took place according to the finger of God. Listen:

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast. Then the magicians said unto

Pharaoh. This is the FINGER OF GOD: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said" (Exodus 8:16-19).

This takes us back to the time when Israel was being redeemed out of the land of Egyptian bondage, when Moses by a miracle produced lice supernaturally upon man and beast throughout all the land, and the magicians in their attempt to do likewise, failed. It was then that these magicians said, "This is the finger of God."

Let me give you another instance within God's Book where another act is attributed unto the finger of God:

"And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the FINGER OF GOD" (Ex. 31:18).

Several years ago when I was just a boy preacher there was a movie entitled "The Ten Commandments." I didn't see it but

a friend of mine, in attending this movie, told me that when those ten commandments were written on the tables of stone, that it was done with a lightning effect. He said that the lightning would flash and each time it did so, another commandment would blaze forth upon the stone. Ten times the lightning flashed and each time another commandment appeared upon the stone.

Now, beloved, that may be the way it was done in Hollywood, but it wasn't the way that it was done in the Bible. The Word of God says that these ten commandments, written on tables of stone, were written with the finger of God.

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are THE EVERLASTING ARMS: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them" (Dent. 33:27).

It is mighty precious to know that underneath us, day by day, are the everlasting arms of God. Some folk are worried lest they

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fall from grace and some supposed-to-be preachers, in their scriptural ignorance, talk about falling from grace. Beloved, if a child of God does fall, where does he fall? This text tells us that "underneath are the everlasting arms" of God.

Notice again that which is attributed to the arm of God:

"But the Lord, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and A STRETCHED OUT ARM, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice" (II Kings 17:36).

Now, beloved, having noticed in a brief manner as to that which is attributed unto the finger of God and unto the arm of the Lord, I'd like for you to notice a few things that are said concerning the hands of God.

THE HANDS OF GOD ARE HANDS OF SOVEREIGNTY.

"And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and NONE CAN STAY HIS HAND, or say unto him, What dost thou?" (Dan. 4:35).

This Scripture is a message of God's Sovereignty. That is to say, beloved, that the hand of God is a hand of sovereignty.

I am glad today that I believe in a God of sovereignty. I am glad that there is a God who is absolutely sovereign in every particular. I am glad for a God who is, to put it briefly, the "boss" so far as this world is concerned. He is sovereign and in every particular his sovereignty manifests itself. Listen:

"But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased" (Psa. 115:3).

There isn't anything taking

place in this world today that God isn't back of. We sometimes are prone to look upon the experiences of life and think that surely God has forgotten about us. Not so, beloved, He is a sovereign God. He is on His throne and is doing today the very things that are pleasing unto Him.

Notice again:

"The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord HATH HIS WAY in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the



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dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. THE MOUNTAINS SHAKE at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him" (Nahum 1:3-6).

You can't read this, beloved, without the realization that God is sovereign. If God wrote this Bible, and I am sure He did, and if God meant what He said within this Bible, and I am positive that He did, then the God which is described within this Bible, is a God of absolute sovereignty.

When a tornado rips across the western plains, levels the towns destroying the houses and killing numbers of people, it isn't any accident. This text says He "hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm." It is God's providence; it is a part of God's plan.

When earthquakes come and a city rocks upon its foundation and the stones in the buildings fall and material loss results thereby, and people are killed by falling debris, it is no accident, beloved. Instead, we are reminded that "The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence."

I don't know what I would do if I were an Arminian preacher. If I believed that man were sovereign and if I had a God which is as little as a lot of preachers represent God to be — so tiny, beloved, that you could close Him up in a peanut shell. I would be a miserable preacher. I am glad that I believe in a God which is absolutely sovereign, a God which controls this world in every particular, a God who is doing the very thing that He wants done today, and a God who is controlling our lives beyond a peradventure of a doubt.

Just about the time I became pastor here in Russell, a man was telling me of visiting in a church where an Arminian preacher was preaching. This preacher, so my friend said, told

how God was thwarted by man and how God's plans were just going to wreck and ruin because man wouldn't do what God wanted him to do. He went on to say how God the Father was disappointed, how God the Son was dissatisfied, and how God the Holy Spirit was defeated. Every once in a while in his sermon that preacher would say, "Poor God! Poor God!" No, no, beloved. What should have been said was "Poor preacher! Poor preacher!" God is a sovereign God, and His plans are being carried out today to perfection. There is much we don't know and there is much we don't understand. There is much beyond our knowledge that we will never comprehend, but God, beloved, is a sovereign God.

Brother Anson and I were talking one morning of one of his relatives who was in an airplane crash — the plane hitting a tree, going some ninety miles an hour. They picked him up more dead than alive, bones were broken all over his body. They thought it was an impossibility for him to live. Humanly speaking, we would say that it was an impossibility. Some five doctors said that in all of the tragedies and the casualties of war, that they had never seen a man so butchered up and bones so broken, and yet he lived. Why? Because God is a sovereign God. God has His way and this lad lived because it was God's plan for him to live.

Beloved, I come back to this text in Daniel, which says: "He doeth according to his will." When I think about what God is doing, I rejoice that His hands are the hands of Sovereignty.

II

THE HANDS OF GOD ARE HANDS THAT CLEANSE FROM SIN. Listen:

"And there came a leper to him beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed" (Mark 1:40-42).

Leprosy is always a type or a picture of sin. Here came a man who was a leper, doubtlessly in a pitiable and a pitiful condition. He came into the presence of Jesus with his leprosy and asked to be cleansed. You wouldn't want your hand upon a leper and become contaminated and probably defiled thereby. You certainly wouldn't want to take the chance or run the risk of probably contracting leprosy. Yet, beloved, our God and our Christ sovereignly controls this world. The Lord Jesus Christ put forth His hand and cleansed that man from his leprosy, saying, "Be thou clean."

I say then, beloved, that the hands of God are the hands that cleanse from sin. If leprosy be a type of sin — and it is all the way through the Word of God — then that would tell us, regardless of what sin you may have, that there is cleansing for you in the Lord Jesus Christ. I tell no man that there is cleansing for him in the baptistry, or in church membership, nor in the ritual of the church, but I do tell every individual that there is cleansing for him at Calvary in the Lord Jesus Christ. There you will find cleansing from all your sin.

Do I speak to some individual

who has never seen the truth that Christ died for his sins? Do I speak to someone who has never beheld Him upon Calvary's Cross bleeding for you? Look up to the Cross and see the Son of God dying upon Calvary! His hands were pierced that the blood might flow out therefrom. The Word of God says that "Christ died for our sins." Beloved, do you want cleansing? If so, you will find it in the hands of God in Jesus Christ.

III

THE HANDS OF GOD ARE HANDS OF FORGIVENESS. We have a remarkable example of this in the Gospel of John. Listen:

"And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, they said unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?"

"This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

"And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

"When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her. Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more" (John 8:3-11).

Our Lord had spent the night before on the mountain. Other people had gone away to their homes, but Christ had no home and nobody had invited Him to spend the night with them, so Jesus went out into the mountain and spent the night alone on Mount Olivet. Early the next morning the Son of God came back into the temple to busy Himself with His teaching. He had His enemies who wanted to trap Him in His Words and they, doubtlessly, shrewdly and subtly plotted and planned this whole thing that they might be able to destroy Jesus. They brought to Him a woman whom, they said was taken in the very act of adultery. There was no proof of it. Maybe she was, and again they may have been lying all the way through. They came saying she was taken in the very act. Leviticus 20:10 says that the man that commit adultery with another man's wife, both he and the adulteress are to be put to death. They knew the law of God demanded the death of both the man and women, yet they didn't bring the man. They brought only the woman into the presence of Jesus. That was enough to show Jesus their insincerity as to the law. He knew that it was a trap. Stooping down upon the ground, He wrote. I know not what it was, for the next wind that blew shifted those sands where trodden over by the feet of the enemies of the Lord. I don't

know what it was that He wrote but presently He said, "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

I take it, beloved, that when our Lord wrote upon the ground that He probably wrote "Forgiven." At any rate, He acted the part of forgiveness.

IV

THE HANDS OF GOD ARE HANDS OF ETERNAL SECURITY. LISTEN:

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, NEITHER SHALL ANY PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY HAND" (John 10:28).

How big a hand does God have? I don't know, beloved. I can't even imagine how big it is. I have no mental concept as to the bigness or the size of the hand of God, yet I do know this, that the hand of God is big enough that all Hell can't take a saved man out of the hand of God. Beloved, the hands of God are hands of security.

One of our preacher boys that used to be here in school was Brother Homer Grooms, who lives at Lucasville, Ohio. I think Brother Grooms has the biggest hands that I ever saw. Many times I have laughingly joked with him and said that it felt like I was taking hold of a ham of a hog. One night last summer I heard Brother Homer preach and he made mention of the fact that I joked him about the size of his hands. He said that even though his hands were large, that they were not as large as the hands of our Saviour — that our God has a hand that is big enough to hold securely all the redeemed of all nations.

It thrills my heart to know that the hands of God are hands of eternal security. Do you believe that a man can be saved and then lost? Do you believe that a man can become a child of God and then a child of the devil? Do you believe that a man can be found and then latter lost to God? If you do, you didn't learn that out of God's Word, for God's Word doesn't teach that. You have learned that from some heretical preacher. God's Word tells us just the contrary, when He says, "Neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." God's hands are hands of eternal security.

V

THE HANDS OF GOD ARE HANDS THAT BLEED WITH SACRIFICIAL GLORY.

I wish I could describe to you what actually took place at Calvary. I only wish that I could describe it in such a way that you could see how Jesus suffered for our sins. The prophet Zechariah tells us of a little of that suffering, when he says:

"And one shall say unto him, What are these WOUNDS IN THINE HANDS? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends" (Zech. 13:6).

The prophet was speaking five hundred years before Jesus' death, yet he described in detail the very thing that was going to take place, for he told how Jesus was going to be wounded in the house of His friends. He pictured those hands bleeding, not as a martyr, but bleeding with a sacrificial glory — bleeding, as a sacrifice of God for the sins of the world.

You and I have never begun to understand nor comprehend the suffering of Jesus Christ. How He must have suffered in Gethsemane when in prayer the

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blood poured out from the pores of His body! So intense was His agony that He didn't perspire normally, but rather with bloody drops of perspiration.

How He must have suffered in Pilate's judgment hall when Pilate had Him scourged! Can you imagine what it meant for the Son of God to have a crown of thorns pushed down upon His brow, until that brow itself gave forth its blood? Can you imagine what it felt like for them to take that sceptre of reed and after putting it in his hand to strike Him over the head to drive the thorn spikes into His brow?

The prophet said in the Psalms that the plowers had made great furrows in His back, "The plowers ploughed upon my back; they made long their furrows" (Ps. 129:3). How He must have suffered when He was scourged! Scourging wasn't just an ordinary means of torture. The Romans were adept in the matter of human suffering. They knew how to make a human being suffer. It was a practiced art with them, and for a man to know how to scourge another properly, meant that he knew how he could almost take that man's life by suffering. Can you imagine a whip, not an ordinary whip, but one with nine thongs of leather, and into those thongs were tied the ankle bones of sheep, bits of lead and pieces of steel. Can you imagine what would happen to any individual for such an instrument of torture to fall forty times across one's bare back. It is no wonder that the Psalmist in speaking of him said that the plower had plowed great furrows in His flesh.

How He must have suffered when they brought Him to Calvary and nailed Him to the Cross! Beloved, when you see Him hanging there and see the blood dropping from His hands, you can say His hands were hands that bled with sacrificial glory.

VI

THE HANDS OF GOD ARE HANDS OF BLESSED INVITATION. In my text He said, "All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people." This was spoken to the Jews, yet it is just as true concerning you and me today. You and I both are disobedient. Every Gentile, as well as every Jew, outside of Jesus Christ ought to go to Hell. Both are disobedient creatures of the same Creator, God.

Beloved, I say that they are hands of invitation. Listen:

"Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put HIS HANDS on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And he LAID HIS HANDS on them, and departed thence" (Mt. 19:13-15).

It may be that God is stretching forth His hands to you now. It may be that God is inviting you, lost sinner friend, to come to Him that you might have life eternal. I say, then, that those hands are hands of invitation.

Let me ask you a simple question. Are you in the hands of God today or are you in your own hands? Are you in the hands of God, or in the hands of

the church? Are you in the hands of God or in the hands of the preacher? Are you in the hands of God or are you depending upon hands of someone else? Brother, sister if I don't make anything else clear today but this, I want you to see that you need to be in the hands of God.

We have been warned about these hands of God. Listen:

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31).

It is wonderful for a Christian to be in the hands of God but it is going to be terrible for a sinner to fall into the hands of God at the judgment. I ask you again, are you in His hands? If not, listen to my text, when He said, "All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people."

Back in the Dark Ages when Christians were suffering over in Europe, the children of God were having a hard time because of persecution at the hands of the Catholics. One of the favorite methods of torture was that of the squeeze box. An individual was put into a box with four sides but with no top over him. When he had been there a few hours he realized that the walls had suddenly come closer to him. When he had been there forty-eight hours he realized that they were still closer, and after seventy-two hours those walls were almost upon him. Unless a friendly hand reached from above where there was no top and lifted him out with the hand, his life would be squeezed out of him between those rapidly approaching walls.

Can you see what I am saying thereby? Beloved, you and I are here in this world with sin crowding upon us, squeezing us day by day, and the only hope we have is that a hand might be reached down from above — the hand of God — and clasped over our sinful hand that we might be lifted up and our feet set on the solid Rock of Ages. May the hand of God clasp your hand and may you be lifted up and your feet set on the eternal Rock just now.

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beings saved by grace from sin) fell.

Swaggart's next example is Adam and Eve falling into sin. He says they were created in God's grace and favor and fell from grace. This is not true. They were not created in grace. For grace demands that the objects thereof be sinners in themselves. God can love an un-fallen being, but He cannot show grace and mercy to such, for the meaning of these words demand a being who is sinful. Again, Adam and Eve were not beings who had been saved from sin, and then fell back into sin and lost their salvation. One cannot prove that a saved person can be lost by proving that a being created in perfection then fell into sin. Swaggart implies that Adam and Eve were never saved. I take the position that Adam and Eve evidenced saving faith in Jesus Christ and their being clothed in God-made garments taken by sacrifice typified their salvation.

Swaggart then names Nadab, Abihu, Korah, Dathan, and Abiram as examples of saved people being lost. But the Bible

Psalm 9:11-20.

INTRO.: David's exaltation of the God of inspiration, creation, and salvation was in order to edify and exhort the saints as they journeyed the highways of this life. David knew the importance of focusing our eyes on the One True God and of following His steps. He also knew the need of showing God's dealings both with the saved and the unsaved.

VERSE II

"Sing praises to the Lord." David had declared his personal goal to offer praises to God (vs. 1), and now he calls on others to join him. True worship by the churches brings glory to God (Eph. 3:21). In this age of form, ceremony, and ritual when people spend most of their time viewing the outward beauty of buildings and the finery of robed choirs, it is difficult to find a ser-

never even hints that any of these were ever saved. He then uses King Saul as an example of heresy. But here again, there is no Biblical evidence that Saul was ever a saved man. Swaggart uses John 6:66 to show that a saved person can be lost. This Scripture tells of those of Jesus's disciples who turned back and walked no more with Him, the fact that they are called disciples does not prove that they were saved people. Jesus teaches us in John 8:31 that there are those who are called disciples but are not disciples "indeed." One who outwardly followed a teacher in the days of Jesus was referred to as a disciple of that teacher. So there were outward disciples who followed Jesus in the flesh, but never knew Him in their heart as Lord and Saviour. Peter exemplifies the true disciple when he says, "to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). Disciples who are disciples indeed do not depart from Jesus.

Swaggart refers to Ananias and Sapphira as examples of his doctrine. But he fails to prove that they were ever saved or that they were lost when they died. The believer can so sin that God will chastise such with physical death, but this does not take one's salvation. Swaggart refers to Hymenaeus and Alexander in I Tim. 1:20 as making shipwreck of faith. Surely he knows (or does he) that "faith" is often used to refer to a body of doctrine and not to saving faith in Christ. Again, he fails to prove that these were ever saved or that they were later lost. To 'deliver to Satan' is used in I Cor. 5:5 to refer to church discipline and it's hoped for good result.

Jimmy, the heretic, then gives some Scriptures which he (because of his spiritual blindness) thinks supports his cause. Exodus 32:33 is talking about being blotted out of the ones alive upon the earth at a given time. It is not talking about the Lamb's Book of Life which is the register of the elect of God and was completed before time began, and will never be marred by erasures or additions. But

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BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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vice where God is worshipped.

"Which dwelleth in Zion." The Most High God (vs. 2), chose to manifest His glory in the midst of His chosen people and they in turn, were under the eyes of the nations of this world. (Compare Philip. 2:15, 16). However, we must remember that God's throne is raised above this universe and He is to be exalted as God over all (Acts 7:55, 56. May we also ponder Revelation 21:1-4).

"Declare among the people His doings." The two supreme duties of the Lord's people are to worship and to witness. We are to assemble in His Name (Matt. 18:20; Heb. 10:25) and we are to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15; Acts 5:20). We assemble to worship and to learn of Christ, and we go, bearing His gospel and all of the counsel of God. Would God, the churches of our day focus their attention on these two things, so they could truly be called "houses of prayer and praise" and the "pillar and ground of the truth."

VERSE 12

"When He maketh inquisition for blood." The reason the Lord's people are to sing praises and declare God's doings, is because God is aware of all that is going on in this world, as well as working all things together for good to those who love God and are the called according to His purpose (Rom. 8:28), and that He will bring into account all of the evils committed against the saints. The blood of Abel crying from the ground, as well as since that day, will be heard.

"He remembereth them." This can apply to the people in verse 11 or to the saints, as emphasized in the next expression. God's memory is perfect.

"He forgetteth not the cry of the humble." Sometimes the saints cry out, "how long?" and God answers, "That they should rest for a little season" (Rev. 6:10, 11).

VERSE 13

"Have mercy upon me, O Lord." As we wait for God to bring final judgment on the wicked, we can plead for mercy in present difficulties, for God will not forsake us (Vs. 10).

"Consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me." David doesn't demand that God remove totally all of the trouble, but he does ask God to consider it and deal accordingly as to what is right and best.

"Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death." Thank God, He not only is with us as we pass through the valley of the shadow of death, but He also, on occasions, lifts us up from the gates of death. How glorious, this is what happened in our regeneration (John 5:24).

VERSE 14

"That I may shew forth all Thy praise." David's plea was not merely a selfish one, but one which involved his desire to serve God. In how many of our deliverances is this true?

"In the gates of the daughter of Zion." From the

gates of death, to the gates of the daughter of Zion is a glorious deliverance indeed. To be translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son is the spiritual application (Col. 1:13). To put our light on the candlestick publicly in one of the Lord's churches is a further application (Matt. 5:15, 16).

"I will rejoice in Thy salvation." A statement of faith, and also a statement of declaration and motivation. To rejoice in God's salvation can be done in the dungeon or in the gates of the daughter of Zion.

VERSE 15

"The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made; in the net which they hid is their own foot taken." Hamon's gallows became his own executioner (Esther 7:10) and further, his house became Esther's, and Mordecai was set over it (Esther 8:1, 2).

VERSE 16

"The Lord is known by the judgment which He executeth." His attributes are demonstrated by His dealings with the saved and the unsaved.

"The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaiion. Selah." As this song is played, may the children of God pause to ponder the end of the wicked.

VERSE 17

"The wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all nations that forget God." Hell is a real place vividly described in God's Word, just as clearly as Heaven. (Contrast Revelation 20:1-3, 10-15, and Revelation 21 and 22). When I view the majority of the citizens of the United States of America in their anti-prayer, anti-Bible, anti-creation of the universe of God, etc., I am made to wonder if this nation has not forgotten God!

VERSE 18

"For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever." One day the tables of the wicked shall be empty, and the tables of the needy shall be full.

VERSE 19

"Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in Thy sight." A prayer not for man's judgment to be executed on the wicked, but God's holy judgment.

VERSE 20

"Put them in fear, O Lord: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah." Lost man will one day be brought to see that not only all of his righteousnesses are as filthy rags, but that all of his wisdom and strength are nothing.

Conclusion: May we ever remember the exaltation of the saints by God's wrath in justice against the wicked.

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SUBMIT QUESTIONS ON ANY BIBLE SUBJECT

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Were the saints of the Old Testament indwelt with the Spirit of God?

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Concerning believers under the Old Testament economy, we find that they became saints in anticipation of the cross, when Christ Jesus would propitiate for the sins of His pre-chosen people.

Hence, we are told that "...as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons (children) of God, even to them that believe on His name; Who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (Jn. 1:12, 13).

Please note that "power (authority) to become the sons (children) of God" was given, which relates only to such believers, and, consequently, can not apply to Jesus (as the Son of God) Who was already (without having to become so) the Son of God, Who, in reverse, became the Son of Man for redemptive purposes, that He might "save His people from their sins" (Mt. 1:21).

So, in this sense of God-given faith, His people are given "power to become sons (children) of God, even to them that believe on His name; Who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

It is at this point that we have a three-fold denial of any human source for such God-given sonship, which comes only through the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit, in respect to the efficacy of the blood of Christ Jesus, which is "...according to the power of God (the Father), Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began" (2 Tim. 1:8, 9).

Then, in consequence of that being born of God through the agency of the Holy spirit, we are told that our "body is the temple of the Holy spirit Who is in you, Whom ye have of God, and ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:19, 20).

Thus we find that only God can so claim such a temple. Hence, in this, the Holy Spirit (as Deity) is assigned of God, the Father, to such a temple.

Therefore we have the attestation that "The Spirit (Himself) beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:16).

Consequently, I must (under the authority of God's word) affirm that the saints of the Old Testament were (in the same manner) indwelt with the Holy Spirit, which is in conformity with the purpose of God (the Father), even as New Testament saints are.

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Were the saints of the Old Testament indwelt with the spirit of God?

"Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?" (Gen. 41:38). Joseph was indwelt by the Spirit of God.

"And I have filled him with the Spirit of God" (Ex. 31:3). Bezalel was indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

"And I will take of the Spirit that is upon thee, and will put it upon them" "And took of the spirit that was upon him and gave it unto the seventy elders" (Num. 11:17, 25). The seventy elders were indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

"Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit..." (Num. 27:18). Joshua was indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

"And testifiedst against them by thy Spirit in thy prophets" (Neh. 9:30). The Old Testament prophets were indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Many other Scriptures could be given.

I would answer the objections brought against this position by John 7:38, 39 & 14:17, by saying that there is a special ministry of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament relative to the Lord's true churches. There were no churches in the Old Testament and, therefore, no ministry of the Holy spirit in such.

Old Testament saints were regenerated by the Holy Spirit. I cannot conceive of any one being regenerated by the Spirit and not indwelt by the Spirit. The ministry which the Holy Spirit performs in saints today such as giving assurance, comforting, teaching, assisting in prayer, leading in the daily life, giving strength — all these ministries were also wrought in Old Testament Saints by the Holy Spirit. If they were not indwelt by the Holy Spirit, how did they become such wonderful saints of God? Zechariah 4:6 tells us that it is not by might nor by power but by the Lord's Spirit. This is true of all men of all ages.

Again, I fear that the position that Old Testament saints were not indwelt by the Holy Spirit to be a result of hyper-dispensationalism. That they were indwelt by the Holy Spirit is clear from: Their need of such, the results of such seen in their lives, and direct Scripture statements.

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Not in the same way that we are today. The work of the Holy Spirit is very interesting but filled with mystery. The only time in the history of the world that the Holy Spirit remained on earth is from the period following Christ's ascension till He is taken out at the rapture of the saints. The Old Testament history and the period of time following the rapture is a time when the Holy Spirit comes and goes for specific purposes, but not to remain.

They certainly were filled with the Holy Spirit, however. "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Pet. 1:21). "The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His word was in my tongue" (II Sam. 23:2). "Thou gavest also the good Spirit to instruct them..." (Neh. 9:20).

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come and remain with His people after He left to return to Heaven. (See John 14:9-16:16).

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In answer to last week's question we saw, from a study of the Scripture, that the saints of the Old Testament were regenerated (born again). We see from John 3: 5, 6 & 8, that this new birth is brought about by the Spirit of God. So, for the Old Testament saints to have been regenerated, they had to have the work of the Holy Spirit in order to bring this about. But a further study of the Scriptures shows that the Spirit of God did not continually indwell the saints of the O.T. as He does the saints of this age. We look first at Gideon, when the angel appeared unto him and told him, "The Lord is with thee," (Judges 6:12). The following verse shows that Gideon was a saint of God, who followed His commands, but in verse 34 it is said, "But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon, —." Of Samson, we read, "And the woman bare a son; and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him. And the Spirit of the Lord began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol" (Judges 13: 24, 25). Again in Judges 14:6, we read, "And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, —." Also, Judges 14:19 and 15:14, it is said that the Spirit of

the Lord came upon Samson. In I Samuel 10:10, it is said of King Saul "The Spirit of God came upon him." In I Samuel 16:14, we are told that "The Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul," but in I Samuel 19:23, it is said concerning Saul, "And the Spirit of God was upon him also, —."

Ezekiel, the prophet, said, "And the Spirit entered into me when He spake unto me, —" (Ezek. 2:2). In Ezekiel 3:24, he again said, "Then the Spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spoke with me, —." Also, in Ezekiel 11:5, he said, "And the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me, —."

These Scriptures show that the Spirit of God worked with men of the Old Testament, even sometimes with wicked men as in the case of Saul. But they also show that He did not abide with them continually.

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"Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you. Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified before hand the suffering of Christ, and the glory that should follow" (I Peter 1:10-11).

Peter, speaking of the O.T. prophets, says, "...The Spirit of Christ which was in them..." And Paul says, "...Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Rom. 8:9). In this same text the Holy Spirit is called the "Spirit of God." These designations are given to the Spirit to show His relation to the other persons of the Trinity, and in no way infringes upon the Lordship or Deity of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Godhead, and the Scripture speaks of Him as having, wisdom and power. He is the believer's Teacher, Comforter, and he can be lied to. All of these are properties of a living person, and while the Spirit is expressly called God, His personality is not obscured. He is a Divine Person. The Holy Spirit being on or with a person has respect to the gifts and graces of the Spirit, and that not to the exclusion of the actual indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the person. Gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit are not always given in the same measure to every believer, but once the Holy Spirit is given, He is given absolutely, not in part, and once given He will never as the Person of the Holy Spirit ever leave the individual.

God said to Joshua, "I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Josh. 1:5). It was through and by the Holy Spirit that God was with and in the O.T. saints, and Paul gave this promise a general application, showing that God worked with O.T. saints the same as he does with N.T. saints (Heb. 13:5). Hyper-dispensationalists teach that the Holy Spirit was with or on the O.T. saints, and that He came upon them to accomplish certain objects or mission, and left them

when the work was finished, as freely as He had come.

This position raises many questions, such as, Seeing that the Scripture says, "...If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Rom. 8:9) to whom does the person belong when the Holy Spirit is not with or on him? The O.T. saint could not during the absence of the Holy Spirit from his life, say that the promised Messiah was Lord, for "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost" (I Cor. 12:3). Then, during the time when the Holy Spirit was not with them, what title or ascription did they give the Messiah? Would they, which hold that the Holy Spirit was not in O.T. saints because it is no where expressed in the O.T., apply the same rule or principle to Jesus Christ and the N.T.? Adherence to this rule makes Jesus during His earthly life void of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, for it is not explicitly stated in the N.T. that Jesus was indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

The parents of John the Baptist were O.T. saints, and the Scripture says they both were filled with the Holy Spirit (Lk. 1:41 & 67).

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there are many Books of God. And one is that of those living on earth at a given time. There is also a Book of rewards and one could lose rewards. Deuteronomy 30:17-20 is talking about physical life in the land of Canaan. Verse 18 says, "ye shall not prolong your days upon the land." This is not talking about perishing eternally, but dying, or being driven out of the land which God had given them.

John 8:31 does not even mention being lost, but shows continuance as a proof of reality. Any one who can read, and will believe what they read, can see this. In Galatians 5:4, "Falling from grace" does not refer to losing salvation, but to falling away from the doctrine of salvation by grace. Jimmy Swaggart may be a saved man, I do not know. But he surely is fallen from grace in the sense of Galatians 5:4. II Peter 2:20-22 refers to those who have an outward knowledge of truth and this delivers them from some of the coarser ways of sin, and they turn from even that and plunge into deeper sin. It does not refer to saved people because God's saved people are sheep and not "dogs" and "hogs" as set forth here. Psalm 69:28 is again referring to the book of those living upon earth at a given time. And Revelation 3:5 does not tell that anyone will ever be blotted out of the Book of Life. Look and see! We must go by what God does say, and not infer our beliefs from what He does not say.

Jimmy then jumps on Hebrews 6:4-6. He better leave that one alone. The Bible is a sharp two-edged sword, and it will cut. Anyone who uses this Scripture to prove one can lose salvation is going to be badly cut thereby. Mr. Swaggart, if this verse teaches one can lost salvation, it surely teaches that they could never be saved again. Do you, or any of your heretic buddies, teach this? No, you do not! If you teach the one, consistency demands that you teach the other. But you won't do

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that. Jimmy, you better leave this verse alone. It will send you to hell for sure, if your interpretation of part of it is true.

Jimmy then purportedly deals with the question of whether we are saved and kept by faith or works. He surely does a poor job here. It is a fact beyond dispute that those who believe as he does about this doctrine of losing salvation, necessarily teach that one is kept by works. My Dad was such a preacher, and he told me repeatedly that we are saved by grace and kept by works. Now Swaggart wants to get away from the bad odor of teaching that one is kept by works, and so states that we are kept by faith. But he is only using language to cover up the necessary effects of the doctrine he believes. Brethren, a man is responsible for the necessary consequences of what he teaches, whether he admits it or not.

Jimmy then tries to deal with the matter of sin in the life of the believer. He gets all wrapped up in this article with "mistakes," "inadvertent sin," etc. Holiness people like to invent new words for sin so they can hold onto their heresies. They make mistakes, but they do not sin. Or they sin, but not wilfully or not advertently, etc. Jimmy sure messes up when he quotes the Scripture, "whosoever is born of God does not practice sin." Well, then, Mr. Swaggart, if they do not practice sin and they cannot practice sin, please tell me how they can lose salvation? Mr. Swaggart says they do not practice sin, but they can lose their salvation. Wow! "Shortcoming" is another word they use. They do not sin, but they have shortcomings. In this section, Swaggart is trying desperately to admit that a Christian can have mistakes, inadvertent sins, and shortcomings and still be saved, but then, there are other sins whereby he can lose his salvation. But he fails miserably in the effort. Sin is any transgression of or want of conformity to the Law of God. And the Bible does not distinguish between mistakes, shortcomings, inadvertent sins and the other kind (whatever they are). If a person can lose his salvation we are all doomed for hell, for we all are guilty of many sins every day of our lives, and inventing new names for sin will not change sin from black to white or almost white.

Jimmy uses Luke 8:13, or rather, misuses it. This Scripture speaks of a belief that is not real saving faith. The Bible speaks of such in many places. He who for awhile believes and then falls away, never truly believed. His belief was a head faith and a work of the flesh, and not the faith which is the operation of God (Col. 2:12) and not according to the working of God's mighty power (Eph. 1:19, 20). I Corinthians 8:11 is a question and the answer is not given. And there is a perishing from joy and blessing, and service, and reward as well as a perishing in hell fire. The "if" in Revelation 22:19 does not say that God will ever do this. Mr. Swaggart assumes too much.

Now, in the article, Mr. Swaggart makes much of the 'free-will' of man. He says that "it is through our free will that we come to God, and through that same free will we can reject God after coming to him." Oh, I

A saint needs no halo about his head, but he should have a solo in his heart.

am glad he said that. It is, at least, consistent Arminianism. I wish all these Arminian so-called Baptists, who hold to "free will" in salvation and then hold to eternal security, would read this. Mr. Swaggart is wrong, but he is not as inconsistent as the "eternal security Arminian." They say God cannot save a man unless man exercises his free will. But then, they teach that this mighty free will which they make so much of, and which is the final thing in salvation — they teach that this free will is free no longer and that the saved who exercised their free will and got saved, can not exercise that same free will and be lost. I have often said that the Arminian house of eternal security has no foundation under it. Truly, Sovereign, electing, predestinating grace is the foundation of the Biblical house of security. Say it again, Jimmy, I wish these Arminian eternal securitists would join your camp.

Mr. Swaggart says, "Free will is our passport to salvation; free will is our foundation in salvation... it is through our free will that we maintain our salvation." Read that again and again. We have often spoken of Arminian god of free will. If Mr. Swaggart has not here made a god of free will, then I cannot understand the English language. He says that free will is our passport and foundation, and we maintain salvation thereby. We get saved and stay saved by free will. Whoopee! for free will. Praise free will. Glory to free will. Mr. Swaggart, where is God Almighty in all this? This man has here in print in his magazine robbed God of His proper glory and laid it at the feet of free will.

Mr. Swaggart says that the Bible says we are Christ's sheep if we hear his voice and if we follow him (John 10:27). Read it and see if that is what it says. Mr. Swaggart has the cart before the horse again. The Bible teaches that because we are sheep, we hear and follow. It does not teach that we become such by following. I wonder why Jimmy, the heretic, does not mention John 10:26 which tells us that some believe not, because they are not His sheep. I am sure Jimmy would tell us that they are not sheep because they do not believe. You see, Jimmy and all his cohorts want to make much of man and little of God.

Jimmy closes his article by dealing with the supposed results of the doctrine of Eternal Security. He says that millions will be in hell because of this doctrine and that preachers who preach this doctrine will have to answer for this. Jesus preached eternal security. So did Paul and Peter and John and others in the Bible. What a terrible charge Jimmy has made against these!

Somewhere in the vast universe of God, sometime in the total sweep of time, someone among the billions of humans, there may have, or does, or will exist one human who will use eternal security as an excuse to plunge deeply and continually into sin. I don't know that this is true. I rather doubt that it is true. But if it is true, I do solemnly assert that it is not the proper and legitimate tendency of this doctrine to produce such a result. I do assuredly believe that few, if any, of mankind have ever used this doctrine thusly. And I will state that any one who uses eternal security as a cover for or encouragement to sin is misusing and perverting it. I will tell you the true result of

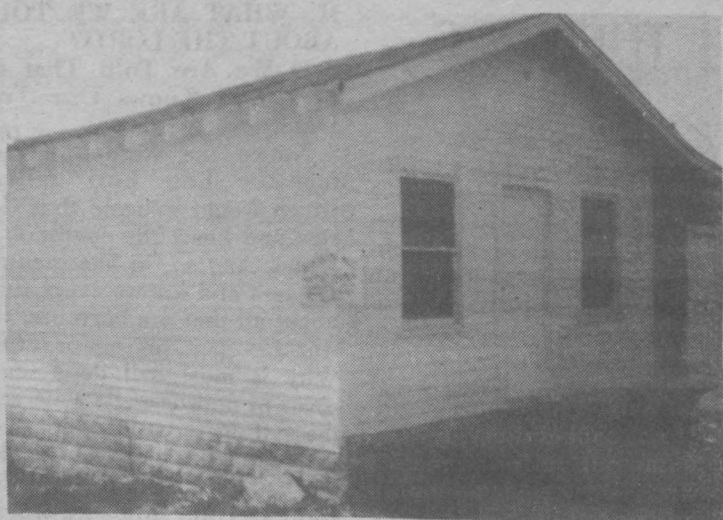
this doctrine when it is received by faith in the Bible and taught by the Holy Spirit. I was a holy roller heretic. I believed this awful heresy. There came a day — oh, I shall never forget it — it was the greatest blessing I ever received except salvation — there came a glad and glad day when the Holy Spirit, using John 6, taught me the glorious and precious truth of eternal security. God is now my witness. I did not then decide that, since I was "once saved always saved" I would go out and sin all I wanted to, I would plunge into the depths of sin because I was eternally secure. No, I did not say that. I truly doubt that anyone ever has. But with this glorious truth, there came into my heart a stronger desire to serve God and to please Him and to live for His glory. Oh, how I loved Him! Oh, how grateful I was to know now that I was saved forever! This doctrine produces love to God. It produces humility. It produces gratitude. It produces determination to be a better and better Christian. Yes, I can testify that this doctrine, taught to the soul by the Holy Spirit, produces spiritual fruit in the heart and life to the glory of God.

Now, I am a witness to this. I can testify to this. But can Mr. Swaggart testify in this matter? Can he be a witness? Of course not. He has never believed in eternal security. Then how can he be a witness as to the true and proper results of believing this doctrine. Now I can testify to the results of believing his doctrine, for I once held it, Oh, the misery, despair, and torment of such a belief! But he cannot testify to the result of believing eternal security for he never believed it.

But, Mr. Swaggart will say, I have seen the results of it in the lives of others. Before he can do this, he must find a case of which he knows. He must prove that this person was saved. He must prove that this person is now lost. He cannot prove either one of these. Therefore, he cannot prove his point. I further ask Mr. Swaggart: Can you find the person who will tell you that he was saved. That he believed eternal security. That because of this belief, he plunged into the depths of sin. I mean, because of this belief. Saved people do sin, but I just doubt that they sin because of their believing eternal security.

Such an article needs more time and space, but I feel that this is all I should take at this time. Mr. Swaggart made many assumptions. Failed in every point to prove his doctrine. Perverted Scripture in many places. If this man is saved, I could wish for him the glorious experience that I had when God showed me the wonderfully comforting doctrine of eternal security. And if this man is saved, he will have this experience. For there are none in Heaven who speak the language of this article I am referring to. So, if God has saved this man, God will either here or yonder teach him the precious, God-honoring truth I have set forth here. I do not say, I will not judge in this matter. But I will say that one who writes as Mr. Swaggart has, and who praises free will as he does, surely should examine himself as to whether or not he is really trusting Jesus Christ for salvation. May God bless you all!

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Things to come cannot. Heights cannot. There is nothing above that can separate us. Depth cannot. There is nothing below that can separate us. Nor any other creature. NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

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described as "the Just" and "the transgressors." The whole of the human race can at anytime be divided into these two classes. This has been the case since Adam fell and sin entered into the world.

These two kinds of people are described in the Bible in many ways, but in particular as:

1) Righteous and the wicked — Psalm 37:32 — "The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to destroy him."

2) The saved and the lost — Luke 19:10 — "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

3) The believers and the unbelievers — Acts 28:24 — "And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not."

4) Christians and those who are not Christians — Acts 11:26 —

5) Sinners and saints — Romans 1:7 — No where in the Bible can you show me that any Christian can be called a "saint" and some other Christian is not. This is something that was invented by those of the Nicolaitan theology that wish to deny the individual Christian his privilege and right to enter into the presence of God without the mediator of a human priest or "church" (I Timothy 2:5).

We could go on to call your attention to many other ex-

amples of these two types of people but these few examples are enough to allow us to ask the question: To which Class of people do you belong?

2) "We Learn Here What It Is That Makes Up These Two Classes Of People."

The "Just" walk in the ways of the Lord and the "transgressors" walk in their own ways. They are different in the ways they walk, the paths they walk, the "One" for whom they walk, AND THE DESTINY to which they walk.

3) We Learn That God's Way Is Right And Man's Way Is Wrong.

We are distinctly told that the Lord's way is "right" — not only right for Him, but right for His people; and by inference we are told that the ways of the transgressors are "wrong" and lead to disappointment, despair, discouragement, disillusionment and disaster. Proverbs 13:15 — "Good understanding giveth favor: but the way of transgressors is hard." You might also compare Isaiah 1:27-28 — "Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness. And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed."

Now look again at our key verse in relation to the rest of the chapter and notice that it contains three thoughts:

I. WHAT WE ARE TOLD ABOUT THE TRANSGRESSORS.

First, we are told that they are transgressors, or as our modern day language would tell us, "sinners." The meaning of the word "transgressor" is "to go out side the bounds of God's law." This is what every person born into this world has done. ALL of us have broken the Law of God. Look at what Romans 3:20-23 has to say — "Therefore by the deeds of the Law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the

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prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by the faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God;..."

How have we transgressed against the Lord?

1) By Turning Away From The Lord.

We learn this from verses 1 and 2 of our text. As Israel is a type of each individual Christian today, so many of us have turned and He is saying to us "return." Because they had turned from Him, He appealed to them to "turn to the Lord" v. 2. This is the fundamental trouble with each one of us. Look at Isaiah 53:6... "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." To overstep the bound which God has laid down is to voluntarily disobey. To voluntarily disobey is to rebel, and to rebel against God is to be an enemy of God. We all have turned away from God, turned our backs upon Him and have gone our own way. This is why we need a Redeemer, to bring about a reconciliation of God. This is why we need a Savior.

2) By Turning To False Gods.

Verse 3 tells us that Israel had turned to Asshur for salvation. They had depended upon a great war-machine to help them. They had relied upon the work of their own hands and idols of their own making. In these days we are guilty of these very same things; in turning away from the Lord we have put our trust for salvation in human strength, in self-effort, in big government, in social institutions, and in idols — the idol of intellectualism that leaves out God, of religion without revelation. We are guilty of relying upon these things for our acceptance before God, but they are all false gods and they cannot save anything or anyone. There is only One Who can save us. Isaiah 45:22... "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else." Also, Acts 4:12 — "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." If these two Scripture references are not enough to upset the apple-cart of those who would work their way into Heaven, consider Jonah 2:9 — "But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord."

3) By Incurring God's Wrath.

Verse four tells us that all the time men are walking in their own ways and serving their own gods, God is angry with them. Psalm 7:11 — "God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day." Also, John 3:36 — "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on Him."

II. WHAT ARE WE TOLD ABOUT THE LORD?

1) We Are Told That He Sees And Knows Our True State.

Notice the words in verse four... "thou hast fallen" which would indicate that God saw and knew the condition of Israel. And so, in like manner, He sees and knows every thing about all that are born into this world — past, present or future. Why is most evil done under cover of darkness? It is because the evil doers wish to hide their actions. John 3:19... "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

2) Of Those That God Has Chosen Unto Salvation He Loves and Longs For Them to Return To Him So That He May Forgive Them.

This is the great and wonderful message of the gospel. Notice Romans 5:8... "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

His invitation is for His transgressing children to return to Him which is indicated by the word "return" in verse one.

The tenderness of His invitation is indicated by the words "thou hast fallen" in verse one.

His willingness to forgive is noted in the words "take away all iniquity."

3) When We Return To The Lord He Will Heal Us And Restore Us To Fellowship With Him. "Heal" in verse four has in it the idea of health and holiness.

Moffatt translated this, "I will heal them from the hurt of sin." Read with me Matthew 11:28 — "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." How marvelous and wonderful that He should love us "freely"! (See Verse four).

This then, is our God, the God against Whom we have sinned. What is He like? He knows all about us. He loves us and is drawing us with this everlasting love that He may forgive us, and heal us, and restore us into full fellowship with Himself.

III. WHAT ARE WE TOLD ABOUT THE JUST?

What are the blessings of the Lord after He calls us unto repentance and we receive His pardon and forgiveness. When we begin to walk in the ways of the Lord, what is it that we begin to enjoy?

1) We Enjoy a Deep, Refreshing, And Deepening Growth Into The Life Of God.

Look at the word "dew" in verse 5. This speaks of daily refreshment. The word "grow" leads us to 2 Peter 3:18 — "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

The word "roots" reminds us of our growth and security. Ephesians 3:17-19: "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love. May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fulness of God."

2) We Exert A Widening Influence On Those Around Us And Our Lives Become A Witness To Others.

Verses six and seven tell us this. When we walk in God's ways our lives are transformed into the likeness of Christ and

The way of this world is to praise the dead saints and persecute the living ones.



QUESTION:—What king lived in quarantine?

ANSWER:—Belshazzar, when the hand wrote his doom on the wall, Daniel 5:6 — "Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another."

the Lord puts His beauty upon us. Romans 8:29... "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son..."

3) We Experience A Complete Change of Heart And We Find All Our Resources In The Lord Himself.

Verse 8 tells us that all who walk in the ways of the Lord experience a change of desire and attitude. They are amazed that they ever made and worshipped idols. These are the things they used to love but now they hate them. The things they used to love they now hate. The things they used to hate they now love. II Cor. 5:17... "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." But more than this, they find all their needs supplied in Christ; from Him their fruit is found. John 15:4... "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me."

How worthwhile it is for anyone to walk in the ways of the Lord! Are you and I doing so? Moffatt translates our key verse as follows: "The Eternal deals justly with all — the upright fare well under Him, but sinners fall." My wife, Rosetta, has written a poem that speaks very well of someone who is walking in the ways of the Lord. Please permit me to close with it.

Inspire me, Lord,
To do greater things for Thee.
May Thy blessed Holy Will
Have free course in me!

May I never be content -
May my every hour be spent
In service
For Thee!

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THEIR PERSUASIVE POSITION

The Roman Church is open all day to admit the faithful. There they can enter the immediate presence of God. On their altars in the form of the Holy Sacrament Christ Himself is ever present. So their churches are in reality the houses of God. God has chosen to use the sacraments of His church to communicate to me. The only church that has seven sacraments is the one true Apostolic Church. Jesus Christ Himself instituted the priesthood. Peter was the first pope. The powers passed from Peter to all other popes. No mention is made of who was the true pope when there were two

and even three popes at one time. 1. The priests can forgive sins in the power invested in them at ordination. They are superior men and have the right to do what they please and are only accountable to the Bishop. there is the idea expressed in their own words. "Where in heaven is such power as that of the Catholic priests... One time only Mary brought the heavenly child into the world, but lo the priest does this not once but a hundred and a thousand times, as often as he celebrates (the Mass)... In all this, Christ the only begotten Son of God the Father, is yielding to his will."

2. (a) Urban VI (1378-1389) and Clement VII (1378-1394).

(b) Pastoral Letter of Cardinal Katschthaler, Archbishop of Salzburg (Feb. 2, 1905) Cf. Carl Mirbt, Quellen Zur Geschichte des Paps ttums (Tubingen; Mohr, 1911)? P 401.

The Roman Church teaches that no person can have communion with God and therefore live the Christian life unless he eats the body of God and drinks His blood in the Eucharist. For that reason the Mass is the center of Roman Catholic worship. The Mass means that Christ dies daily on the Roman altar. Of course the book of Hebrews plainly teaches that there was just one sacrifice and it was offered once for all. (Heb. 7:27, "For this He died once.")

All members of the Roman Church surrender their individual wills to the Church. The sacramental-hierarchical church has one objective to depersonalize their members. There is no freedom for a priest or for an individual layman to have any opinion that differs with the "party line."

THE PEOPLE WHO JOIN THE ROMAN CHURCH

Many join the Roman Church because of the pressure placed upon them when they marry Catholics. When they see their own flesh and blood going to Mass and taking the sacraments they are moved out of parental love to embrace Catholicism. Others who have not this love tie are led into the church from various backgrounds. Many of them were nothing spiritually speaking. Many are excommunicates or members of churches that were only carbon copies of the Roman Church. We find that they were bewildered in this rationalistic world and were seeking a way of escape from reality. One such joined the Trappist Monks so now he will not have to even speak to any one the rest of his life. The Roman Church is eager to let anyone turn over his soul to their care. Their system is based upon the care of the soul by the church. We never read of a person who has been born again joining the Roman Church. Such a person could not obtain admission. A Christian who claims to be saved right now would not be admitted because even the pope doesn't claim to be saved. In presenting their doctrines to Protestants they claim that they do not worship Mary. Here is one of many quotations that can be found among Roman Catholic teachings. From a pamphlet entitled, "To Jesus Through Mary," Benedictine Convent Clyde Mo. Sixth Edition 1946:

"Blessed Grignon says that God has chosen Mary for the treasurer, the administratrix and dispensatrix of all His graces, so that all His graces and all His gifts pass through her hand, and no gift is bestowed on man by heaven except through

her virginal hands," p. 9, 10.

"When we found Mary, and by Mary Jesus, and by Jesus, God the Father," p. 18.

We could go on but it is not necessary. Roman Catholics do worship Mary, a mortal being. When a Catholic goes to confession part of his penance consists of prayers to Mary for sins against God.

IS THERE SALVATION IN THE ROMAN CHURCH?

Protestants and Catholics alike were startled when they read of the expelling of four professors from Boston College for their teaching that a person had to belong to the Roman Church in order to be saved. One Jesuit priest was stripped of his priestly functions because he sides with the professors. For centuries the Roman Church has taught that there is no salvation outside of its borders. However, in the United States the Jesuits in an effort to adjust the Roman Church to our Protestant culture have taught that if a person does not know the Roman Church to be the true church then he will not be lost if he does not join it. Salvation by ignorance.

No Roman Catholic is saved in the New Testament meaning of the word. All must go to purgatory (a place of their invention), where they will suffer in fires equally as hot as hell. Here are a few quotations from one of their pamphlets.

"Assist Souls in Purgatory," by Benedictine Convent Clyde Mo. 10 ed. 1942.

"Location of Purgatory. Holy Scripture does not reveal to us the location of purgatory. But it is the general opinion of theologians that purgatory is located in the interior of the earth..." p. 5.

"The least pain in purgatory is greater than the greatest suffering in this world," p. 6. So wrote the learned Thomas Aquinas.

"From the depths of purgatory day and night resound the plaintive cries of the poor souls, "Have pity on us, have pity on us, at least you our friends, for the hand of the Lord hath touched us." p. 9.

Such pictures terrify the Roman Catholics; it is no wonder that they are willing to give money to the priests. These people have been raised in fear and superstition so they are easily led by the clergy. Does this religion do them any good? Well Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." In Roman Catholic dominated sections we see children selling chances on autos for the church, parents that drink, play bingo for the benefit of the church.

The reason for all of this lack of morality is the astounding fact that Jesus Christ is not presented as a Saviour. The Catholic is taught to pin his faith on the work of the Church and the saints and prayers of Mary. What then does the Roman Church have to offer? A false concept of partial salvation, loss of personality, no right to govern the church to say what shall be done with your money, slavery to idols and bleeding hearts.

How do we who have left the Roman Church feel? Will we ever return to the faith of our fathers? Often Catholics ask me that question, "It would make your relatives so happy; your mother would be overjoyed; won't you please come back?" We who have once seen Jesus and have been pardoned by Him, lifted out of the pit of misery, turned from darkness to

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Often those of whom we speak least on earth are best known in Heaven.

"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY"

NEW YORK (EP)—Mark David Chapman, John Lennon's killer, said he "intended" to kill the former Beatle and described the murder during a closed plea proceeding, but he offered no motive for his actions, court records showed June 23. The former mental patient rejected his lawyer's advice and pleaded guilty to second-degree murder June 22. He told Acting Justice Dennis Edwards, "I intended to kill John Lennon, and that night I drew a pistol from my pocket and proceeded to shoot him with intent to kill."

The 40-year-old musician-composer was slain last Dec. 8 as he and his wife, Yoko Ono, approached the entrance to the building where they lived. Chapman, 26, told Edwards he was standing about 20 feet from Lennon when he opened fire with his .38-caliber pistol.

In response to a question from Allen Sullivan, assistant district attorney, Chapman said he had loaded the pistol with hollow-point bullets "to ensure John Lennon's death." He told Edwards the guilty plea reflected "my decision and God's decision." Chapman said he received God's "command" to plead guilty through "a number of prayers" and had decided of his own free will to "follow God's directive."

When the judge asked Chapman whether any promises had been made to compel him or induce him to plead guilty, Chapman replied, "Not in such words, but I have been assured by God that wherever I go, He will take care of me."

SPRING, Texas (EP)—In a gesture reminiscent of "The Millionaire" television show, a mysterious woman who said she was sent by Jesus gave thousands of dollars to four out-of-state families victimized by a confidence scheme. The four families, who were conned out of their rent deposits on a suburban Houston home, called their anonymous benefactress an "angel of mercy."

The unidentified and "very well-to-do" woman donated about \$1,000 June 23 to each of the families, all of whom had put deposits down on the same house. The scam was discovered earlier in the week, and the families still were looking for housing June 24.

The gray-haired woman declined to give her name because she said she didn't want publicity for her philanthropy, said Karen Ford, a neighbor who has let some of the families stay at her house. "She said Jesus told her to give them the money," Mrs. Ford said. "She took them into a back bedroom and gave them the money. Then she rushed out of the house before any of us knew what was happening. She was gone in a flash. None of us even saw what kind of car she was driving."

CHICAGO (EP)—New evidence by a Chicago scientist casts "serious doubt" on the authenticity of the Shroud of Turin, believed by many to be the burial cloth of Christ. Dr. Walter C. McCrone, a microscopist whose studies revealed that Yale's famous Vinland map was a hoax, said

his latest findings — based on electron microprobe studies of fibers taken from the shroud — show that the Christ-like image contains two paint pigments.

"The data we now have support the conclusion of the Bishop Henry of Poitiers, who said in the 1350s that the shroud had been 'cunningly painted, the truth being attested by the artist who had painted it,' McCrone reports in the current issue of Functional Photography. Two earlier studies by McCrone showed that the fibers contained iron oxide, which indicated that red ochre, an artist's pigment had been used to paint the image.

"All of these studies... support the conclusion that the image on the linen cloth known as the Turin Shroud is typical of tempora painting on cloth, introduced into Europe at least as early as the end of the 13th century," said McCrone.

Bitter controversy, however, surrounds scientific efforts to document the shroud. In 1978 McCrone was among 32 American scientists and other experts allowed to take hundreds of photographs and sticky-tape samples of particles from the shroud's surface.

The 14-by-4 foot linen cloth, which bears the image of a bearded man who apparently had been crucified, has been housed in a cathedral in Turin for more than 400 years.

LYNCHBURG, Va. (EP)—The Moral Majority is creating a legal arm relying on volunteer lawyers to defend "folks who believe like we do," a spokesman said June 24. "You'll see just as much of the Moral Majority legal Defense Fund as you now see of the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)," said Harry Covert, editor of Moral Majority Report. The defense fund, he said, would be "a conservative version of the ACLU."

Covert said the legal arm of the Moral Majority was conceived after the group received offers of help from conservative attorneys. He said he could not be specific about the number of attorneys involved. In the June 22 issue of the Moral Majority Report, Mr. Jerry Falwell, the group's founder and president, said: "We intend to make the Moral Majority legal defense a productive and influential part of the American scene."

An example of a case of interest to the Moral Majority would be "if the tax department jumps on some private school with 100 students that doesn't have the money to defend itself," Covert said.

The ACLU handles cases involving constitutional rights. It has represented American Nazis, but generally is equated with liberal causes.

NEW YORK (EP)—Two major Jewish organizations today urged Jewish scholars to turn down invitations to an international conference to be held in Israel in August under the auspices of the unification Church of Mr. Sun Myung Moon. In a joint letter to a large group of distinguished Jewish scholars, Bertram H. Gold, Executive Vice President of the

American Jewish Committee, and Henry Siegman, Executive Director of the American Jewish Congress, characterized the Moon invitation as an effort "to gain respectability through the association by the church with names of well-known and respected scholars."

Charging that the writings of Mr. Moon "are distinctly anti-Semitic," the Gold-Siegman letter asserted that "numerous Jewish homes have been thrown into turmoil and parents subjected to severe suffering as a result of the activities of the Unification Church." Adding that the money spent on this and similar Moon conferences was derived from the labor of followers performed "under conditions of exploitation and the suppression of free choice," the letter stated that it was not moral to benefit from money raised under such circumstances.

WASHINGTON (EP)—A famed Black Pentecostal pastor, who guided the (Chicago) Woodlawn Organization during controversial years which included ministry to gangs such as the Blackstone Rangers, has resigned from the board of a religious journal in protest against its editor's stand on gay rights.

In a letter dated May 29, 1981, Dr. Arthur Brazier, pastor of the Apostolic Church of God, told Dr. James S. Tinney, Editor of Spirit: A Journal of Issues Incident To Black Pentecostalism, that he was quitting the editorial board because, "I am appalled at the position you have taken in regard to homosexuality." Brazier claimed that Tinney had gone "far beyond the concept of help and understanding" by stating "clearly that you do not believe there is any sin or guilt or wrong in active homosexual practice."

"That is the most incredible statement ever to come from one who claims the Pentecostal experience," stressed Brazier, who is also a bishop in the Pentecostal assemblies of the world. The resignation came in reaction to an announcement by Tinney, who is also a Howard University professor, that he would continue to serve as the national director of a gay liberation support group known as the Pentecostal Coalition for Human Rights.

Tinney claims that "Pentecostal churches have always had missionaries, ministers, and bishops who were actively homosexual even while being devout Christians." To these allegations, Brazier said, "I would be the last person to argue that the statement was incorrect, but that does not mean that they did not commit sin when engaging in active homosexual practice."

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light, we who have been saved by His matchless mercy, can never go back. No, never. We stand with Luther; God, helping us we can do no other. Betray our Lord? God forbid.

The only answer to the Roman Catholic problem is for us who have the open Bible to evangelize the Roman Catholics. We Baptists must, and God helping us, we will win many of them for Christ.

But he thinks Tinney "has been caught up in this contemporary wave of sexual permissiveness, and is making an effort to justify sexual acts that are contrary to the holy scriptures and the natural order of human reproduction." Tinney responds with "some surprise" at what he calls Brazier's "homophobia and parochial outlook."

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ed to take my dolly into a "garden" and pray over it. Question! If I return the little image without the offering, is someone likely to stick pins in it?

If I seem cynical and sarcastic, you can chalk it up to the fact that ever since I received word of the 900 ft. diety who lacked funds, I have been rather non compos mentis. Not so much so, that I am going to fall for the follow-up appeal for a "gift" of \$120.00, in return for which I receive a Bible. That is a gift?

I can take one-third of that sum, \$40.00, and buy a genuine leather bound, indexed K.J.V. Bible and have the remaining \$80.00 to give to a local New Testament assembly, or to some struggling missionary in New Guinea — authorized by that assembly.

Some of the other eager-beavers are insisting that I rewrite my will and leave it all to them. Again, why them? Why not leave it to that local assembly where I will have some knowledge of where it will finally end up? Probably the neatest trick of all is an appeal for funds to "save the world for Christ" before it is too late, and at the end of the brochure, they try to sell me a tour of Israel for \$2400.00.

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read and study the Bible, each time God gives me something new to rejoice over. For one thing, I believe God uses this method to keep us humble, making us realize that we are not as smart as we thought we were. Both of these men referred to above have probably read the Bible only once and since they figure they can learn no more, don't bother about reading and studying it again. I imagine if they would read and study some more they would soon discover just how ignorant they are.

As I write this I am out at Mount Hagen awaiting the arrival of Elder James Hobbs. This is being written on Saturday night and he is due to arrive here in the morning. I am looking forward to the visit of Elder Hobbs in more ways than one. For one thing, I am looking forward to the fellowship as I seldom ever get to fellowship with a white person any more, and over here never any fellowship with a white Baptist preacher. Just last night, I was reading an old magazine that carried the story of the release of the hostages that had been held captive by Iran for so long. The story told of one fellow that had spent most of the 444 days in

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solitary confinement, and when he got on the plane to start home he wanted to do all the talking, as it had been so long since he had had anyone to talk to. I will probably be like that with Brother Hobbs.

Another reason that I am glad that he is coming is that I feel that he will give an honest report of what he has seen and found while here. I have had so many half truths and outright lies put out against me for the past year and a half, that it will be a blessing to read the pure truth regardless of what it may be. Brother Hobbs wrote and said that he did not want me to think that he was coming over here to spy on me. I wrote back and told him that if he was just coming for a vacation to go some place else, but if he still wanted to come, to come on and bring several notebooks with him. While here I wanted him to fill them up with information anyway he could get it spying, asking questions, personal observation or any other way he could collect the information, and then go back and tell it all.

One fellow wrote and said there had never been anyone over here to visit the work that had come back and given a favorable report, and that all the people had was Halliman's word. In making this statement I suppose he meant to say that James Grace, Fred Roberts and Ralph Doty were all liars, for if you will go back and read their accounts of the work as they gave it in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, I believe you will have to agree that they gave quite a favorable report of the work here.

Like the fellow that had spent most of his 444 days in solitary confinement, while Brother Hobbs is here I expect to do a lot of talking, but beloved, when he leaves and goes back I am going to remain silent and let him do the talking. I have confidence

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We die by living to ourselves. We live by dying to ourselves.

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"THE BIBLE"

There it stands, like a mighty rock
In the midst of a raging sea;
The Bible stands, though men may mock
And attack it vehemently!

Why do men mock and hate it so?—
This Book of eternal salvation!
Could it be that wicked men know,
It warns of their condemnation?

They have bured it, and spurned it,
And explained it away:
They nave denied and spiritualized,
But the Book is here to stay!

And though wicked men, like Jehoiakim,
May take their penknives and whittle;
The Bible will not be expired by them,
Not even one jot or tittle!

For should they destroy it from the earth,
This Book which God has given,
'Tis settled forever from the first,
And has been preserved in heaven!

They shall be judged by this Holy Word,
All whose sins have not been atoned,
When they meet a thrice-Holy God
At the great white judgment throne!

Mrs. Frank Parrish
Courtland, Virginia

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enough in Elder Hobbs to believe he will tell the truth and not lie about anything, therefore I want any and/or all of you to keep him busy answering any questions that you feel need an answer.

The work here continues to make progress in that some are being saved along, and the saved are growing in grace. We have several literacy classes going, and our Bible School is proving to be a real blessing to the work. The pastors and missionaries that are attending the Bible School usually use an abundance of Scriptures to back up their preaching. They have been taught both by myself and their Bible teachers, to study hard for each message and to know and to be able to give a **Thus Saith the Lord** for everything they preach. They have well prepared messages. They are now in the process of learning different types of sermonizing. Some of the students have now spent two years in Bible School and will spend another year at least.

Just recently a lady, whom I believe to be a Christian, asked me what we taught in our Bible School. I asked her to explain a little more in detal just what she meant. Then she said, "What kind of craft and arts etc. etc do you teach." I said, "Lady we are operating a **BIBLE SCHOOL** and not a craft and art school; we teach the Bible only, using some text books that eminent Bible scholars have written as helps and guides, but the emphasis is put upon God's Word." She said, "Well, that's what I thought a Bible School was supposed to do, but the most of them that I know anything about teach about everything except the Bible." Beloved while this is the truth it is a sad commentary on most of the so-called Bible Schools here in P.N.G. and elsewhere around the world.

The work over in the Huli area has begun to take shape again after our long absence from there. The heavy rains have not let up completely now, although it is past time, but occasionally we can get through to the other station and spend some time there. The roads are still bad getting into that area and as we can, we travel between the two stations. As compared to the area where the first Mission Station is located, the work is very hard in that most of the people have already been taught error and it is harder to unteach someone than it is to start from the beginning and teach them the truth. The work is under the leadership of the Lord though, and we wait upon Him to call out His elect in that area as well as in any other areas we work.

Munungu, the Baptist preacher that got hit on the head with the rock when we were attacked by the Lutherans, is in and out of the hospital. He was released from the hospital and went back to his home, but recently he had to go back to the hospital as he was having problems with his head again. He is not able to work and take care of himself and his family now. May the Lord bless each of you.

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