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THE WOUNDS AND THE SUFFERINGS OF OUR BLESSED LORD

by Arthur D. Vaughan

Text: "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5).

At the time of the giving of our text, Isaiah was one of God's major prophets. He was a cultured man of the southern kingdom of Israel. He was God's prophet during the reign of Hezekiah. He was on the scene in 722 B.C. The time of our text was about 712 B.C. His prophecy was given at the time the king of Assyria was besieging Jerusalem.

According to the definition of the surgeon, wounds are classified under five heads: (1) Contused wounds, (2) Lacerated wounds, (3) Penetrating wounds, (4) Perforating wounds, and (5) Incised wounds. In this text all five of these wounds are included, as we shall see from the Scripture records concerning the suffering of Jesus Christ.

(1) The Contused Wound

This word comes to us from the Latin word "contundo-contusum," meaning "To wound or injure by bruising the flesh."

In Micah 5:1 we read: "They shall smite the judge of Israel

with a rod upon the cheek." Then turning to Matthew 26:67, we read: "They smote Him with rods." In John 18:22, "They took the reed and smote on the head." Thus He was bruised for our transgressions.

(2) The Lacerated Wound.

This word comes to us from the Latin word "lacerare-laceratum," meaning "To tear; to make a ragged wound or gash by violence or tearing."

In the time of Christ, scourging was a great art with the Romans. The Roman scourge was a lash of plaited rope, or piece of leather cut into nine strips at one end, onto which was fastened lead, steel, or ivory. It was called the cat of

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ARE YOU READY FOR THE LORD'S RAPTURE?

by Chuck Sandelin

"The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout... then we shall be caught up together... to meet the Lord in the air" (I Thess. 4:16, 17).

The greatest and most important question that you could probably be asked today, is — are you ready for the Rapture? The Rapture is that event that will happen when Jesus Christ comes for His Church and His Saints. The previously deceased Christians will return with Him for their glorified bodies — and we who are His elect and alive on this earth at that moment will be given our glorified bodies (read I Cor., chapter 15), and be caught up to meet our precious Lord and Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ, in the clouds of the sky. Only those who are truly born again of His Holy Spirit will leave this earth. All those who are left behind are unregenerate people. A vast majority of Christendom will still

be here. This event will separate the wheat from the tares.

To me this will be the greatest event since He created the world. The flood was a marvelous thing, the plagues of Egypt and the miracles in Canaan Land will never be forgotten, but none will compare with the greatest event this side of Creation, called by Christians "the Rapture" and by the Bible, "the first resurrection"! (Rev. 20:6). The Book says, "That the second death hath no power on those who have part in this Rapture." Friends, are you ready for the Rapture? This is our hope, this is when we will look upon His face. This is when we leave this stinking old world,

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A Sermon By Norman F. Douty

THE LOVINGKINDNESS OF A SOVEREIGN GOD

Much has been written about the divine attributes, notably Stephen Charnock's work of three centuries ago, which, justly, has been highly esteemed. Other lesser productions have appeared, containing much that is also worthy of praise. But, unfortunately, writings of this kind are often lacking in perspective; that is, they do not present the attributes in their proper relations to us fallen men. As the attributes are not all of the same rank (even though they are all infinite), neither are they all of equal importance to hell-deserving sinners.

There are several classifications of God's attributes: e.g., natural and moral, communicable and incommunicable, absolute and relative, rational and revelational. The last pair views some attributes as discernible to reason, and others as known on-

ly by revelation. The pagans recognize a variety of the divine qualities. The Maltese of Paul's day perceived that God is just (Acts 28:1-4). Plutarch, a little later, wrote a book on the Justice of God — the English version of which I am pleased to possess. The very concept of God involves the idea of Sovereignty. A non-Sovereign God is a contradiction in terms. On the other hand, there are attributes which human powers could never discover, and which are known only because God has revealed them: these are, e.g., His grace and mercy.

Charnock said that when God's goodness "meets with a person to whom it is not obliged, it is grace," and that "mercy extends only to a miserable object" (Vol. II, pp. 220, 218). Similarly, Archbishop Trench and many others define grace as what is shown to the guilty,

PRESENT DAY PERILOUS TIMES

by Harold Freeze

II Timothy 3:1-2: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful."

This is a definite warning unto God's people of solemn admonitions to kindly, yet seriously, exhort not to become involved in the tactics of the constant greed of adversary to undermine, corrupting the gospel and thwart the work of Jesus Christ. One of the gruesome burdens of the New Testament is that man is interested only in that which characterizes material abundance.

Romans 5:12: "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, AND DEATH BY SIN: AND SO DEATH PASSED UPON ALL MEN for all have sinned."

This does clarify the

righteousness of Christ's redemptive work as the price paid for our salvation. Being dead unto sin we are made alive in Him, as unto His righteousness. In our depraved state of being we love worldly corruption and wallow in it as swine wallow in mud, serving their lusts for "filthy lucre." In order to obtain, man will lie, cheat, steal, swindle, murder, overtaken with every evil, having NO conception of God pronouncing everlasting destruction on them for all eternity. Their doom will be in the same category as the rich man who ignored the poor beggar "Lazarus."

Sin has many patented tools of deceitful devices, promoted by our adversary, with one handle to fit the depravity of man, who, not being able to detect the deceit, is saying, "I am well pleased with myself just the way I am."

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GOD'S LADIES (AND MEN) SHOULD SEARCH HIS WILL

by Donald Mikitta
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"She hath done what she could" (Mark 14:8).

"And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves and said, Why was this waste of ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? She hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always and whosoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I

say unto you, Whosoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her" (Mark 14:3-9). (comparative Scripture John 12:1-9).

Our study will take us to a most controversial issue in the Kingdom of God. As one holds on to the inspired Word of God, he must undergo a battle that comes up from the pit of Hell through the frail gender. It would be most enjoyable if all professing female saints would heed the example of Biblical women such as Mary. This dear saint was ever at the Master's feet and never running ahead of Him. (Note Luke 10:38-42, a supper prior to this and John 11:32, the death of her physical brother, Lazarus.)

This saint was not affected by the costliness of her tribute to her Messiah, for it was equal to three hundred days wages. Few have been open enough to just up and spend this kind of money on the Saviour without much exhortation.

All we can say of Mary is summed in the marvelous words

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DOERS AND NOT HEARERS ONLY

An old Scottish elder, who was faithful in church attendance but the cause of a great deal of trouble among its members, told his pastor one day that he was going to pay a visit to the Holy Land. "And when I get there," he said with great enthusiasm, "I'm going to climb Mt. Sinai, and read the Ten Commandments from the top of it."

"I can tell you something better to do," his pastor replied. "Stay at home and keep them."

It is a grand thing to know Scripture by memory, but grander to know it by heart. "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only," says James 1:22. It is an admonition that never grows old and is always needed.

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TEXTS OF GREAT MEN

The text from which John Bunyan preached to the multitudes — John 6:37.

The text that saved William Cowper from suicide — Romans 1:17.

The text that comforted the troubled soul of John Wesley — Mark 12:34.

The text that made Livingston a missionary — Matthew 28:19-20.

The text to which John Knox anchored his soul — John 17:3.

The text that gave William Carey a world vision — Isaiah 54:2.

The text that made William Penn a conqueror — I John 5:4.

The text on which Michael Faraday staked everything — II Timothy 1:12.

—From the Missionary Tidings

We need not only a constant going to do God's will but a constant tarrying to find out His will.

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ty? It appalls him. His supremacy? It paralyzes him. His sovereignty? It frightens him. His equity? It exposes him. His immutability? It shames him. His ubiquity? It awes him. His sanctity? It convicts him. His veracity? It warns him. His ability? It startles him. His mentality? It searches him. His sagacity? It unnerves him. He can find nothing in God to bring him peace. The more he thinks about Him, the worse he feels.

The only relief the sinner can find in God comes from God's revelation of Himself as a God of grace for his guilt, and a God of mercy for his misery. These are aspects of the divine nature not discernible by human powers. They remained hidden at the time the angels sinned, who were summarily expelled from heaven by God in His holiness, righteousness and justice. No grace or mercy was shown them. Plainly this led Satan to conclude that if he could induce Adam and Eve to sin, God's purpose in man would be frustrated. But, to his amazement, he learned that God could show grace to guilty men, though He had shown only justice to guilty angels. What occurred in Eden after the Fall, indicated to him his eventual overthrow. God manifested Himself to our first parents in His acts and words as a God of mercy and grace.

So, whereas God is infinite, eternal, supreme, sovereign, just, changeless, omnipresent, holy, truthful, omnipotent, omniscient and wise, these attributes, of themselves, speak no help to the sinner. His grace and mercy alone are his relief. Accordingly, it is these that God emphasizes in addressing fallen men — not the others. And it is these wherein the awakened conscience finds rest. As Canon H. Twells wrote in his great hymn: "It was the Voice of Revelation that met my utmost need" (1868).

Prof. W.G.T. Shedd in his *Dogmatic Theology* declared:

The fact that the attribute of mercy will be exercised towards sinful man is taught only in the written revelation. Indeed, this constitutes the most important and principal part of the teaching of inspiration (all boldface mine). In the very first communication made to the fallen pair, there was a promise on the part of God, to show mercy in and by the Seed of the woman: the Son of Man, the incarnate God, Gen. 3:15. And in the yet more explicit revelation made to Moses in the mount, in connection with the (second) giving of the law, 'Jehovah passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful (tender, compassionate), and gracious (showing kindness), long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,' Ex. 34:6, 7. To quote all the proof-texts for this attribute, would be to quote the bulk of both the Old and the New testament" (Vol. 1, p. 390).

Yet Charnock treats of God's eternity, immutability, omnipresence, knowledge, wisdom, power and holiness ere he treats of His goodness (which includes His grace), but he has no whole chapter for this surpassing attribute for us lost men. The word "grace," in an objective sense, does not even appear in the index. The same lack of perspective appears in the much, much briefer consideration of the divine attributes (which first came out in a booklet) by Arthur W. Pink. After his Foreword, he considers God's solitariness and decrees (which are not attributes), His knowledge, His foreknowledge (also not an attribute), His supremacy and sovereignty, His immutability, His holiness and His faithfulness, before he takes up His goodness. He does have a chapter on God's grace, but it is chapter thirteen; and one on His mercy, which follows it.

The classic Scripture on this matter is Exodus 34:5-7, to which Prof. Shedd referred. The whole occasion is most striking. At Sinai Jehovah had entered into a covenant relation to Israel (chs. 19-24). While Moses was subsequently in the mount, receiving instructions regarding the tabernacle, priesthood and offerings (chs. 25-31), the nation turned aside to worship the golden calf (ch. 32:1-6).

This induced Jehovah to say to Moses: "Go, get thee down; for thy people, that thou broughtest up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves; they have turned quickly aside out of the way which I commanded them... I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people; now therefore let Me alone, that My wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them; and I will make of thee a great nation" (ch. 32:7-10, ASV).

But Moses stood in the breach, and interceded for Israel, as we read in ch. 32:11-13:

"And Moses besought Jehovah his God, and said, Jehovah, why doth Thy wrath wax hot against Thy people, that Thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, saying, For evil did He bring them forth, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from this evil against Thy people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel Thy servants, to whom Thou swarest by Thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of Heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it forever."

Such was Moses' intercession

for the life of the nation. As Jehovah had spoken to Moses of Israel as "thy people, that thou broughtest up out of Egypt," so Moses speaks to Jehovah of Israel as "Thy people that Thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt." And then he presents two pleas, both based on God: His glory (v. 12) and His covenant (v. 13). He forgets himself in his concern for Jehovah's people. More of the same spirit appears in verses 31, 32: "And Moses returned unto Jehovah, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy book which Thou hast written."

The result of Moses' prayer was the preservation of the nation: "And Jehovah repented of the evil which He said He would do unto His people" (v. 14). Again, in the chapter that follows, Jehovah speaks to Moses of Israel as "the people that thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt" (v. 1); and again Moses speaks to Jehovah of Israel as "Thy People" no less than three times (vv. 13, 16). He associates himself with them in verses 15 and 16: "carry us not up hence." "Thou goest with us." Twice he says, "I and Thy people." (See the same close connection in ch. 34:9). It is instructive to note that, though Jehovah did not wipe out the nation, He did, in the scene following, smite those who had made the golden calf (ch. 32:32-35).

The last paragraph of chapter 33 is very moving as it paves the way to the climactic self-revelation of Jehovah in chapter 34. When Moses requested, "Show me, I pray Thee, Thy glory," Jehovah answered thus: "I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and will proclaim the Name of Jehovah before thee; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on him on whom I will show mercy (Quoted in Rom. 9:15). And He said, Thou canst not see My face: for man shall not see Me and live. And Jehovah said, Behold there is a place by Me, and thou shalt stand upon the rock: and it shall come to pass, while My glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with My hand until I have passed by: and I will take away My hand, and thou shalt see My back; but My face shall not be seen" (ch. 33:18-23).

Moses had asked to see Jehovah's glory (v. 18). Jehovah responded by saying, "I will make all My goodness pass before Thee" (v. 19), which is defined, in proclaiming the Name of Jehovah, as His grace and mercy, etc. "While My glory passeth by" is equivalent to "until I have passed by" (v. 22). This, I say, is introductory to what is set forth in the next chapter.

The first four verses of chapter 34 tell of arrangements made for the renewal of the Sinaitic covenant, after the first tables of stone had been broken by Moses upon learning of Israel's apostasy (ch. 32:19). However, the new tables were not the work of God, as the originals were (ch. 32:16), but were hewn by Moses. Upon both sets God inscribed the ten commandments (ch. 32:16; cf. 34:1,4).

Now we reach the high point of the account: "And Jehovah descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the Name of Jehovah" (ch. 34:5; cf. 33:19). "And Jehovah passed by before him, and proclaimed, Jehovah, Jehovah, a God merciful (pitiful) and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness and truth" (vv. 6, 7). Lovingkindness and truth are often linked together in the Old

Testament (e.g., Gen. 24:27; 32:10; here; II Sam. 2:6; Ps. 25:10; 40:11; 57:3, 10; 61:7; 86:15; 89:14; 108:4; 115:1; 138:2). In this use of "truth" we should understand "fidelity to promises," not to threatenings. It really denotes the idea of "faithfulness."

Verse 7: "keeping lovingkindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin." The three nouns appear in Lev. 16:21 in connection with the ceremonies on the Day of Atonement. They also appear in Ps. 32:1, 2. The first word signifies "perversion," that is, the inward depravity of man; the second, "rebellion" or the conscious clash with God's law; the third, "failure," even if it is unconscious. This forgiveness is granted only to those who call upon the Lord: the penitent (Ps. 86:5).

"And that will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and upon the children's children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation." (Eli's sin was punished in his great-grandson; see I Sam. 3:13, 14 and I Ki. 2:27). We observe, then, that God's first thought is to pardon, but if men persist in evil. He will judge. John 20:23 sets forth the same truth: "Whosoever sins ye forgive, they are forgiven unto them; whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained." Bishop Andrewes well said that this order:

"Doth plainly show us whereunto God in His goodness is most inclinable, and which of them it is that is the principal in His intent. That to remit is more proper to him, and that He is more ready to it, and that it is first in His purpose, first in His grant; and that to the other (to retain) He cometh but secondarily, but by occasion, when the former cannot take place. For of remitting sin, He taketh the ground from Himself, and not from any other, and therefore that more naturally; but of retaining it, the cause is ministered from us, even from our hardness, and heart that cannot repent... Not first or principally (given) to destruction, nor of any save only the willful impenitent sinner" (Sermons, Vol. V, p. 91).

Here, then, is the supreme divine self-revelation of the old Testament; God, in renewing His legal covenant with offending Israel, proclaims Himself to be a God of mercy and grace, Who pardons iniquity, transgression and sin. As He thus revealed Himself to the race in Eden by His acts and words so He here revealed Himself to the nation of Israel.

To this great disclosure, the rest of the Old Testament constantly appeals. Here are the passages:

1. After the sin at Kadesh, Jehovah again threatened to destroy Israel (Nu. 14:12). Again Moses pled for its life; this time arguing not only from the ground of God's glory (vv. 13-16), but also from that of this previous self-revelation. He said: "And now, I pray Thee, let the power of the Lord be great, according as Thou hast spoken, saying, Jehovah is slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; and that will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation. Pardon, I pray Thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of Thy lovingkindness" (vv. 17-19). Then he adds a third argument for pardon: "and according as Thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt until now," that is, from the divine example, and, therefore, the divine consistency. As at Sinai, so at Kadesh, Jehovah responded to Moses' intercession and spared the nation; but, on the

latter occasion, He consigned the current generation to death in the wilderness — all except Caleb and Joshua who had fully followed Him (vv. 20-23, 30-35).

2. Referring to the nation's future sin and punishment, in Deut. 4, Moses says that when it shall seek Jehovah with its whole heart, it will find Him, "for Jehovah thy God is a merciful God" (v. 31) — alluding to Ex. 34:6. Thus, subsequent to the divine self-revelation, Moses twice appealed to it for the preservation of his nation's life.

3. Chronologically, the passages in the Psalms should be the next to be observed. The first of these is Ps. 78:38: "He, being merciful, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not."

4. Then Ps. 86:5: "Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in lovingkindness unto all them that call upon Thee." Compare Ex. 33:19a "My goodness."

5. The third place in the Psalms is the 15th verse of the same chapter: "Thou, O Lord, art a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and truth."

6. Next comes Ps. 103:8: "Jehovah is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness."

7. The fifth place is Ps. 111:4b: "Jehovah is gracious and merciful."

8. The sixth is Ps. 112:4: "He is gracious, and merciful, and righteous" (referring to his not clearing the guilty).

9. The seventh is Ps. 116:5, where we read: "Gracious is Jehovah, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful."

10. Eighth is Ps. 138:2, where David speaks of God's lovingkindness and truth.

11. The ninth and last is Ps. 145:8, which runs thus: "Jehovah is gracious, and merciful; slow to anger, and of great lovingkindness" (the same as "abundant in lovingkindness").

12. Joel 2:13 is next: "Jehovah your God... is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness."

13. Jonah 4:2 follows: "Thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness."

14. We now cite II Chron. 30:9b which belongs to the time of Hezekiah's reign: "Jehovah your God is gracious and merciful."

15. Micah prophesied in Hezekiah's time. Chapter 7:18 reads: "Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retaineth not His anger for ever, because He delighteth in lovingkindness."

16. Nah. 1:3 is another: "Jehovah is slow to anger... and will by no means clear the guilty."

17. Taken in historical sequence, the last passages are in Nehemiah. In ch. 9:17b, we have: "Thou art a God ready to pardon (or, a God of forgivenesses), gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness."

18. The very last is Neh. 9:31: "Thou art a gracious and merciful God."

In eleven of the preceding passages both God's mercy and His grace are mentioned, but it is interesting to observe that whereas in two of them only (nos. 5 and 6), He is said to be "merciful and gracious," in the other nine (nos. 7,8,9,11,12,13,14,17,18), the order of these attributes is reversed: gracious and merciful.

In this revelation to Moses of his character, God "descended in the cloud" (Ex. 34:5). This is the cloud so often mentioned before (ch. 13:21, 22; 14:19, 20, 24; 16:10; 19:9, 16; 24:15, 16 twice, 18). It was the vehicle of the divine Presence, symbolizing God in obscurity, or only

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Be sure that religion cannot be right which a man is worse for having.

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partially revealed. Here it is only His back that is seen (ch. 33:23). God, taking the sinful nation anew into the Sinaitic covenant of works, with promise of temporal benefits, is God showing His back; but God, taking men into the better covenant of grace, with promise of everlasting blessings, is God showing His face. Now, in the Gospel we have "the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Cor. 4:6). Who is the effulgence of the Father's glory and "the very image of His substance" (Heb. 1:3), so that he that has seen Him has seen the Father (John 14:9). And so the face of Christ is the face of God.

It is in this saving character of His that God delights, as we have already seen in Mic. 7:18: "He delighteth in lovingkindness." So, too, in Jer. 9:24: "I am Jehovah Who exerciseth lovingkindness, justice and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith Jehovah." However, His delighting in justice only means His delight in judging cases fairly (the word is *mispat*, not *tsaddig*), and not in punishing sinners. That latter He expressly denies in Eze. 18:23, 32, and ch. 33:11. In the first text He asks, "Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked?" In the second He states categorically, "I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth." In the third, He swears to this: "As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked." As the words "delight" and "take pleasure" are one and the same in the Hebrew (*chaplets*), God is saying emphatically that He does not delight in punitive justice, though He has to administer it oftentimes.

Thus twice God declares that He delights in lovingkindness. He sometimes stresses, often declares, and always exercises His sovereignty, and so, in turn, silences the defiant, comforts the fearful, and accomplishes His purposes. But He never says He delights in it. In Ps. 136, His lovingkindness (the word rendered "mercy" in the KJV is really "lovingkindness," and is so translated in the ASV) is celebrated in every one of its twenty-six verses. There is no place in Scripture where His sovereignty is so lauded, though recognized and submitted to. Dr. Howard Osgood, a professor of Hebrew for thirty-three years, and a member of the American Company of Old Testament Revisers from 1874 to 1901, said that the Greek word rendered "grace" in the New Testament is virtually equivalent to the Hebrew word for "lovingkindness." So, too, said Delitzsch. The word "grace" occurs ten times in The Acts, and well over a hundred times in the rest of the New Testament. All of Paul's epistles begin and end with it. So do Peter's. So does the Revelation. This is the supreme message of the Gospel. Any other emphasis is a false one.

The superiority of this lovingkindness to sovereignty deserves to be enlarged on. It may be done by going back to the several classifications of God's attributes, mentioned in the second paragraph of this paper. If we take that of natural and moral, we observe that sovereignty belongs to the former, lovingkindness to the latter. But as what is moral is deserving of higher reverence than what is natural, lovingkindness is qualitatively greater than sovereignty. It is true that both sovereignty and lovingkindness are communicable attributes (that is, have some correspondence in in-

telligent creatures), yet as sovereignty pertains to position and lovingkindness to character, the latter is better. The same may be said of the two with reference to the division of the attributes into absolute and relative. Both are relative, but lovingkindness has priority for the same reason as in the preceding case. Of the superiority of the revelational to the merely rational enough has been said. Mercy and grace are among the revealed qualities of God.

Here, then, are the divine attributes that God Himself emphasizes to us sinners. We had better emphasize the same, or we shall be at variance with Him. Indeed, we recognize all of His other attributes, and worship Him for them; but we must not elevate any of them into objects of adoration. Yet some seem to worship the love of God, instead of the God of love; and others, to worship the sovereignty of God, instead of the sovereign God. No, we must not idolize any of God's qualities, but must worship Himself alone, the God of grace and mercy to us poor sinners.

After we have come into acceptance with God through His pity for us in our wretched case, and His pardon to us in our dreadful guilt (on the basis of His incarnate Son's atoning death), we wish to know more and more of him. He who has no interest in growing in the knowledge of God gives no evidence of having really experienced His mercy and grace. Christ said, "This is life eternal, that they should know Thee the only true God, and Him Whom Thou didst send, even Jesus Christ" (John 17:3). And Paul said: "Walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Col. 1:10).

"Awake, my soul, in joyful lays,

And sing the great Redeemer's praise;

He justly claims a song from me—

His lovingkindness, O how free!

He saw me ruined in the fall, Yet loved me, notwithstanding all;

He saved me from my lost estate—

His lovingkindness, O how great!

Though numerous hosts of mighty foes,

Though earth and hell my way oppose,

He safely leads my soul along—

His lovingkindness—O how strong!

When trouble, like a gloomy cloud,

Has gathered thick and thundered loud,

He near my soul has always stood—

His lovingkindness, O how good!

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Luke 17:26-30: "And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the Ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise, also it was in the days of Lot, they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from Heaven, and destroyed them all. Even so shall it be in the day when the Son of man



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BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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Psalm 10:1-6

Intro.: The Word of God from Genesis through Revelation gives a detailed description of fallen man, and the summarization of this description can be no better stated than in Romans 7:18: "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh), dwelleth no good thing." This is total depravity! Every faculty of man's being is corruptible (Jer. 17:9; Rom. 3:9-18). Because of this, all men by nature are bondslaves of the Devil (Eph. 2:1-3) and are helplessly and hopelessly unable to save themselves. In our lesson we have a list of charges brought against the final superman of sin, the anti-christ, and against wicked men in general. We see also the prayer of the godly remnant as they wait for the overthrow and expulsion of the wicked.

VERSE 1

"Why standest Thou afar off, O Lord? The evidence of God's presence brings comfort and assurance (Acts 23:11; II Tim. 4:17). Therefore when the saint fails to see or experience the Lord's presence, it brings temporary fear. The Psalmist saw the wicked spreading like a green bay tree and it looked as if the saints would be swallowed up, so he cries out to God. Every saint experiences this to a degree.

"Why hidest Thou Thyself in times of trouble?" The disciples couldn't understand why Jesus was asleep in the ship, when the waves were so high. The times of trouble are numerous and varied for God's children, so the throne of grace is a common meeting place (Heb. 4:14-16). The saints also are exercised and educated by

is revealed." Man is conformed to the world, and not transformed unto the renewing of their minds, not recognizing or having any fear of the wrath that ALMIGHTY GOD will impute upon them, an everlasting total destruction for all eternity. Craving earthly luxurious pleasures of all types, "Only for a season," having no fear or desire to worship the Creator, the Maker, who made all things, and without Him nothing was made that was made. One of the desirable worldly pleasures are automobiles, which "run to and fro."

Matthew 24:7: "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places."

Each season during the past decade, the weather conditions continue to become more and more irregular and inconsistent, with constant late spring rains and cold weather. These two combined trends of hazardous conditions have had a great effect on the growing season, resulting in what small portion has passed and it is estimated that less than 60% of the corn has been planted, and only 20% of soy beans. It is past time for the people to reverence the Lord in humble prayer. Man has NO recognition of God, so how can they call on Him, for God does

these times of trouble, as well as God's purposes are being accomplished. Notice, also, the time of Jacob's trouble will be a climax to times of trouble for Israel.

VERSE 2

"The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor." "The poor" primarily refers to God's little children in this world (Rev. 2:9; James 2:5) who are outcasts (Heb. 10:32-34). What a paradox; the poor are really the rich! The wicked have always leveled their big guns on the saints. The wicked have always gloried in their strength and in their riches.

"Let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined." Let the towers of Babel they have built in their own mind, and have started from the riches reaped from the poor, fall on their heads, as they stand gazing on the works of their own hands. Let the puppies they are raising to track down the poor, grow up to turn in madness on them.

VERSE 3

"For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire." The wicked sees no reason at all for not accomplishing his fiendish desires, and boasts to his cohorts as if it were an accomplished fact. He sails in his yacht before it is built or bought.

"And blesseth the covetous." The covetous are set up as standards of excellence and glorified for their abilities to get ahead. They are given the chief seats in the world's assemblies; they are made the potentates of the lodges.

"Whom the Lord abhorreth." Even though the Word of God condemns the covetous man and not hear a lost sinner's prayer.

It is an established fact that the western and southern states are having drought in parts of our nation. We are definitely headed for a food shortage or a famine. In many parts of the earth, famines are prevalent. In Africa an average of 20,000 are dying every day from lack of food and water. This nation is due for the wrath of God to be imputed upon it, unto a wide awakening as to who supplies all things, 1981 is only an introduction. What will take place during 1982 and 1983 will cause 1981 to look such as a choir boy.

This nation formerly respected Israel. Recently the trend has changed to the extent that arms and supplies are being sold to some of their objectors. Nations that disrespect Israel are in for an awakening of God's wrath.

I Corinthians 2:14: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

The average man does not appreciate the abundance we receive in necessities and sumptuous luxuries of many pleasures. Many conformed unto laying up worldly treasures are disowned by the Lord. This nation wastes enough food to

warns repeatedly of the sin of covetousness the world sets aside God's commandments as old-fashioned and outdated. Is this not true when it comes to the sin of homosexuality, also? Remember, one of the marks of the last days is covetousness (II Tim. 3:1-5). God gives strong warnings against covetousness (Luke 12:15; Eph. 5:3; I Tim. 6:10).

VERSE 4

"The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God." The wicked man is self-sufficient and self-righteous. He doesn't need anything or anybody. He has eyes only for self. His appearance is haughty and gloatful. There are no seekers by nature (Rom. 3:11). How precious therefore is Luke 19:10!

"God is not in all his thoughts." He has no time nor thought for God. He is a self-made man, claiming all credit for his wisdom, strength, and wealth. He neither gives God thanks, nor seeks His help. He lives as if there were no God! How many countless people live like that!

VERSE 5

"His ways are always grievous." He is a detriment to himself and those about him. Read the history of most world leaders, both political and religious.

"Thy judgments are far above out of his sight." Belshazzar saw no reason at all not to have his wild ungodly party nor to drink from the holy vessels. God was in Heaven afar off and His hand could not reach him! The lost person sees no White Throne judgment, and the only Hell he knows is a joke! Those in Noah's day knew not till the flood came.

"As for all his enemies, he puffeth at them." He neither is alarmed at God Whom he can't see, and feels is afar off, nor is he concerned about those he can see for he feels he is the greatest. He will huff and puff and blow their houses down!

VERSE 6

"He hath said in his heart." Yes, the heart of lost humanity is "deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9).

"I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity." He has built his house on the sands of self-sufficiency and has entered the door with human assurance, feeling he can eat, drink, and be merry, for he has much goods laid up for many years, not knowing he is the chief of fools (Luke 12:19, 20).

Conclusion: May the saved ponder these verses well to guard ourselves from the temptations of the flesh, and may God arouse some sinner to cry out, "Woe is me!" (Isa. 6:5).

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No man ever seeks Heaven very anxiously until he believes in Hell.

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SUBMIT QUESTIONS ON ANY BIBLE SUBJECT

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In what sense was David praying that God take not His Holy Spirit from him? Ps. 51:11. Could David then lose his salvation?

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Absolutely not. When God saves, it is for eternity. An almighty Sovereign God cannot give a gift that is not perfect.

David at no time thought that he could lose his salvation. He knew that he could lose the joy of his salvation and not be an effective witness, but not his salvation. "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness" (Ps. 51:12-14).

He was looking forward to the time when he would be changed and be like the Lord. "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness" (Ps. 17:15). When his son died he said that he would go to be with him, alluding to the time when we will all be reunited with our brethren in Heaven. "But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me" (II Sam. 12:23). Some of David's last words (see II Sam 23:1) he said: "Although my house be not so with God; yet He hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ORDERED IN ALL THINGS, And sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although He make it not to grow" (II Sam. 23:5).

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"Take not thy Holy Spirit from me" (Ps. 51:11).

David was a regenerated child of God. All that the Bible tells us of David is clear proof of this. David did have the Holy Spirit of God. This verse and prayer is proof of this.

The Holy Spirit indwells every child of God, even as He indwelt David. The Holy Spirit performs many precious ministries in the child of God, such as, giving assurance of salvation, teaching truth, comforting, empowering in life and service and much more. When the believer knowingly and

deliberately sins, the Holy Spirit is not manifested in the life performing His ministries as when the believer is walking in sweet fellowship with the Spirit. David knew that He could not lose the Holy Spirit even as he knew he could not lose his salvation. But David knew he could lose the sweetness and blessings, and power of the Holy Spirit in His life. He was praying that he might not have the Spirit taken from him in this sense. David had known the blessings of the manifested presence of the Spirit in his life. He had known the power of the Holy Spirit in his life and service of God. He did not want these to be taken from him.

No, David could not lose his salvation. David knew this for he wrote Psalm 23, in which he declared that goodness and mercy would follow him all his days and that he would dwell in the house of the Lord forever. He also wrote Psalm 37:28, in which he declared that the saints are preserved forever. David had lost his joy, not his salvation. The joy of salvation is produced in the believer by the work of the indwelling Holy Spirit. David prayed that the Spirit would not be taken from him, but that he might know again the joy he had known in the past by the inworking of the Holy Spirit.

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In answer to last week's question we saw from the Scriptures, that the Holy Spirit came upon men in Old Testament times temporarily to inspire them for special service, and left them when the task was finished. The Spirit of God came upon David as king that he might rule Israel as God would have him to do so. "Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward." (I Sam. 16:13). Here in Psalms, David, after confessing his sins and asking God to cleanse him from all his wickedness, is asking that the Spirit of God would continue to work in his life. No, this is not a question of David's salvation. The next verse shows this. David's next request was, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit" (Ps. 51:12). David's great sins had caused him to lose the joy of "thy salvation," not salvation. Christians today are indwelt by the Spirit of God and He will never leave us, yet we can grieve Him, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption" (Eph. 4:30). By this we lose the fellowship with Him and, with David, lose the joy of "Thy salvation," but never salvation.

From the first one that was saved until the last one to be saved, there has never been, nor will there ever be, one to lose his/her salvation. We have this upon the authority of Christ, himself, when He said, "All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me: he that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

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In this particular verse, David's entreaty is: "Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not Thy Holy spirit from me" (Ps. 51:11).

As accompanied by a lively God-given faith, this plea of David grew out of a deep sense of depression of mind which was, perhaps, due to his sin with Bath-sheba, which, in turn, telescoped into a train of sins.

However, in being king over a theocratic form of government, David was only responsible to God. Consequently, then, he was not liable to be called to give any account by any of his subjects. Too, neither was there any authority in his domain by which he could be judged and punished.

Hence, God sent His prophet, Nathan, to David to awaken him to a deep sense of the sad gravity of his sins.

So, in response, David was humbled into a deep sense of true repentance toward God, which, in turn, was accompanied by an earnest plea for mercy (Ps. 51:1).

Also, in this plea, David's guilt was aggravated by a sense of his innate sinfulness, which, in itself, was adverse to God's requirement of inner purity as well as to purity of conduct. But, also, in his innate nature, David (as of all men) was wholly passive in his natural generation before birth, as is also true in conjunction with the new birth of all believers in Christ, even before the crucifixion of Christ, which, in advance, anticipated the blood sacrifice of Christ Jesus in order to save His people from their sins (Mt. 1:21).

Concerning such, even before the cross, it was written 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 man, but of God" (Jn. 1:12, 13).

Yet, though by nature sin was in him and he in sin, he was born of religious parents and, consequently, was famous for his early piety and was also in the lineage of the Messiah.

Too, then, in being born again, nothing was more desirable to David than the presence and favor of God; also, then, nothing gave him more conscience of pain than being out of fellowship with God.

But, in being temporarily out of fellowship with God, His people are always brought to repen-

tance, but, in the meantime, they are never cast away from His presence and favor.

But, in David's dilemma, he probably had in mind the plight of King Saul, whom the Lord rejected because of his rebellion. So, in thinking on this, David thought, perhaps, that this might be his fate, which he feared. Hence, he prayed for mercy and pardoning grace, in already having the Spirit of God as a gift (Rom. 5:5), as accompanied by true faith, which, as always, is without repentance on the part of God, when once the Spirit of regeneration and sanctification effects the new birth.

So, as a follow-up, David pledged, in the restoration of "the joy of thy salvation," works of evangelism under the guidance of the influence of the Holy Spirit, Who Christ said would abide forever (Jn. 14:16; Ps. 51:13).

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Psalm 51:11: "Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me."

David was fearful of losing the power of the Holy Spirit, not the Person and presence of the Holy Spirit. David dreaded the thought that the Holy Spirit would cease to use him as He had formerly. David considered that the Holy Spirit might become passive in his life, and from deep vexation of soul, he prayed, "Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me."

The believer's sins show contempt for the Spirit of grace, grieves the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30), quenches His work of strengthening the inner man (Eph. 3:16, I Thes. 5:19), and the sinning saint is left to flounder in his own blighted wisdom, until the rod of God achieves its holy and righteous ends in the life of the believer. The work, the flesh, and the devil with their ultimate thrust has not the power to evict the Holy Spirit from His residence in the believer, and the Spirit have raised up an invincible rampart to protect the believer against the eternal ruin Satan has designed for him.

Sin enfeebles the spirit of the believer, sin blinds and steals the consolation of the believer, sin circumscribes the liberty of spiritual expression which the Holy Spirit had given, and causes the saint to feel a decreasing of spiritual vitality. Sin robs the believer of the joy of his salvation, but amidst all his grief he can know that the Holy Spirit has not utterly departed from him, for prescription upon prescription is written by the Great Physician for the afflicted soul whereby his return to spiritual health and divine service can be realized (II Chron. 7:14; Prov. 24:16; Ps. 40:17; Isa. 40:30, 31; Rev. 2:5, etc. etc.).

The believer is eternally sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (Eph. 1:13, 14), and it is by this same Holy Spirit that our Lord eternally abides with His church (Mt. 28:20); however, like David, there is not a day in the life of the believer that he does not need to pray for a stay of the power of the Holy Spirit in his life, and for an increase of His glorious might.

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feed millions of the starving, going about nonchalantly not looking unto God in humble admiration, being deceived by our adversary. Having previously had abundance of plenty, thinking a famine can not happen here. There was a shortage of over 50 million tons of goods in the world during 1980, then also prior to 1979. May we be awakened and aware of the vengeance of the Lord on an adulterous and corrupt generation, having No fear of God.

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nine tails.

It was this cat of nine tails that the Psalmist saw in the hands of the expert Roman torturer, when he said, "The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows" (Psa. 129:3). From such scourging (plowing) loss of blood often resulted in the death of the victim. While this was a part of the sufferings of our Saviour, it was not the main cause of His death.

Isaiah saw this and said, "I gave my back to the smiters" (Isa. 50:6). Find its complete fulfillment as recorded in Matthew 27:26. In John 19:1 we read: "The Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him." But He was wounded, wounded for our transgressions. Let us remember that it was upon this back of Jesus, that the cross was laid to be borne to the hill of Calvary.

(3) The Penetrating Wound

This word comes to us from the Latin word "pento-pentratum" meaning "To enter or pierce; to make way into the interior of." Thus, a deep wound caused by a sharp pointed instrument.

This we have exemplified in the wounds upon the head produced by the crown of thorns. The Jerusalem thorn, from which this "Victor's Crown" was plaited, bore spikes four inches long. This was the crown that the Roman soldiers pressed down upon His head. "And when they had plaited a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head" (Mt. 27:29). "And they spit upon Him, and took the reed and smote him on the head" (Mt. 27:30). There was a circle of wounds, wounds which were deepened by the blow of the reed in the hand of the Roman executor.

(4) The Perforating Wound.

This word comes to us from the Latin word "perforo-perforatus," meaning "to bore through; to pierce with a pointed instrument; to make a hole through."

The Psalmist saw this 1,000 years before the spikes were driven through the hands and feet of Jesus. "They pierced my hands and my feet" (Psa. 22:16). The iron spikes were driven between the bones, separating but not breaking them. Thus, 1,000 years before those spikes were driven through Jesus' hands and feet, God showed David what death our Saviour would die. For to Him, who knows the end from the beginning, the Roman subjugation of the Jews at the time of the Messiah's advent and His painful death of crucifixion were all known to God.

(5) The Incised Wound

This word comes to us from the Latin word "incido-incisum," meaning to cut into; to make a deep inci-

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sion; to carve."

The record is clear; the work has been done. Jesus was wounded for our transgressions. "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water" (John 19:34). This wound was inflicted after the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, inflicted by the practiced hands of the Roman soldier to make certain that whatever of His life's blood was left, that it would be extinguished. While it did not cause death in the case of our Lord Jesus, it was an assurance to all men that death had actually occurred and a fulfillment of the prophecy of Zechariah. "And they shall look upon me whom they have pierced" (Zech. 12:10). "Behold, every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him" (Rev. 1:7).

From this wound (so large that Thomas could have thrust his hand into it), "came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true." This wonderful sight awakened surprise and deep interest in the beloved disciple. May it engage our attention, also.

The pericardium is a closed sac encasing the heart and lubricated by a small amount of fluid (about a teaspoonful) to facilitate the motion of the heart. This according to medical surgery is the normal amount, but this amount may be increased to 24 teaspoonfuls where the death agony is prolonged. The "water" is mute testimony, confirmed by medical scientists, of the intense suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In this act of the Roman soldier, and that contrary to nature, blood flowed from one already dead. Thus by death He vanquished death and did not see corruption. Thus His last wound proclaimed Him purification and redemption for the believing sinner of Adam's sinful off-spring.

"From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores" (Isa. 1:6). This is how the eye of a loving, grace-giving God saw the fallen race.

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of Jesus, "She hath done what she could." Upon the assumption that Christ desires such service from His women (AND HIS MEN) might we search the Scripture to establish His will divine.

BE IN CHURCH

Hebrews 10:25 makes it clear that God desires the saints to assemble with saints of like faith. If you are convinced that women are to be pastors, then assemble in a church where this is practiced. Of course, the Lord will not be there because he instructed His assemblies otherwise, "Let your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to

speak in the church" (I Cor. 14:34-35). "Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over a man, but to be in silence" (I Tim. 2:11-12). I have heard many man-made explanations for these verses, yet am determined to let them lay as is. I expect godly women that believe the Holy Writ to be infallible to stand in utmost obedience to them. I feel sorry for the men that encourage any woman in her disobedience of any Scripture.

If a woman does what she can and is so clearly commanded to be silent, and not usurp authority, then it is totally impossible for her to exercise the office of bishop. A woman is capable of preaching a good message, but she is in violation of Scripture if she does so in a New Testament assembly. She is equal in Christ, but she is not responsible to feed the flock of God.

If she claims that she is not bound by law, but under grace, then I would assign Acts 15:1-36 for her study.

BE COVERED

I Corinthians 11 is still in the Bible — "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ: and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." If you miss this verse, you void the whole teaching. Christ was represented by the high priest, who covered his head to show subjection to the Father and the foreshadowing actions of the ceremonial law. The priest was showing that Christ was to be willing to be our sacrifice, subject to the decrees of the Father.

After the cruel crucifixion of the Messiah, He ascended to be seated with the Father, and His Elect were gathered in assembled capacity. In this capacity the assembly was subject to the Saviour. The bride shows her subjection in the covering. In the local body God has decreed the woman to show the relationship of the Bride to the Groom, Messiah.

In I Corinthians 11:3-10 we have the whole of the material teaching on the covering; if it is Bible, the saint must observe this and not despise the wonder of it all — "But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God" (I Cor. 11:16). Of course, some will contend from this verse that the custom of

covering the woman's head is denied by this verse, but the opposite is stated. If one denies the practice, they err. The custom in New Testament times was to be united on the subject, for contention, a trait of the ungodly, was not to be encouraged in the saints.

BE MODEST

"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel..." (I Tim. 2:9). This Scripture sets the responsibility for a woman to be modest. This should be carried forth into the assemblies — they should be modest, simple worship services to exalt God. The dress of the whole body should be an inner clothing of good works, which incorporates all spiritual traits.

Of women Peter declares, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" (I Peter 3:3-4).

The flash of a joyful heart is more appealing than a "Dior" suit. A saint that spends two hours in the Word of God is more blessed than the one that is two hours getting ready for church services. The opportunities one has, but that one doesn't take them, makes his or her Christianity deplorable.

BE SUBMISSIVE

"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation (behavior) of the wives; while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear" (I Peter 3:1-2). If each woman that holds a pulpit and is married were honest to Scripture, then they would step down and give it over to a God-fearing man. They should do this because they also fear God and desire to obey Him, but rather, they hate God and express it in their disobedience.

Paul encouraged, "Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as unto the Lord" (Eph. 5:22), but some are not obeying this challenge. I query if this might be because the next verse tells men to love their wives and we don't obey,

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"SO MUST THE SON OF MAN BE LIFTED UP"

Through the wilderness, wild and wide,
God led His people, the Israelites;
And in His mercy did provide
A cloud by day, a pillar of fire by night.

He sent them manna down from heaven,
Yea, angel's food they ate;
And when thirsty, they were given
Water from a rock, so great.

All their needs God did provide,
Performed miracles again and again;
Still, they were never satisfied,
But constantly murmured and complained.

Then God sent fiery serpents to distress,
Many were bitten, and some died, too;
they cried to Moses, their sins confessed,,
And God told Moses just what to do.

Make a brazen, fiery serpent,
Place it on a pole for all to see;
All who looked IN FAITH on that brazen serpent,
Were healed! This was God's simple remedy.

Now the fiery serpent spoke of sin.
Which like an adder, stings at last;
God's judgment on sin was typified in
The fiery serpent made of brass.

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
So must Jesus, the Son of man, be lifted up;
Jesus lived a life of perfect righteousness,
And for His people drank the bitter cup.

He, who knew no sin, was made sin for us,
Lifted up on the cross, He paid the awful price;
For He suffered, bled and died for us,
All who trust in Him shall have eternal life!

Mrs. Frank Parrish
Courtland, Virginia

CURRENT BOOK REVIEWS

M. L. Moser, Jr., A STUDY GUIDE TO THE BOOK OF REVELATION, VOL. 1. \$5.95

This spiral bound book is published by Challenge Press of Little Rock, Ark., and is the first of an anticipated three volumes. It is an outline of messages which Pastor Moser has preached in a verse-by-verse study of the Book of Revelation. The messages themselves are available on cassette from Challenge Press.

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Martin Paul, THE UNEQUAL YOKE Challenge Press, 1981 \$2.25.

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Subjects such as liberal views on the Bible, the person and work of Christ, separatism and evolution are all discussed and refuted. It presents the liberal view of unionism for what it really is and liberal religious universities for what they are and what harm they can do.

Parents and students alike should read this powerhouse of information on "come out and be ye separate."

Koch, Kurt - OCCULT ABE distributed by Kregel \$7.95

This book was published in 1978, as Satan's Devices. It discusses in layman's language various occult movements, ideologies, and practices of today. The book is, in the main section, arranged in alphabetical order from acupuncture to yoga. It discusses rock music, the queen of black witches, parapsychology, divining rods, spiritism, Kathryn Kuhlman, etc.

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so women follow our example.
BE A MOTHER

Most of all, a Christian woman should be a mother to her family, "...be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed" (Titus 2:3-5).

In the 1980's the most disturbing thing is a woman that can not keep a house or feed a family. Now they can run massive computers, or run factories, but it is impossible to keep from scorching water. They want to teach people doctrine, but they will circumvent their responsibilities of chastity and obedience. This is a sad commentary on some women, and it also explains why they get limited respect from their spouse.

In conclusion, we will see that a woman has much responsibility, yet today they attempt to reach out to areas they are not expected to achieve. I believe the woman should strive to do her best at her job. The commendation of our Lord should be sweet enough for their goal.

On the other side of the coin, I believe the men should encourage their wives in obedience and godly living. I have met some very devout women. Sometimes I think our women have closer walks with God. I see in many, character that should be in the lives of their husbands. Too often I see men ridicule their godly wives. These things ought not to be! Brethren, let us be a help to our wives. If they obey God's Word, then let us thank and praise them!

ARE YOU

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with all its sin and evils, to those who love it. If you are a Christian and you are not expecting this rapture at any hour now, then some Hymensu has overthrown your faith. (Read II Timothy 2:17).

Some will not be in the Rapture. Mark it down and know assuredly that every Roman Catholic on this earth who is trusting in the teachings of the Roman church for their salvation, will NOT be in the Rapture. The Roman church does not teach that Jesus Christ is the believer's Priest. The Roman Church does not teach that faith in Jesus Christ's shed blood washes away all sin. (I Jn. 1:7 and Rev. 1:5). And on and on it could and should go, until Romanism is exposed for what it is. The purpose of our speaking out against these false hopes is not to antagonize any reader. Our purpose is to warn and sound the alarm of danger to you who are trusting in eternal life by some other means than that which is spelled out in God's eternal Book.

The Mormon who trusts in the Mormon Church teaching for his salvation - will not be in the Rapture. Mormonism is a cult. Mormonism was started in



QUESTION:—How old was the first woman whose age is recorded?

ANSWER:—127 years, Sarah, Genesis 23:10 — "And Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: these were the years of the life of Sarah."

1830 in Palmyra, N.Y. with a fellow called Joseph Smith. After spending several years in the study of Mormonism we have found that most of their people do not even know the teaching of their Mormon church. This religion teaches that they can baptize one of their own alive people for some one who is dead and deceased for their salvation. This religion teaches that Jesus Christ was a liar when He said that He was going "to build His Church and the gates of Hell would not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18), for they say that the church left the earth and Joe Smith had to reorganize it all over again.

One of their advocates told me personally in reply to this scripture, when asked if Jesus Christ were the liar or Joseph Smith; that, "Jesus Christ was a liar." Now this fellow should read Hebrews 6:18 where God's Word says, "it is impossible for God to lie." Romans 3:3-4 says, "yea, let God be true, but every man a liar." Those who defend Mormonism and other false cults need first to do some study so they might know what they are defending. Mormonism, like Masonry, is nothing more or less than a man-made system (that is what religion means) of works to let man try by his deeds to acclaim eternal life. But that is contrary to God's eternal Word which says, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us" (Titus 3:5).

There is a vast majority who will not be in the Rapture. Jesus Christ Himself said, "wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction; and many there be that go in there at: because narrow is the way, that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matt. 7:13, 14). Christendom wants to put everyone and everything into Heaven. There is very little difference today between the lost sinner and professed Christendom. Godliness and salvation go hand in hand. God says, "Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14). The ungodly will not be in the Rapture. Today is women-lib, abortion, ERA, children's rights, long hair, drugs, homosexuals, immorality, drunkards, and you name it. God told the Apostle Paul to tell the world, "not to be deceived!" "the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God... neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind (homosexuals), nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of

QUITE A CONTRAST

1. Congregational church.
2. Christ the head.
3. Salvation in Christ.
4. Total depravity.
5. Salvation by grace.
6. Christ forgives sins.
7. Imputed righteousness.
8. Salvation.
9. Security.
10. Bibles for all.
11. Private interpretation.
12. Bible the guide.
13. Infallible Bible.
14. Separation of Church and State.
15. Church democracy.
16. Congregational church.
17. Freedom of conscience.
18. Ministerial equality.
19. Obedience to Christ.
20. Two ordinances.
21. Baptism for believers.
22. Immersion-baptism.
23. Baptism for believers.
24. Lord's Supper memorial.
25. Consists of bread and wine.
26. Refuses state aid.
27. Separation of church and state.
28. Religious liberty.
29. Confess To God.
30. Pray to God.
31. Pray to God by Christ.
32. A poor Jesus.
33. Jesus in a manager.
34. Jesus in swaddling clothes.
35. Baptist preachers marry.
36. Asks forgiveness of God.

1. Universal church
2. Pope the head.
3. Salvation in the church.
4. Inherent good.
5. Salvation by works.
6. Priest forgives sins.
7. Self-righteousness.
8. Probation.
9. Apostasy.
10. Bible for officials.
11. Pope interpretation.
12. Church the guide.
13. Infallible Pope.
14. State church.
15. Church autocracy.
16. Hierarchy.
17. Mental and spiritual bondage.
18. Grades in ministry.
19. Obedience to the Pope.
20. Seven sacraments.
21. Baptismal regeneration.
22. Affusion baptism.
23. Baptism for unbelievers.
24. Sacramental.
25. Real body and blood of Christ.
26. Catholics seek it.
27. Union of church and state.
28. Religious persecution.
29. Confess to the priest.
30. Pray to Virgin Mary.
31. Many, the dead saints.
32. A rich Pope.
33. Pope in a Vatican.
34. Pope decorated with gold.
35. Catholics do not.
36. Catholics go to mass.

God" (I Cor. 6:9-10).

Today we cannot pray in the State School System, and yet, we can pay our taxes to support such and then turn around and allow homosexuals to teach their damnable, ungodly filth openly in the San Francisco schools. It's time that those who are contenders for the Faith let the world know what God thinks about those abominations. God's attitude of specific sins has never and will never change. He says, "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

When we look at our Old Testament we know God's mind and attitude concerning homosexuals and sodomites. Let's look at some. I Kings 14:24 God says, sodomites are an abomination. Leviticus 18:22 says, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination." God says in Leviticus 20:13, "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: They shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them." Now this is God's attitude about homosexuals and lesbians. He said to His people in the Old Testament time to kill them, get rid of them, and not allow them to live. Why? — because this horrible, sick, degenerate sin that they have, will be picked up by others and the land will become greatly polluted. This was the sin that was taking place in Sodom when the Holy God of Heaven got so putrid of it that He burnt all of them to crisp ashes in a tempest of fire. America is preparing herself for God's same kind of judgment by allowing and helping these abominations. No, these will not be in the Rapture.

FOR THOSE NOT IN THE RAPTURE

There are some things that will happen to those who are left behind here on the earth after the Rapture. They will go into the seven years of tribulation that God is going to send upon the earth. These things are explicitly spelled out in Matthew 24 and Revelation chapters four through nineteen. One of the notable things that we see con-

stantly edging nearer is the numbering of the human race. With the electronic computers every individual's life records are to be stored on what is called microchips. One's life history can be told in minutes today upon the computer board when his or her "Date" is fed to the computer. This file story of the individual is taken from his high school records, his medical records, his military records, his I.R.S. Records, and the census report records where you answered all those questions

that were nobody's business but your own. When all this is combined in a computer file under your number (not name for you are identified by your Social Security number), then government knows all about you in a moments notice. They are assigning social security or identification numbers to babies in the hospital upon birth.

After the Rapture, a person's nine digit social security number will be laser tattooed in his right hand or forehead, invisible to all

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"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY"

GLORIETA, N.M. (EP)—"The days of anger and hostility are over," Southern Baptist Convention President Bailey Smith says, because "Southern Baptists would rather win the world than fight each other."

"I think we are going to bury our hatchets, pick up our Bibles and go out and win the world," Smith said.

In a post-convention assessment of the biblical inerrancy debate and power struggles that have plagued the 13.6 million member denomination for the last two years, Smith said: "Inerrancy is no longer a club to hit people over the head."

Smith said he decided the last Sunday before the convention to insert into his presidential address that the "Baptist Faith and Message" is the strongest statement Baptists need to make about the Bible, though he added he has always believed that to be true. "I knew the conservatives respected me and believed in me. If anyone could influence people to back off on some things I could. As president of the convention that was my job," said Smith.

NEW YORK (EP)—A specialist in constitutional law recently warned a group of educators that three school-related issues now before the American public posed a "serious threat" to church-state separation.

The first issue targeted by Samuel Rabinove, Director of the Legal Division of the American Jewish Committee's Domestic Affairs Department, was the proposed Helms Amendment in Congress, which would strip the Federal Courts — including the U.S. Supreme Court — of jurisdiction to rule on state school prayer legislation. Speaking in Rochester, N.Y., to a meeting of public school superintendents, school principals, and school board members, Mr. Rabinove said that the Helms Amendment, if enacted, would be a "major threat to the Bill of Rights" and would enable "different state supreme courts to issue conflicting interpretations of the First Amendment."

Another "threat to separation of church and state in the public schools," Mr. Rabinove continued, is the "scientific creationism" movement, which seeks to require schools that teach Darwin's theory of evolution to give "equal time" to the Biblical story of creation. Charging that "scientific creationism" contains "nothing scientific," the attorney called the movement a "blatant at-

tempt to intrude the Biblical account of creation as set forth in Genesis, which is clearly religious in nature, into public school teaching."

Mr. Rabinove also criticized the campaign to grant tuition tax credits to parents of pupils in religious schools. Saying that such credits would be "an indirect subsidy for religious instruction," he asserted that "In the United States, it should not be the business of government to subsidize, whether directly or indirectly, schools whose chief reason for being is to propagate a religious faith, whether that faith be Jewish, Lutheran, Catholic, Unification Church, Hare Krishna or Black Muslim."

GULDARA, Afghanistan (EP)—Soviet troops killed 40 unarmed Muslims who were praying in a Mosque here. Xinhua, the official Chinese news agency, reports the incident as well as accounts of victim's relatives and eyewitnesses of the May 9, 1981, attack.

"The Russians shot them because they believed they were freedom fighters. They were only praying," charges one eyewitness. Word of the mosque-turned-abattoir spread rapidly. Enraged Afghans opened fire on Soviet soldiers, killing several. The Soviets then bombed the city, which is only 17 miles from Kabul, the capitol. Xinhua reports massive Afghan casualties.

INDIJA, Yugoslavia (EP)—Those who drive on the highway between Belgrade and Novi Sad will at several points pass over human remains, which were removed from a Catholic cemetery upon the instruction of Yugoslavian authorities.

The Catholic parish newspaper here reported to East/West News Service that authorities permitted construction of a high-rise complex on the cemetery grounds. This small parish protested vehemently against the proposal. Nonetheless, earthmoving equipment shoveled out cemetery dirt, including human remains, using it for fill during highway construction.

Parish priest Ilija Marinovic led the inauspicious protest against the destruction of the cemetery, and has since been transferred as a disciplinary measure. Prior to World War II India was one of the largest "Danube Swabian" (German Protestant) communities in Yugoslavia. After the mass expulsion of the German minorities from the Syrian plain at the end of the war, only the small Catholic minority remained.

WASHINGTON (EP)—Congress acted within its constitutional authority last year when it excluded women from military registration, the Supreme Court has ruled. The high court decided 6-3 that Congress' responsibility under Article I of the Constitution to "raise and support" military forces took precedence over a challenge by a group of men that the exclusion of women from registration denied them due process and equal protection under the law.

Controversy over draft registration arose last year when former president Jimmy Carter proposed that Congress enact legislation to enable the registration of both men and women. Draft registration had been suspended in 1975, two years

after the Military Service Act was amended to end military conscription. But Congress, while going along with Carter's request for funds to renew registration for men, refused his efforts to have women included.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (EP)—The American Friends Service Committee charged today that the Supreme Court decision supporting all-male military draft registration may lead to prosecution of thousands of the nation's youth who failed to register and to pressure for full return of conscription. The Quaker organization also said "The draft represents increased militarization of our society and encourages military intervention abroad."

The AFSC said that since July, 1980, thousands of young men did not register, although according to the law, were required to do so. Official government figures indicate that there are more than 500,000 eligible young men who did not register. Selective Service officials have told AFSC representatives that they were waiting for June 25's high court decision before turning over to the Justice Department for prosecution, the names of persons who did not sign. The Defense Department already is publishing advertisements threatening prosecution and imprisonment for such nonregistrants.

"We are unalterably opposed to the draft and to registration as a step toward conscription," said Asia A. Bennett, AFSC Executive Secretary. "The draft is a violation of religious freedom and of our own deepest Quaker religious principles. The draft cannot be fair. The burdens of it and of military recruitment without conscription inevitably fall heaviest on the poor and minorities. AFSC supports equal rights for women, including the basic right of women, as well as men, not to be drafted or registered. We support persons who conscientiously refuse to register, as well as those who register but refuse to be drafted into the military."

MEXICO CITY (EP)—Some 1,650 radio listeners have responded to a 30-second spot and requested a copy of the book "Family Harmony," offered free by Baptists in Mexico City. "Many people who called in asked for the addresses of our churches and the schedule of their activities," said Baptist representative David Daniell.

Some people said their marriages were such that they "couldn't wait" for the book to arrive by mail and would pick it up personally. A woman who said she was contemplating suicide because of her marriage was eager to receive the book.

The commercials included the jingle, "Together and in harmony, the family lives better," and ended with the tag, "...a message from the Baptists."

The Mexican government has prohibited religious broadcasts since July 1980, "so we were extremely gratified that the stations didn't cut the Baptist identification," Daniell said. Respondents are being invited to a family life festival in July, which is part of a massive urban evangelism project in Mexico City.

WASHINGTON (EP)—In the latest round of its continuing legal war with the federal government, the Church of Scientology failed to convince the U.S. Supreme Court to review its charges against four federal employees it accused of violating its constitutional rights. The high court justices unanimously let stand two lower court rulings against the Scientologists, who claim a memo circulated in various government agencies in 1967 abridged the

church's free exercise of religion.

The memo, allegedly written by a Department of Labor employee, contained damaging and what the church called "knowingly false" information about the Church of Scientology and its controversial founder, L. Ron Hubbard. According to the Scientologists, the memo was based on information provided the Labor Department by two employees at the Internal Revenue Service and was sent to the State Department, an action which led to the revocation of the visa of a minister of the church from overseas.

TACOMA, Wash. (EP)—Christians should refrain from and urge society to refrain from, experimental efforts to modify the human genetic heritage by genetic engineering, according to one of the resolutions adopted at the final business session of the 97th annual conference of the Evangelical Free Church of America. The conference, meeting at Pacific Lutheran University with a total of 1,457 registered, also approved a resolution urging Christians to be active in community affairs and to speak against the growing influence of secular humanism in public schools.

Another resolution, also approved, encouraged Christians to seek to exercise legitimate influence in public education and to "voice their opinions and seek to protect their values in public and political discourse." In addition, delegates adopted a resolution proclaiming the sanctity of life for all people, including the unborn child. Another portion of the Resolutions Committee report, also accepted, observed that the Bible plainly condemns the practice of homosexuality as sin, but also proclaims forgiveness and power for godly living to all who will turn from this sin and accept Christ as Lord and Saviour.

HONG KONG (EP)—The entire print run of 135,000 copies of the 1910 version of the Chinese Bible has sold out in mainland China, Reuter reported from Peking recently.

The Bible is published and distributed in Shanghai by the Protestant Three-Self Patriotic Movement Committee and costs five yuan (about \$3) each, Reuter said.

Meanwhile, Agence France Presse reported from Peking recently that about 40 Chinese citizens were baptized on Easter Sunday at one of Peking's Protestant churches. It was the second time that baptism was held in this church since the death of Mao Tse-tung four years ago and the revival of organized religion in mainland China.

According to members of the congregation, among the most aged baptized was a woman who was forced "to give up religion" during the Cultural Revolution from 1966-67 and had not attended service since.

BUCHAREST, Romania (EP)—Five Romanian pastors are in imminent danger of being brought to trial, with the possibility of sentences ranging from 20 years imprisonment to execution, according to a report from East/West News Service.

JOSIF TON, VASILE TALOS, JOSEPH SARAC, VASILE BRINZEI, and PASCU GEABOU are reportedly targets in what Romanian dissident sources call a "harassment campaign"; accusations subsume: embezzlement of church funds, including unauthorized purchases and contributions. In 1960 Baptist and Romanian officials agreed to place the sole responsibility of church expenditures upon the pastor of each individual congregation. Some Baptists con-

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tend this concordance was reached under duress; and that it was only a "stop-gap" measure. Previously, these churches equally shared fiscal responsibility amongst the pastor, the deacons, and the full congregation.

TUCSON, Ariz. (EP)—The leader of a small religious sect who had predicted that all Christian believers would be taken up to Heaven by noon June 29 said after the deadline passed that he must have "missed the date."

"It's not God's fault. People can blame me," said Bill Maupin, a 51-year-old former businessman.

He said the event would be preceded by Israel capturing Lebanon and Damascus, Syria, presaging the return of Jesus Christ. Neither Maupin nor his followers, some of whom had sold their possessions to prepare, appeared bothered at the possibility of being called false prophets.

"God's word is true," Maupin said, and that the ascension didn't occur "means I miscalculated." Maupin said he would not set another possible rapture date.

Maupin; his wife, Elizabeth; at least one of their five children, and many of the 40 to 50 members of the Lighthouse Gospel Tract Foundation that he established in his home in 1970 waited enthusiastically all day and night June 28 for the rapture to take place.

Dozens of people milled about, eating snacks, sipping soft drinks; giving interviews, discussing rapture, answering telephone calls, reading Bibles, playing guitars and singing spirituals.

Maupin gave up his wrought-iron business last year to devote full time to his preaching and preparations for going to Heaven.

In making his prediction, he said the Bible foretells that all believers, including people long dead, would ascend to Heaven eight days after the beginning of a seven-year period of tribulation before the return of Christ.

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except the scanner of the computer. This number will probably be preceded by a three digit number, 666, as is now happening with several European Common Market Commodities. God's eternal Word tells us of this event that will come to pass, when a man will be given authority to pass, when a man will be given authority to rule this world as President of Planet Earth. In II Thessalonians 2:3, he is called "the man of sin" who is "the son of perdition" or anti-christ, or the devil incarnate. He will "cause all both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. (Rev. 13:16-17).

Now friend, if you miss the Rapture—this event will be forced upon you. If you receive this mark, name or number—God says you will be tormented forever in the lake of fire with the Devil and his angels. (Read Rev. 14:9-11). If you will this day have repentance toward God and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ, "thou shalt be saved." You must turn from your sin and wickedness to complete faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ for your sins to be ready for the

Rapture.

To those whom Christ has elected, died for, redeemed and sanctified - He will glorify and not one will be left behind. If you be one of those, then,

I'll see you in the Rapture!

If we never meet again

On this earth, my precious friend;

Through the Blood of Christ our Lord,

We shall surely enter in.

So get ready now to meet Him,

And with hallelujahs greet Him.

I'll see you in the Rapture
Some sweet day!

SIXTEEN RULES FOR PARENTS

by Harold Freese
Mansfield, Ohio

"And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

1. From your children's earliest infancy you must inculcate the necessity of instant obedience.

2. Unite firmness with gentleness.

3. Let them know impressing understanding that you mean exactly what you say by enforcing it, not allowing disobedient back talk.

4. Never promise them

anything unless you are sure that you can give them what you promise; by overdoing it, when they become teenagers they will be overpowering you.

5. Always punish your child for willfully disobeying you, without becoming raged with uncontrollable anger; be calm.

6. Never allow them to be able to vex you, or cause you to lose your self-control.

7. If they give away to petulance and temper, then gently reason with them when they are calm, by using the impropriety of their conduct.

8. Always remember present punishment, properly applied rather than constantly threatening and never enforcing it; the latter invites renewing of the fault. "Do not spare the rod, and spoil the child." This is a command of God.

9. Under no condition do not ever allow them when they cry, to have their own way; this type of their determined condition leads to loose living and thinking, but may appear harmless at that particular moment.

10. By no means do not ever definitely deviate from what you formerly made a definite forbidden rule; this leads to circumstances of children overpowering their parents.

11. Teach children the only sure and easy way to appear with a proper conduct, is their being submissive to obedience.

12. Accustom them to make their recitals without false accusations; teach them to tell only the precise truth.

13. Never allow children to be tale-bearing, condemning others; teach them to examine their own conducts.

14. Establish yourself so that they become confident that they can come to you voluntarily with their problems and questions so that you can advise and counsel all matters they will ultimately face.

15. Always make it a specific purpose, setting a goal to guide their footsteps in the path of the righteousness of Jesus Christ, and a devoted respectful attitude toward a true Church; eliminate worldly attraction, that leads astray.

16. In the majority of UNGODLY homes the trend has reversed itself to modernistic times, to the disgraceful methods of "The children, especially teenagers who are raising the parents." They are allowed exceeding overabundance of LUXURIOUS LIVING, which they DO NOT APPRECIATE, thinking that the world owes them, this corrupt depraved outrageous living.

BRIEF NOTE

The King's Addition Baptist Church wishes to announce the birth of a new church. The Walnut Creek Missionary Baptist Church was organized on Saturday, July 11, 1981 at Sunbury, Ohio. Elder Oscar Mink and Elder James E. Hobbs preached at that service and the following other churches were represented: Bethel Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky, James Grace, Pastor; Calvary Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky, Owen Croy, Pastor; Midland Baptist Church Franklin Furnace, Ohio, Harry Balmer, Pastor.

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