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Dear friends,

Greetings to each of you from Papua, New Guinea.

We trust that this finds each of you rejoicing in the marvelous blessings of the Lord. We have so much to rejoice over and be thankful for — time and space would fail us to try to mention them all. To mention only a few, we thank the Lord daily for our

responsibility to be faithful in the work the Lord has called me to do, and that I try to carry out whether or not I can get out the reports.

We held three Bible Conferences during 1981 — two of which were outstanding. There were folk saved at each of these conferences. Ten people were saved during the Conference we held here at the Tangi Mission Station in December. We

preach lots of doctrine, but our Conferences are not just dry orthodoxy, they are all Christ-centered and the major emphasis at each Conference is directed to the lost and Christ as the only hope. We have not assigned subjects now for quite some time (I am not condemning this practice), but the preachers here always have fresh new messages, instead of. (Continued on Page 5 Column 1)

## THE LOVE LIFE OF THE UNSAVED

"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, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (II Tim. 3:1-5).

These verses certainly constitute a refutation of Postmillennialism. This false doctrine teaches that things are going to get better and better — that through the preaching of the gospel, the majority of men will be saved, and this will bring about a time when the world will live by Bible principles and we

will have a glorious time of peace and holiness upon the earth — and during this time, Jesus will be where He is now.



Joe Wilson

Heaven. But these verses prove that times will get progressively worse, and that the last days will be the worst of all. The Bible does teach a glorious time of. (Continued on Page 6 Column 2)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon By John R. Gilpin

### WHY I OPPOSE THE POPE'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS

A pope during the 16th century took it upon himself to carve up the New World, and to divide it between Spain and Portugal. This bishop of Rome soberly informed the secular powers that North and South America were parts of his preserve to be divided according to his whim and fancy.

Now, in the enlightened 20th century, we are treated to another demonstration of his papal arrogance.

Pope Paul has invited himself to come to the New World, to become the supreme arbiter of peace at the council of the United Nations.

Now I have no objection to the Pope coming to the United States, as a private citizen. However, for him to appear before the United Nations, I have some very, very definite objections.

It was a startling announce-

ment which the Roman Catholic press made when they said it was possible that the pope might fly from the Second Vatican Council to address the United Nations. I wondered if this were just propaganda — perhaps putting out a "feeler" to see the reaction of the people of the United States, or if it could be a reality.

Through the years gone by, many of the popes have proposed to mediate in international disputes. I have always said that this was wrong and I say now that it is a hundred percent wrong for the Pope to be given this privilege.

I wish to give you a few reasons why that I am definitely opposed to the Pope's visit, and particularly, his appearance before the United Nations.

**THE POPE REPRESENTS INTOLERANCE AND**

## A DESPERATE ANOMALY

Raymond A. Waugh, Sr.

Part II

Propounding

As some in another tragic hour of human history, these parachurch personnel of the



Ray Waugh

"Christianity Today" organization and publication align themselves with unscriptural religious men and the devices of evil men. As some in another

day, these may appeal to a "Moses," but, as those evil men who have preceded them, they despise the Scriptures as the Scriptures.

With such an attitude toward the Word of God, they can relax in their own religious relativisms and be most content with their "brand" of ecumenicalism. They may happily concede the wisdom and give their loyalties to a "Paul," and "Apollos," or a "Cephas," as it were, but they have no place in their parachurch activities for the Lord Jesus Christ or the local New Testament Churches of the Lord Jesus Christ as they are detailed in the Word of God.

Consequently, they miss the meaning of the teaching of the Spirit of God in the Word of God. "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were ye immersed in the name of Paul?" (I Cor. 1:13).

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## THE CHILDREN OF GOD LIKENED TO FINE GOLD

by Ron Boswell

Smithsburg, Maryland

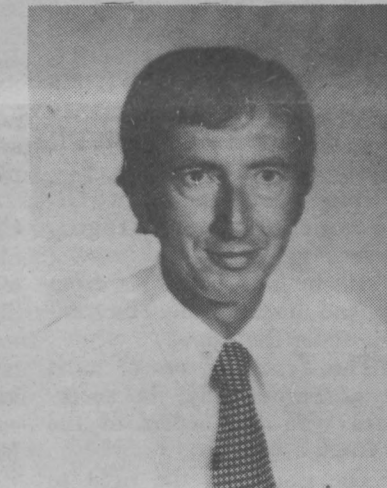
"The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold..." (Lamentations 4:2).

As we consider this text, we know that Satan has a counterfeit for everything that God has. Just as there is genuine gold, there is a false gold. The prospectors called it fool's gold. It looked very much like the real thing and sometimes only the trained laboratory technician with tests could detect that it was fool's gold.

Even so, there are genuine born-again people and there are those that profess Christ, and yet, have no born-again experience. Possibly, they are deceived by their own hearts as well as by the master deceiver, even Satan himself.

They worship Christ but it is in vain. Listen to His words in Matthew 15:8, 9: "...their

heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me..." People that worship Christ and go to Hell! Simply fool's gold, not genuine. However, our text speaks of fine gold — the blood-bought people of the Lord — sometimes downcast, sometimes



Ron Boswell

not feeling like God's elect, yet knowing they have no other hope than the crucified Saviour who rose from the dead. These are the ones likened to fine gold in the sight of the Lord.

**I. Gold is found in the most unlikely places.**

Many of the gold strikes have been found in very diverse places in the world. There is sunny California in contrast with the cold, snow-covered slopes of Alaska. Who would have thought there to be gold in these places? Yet, there was.

With God's people, the same is true. In some places there is much people of the Lord, and yet, in others, there are very few. What answer can there be other than the one found in Romans 9:15: "...I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy..." Even though some feel they played a part, yet in the light of Scripture we must simply say, it is all due to the Divine plan of God as stated in Romans 9:16: "So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy."

Sometimes we go to a place of business or a neighborhood never thinking there would be a child of God there, only to be pleasantly surprised by finding a

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## POPE

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certainly cannot represent, nor  
speak for millions of Protestants  
and Baptists who are excluded  
by him and his church.

### II

**I PROTEST THE POPE'S  
APPEARANCE BEFORE  
THE UNITED NATIONS  
SINCE THE POPE CLAIMS  
UNLIMITED POWER OVER  
THE WORLD.**

Professor of Canon Law, Dr.  
G.F. Schults, of Prague,  
teaches:

"All human power is from  
evil, and must therefore be stand-  
ing under the Pope.

"The Temporal power must  
act unconditionally, in accor-  
dance with the orders of the  
spiritual.

"The Pope has the right to  
annul state laws, treaties, con-  
stitutions, etc., and to absolve  
from obedience thereto, as soon  
as they seem detrimental to the  
rights of the church, or those of  
the clergy.

"It has been proved that the  
Popes, according to their own  
teaching, have full and  
unlimited power over the world  
— countries, nations, oceans,  
reigns of all kinds, emperors,  
kings, and all authorities." (Synopsis of Canon Law, entitled,  
"Power of the Roman Popes  
over Princes, Countries, Nations,  
and Individuals." 1871).

"What the pope says is law in  
this country" (Fr. Phalen in  
Western Watchman, May 9,  
1912).

"The supreme Pontiff, by  
Divine right, has the fullest  
power over the whole world,  
both in ecclesiastical and in  
political matters" (Cardinal  
Bellarmine).

"Individual liberty in reality  
is only a deadly anarchy" (Pope  
Pius XII, April 6, 1951).

"No Catholic may positively  
and unconditionally approve of  
the policy of separation of  
Church and State" (Msgr.  
O'Toole, Catholic U. of  
America).

"The real glory attached to  
being a citizen of the U.S.A. is

*You cannot give to the world any more than you give God.*

that it always comes second. Be-  
ing a Catholic comes first." (Commonwealth, Dec. 2, 1949).

"Heretics may not only be ex-  
communicated, but justly put to  
death" (Catholic Encyclopedia,  
Vol. XIV, Page 768).

"...and, if necessary, we shall  
change, mend, or blot out the  
present Constitution so that the  
President may enforce his, or  
rather our, humanitarian pro-



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gram and all phases of human  
rights as laid down by our saintly  
Popes and the Holy Mother  
church."... "We control  
America, and we do not propose  
to stop until America or  
Americans are genuinely  
Roman Catholic, and remain  
so. God help us" (From a letter  
by Fr. P.H. O'Brien).

"...Tell us, in the conflict be-  
tween the Church and the civil  
government, we take the side of  
the Catholic Church; of course,  
we do... the Pope is the ruler of  
the world" (Father D.S.  
Phelan, June 17, 1912, Western  
Watchman).

"It will be a glorious day for  
Roman Catholicism in this  
country when under the laws of  
justice and morality our school  
system shall be shivered to  
pieces" (Catholic Telegraph).

"The rights of the Roman  
Catholic Church in the teaching  
of youth comes before the rights  
of the state" (Pope John XXIII,  
Scranton Tribune).

"The public man who an-  
tagonizes the Catholic Church  
in these days is a political  
suicide" (Western Watchman,  
May 16, 1912).

Pope Leo XIII stated in his  
encyclical, "Chief duties of  
Christian Citizens, that  
Catholics owe 'complete submis-  
sion and obedience of will to the  
Church and to the Roman Pon-  
tiff as to God Himself.'"

Thus we see by their  
teachings that Romanism claims  
full and unlimited power over  
the world, countries, nations,  
oceans, emperors, and all those  
in authority. When the pope  
speaks, he does not speak as a  
private individual, but he  
speaks as the Roman Pontiff  
who claims the rights to exercise  
all the powers that are vested in  
him, which are calculated to  
lead to the age-long determina-  
tion to bring the pope to the  
throne of the world.

Now do you think it is right  
for such an individual who  
claims to have power over  
everything, and everybody  
within the world, to mediate in  
regard to national and interna-  
tional disputes, especially when  
his doctrinal position is entirely  
different to that of the vast ma-  
jority of the world. I, for one, do  
not think so. For more than a  
hundred years the Roman  
Catholic has been planning and  
preparing for the psychological  
moment in a series of world  
crises when it might seem logical  
to present the Pope as the leader  
in world affairs. This ambition  
for the throne of the world was  
voiced by the Jesuits almost one  
hundred years ago when F.X.  
Weniger, D.D., missionary of



Medford Caudill

Elder Medford Caudill of  
509½ East Waterford Street,  
Wakarusa, Indiana would like  
to announce his call as a mis-  
sionary to Saipan. He will be go-  
ing out under the authority of  
the First Baptist Church (Elder  
Ralph Hawkins, Pastor) of  
Nappanee, Indiana.

He would be glad to visit any  
church to explain the work or  
provide other information. If  
you would like to have this man  
visit your church, please write  
the First Baptist Church, P.O.  
Box 13, Nappanee, Indiana  
46573.

the Society of Jesu, styled the  
Pope "the 'Vicar of Christ' and  
the supreme arbiter of all on  
earth" (See On the Apostolical  
and Infallible Authority of the  
Pope, 1860, p. 229).

Now if you believe that it is  
right for any one man who is in-  
tolerant of all outside the  
Romanist Church, who says  
that all human power is evil and  
that everything outside the  
Romanist Church is evil — if  
you believe it is right for such an  
individual to arbitrate, then it is  
your privilege to do so.  
However, I want you to know  
that when the pope says that he  
has the right to annul state laws,  
and treaties, and constitutions  
— so far as I am concerned, I  
am going to raise my voice to  
protest against such an in-  
dividual.

### III

**THE ROMANIST  
CHURCH TEACHES THAT  
IT IS THEIR BUSINESS TO  
ROOT OUT BAPTISTS AND  
PROTESTANTS EVEN  
WITH FIRE AND SWORD.**

Canon Law fully endorsed by  
the Jesuit Order, and approval  
given by Franciscus M. Carini,  
Provincial of the Roman Pro-  
vince, S.J., Dated at Rome one  
of the sacred days of Saint Peter  
and Paul in the year of Jubilee,  
1900 affirms:

"Nevertheless it is a Catholic  
tenet that the church may justly  
inflict on heretics the penalty of  
death."

"Since the state has the power  
of punishing its subjects and in-  
flicting a penalty proportionate  
to the severity of the offence,  
and there is no graver offence  
than heresy owing to the harm it  
does to the Christian state, —  
and, therefore, it must be rooted  
out with fire and sword" (See  
Institutions of Public Ec-  
clesiastical Law, by Marianus  
de Luca, S.J.).

Now it is the privilege of  
Rome to believe this if they  
wish, and it is just as much my  
privilege to protest against the  
appearance of the Pope before  
the United Nations, since he  
believes in destroying Baptists  
and Protestants even with fire  
and sword.

Many are the statements  
which could be multiplied prov-  
ing that Romanism asserts their  
willingness to put Baptists and  
Protestants to death in order to

further their desires.

It is true that this world of  
ours needs peace, but the prin-  
ciples of the papacy are  
diametrically opposed to peace  
and good will, except if that  
peace and good will can further  
the cause of Romanism.  
Therefore it is a joy to me to ex-  
press definitely my protest  
against the appearance of the  
pope before the U.N.

### IV

**I GO FURTHER AND RE-  
MIND YOU THAT IT IS  
NOT RIGHT FOR A MAN  
TO APPEAR BEFORE THE  
UNITED NATIONS WHO  
DOES NOT BELIEVE IN  
THE BIBLE BEING READ  
AND WHO DOES ALL  
WITHIN HIS POWER TO  
KEEP THE BIBLE FROM  
BEING TAUGHT TO HIS  
PEOPLE.**

Brethren, the United States  
was founded on the principles of  
an open Bible. Our forefathers  
came to this country to settle  
this land with the understanding  
that they were to have an open  
Bible for every home, every  
courthouse, and in all public  
buildings. I say that we are  
traitors to the founding fathers  
of our nations when we allow a  
man to speak before the United  
Nations whose religion  
discourages the use of the Word  
of God. Judas Iscariot and  
Benedict Arnold were no greater  
traitors than the citizens of the  
United States in 1965 who  
would permit, allow, encourage,  
and abet the Pope or any such  
individual to speak before the  
United Nations.

I think the United States is  
definitely prophesied in the  
Word of God. Let me read this  
Scripture:

"Woe to the land shadow-  
ing with wings, which is  
beyond the rivers of Ethiopia:  
That sendeth ambassadors by  
the sea, even in vessels of  
bulrushes upon the waters,  
saying, Go, ye swift  
messengers, to a nation scat-  
tered and peeled, to a people  
terrible from the beginning  
hereto; a nation meted out  
and trodden down, whose  
land the rivers have spoiled!  
All ye inhabitants of the  
world, and dwellers on the  
earth, see ye when he lifteth  
up an ensign on the moun-  
tains; and when he bloweth a  
trumpet, hear ye. For so the  
Lord said unto me, I will take  
my rest, and I will consider in  
my dwelling place like a clear  
heat upon herbs, and like a  
cloud of dew in the heat of  
harvest.

For afore the harvest when  
the bud is perfect, and the  
sour grape is ripening in the  
flower, he shall both cut off  
the sprigs with pruning  
hooks, and take away and cut  
down the branches. They  
shall be left together unto the  
fowls of the mountains, and to  
the beasts of the earth: and  
the fowls shall summer upon  
them, and all the beasts of the  
earth shall winter upon them.  
In that time shall the present  
be brought unto the Lord of  
hosts of a people scattered  
and peeled, and from a peo-  
ple terrible from their begin-  
ning hitherto; a nation meted  
out and trodden under foot,  
whose land the rivers have  
spoiled, to the place of the  
name of the Lord of hosts, the  
mount Zion." Isaiah 18.

### TO WHOM ADDRESSED

It is unlike chapters 13, 15, 17  
or 19. It is addressed to an un-  
named country.

### THE FIRST WORD OF PRO- PHECY

It isn't "woe," but "ho." Cf.  
Isa. 55:1. The Revised Version  
realized the mistake of the King

James translators and corrects it  
to read, "ah."

### "SHADOWED WITH WINGS"

The Revised Version  
translated this as "out-stretched  
wings." Everyone knows that  
the eagle with outstretched  
wings is the emblem of the  
United States as a nation. After  
World War I, when a reception  
was given President Wilson in  
Paris, Clemenceau said,  
"Welcome, representative of the  
nation that stretched its wings  
abroad for the protection of  
Europe."

There are other countries  
which use the eagle for an  
emblem, such as Mexico,  
Austria, Germany and Russia.  
Each of them, however, have an  
eagle with closed wings. Yet the  
eagle which appears on our  
silver money, has spread wings  
or outstretched wings — fulfill-  
ing this prophecy.

### "BEYOND THE RIVERS OF TEHIOPIA"

The prophet was speaking  
from Jerusalem. This then  
would mean that the land he  
was addressing is west of  
Ethiopia. If you will draw a line  
west from Jerusalem, "beyond  
the rivers of Ethiopia," it will  
strike no land until it touches  
South Carolina and Georgia.

### "TERRIBLE FROM THE BEGINNING"

Can you imagine a child just  
born getting up and whipping its  
mother? No one ever heard of  
this; yet, the United States did  
this very thing to England. Our  
country has never been con-  
quered, though England, Spain,  
Mexico, Germany, and Japan  
have fought against us.

"Hitherto" (Vs. 2) means  
"onward to the end." There is  
an implication in this that our  
nation never shall be conquered.

### "METED OUT"

Literally this means, "A land  
measured out by lines under the  
feet." About the time Florida,  
Louisiana, and Ohio were taken  
into the Union the government  
passed a law that all public  
lands should be surveyed by the  
North Star, with a base line run  
east and west, and all land cut  
up into mile square sections. All  
other countries mark by local  
boundaries, in contrast.

### "WHOSE LAND THE RIVERS HAVE SPOILED"

The word "spoil" literally  
means "quartered." The map of  
the United States pictures the  
only country in the world that  
has been quartered by rivers.  
Look at it and study the position  
of the Ohio, the Missouri, and  
the Mississippi Rivers.

### "THIS UNNAMED NATION HONORED"

Verse 3 indicates that  
whenever this unnamed nation  
displays its flag and sounds the  
bugle, let all the world take  
notice. A good illustration of  
this is seen in the events with  
the closing of the first World War.  
Our president was the chief  
spokesman in adjusting the  
governments and boundaries  
after the war. He dictated the  
terms of agreement. Never  
before did one man lead such a  
conference.

### THIS UNNAMED NATION TO

### BE A FRIEND TO THE JEW

Please note verse 7. This verse  
plainly indicates that this un-  
named nation shall be a friend  
to the Jews. The United States  
has been such. Of the approx-  
imately 20,000,000 Jews of the  
world, 12,000,000 of them live  
in the United States. This verse  
seemingly implies that some day  
the United States will help the  
Jews back in their homeland of  
Palestine. Cf. Isa. 60:9-14.

We might add that the United  
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States is the only nation in the world today that has not stained its statute books with laws contrary to the Jews. Eight times France has expelled all Jews from French soil. The same has happened three times in England. The United States in contrast has been a friend to the Jew.

### EVIDENCES OF DIVINE GUIDANCE

If this chapter represents the United States as we confidently believe, then the indications are that the United States is being divinely guided. This has been true through the years gone by. When America was discovered, Columbus' vessels were headed straight for Maryland or New Jersey's coasts. A storm at sea blew him southward so that he landed in the West Indies. That wind caused the Roman Catholic flag to be placed in the West Indies instead of America. How different history would have been if that wind had not blown.

Representatives of the thirteen colonies met in Philadelphia to frame a constitution. They wrangled for three weeks. It looked as though this conference would break up in confusion. In their desperation, Benjamin Franklin proposed a three-day separation, and further proposed that when they reconvened, a chaplain should read the Word of God and pray with them. Then he quoted Psalm 127:1. His motion was seconded by George Washington. They came together three days later and drafted what Gladstone called, "The greatest document ever struck from the brain of man."

I say in the light of this Scripture that I believe the United States is the most favored of all the countries of the world. And perhaps the reason for God's blessings is our background, in that our country has been founded upon an open Bible. I would not be true to the fifty million Baptists who have died in defense of the faith, nor to the founding fathers of our nation if I did not raise my voice in protest against the proposed visit of the pope before the United Nations this coming week.

I am perfectly willing for the Roman Catholics to have a fair share of the land, the air, and the sea. However, I am not willing to give them all of each. I am not willing that they shall betray the principles upon which our government was founded by compromising our principles with a man whose religious tenets are definitely opposed to everything this nation at large stands for.

God has been more than good not only to America, but to England, who in the past have dared to stand against the church of Rome.

More than three hundred years ago, the king of Spain equipped a huge fleet and dispatched it against England, to chastise that heretical land and crush her Protestantism. The fleet, according to a chronicler of that day, was the best furnished with men and all manner of provision, of any that the ocean had ever seen, and given the arrogant name of "Invincible Armada." It consisted of 180 ships, with 19,200 soldiers, 8,350 mariners, 2,080 gallery slaves, and 2,630 heavy guns. On it came with lofty turrets, like castles, in front like a half moon, the wings thereof spreading for seven miles, sailing very slowly, though with

Be sure if God sends you on stony paths, He will provide you with strong shoes.

full sails, the wind being as if it were tired of carrying them, and the ocean groaning under the weight thereof. Trusting in their strength, the Spaniards reckoned on certain victory; but there are two factors of which they had taken no account. One was the valor of the English seamen, who met them with their little fleet. The other, and by far the greater, the scorn of Him who sat in the heavens. He blew upon them and they were scattered. He sent forth a mighty wind into the sea, and drove them along the channel, and up into the cold North Sea. Many of the proud galleons were wrecked on the shore they had come to conquer, and of all that vast Armada, only fifty-three returned home to Spain, with but a poor remnant of broken, dispirited men to tell how He that is enthroned in the heavens had laughed and mocked at them. How God must have laughed at the attempts of Catholic Spain to destroy the truth which was beginning to burst into flame in England. How God must have laughed at the destruction of this great Armada.

That Spanish Armada which desired to wipe Anglo-Saxon civilization off the world and destroy the truths that had been planted by Baptists, was but flating wreckage and dead men when God finished dealing with them.

"The sea rose by reason of a great wind that blew." "He causeth the sea to rise and swallow them." "He maketh them afraid with His storm." "Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish." "Thou terrifiest them at sea." "The Lord God hath His way in the whirlwind." Two hundred times the Bible tells of God's doing and dealings with His storms at sea.

God surely showed His power and His vengeance on Catholic Spain in the destruction of the powerful Armada.

### CONCLUSION

Thomas Aquinas, the founder of the Dominican Order and the most authoritative philosopher and theologian of the Roman Church even to the present day, held that the church had the right to hunt out and kill heretics as a means of maintaining its purity. He wrote:

"Though heretics must not be tolerated because they deserve it, we must bear with them, till, by a second admonition, they may be brought back to the faith of the church. But those who, after a second admonition, remain obstinate in their errors, must not only be excommunicated, but they must be delivered to the secular power to be exterminated." (Summa Theologiae, Vol. IV, p. 90).

I tell you, beloved, Rome is not to be trusted, the Pope is not to be trusted, and to allow him to appear before the United Nations is setting a most dangerous precedent. There are three things I want you to remember:

ROME IN THE MINORITY IS A LAMB.

ROME AS AN EQUAL IS A FOX.

ROME IN THE MAJORITY IS A TIGER.

Don't think for one moment that I am not interested in religious liberty for the Pope. I am interested. But I am also interested in retaining my own religious liberty at the same time.

I want everybody to believe the Word of God. I want everybody to see Jesus Christ as his Saviour. I would like for every man today to see this truth — that there is salvation in

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### BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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Psalm 25:1-7

Intro.: The Psalmist sets forth the sanctified desires, feelings, and actions of the saints. Every child of God at one time or another experiences all of these as he travels the highway of time, and as he looks forward to eternity. However, keep in mind we must examine our feelings and our activities by the Word of God, which is truth (John 17:17).

### VERSE 1

"Unto Thee, O Lord." The reverential cry of a believing saint which is good for all seasons and for all occasions.

"Do I lift up my soul." Our needs usually are more spiritual than physical. David lifts up his soul in adoration, but also in expectation. In this way his soul is restored (Psa. 23:3). As his soul is lifted up we find him lifting up his voice in praise and thanksgiving. The lifting up of the soul and of the eyes should ever be a daily practice of the saints (II Chron. 20:12; Psa. 121:1, 2).

### VERSE 2

"O my God." David had a personal acquaintance and relationship with God. To be able to say, "my Lord and my God" is most blessed and most assuring (John 20:28).

"I trust in Thee." David had trusted in the Lord and had publicly acknowledged his faith before men. It was something he had done in the past, but it was a present reality to him. Therefore, he could say, "I have believed and am persuaded" (II Tim. 1:12).

"Let me not be ashamed." The child of God should never be ashamed "of the gospel" nor "of the testing of our Lord" (Rom. 1:16; II Tim. 1:8). He should ever confess his belief in "all things which are written in the law and in the prophets" (Acts 20:24). The people of this world who have placed their dependency on human wisdom and human resources will be confounded, but the child of God will never be disappointed in his dependence on the God of all grace (I Pet. 5:10).

"Let not mine enemies triumph over me." Don't let my enemies by their show of strength or by their wisdom cause me to take my eyes off of Thee and turn to their worldly ways, or cause me, out of fear, to stand with them (Neh. 4:1-5; 6:1-14; Matt. 26:58, 69-74); nor let them overcome me (Acts

20:29). Because of our weakness, we should praise God for the Triumphant Saviour (Col. 2:15) in Whom we are more than conquerors (Rom. 8:37).

### VERSE 3

"Yea, let none that wait on

### BIBLE VERSE



I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.  
JOHN 10:11

Thee be ashamed." What we desire personally, we should also desire collectively for all saints. We should ever pray for all saints "with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" (Eph. 6:18). The testimony of the church is dependent on the membership as a whole; therefore, we need to heed the admonition in Philippians 2:14, 16.

"Let them be ashamed which transgress without cause." David knew his enemies had, and were, misrepresenting him, as they had no justifiable cause for their actions; that is, they couldn't prove their accusations (Acts 24:13), so David longed to see them disappointed, and truth vindicated. However, David didn't take it in his own power to bring vengeance on them, even when he could have killed Saul. He knew vengeance belonged to God (Rom. 12:19).

### VERSE 4

"Shew me Thy ways, O Lord." The child of God ever needs to seek, by studying the Word of God, the ways of God (II Tim. 2:15; Jer. 33:3). Many times, the smoke of sin, or the deceptions of the Devil keep us from seeing clearly God's way (Gal. 3:1). We need to pray for a clear vision in regard to the ways of God.

"Teach me Thy paths." Show me Thy paths by instructing me so I will make no mistake as I go forward. David desired the Lord to distinguish His paths from all others.

### VERSE 5

"Lead me in Thy truth."

Not only, "shew me" and "teach me" by Thy truths, but "lead me" in thy truth; is the longing of David. To practice the principles of the Word of God means we are traveling in paths of righteousness, as God's Word is truth (John 17:17). Therefore, we should chart our course by the Word of God, and then power our engines by a continual meditation on our journey, as well as keep our eyes on the Star of Truth.

"And teach me." Teaching makes disciples and is needed continually in the lives of disciples (Matt. 28:18-20). The saved should ever attend the school of God.

"For Thou art the God of my salvation." Thou art the sources of all of my deliverances, whether temporal or spiritual. Therefore, Thou has saved, are saving, and shall save (II Cor. 1:9, 10).

"Oh Thee do I wait all the day." David began the day and ended the day in complete reliance on God, Whose resources had never failed. Many times God doesn't answer in the first watch, but David knew the answer would come in God's own time, and in His own way.

### VERSE 6

"Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy lovingkindness." David looks for those heavenly showers from above and calls on God to remember His promises by executing them at this time. David knew God, in justice, could execute judgment because of sin, but knew also that God was the God of mercy and grace.

"For they have been ever of old." From the Garden of Eden, God's mercy had been manifested in a multitude of ways. There had been many who had found grace in the eyes of the Lord (Gen. 6:8).

### VERSE 7

"Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions." David, before he was saved, was a child of wrath by nature, and knew what it meant to walk according to the course of this world and fulfill the lust of the flesh (Eph. 2:2, 3). Yes, "thou art the man" carried a special significance to him. The sins of youth leads to greater transgressions in old age, and David knew that a man reaps what he sows (Gal. 6:7).

"According to Thy mercy remember Thou me for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord." David prayed, "in wrath remember mercy" (Hab. 3:2). The prayer of the publican was, "God be merciful to me a sinner." The only hope David, or any sinner has, is in the mercy of God.

Conclusion: David sets forth a perfect pattern for the saints to follow in this Psalm; may we apply it in our lives.

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It lightens the stroke to draw near to him who handles the rod.

# The Baptist Examiner Forum

SUBMIT QUESTIONS ON ANY BIBLE SUBJECT

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Please explain II Thessalonians 2:10-12.

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The events mentioned in II Thessalonians 2:10-12 occur after the Holy Spirit has ceased His restraining influence through the church against evil (Vs. 7), and after the "Wicked" or lawless one is revealed (Vs. 8). The church is "an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Eph. 2:22), and the Holy Spirit shall continue to assert His sin-detering power through the church until the rapture or the "blessed hope" is realized by the church (I Thes. 4:13-17, Titus 2:13). The Holy Spirit indwells the church and uses the church as His chief instrument in countering evil, but this does not mean the Holy Spirit ceases His restraining ministry at the rapture of the church. The Holy Spirit is eternally omnipresent, and God through the omnipresent Spirit has always had and shall always have a sin-rebuking witness in the sin-cursed earth. At the time of the rapture, or immediately subsequent to it, the Holy Spirit manifests His resistance to evil by calling and sealing 144,000 Jewish evangelists to preach the gospel of the kingdom (Rev. 7:3, 4), and through their witness many others are called to withstand the evil of the antichrist and the false prophet.

The people of II Thessalonians 2:10-12 have at one time or another had the truth preached unto them, either by the church prior to its translation to heaven, or by the tribulation faithful, but regardless of who preached the truth unto them, they rejected it, and took pleasure in unrighteousness. In consequence of their love for lies, "God sends them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." The instrument whom God uses in bringing this "strong delusion," and by whom he fills or appeases their craving for a lie, is Satan's miracle working puppet, the "Wicked" one, i.e., the antichrist. The lie is alien to God's nature (Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18), but the lie is perfectly congruous to the nature of Satan, "for he is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44).

But there is no injustice on God's part in using the lies of His enemies in any way or time He may please. After the church is removed from the earth, even though God will yet have a witness in the earth, spiritual darkness will cover the earth as never before in the history of fallen men (Isa. 60:2), and Satan will take advantage of this absence of Divine restraint by deluding the masses with his damning lies. All God does in

sending the people strong delusion, He removes His restraint — the Devil does the rest.

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Assuming that II Thessalonians 2:10-12 is the Scripture alluded to, I proceed with the quote: "...Him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs by lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish, because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe (the) lie, That they all might be (damned) who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thess. 2:9-12).

Thus Paul spoke, in verse 9, of the coming of the Lord, personally, in His essential character, when "that wicked one shall be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming" (Verse 8).

Hence, as Christ is related to God, the Father, in righteousness, so is Anti-Christ related to Satan in unrighteousness as the visible embodiment and manifestation of Satan with "lying wonders," yes, with "prodigies of falsehood," in the guise of truth, "with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish, because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (2 Thess. 2:10).

This deception is not that he deceives, or goes about to deceive, or to deceive by open unrighteousness; but, rather, by unrighteousness under a pretense of righteousness and holiness; yes, even with the doctrines of justification and salvation by man's own righteousness, with the doctrines of merit and works, which are no other than unrighteousness with God.

In turn, this betrays ignorance of the righteousness of God by faith in Christ Jesus, and a non-commission to the imputed righteousness of God through Christ Jesus. Such practices are none other than acts of impiety, superstition, and will-worship, which have place only in them that perish, whom the God of this world has blinded to the true ministry of the Gospel, to whom it is only foolishness.

It is true that all men are in a lost perishing condition through original and actual sin; but, on the other hand, all shall not perish, in that there are some, the elect of God, whom God will

not permit to perish. These are "all that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me" (Jn. 6:37). The number of such are limited only by the drawing power of God, the Father (Jn. 6:44), too — such shall never perish. Hence, of them, Jesus said that He would lose nothing (Jn. 6:39).

But, aside from the elect people of God, all others are vessels of wrath, who were of God, pre-ordained to condemnation; yes, these reprobate men, "because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (2 Thess. 2:10). So, "for this cause, God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe (the) lie, That they might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thess. 2:11, 12). So, as Satan is personified in the Anti-Christ as "the Lie," so is God, the Father, personified in Christ as "the Truth."

Thus we have a duality: First, there is the "efficacy" of the lie of Satan, which, eventually, will culminate in bringing all the reprobate under the judgment of God. Next, in deep contrast to the reprobate, we have the elect of God, who, through the "efficacy" of the blood of the Lamb, will culminate in their eternal salvation.

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II Thessalonians 2:6-14. What a compact and packed portion of Scripture is this! Verses 6-7 tell us that the devil is endeavoring to bring on the scene of world history the antichrist. But there is one who is hindering this. This one is the Holy Spirit indwelling true churches. When true churches cease at the rapture of the saints, the Holy Spirit will be taken out of the way as the hinderer. Verse 8 informs us that following this, the antichrist will be revealed, and that he will be destroyed by the Lord at His coming. Verse 9 informs us that the antichrist will come after the working of Satan with all signs and lying wonders. Verse 10 tells us that these lying wonders of the antichrist will deceive those who perish, and that they who perish received not the love of the truth. Verse 11 tells us that God will send strong delusion to unbelievers which will cause them to believe the antichrist's lie. Their being deceived will not only be from the lying wonders of the antichrist, but this is permitted by a sovereign God. Men to whom God does not sovereignly give saving faith will believe the lies of the devil. Verse 12 tells us that this strong delusion sent by God is that men may be damned. But note the responsibility of

man in that they believed not the truth and had pleasure in sin. Verse 13 informs us that there are an elect people of God who will be saved by the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit which causes them to believe the truth. Verse 14 is a hardshell killer and tells us that men are called to the salvation experience by the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now note, "believed not the truth" in verse 12 and "believe of the truth" in verse 13. There are a reprobate people who will never believe the truth. They will be deceived by the devil, they will believe the lies of the devil, and go to hell. There are an elect people. They will be caused by the Holy Spirit to believe the truth of the gospel, will be saved and go to Heaven. God is sovereign in the saving of the elect. He is also sovereign in the damnation of the reprobate. He sends them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they might all be damned. So this Scripture teaches the sovereignty of God in Election and Reprobation. I do not believe this applies just to the unsaved of the tribulation, but to men of all time.

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These verses are telling us of ones who "received not the love of the truth", and for this cause "God shall send them strong delusion; that they should believe a lie."

By a study of I Thessalonians 4:13-18 we see that Christ will come in the air for His saints, both the dead and the living. After this, the rapture, the man of sin will be revealed, the son of perdition. In II Thessalonians 2:4-9 we are told that this one will set himself up as God, "who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (II Thess. 2:4). We are told in verse nine that under the power of Satan he will perform "signs and lying wonders." In Revelation 13:13 it is said of him, "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on earth in the sight of men."

By these signs and lying wonders he shall deceive those that perish — those who will not receive the truth, "And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast;" (Rev. 13:14). At this time the words of Christ will have been fulfilled when He said, "I am come in My Father's name, and ye receive Me not; if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive" (John 5:43).

From this study we see that after the rapture of the saints the man of sin, the Antichrist as he is called by John in I John 2:4, will gain control of the people here on earth by deceiving them in believing that he is God. He is the delusion — a power to deceive which God will send them who would not believe the truth. The lie which they will believe is that the man of sin is God.

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In this second chapter we see that the Word is dealing with events that take place during the tribulation period. Verse 7 tells us of the time when the Holy Spirit is taken out of the world. (This takes place at the rapture of the saints.)

During the tribulation period people will be deceived by Satan. "Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders" (Vs. 9). God allows the people to be deceived by following strong delusions.

There will be many deceived by the one who comes as the Lord, striving to deceive people. "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Rev. 12:9).

The result of following the ungodly witness is damnation.

## POPE

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Jesus, but no salvation for any man outside of Jesus. I do not say that you are saved by being a member of a church, or that you are saved by being baptized. I do say that anybody who sees the truth, that Jesus Christ has died for his sins — past, present, and future — that that man is saved and is going to Heaven when he dies. There is nothing for him to go to Hell for, since Jesus Christ has already suffered his Hell on the cross of Calvary. I pray God that you might receive Him as your Saviour, and then, that you would take your stand to protest against anything and anybody, and any organization which objects to the principles of an open Bible, and who in his bigotry would tell you that all of the religions are to be stamped out with fire and sword, except that which is espoused by himself. May God bless you and help you to ever stand with us for the truth.

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## MISSION

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in some cases where subjects are not assigned, preachers just take a bunch of old sermons and wait until a little time before they are to preach, and then hurriedly, pull out one and hope it goes over good. One reason the preachers that have conferences back there always assign subjects is, that they know if they don't, most of the preachers won't study. The preachers here might be the same way, but they don't have a bunch of old outlines and every sermon has to be studied. So far, we have no problems with that.

The highlight of the year was the visit here by Elder James E. Hobbs. We have no way of knowing what sort of a blessing he has been to those of you that have seen the slides and heard the report of his findings here, but we here in P.N.G. have no doubts as to the amount of blessings he was, and still is, to us. Nearly seven months after his trip the people are still talking about it, and expressing what a blessing he was to us all. We shall ever be thankful to the Lord, King's Addition Baptist Church, Mrs. Hobbs and family for being willing to share Brother Hobbs with us for those few precious days in 1981.

Another great blessing for this end of the Southern Highlands this year was to get the section of road completed between Koroba and Tari. With this completed, gives us an all-weather road from Koroba to Lae, a distance of approximately 600 miles. We had high hopes of getting a good road built this year (1982) between Koroba and Lake Kopiago; however, we have learned that the national government did not include that in the budget for this year, so we will continue to struggle with the bad road conditions over this section. While we only live 11 miles from Koroba, at times the road gets impassable to all vehicle traffic.

We face the new year with great possibilities and challenges. At present, we have two mission patrols in two new areas to investigate the needs and desires of the people regarding starting services there. In one of these areas we have been invited to come by the people. Two preachers and a Christian worker have gone to the area for three weeks. One of our preachers with some of the other Christian men have gone, with a government patrol, into the other area where a new group of people have been located that have had no previous government or mission contact. Little to nothing is known of these people or as to the number of people in the area. Several years ago, I tried unsuccessfully three or four times to get a patrol into this area, but due to the people being cannibals, the people from this area were afraid to go, so I was never able to visit the area. Over the years an occasional trade mission by some of the native folk have made some contact with the people. A few of the men from the area have ventured out for a few days at a time, so they have had some contact with the outside world and have seen some advantages of civilization. They have invited a government patrol to come in and visit them. We are anxious to hear the result of both of these patrols, but especially, the one where the new group of people are located.

We are still waiting word from some of the officials where the large copper and gold mine

is being opened up, as to when we can send some missionaries into that area. This area, when in full operation, will be a large concentration of people from all over Papua, New Guinea, as well as, lots of white people working there. The potentiality there looks great at this stage.

Also, in 1982, we hope to move the saw mill over the Nogoli Mission Station and start some permanent buildings there. We have most of the timber cut now for the church building here at the Tanggi Mission Station, and hope to get started with the actual construction of the building next week. The cement floor and foundation have been down for quite some time — awaiting the milling of the timber to put up the framework.

Some have mentioned that by trying to take on so many projects and opening up so many new mission points, that we are spreading our jam too thin; however, God has given us many faithful workers and has given us a vision to ever press forward in His work, depending upon Him for strength, leadership and to supply all our needs. There are times when we have so little to work with that we get discouraged and, I suppose, like every pastor back there, "have quite" the mission work on several occasions. However, something always draws us back into the service of God, and then, we go through several days of shame for having so little faith.

Beloved, pray for us as we try to continue with the work we feel that God would have us to do. When you have prayed about our needs and the work here, then put some legs on those prayers that will cause us to be encouraged and able to carry on the work. May the Lord bless each of you!

## ANOMALY

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In attempting to pursue or to find unity without Scriptural absolutes, these must appeal to a relativism which brings them into the realm of an ungodly and an unscriptural ecumenicalism. In their attempt to attain some semblance of religious unity by means to their ungodly ecumenicity, these piteous souls pursue the phantom of a denominational harmony of theological diversity which, in reality, is demonic, and "God sends them strong delusion" (2 Thess. 2:11) and theological confusion.

Such may make a profession of being Christian, and I would not presume to assume that they are otherwise. Rather, we remember that the Apostle said, "The good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do" (Rom. 7:19). Further, in another context, he explains, "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved" (1 Cor. 3:15). Too, another explains in yet another context, "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward" (2 John 8) as rather positive evidence that we have a very definite responsibility toward the Lord every day, but that we can conduct ourselves so as to lose our influence and rewards!

In their continuing appeals to parachurch and suprachurch designs, devices, and devilties, Christianity Today personnel demonstrate that they despise

the true churches of the Lord Jesus Christ as they have existed in earlier centuries. Even more, by their attitude and their practices, they enable all who have any understanding whatever to know that they take a violent stand against the true churches of the Lord Jesus Christ even now!

Peruse the most recent publications of "Christianity Today," those of recent years, or follow the details of the device of men from its beginning, and the word is the same. They have no final or absolute interest in salvation "By grace through faith, and that not of yourself, it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). They have no final or absolute interest in the security of the saved expressed Scripturally ten thousand times and more and climactically in, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 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" (Rom. 8:37-39).

### Prevailing

There are many other issues, perhaps, to which we could speak with similar confidence. For, in consorting with Roman, Protestant, and so-called "Evangelical" organizations, Christianity Today personnel, of necessity, must show themselves to be compromisers — not followers of the Lord Jesus Christ who went to the Cross. As "compromisers," they despise the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, though they may call themselves Christian, and though they be Christians, in fact.

From the first issue of Christianity Today to the most recent one, and in all of the interim ones in between, the godless patterns of compromise are in evidence. In "compromising" across Roman, Protestant, and so-called "Evangelical" lines, they pursue their ecumenicity with considerable zeal. They participate in theologies and doctrines which must move in many parachurch and suprachurch directions — none of which can be Scriptural.

Similarly, they must concede the supposedly rightful place of a wide variety of parachurch and suprachurch practices — none of which can be Scriptural.

Hear them as they consort favorably with the supposedly-respectable and acceptable suprachurch denominational organizations such as Romans, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Methodists, Congregationalists, organizational Baptists of a myriad sort, Churches of Christ, Disciples of Christ, various Pentecostal and Charismatic groups and churches so-called, Evangelicals, Brethren, Alliance groups, Lutherans, Salvation Army, United Churches of Christ of many persuasions, and many, many more. Thereby, these declare rather clearly that they despise the absolutes of salvation "By grace through faith" (Eph. 2:8), the eternal security of the believers, and the non-sacramental characteristics of Scriptural practices.

With some variations, perhaps, on doctrinal ideologies, theological emphasis, or practical details, what we have said concerning Christianity Today

is applicable to every other parachurch or suprachurch denominational religious organization or publication. Call the name, if you will, of your most hated or your most favored extra-church publication, or one that you know only superficially or perfunctorily, and, without exception, it stands to be judged and condemned as anti-Church and, thereby, anti-Christ!

Some years ago, a dear and elderly lady who had shown some degree of faithfulness met me in the vestibule of our little church with a handful of The Plain Truth magazines. She supposed I would happily share them with others in our Church. Needless to say, as kindly as I knew how, I advised her that they, doubtless, were the very antithesis of truth.

Later from the pulpit, lest others might have been similarly deluded and deceived, I demonstrated that The Plain Truth publication, in fact, was a plain lie! All who have any knowledge of the Scriptures and any spiritual insight whatever should be able to know that The Plain Truth magazine was satanically originated, that it is a magazine satanically designed, and that it is a magazine which is satanically oriented.

Even the name of the publication demonstrates rather graphically the subtlety and deceptiveness of Satan. Scripturally, however, we can know that God had no part in The Plain Truth publication yesterday! God has no part in The Plain Truth publication today! And God will never have any part in The Plain Truth publication tomorrow, except as He will judge it finally and absolutely as a satanic, anti-Christ, and anti-Church work of men.

### Perpetrating

From the human perspective, men may dispute whether a given parachurch or suprachurch denominational religious publication is the best or the worst, or perhaps better or worse, as the case may be. Yet, from God's perspective, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Rom. 14:23). If we have any understanding of the Scriptures, we should be able to realize that whatsoever is not Scriptural cannot be of faith. Consequently, I believe that we can be rather positive concerning the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ who proclaimed, "Upon this Rock, I shall build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Mt. 16:18), has never been involved in any extra-church parachurch or suprachurch denominational religious organization or its publication.

This enables us to know that every parachurch and every suprachurch denominational religious organization is satanic both in origin and in issue. Too, the efforts of those involved in such organizations and their publications likewise, must, be satanic. The originators of parachurch and suprachurch publications may deceive the multitudes of earth, but we should be able to understand this if we can recall, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Tim. 3:13). These may design and implement such on the pretext that they have a God-given place of service. In reality, however, the very opposite is true.

Herein, then, in both the judgment and the condemnation of every parachurch or suprachurch denominational

organization and any publication which it may design or implement. It matters little what the name may be. Call it Christianity Today, Moody Monthly, Radar News, Christian Life, American Baptist, The Searchlight, Associational News, Our Sunday Visitor, Christian Destiny Newsletter, The Catholic Times, Missionary Crusader, The Baptist Program, The Catholic Times, Commonwealth, Western Recorder, The Sword of the Lord, Pastoral Renewal, Christian Century, The Herald of His Coming, Decision Magazine, The Moral Majority, The Standard, Convention Standard, The Christian Science Monitor, The Baptist Tribune, The Pentecostal Evangel, or The Commission, ad infinitum, if you will! Without exception, every such parachurch or suprachurch publication has been designed to undermine, counter, or supersede the place and the purpose of God in the Lord's local New Testament churches. Everyone, therefore, is satanic in origin and in issue!

Were those involved in such to be really honest with themselves and with God with respect to the Scriptures, every extra-church, parachurch, or suprachurch denominational organization and publication would cease to exist before the sun rises on another day. Honesty among themselves or before God, however, is not one of the characteristics of the perpetrators and the promoters of parachurch and suprachurch denominational schemes or efforts of men.

Without exception, all such parachurch and suprachurch publications are designed to confuse the issues with respect to local New Testament churches. Without exception, they are designed to proselyte the loyalties of those who may be involved already in some local New Testament churches. Without any fear of contradiction, then, and without any equivocation, we can say that all such are unscriptural! Second, all such are anti-Church! Third, all such, thereby, are anti-Christ!

We need not be surprised, then, by the babylon of godless and unscriptural theologies which are in evidence in such parachurch and suprachurch publications. We need not be surprised, either, by the din of godless and unscriptural doctrines which are in evidence in such extra-church publications. Neither should we be surprised by the rash of godless and unscriptural religious practices which are in evidence and promoted by such parachurch and suprachurch publishing efforts of men.

Please do not marvel at that which you have read! God makes it quite clear in His Holy Word that "The whole world lieth in wickedness" (1 John 5:19), in the "wicked one," even Satan.

If you can, remember that it was religious men who pursued the Lord Jesus with their "loaded questions" while boasting of their relationship with Moses. Remember, too, that it was religious men who came to take the Lord Jesus "With swords and staves, from chief priests, and the scribes and the elders" (Mk.

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When God has an especially bright crown for a soul. He first imparts an equally heavy cross.

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14:43). Perhaps we should never forget that it was religious men who mocked the Lord Jesus and said, "He saved others; himself he cannot save. Let Christ, the King of Israel descend now from the cross that we may believe" (Mk. 15:31-32).

Scripturally, we can know that it was to religious men that Jesus said, "Ye are of your father, the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do" (John 8:44). Likewise, it was to religious men that the Lord explained, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils! And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Mt. 7:22-23). Even now, God certainly is alerting us to the satanic religious parachurch and suprachurch denominational scheming of men with, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (2 Tim. 3:13).

### Concluding

Surely, then, decisions of the ages, as it were, are upon us! "Evil men and seducers" may suppose that they are in control, but they obviously have never learned of our Sovereign God or that our God is Sovereign!

Tragic though it may be, these have never read with any understanding, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated" (Rom. 9:13), and, "For the Scripture saith unto Pharaoh, even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout the whole earth" (Rom. 9:17). Evidently, these have never comprehended the message of God in, "Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above" (John 19:11).

The efforts of defiant mortals may seem to be absolute and final for a time. Some of these "Evil men and seducers" may have determined that there is no God, or that the God who is has no interest in the things of earth. Thankfully, however, we have the Word of our Living God, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak to them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure" (Ps. 2:4-5).

### Decisions are imperative!

In the interest of our own temporal and eternal welfare, and our rewards if we are saved, then, we need to enquire, do we walk in the darknesses of human parachurch and suprachurch denominational device? And thereby, travel the "Broad way that leadeth to destruction" (Mt. 7:13)? Or do we walk in the light of the Word of God, in the brightness of the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the person of the Holy Spirit of God? And, thereby, travel the "Narrow way which leadeth unto life" (Mt. 7:14)?

Have we truly heard, evaluated, and comprehended, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture; and that he was

buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3-4)?

Have we acceded to the wonder of, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes; to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16)? Have we committed ourselves, in truth, to, "Lord, what would you have me to do" (Acts 9:6) in the consciousness of, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable, unto God which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1)?

Needless to say, we are faced with a desperate anomaly. That which may seem to be Christian from the human perspective often, in fact, is anti-Christ and anti-Church from the Scriptural perspective and, thereby, God's perspective. The anomaly, however, is so pervasive in our day that many of the faithful are deceived.

How true it is, then, that we should "be as wise as serpents" (Mt. 10:16); that is, wise concerning those who serve "That old serpent which is the Devil" (Rev. 20:2), and "as harmless as doves" (Mt. 10:16). For all who can hear, His call is to walk in the wonder of His eternal Word; abounding, truly, in the eternal victory which we have in time! By rejoicing thus in God's Plan, His Purposes, and His Pleasure, we can serve Him in fulness as witnesses in "Jerusalem," "Judea," "Samaria," "and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8)!

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peace, prosperity for all, and holiness all over the world, and this will last for a thousand years. But it teaches that this will be brought to pass by the personal return and ruling on earth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

All moral beings have the emotional attitudes of love and hatred. In this message, I am dealing with the emotional attitude of love on the part of the unsaved. The emotional attitude of love as to what one loves is determined by the nature of the being. It is not under the power of the will. One cannot will to quit loving what he loves or to start loving what he does not love. For one's love life to change, there must be a change of nature. I am not referring to natural love for husband and wife, etc., but to the love life as it relates to moral and spiritual things and matters. What one loves and does not love is a certain indication of what kind of nature he has. Nothing more clearly reveals what a person truly is than what he loves or does not love.

There are two Greek words for love used in the New Testament. One of these words is used five times in connection with other words in the Scripture which heads this message. "Lovers of their own selves" in verse 2 is simply the word love joined to the word self, making one word in the original. "Covetous" in verse 2 is the word for love joined with the word meaning silver or money. "Despisers of those that are good" in verse 3 is the one word of money joined with the word for good and preceded by the Greek negative. "Lovers of



QUESTION:—Who made five golden mice?

ANSWER:—The Philistines, First Samuel 6:1-18, especially verses 4-5. "Then said they, What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one, plague was on you all, and on your lords. Wherefore, ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land:..."

God' is the word for love joined with God preceded by a word which means 'rather than.' These last two occur in verse 4. These five occurrences in the above Scripture reveal to us the love life of the unsaved. And this revelation of their love life reveals to us the awful, vile wicked, sinful nature of the unsaved man. What an example of the totally depraved condition of the natural man is given here! Let us look at each one of these examples of the love life of the unsaved.

The unsaved man is a lover of his own self, verse 2. This is the first and great love of the natural man. Man's life of sin apart from the grace of God is a life-long love affair with himself. He loves himself more than he loves anyone else or all else put together. All other loves of his life are tied into and governed by this first love for himself. He loves no thing or no person that cannot relate to his love of self. Selfishness is at the heart of every sin a man commits, and this selfishness or self-love enters into the very nature of man and can not be divorced therefrom, except by the sovereign grace and power of God.

What a horrible object for man to love — himself! What is man? A totally depraved being. Rolling in the filth of his own sin. Vile beyond any other thing on this earth. Man at his best state is altogether vanity (Psa. 39:5). From the sole of his foot even unto his head, there is no soundness in man, but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores (Isa. 1:6). Now, what a horrible object is this for man to love. In Romans 7:24, Paul refers to the old nature as 'the body of this death.' For man to love himself is like loving a dead, putrifying corpse — and worse. But this is the love life of the unsaved. This love of man for himself is the root of all other sins he commits. He does his own thing, not caring for others and rebelling against God and His Word.

The unsaved man is a lover of money. The word 'covetous' in verse 2 is a translation of the word "money-lover." The unsaved desires all the money he can get and does not care how he gets it. If he does not lie and cheat and steal to get money, it is because he is afraid of the consequences. I Timothy 6:10 informs us that the love of money

## HIS PREDESTINATING LOVE

What would make Almighty God  
Choose long before time began,  
His own which would be redeemed —  
Bring to pass that perfect plan?  
Why would His Son bear the shame  
Of the cross on which He died;  
Bring redemption at all cost  
So with Him we shall abide?  
Why would He save chosen souls  
Who were all born dead in sin;  
Give one faith who knew no faith,  
Plus victory in the end?  
Why would He send His Spirit  
Back to earth to guide His own;  
A comfort when storms do come,  
Their strength till He calls them Home?  
The answer to these questions:  
They're a gift from God above;  
The only ground we can claim;  
His predestinating love.

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is a root of all kinds of evil. What sin is there that men have not committed because of their love of money? Robbery, murder, lying, cheating, adultery, and a host of sins have been mothered by man's love of money. I Timothy 6:9 informs us that men who desire to be rich fall into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. Note it is not only the rich who face this evil and commit it, it is also the poor who desire to be rich. A man can be guilty of the sin of love of money and not have a penny in his pocket.

I Timothy 6:10 tells us that through love of money many erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. Jesus tells us in Matthew 13:22 that the deceitfulness of riches cause the Word to be choked in many who hear it, and they do not bring forth the fruit of a salvation experience. Again, Jesus tells us that it is hard for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God in Mark 10:23. Love of money is a cancer of the soul which eats away at all one ought to be for God. Oh, this is a prevalent sickness! Who of mankind has not had a touch of this dread disease? What good is money? What good will it really do for you? How much of it can you take with you? Will it buy health? Will it really bring true and lasting joy? Will it put out the burning flames of hell? Will it buy Heaven for you? Oh, this sin is not only a dreadful and terrible sin, it is a foolish sin! Men sell their souls for money, then leave it all behind, die and go to hell. How foolish! How foolish!

The unsaved man is not a lover of good. The words "despisers of those that are good" in verse 3 is the translation of one Greek word made up of love, good, and the Greek negative. They are not lovers of good. The unsaved man does not love good things. He does not love God's precious Word. How blessed is that Holy Book! Man needs it more than he needs all the world besides. He can learn things in that Book which he can learn nowhere else, and things that he needs to know more than all else besides. Only in that Book can one learn the most important matter of all — how to be saved. But the unsaved man does not love the Bible. He neglects the Bible. He ignores the Bible. He makes fun of the Bible. He attacks the Bi-

ble. He does not believe the Bible.

He does not love the church. The church — a true missionary Baptist Church — is greatly loved by God. It is the only Divine institution on this earth. It is the ordained and authorized way of serving God on earth today. The unsaved man ignores the church. He does not often attend the church. He makes light of God's church. He goes to the hell-holes and slime pits of this world and wallows in the filth thereof, but he laughs at you when you urge him to go to church. He needs to go to church more than he needs to go home or to go to work or to go to the hospital if sick. But he does not love God's church. He does not love God's day. Sunday is the Lord's day. It does not belong to man. The most vile and wicked commercial on TV (and there are a multitude of them) is the one which says that week ends were made for some brand of beer (which ever filthy brand of hell-brew it refers to). Sunday belongs to God. Not to sin or to man. But the unsaved man ignores and rebels against this. And uses God's day to do his own thing. Oh, it will be a terrible day for man when he answers to God for his misuse of God's day!

The unsaved man does not love any of the good things that are God's things and that are spiritual things. He has not interest at all in such. In fact, he hates one to even mention to him the things of God. He has no time for the things of God. But, Oh!, some day he will have time to die and go to hell. The unsaved man does not love good people. That is, God's good people — made good by the regenerating and sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. The unsaved man cares nothing for these. He despises them. He has no time for them. He cannot stand to be long in their company. The only ones he has time for are those who are so backslidden that they are more like him than like God's saints. Their conversation bores him if it does not anger him. Their very God-given goodness is an irritant to him. But, oh, how he loves evil people! The whore, the drunk, the thief, the curser, the liar, the filthy-mouthed, the gambler, etc... How the unsaved loves these vile, wicked, and evil ones! He will flee from the company and witness of a godly mother into the vile, filthy, evil-

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smelling dens of iniquity. Now, this truth about the love life of the unsaved is an evidence and a prophecy. It is an evidence of the total depravity of his own nature. And, oh, my soul, it is a prophecy of the kind of people he will not dwell with eternally in Heaven, and of the kind who will be his eternal companions in hell.

The unsaved are lovers of pleasure. This is seen in verse 5. Pleasure is that which gratifies the desires one has. What are the desires of the unsaved? Note Galatians 5:19-21: "Now the works of the flesh are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings and such like." Now the unsaved man loves that which meets these desires. The unsaved man drinketh iniquity like water (Job 15:16).

Note again that pleasure is that which satisfies one's desires. Since the desires of the unsaved are evil and only evil, those things which give him pleasure are evil and only evil. He is a lover of these evil things. Money mad! Sex mad! Pleasure mad! These describe this awful generation in which we live. Take drunkenness. Only a crazy idiot will get drunk. It tastes bad. It smells bad. It does no good, but only evil. Some sins one can almost understand why men do them. But drunkenness is one that has no logical reason behind it. Men love pleasure and seek it in every way they can. This is why men want a shorter work week — so they can spend more time in sinful pleasure. There was not nearly as much sin practiced when men worked hard, worked long hours, worked six days a week. But men want an easy job, with short hours, and big pay, and most of them want it so they can drink more and sex-sin more, and party more and live in sinful pleasure more. Oh, you lovers of pleasure, where are you headed? You are headed to an eternal hell, where you will never know a moment of any kind of pleasure, where you will be tormented day and night forever. If you want real pleasure, true pleasure, lasting pleasure — I exhort you this day to repent of your sins and turn in saving faith to Jesus Christ, for He is the one and only source of true and lasting pleasure.

The unsaved are not lovers of God. The words "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God" in verse 4 do not mean that the unsaved love God some, but love pleasure more. The word used really means "rather than" and not "more than." The unsaved man does not love God at all. They love pleasure instead of loving God. What is the first and great commandment? Jesus said it is, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." This is the law of God. What is the first and greatest sin? It must be the breaking of the first and great commandment. Therefore, it must be the first and great sin to fail to love God. And ever unsaved man is guilty of this sin. Not only is this a great sin in itself, but it is the root of all other sin. Every sin a man commits, he commits because he does not love God as he should. Oh, men ought to love God! How good He is to

men! All they have comes from Him. The air they breathe in comes from Him. The food they eat. The life they have. The water they drink. The health they have. The job they have. All, yes, all comes from God! He does all this for the unsaved — and yet, they do not love Him. He is supremely worthy of our love. He is the only altogether lovely one in the universe, still, men do not love Him. Oh, how thoughtless, ungrateful, wicked and vile is man who does not love God!

What will the end be of those who have this kind of love life? They love self, money, and pleasure. They do not love good, and they do not love God. Well, their end will not be Heaven. How could it be? What would Heaven be to those who love like this? It would be a place of utter misery to them. They would not and could not enjoy one moment in Heaven. Unsaved people do not want to go to Heaven. They would be miserable if forced to go there. They will not go there. It will be hell. It will be awful and eternal hell for those with this kind of love life.

One's love life must be changed if they are ever to be in Heaven. I Corinthians 16:22 tells us that if any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be 'anathema, Maranatha.' He will be accursed at the coming of the Lord. Man, by nature does not love the Lord Jesus. Unless God is pleased to regenerate him — giving a new nature which does love Jesus Christ — that one will be in hell forever. Oh, you must have your love-life changed!

Only God can do this. And all those whom He loves with an everlasting love will be drawn by the effectual power of the Holy Spirit to an experience which will produce within them a strong and eternal love for God.

What do you love? This is the vital test as to your spiritual condition. Do you love Jesus Christ? Dear friend, test your self today by this question: What do you love? Whom do you love? No question can ever be as important as this.

May God be pleased to give unto you that love for Himself which is the sure evidence of salvation.

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fellow-believer. The children of God many times are found in unlikely places — just like gold.

In 1968, I was in the Intensive Care Unit at the hospital in Fort Campbell, Kentucky as a patient. When my mail was brought to me, there was a copy of The Baptist Examiner. A nurse came in, saw it, and picked it up. She said, "I used to get this paper and I know that if you get it you will have a Bible and will want it, so I will go bring it to you." I was amazed until I realized that God's people are in the most unlikely places.

### II. Gold must be mined.

As a rule, gold is covered with earth and rocks so it must be mined.

God's people were covered with sins and in a terrible condition. David expressed it like this: "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings" (Psalm 40:2).

God mined David. Some have the mistaken idea that the sinner is in a pit and Christ throws in a rope saying, "Grab hold and I will pull you out." I believe, like David, that God actually gets down in that pit with

the sinner and picks him up and sets his feet upon the Rock of Ages.

Hannah says the same thing in I Samuel 2:8: "He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory..."

We must be mined and that by God. The fine gold is buried in sins and the garbage piles of this world. Salvation must stand by Grace alone.

The question is, When were we quickened? When were we given Spiritual life? The Bible says, "Even when we were dead..." (Ephesians 2:5).

How much power did it take to cause us to believe on Christ and be saved? Many preachers tell us that all men have the ability within them to do it, but the Bible presents a different picture. We are told by Scripture that it took the same power that it took to raise Christ from the dead. Imagine! The same power was needed in our lives to enable us to cast our hope for Heaven upon Christ. Listen: "...what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead..." (Ephesians 1:19, 20).

We say it takes the power of God to mine His gold.

III. Dynamite is used to mine gold.

You understand it takes an explosive power to move the earth and rocks to reveal the gold buried beneath. The Gospel is God's dynamite. It shakes lives with an explosive power. Listen: "...I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..." (Romans 1:16).

The Gospel, contrary to popular belief, is not an invitation at the end of a service, nor is it shutting the eyes and raising a hand nor singing two or three closing hymns. These are closing techniques a salesman might use; God doesn't send salesmen, He sends preachers.

The Gospel is how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, being buried, and raised from the dead for our justification. Our only hope must rest upon this finished work.

I recall hearing this message in March of 1963. I realized by God's power, that it was my only hope if ever I was to be saved, this was the only way. It was good news to me, the best I ever heard; the light of the Gospel had shined in my heart! Listen to how the apostle puts it. "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (II Corinthians 4:3, 4).

We ought to use this dynamite on every occasion, never giving up.

Many years ago, there was a man that made over a million dollars selling life insurance. It was such an amazing accomplishment, that he was interviewed by a news reporter. The reporter asked the secret of his success. He replied that when he was a young man, he had owned a mine. Day after day he would dig for gold. Finally, broke and discouraged, he sold the mine for almost nothing. The new owner dug three feet deeper and struck the

richest vein of gold ever discovered in that state. He said that when selling life insurance, he always remembered that he had once stopped only three feet short of gold.

The lesson is that we should continue to use God's dynamite even in the face of discouragement. Who knows but there might be some individual whose life God will change by the Gospel.

Many years ago, I boarded a Greyhound bus in St. Louis on my way to Nashville. There was a vacant seat beside a black man; he looked as though he had not shaved for several days. I took the seat and as we rode along, I told him I would like to tell him how that God had saved me. He said, "It's going to be a long trip, so go ahead."

In giving my testimony, I included in it the Gospel, trying by God's grace to magnify the Lord Jesus Christ. He said very little but when we arrived at our first stop, he shook my hand and said he was going back to St. Louis. He had left his wife and children there and had never intended to see them again. Now he must return because the Gospel had given him a hope he never had before.

The Gospel is a thing of power; we ought never underestimate it. It is true that many can preach the Gospel better than us, but they can never preach a better gospel. "...unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Corinthians 1:18).

IV. The rarity and value of gold.

Gold is rare, therefore, it is very valuable. As we go through life, we find the children of God to be rare among the children of men. Suppose a church could claim 10,000 members; what would that be in comparison to the population of a great metropolitan area? Suppose all professing Christians were saved (though we suspect only a small percentage really are), all the denominations in the world are but a drop in the bucket compared to the population of the world. Just like gold, the rarity of the children of God makes them precious.

The surroundings do not affect the value of gold. If gold is in a grass hut in some backward country, it is just as valuable as if it were in a king's palace. If a piece of gold fell in a cesspool, its value would not diminish. So with the children of God, perhaps clothed in rags and in a worn out body, their value never diminishes.

Would a man forget where he had put his gold? I think not. Neither will God forget you, knowing exactly where you are. God even keeps a running tally of how many hairs are on our heads. You understand that we lose hair every day, but God knows the exact number. Why is He concerned with such detail? Even because He likens us to find gold.

Gold speaks of royalty; therefore, it is only fitting that God would liken us to it. We are joint heirs with Christ, made royalty by His matchless grace. Coronation day has not yet arrived, but someday it will. It is no wonder that Satan hates us, because grace has given us a position higher than he ever held. We shall outrank all the angels and created beings in Heaven. No wonder we are likened to fine gold.

### V. Gold must be guarded.

Even though we keep our valuables under lock and key, tighter security must be used in connection with gold. We have a picture in the book of II Kings

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6:15-17 of how God has tight security in respect to His gold. Listen: "And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

It is interesting to note that Elisha did not pray that the young man be removed from the trial, but rather that he might see. Many times you and I are like the young man, we don't need to be removed from the trial, but we need more light; we need to see that we are guarded.

You may not feel guarded, but He likens you to fine gold and you are secure. You may be counted as nothing by the world; you may be mocked, you may be slandered, you may be counted as crazy and fanatical, but if saved by the blood of the Lamb then you are guarded under tighter security than the kings of this world. Precious in the sight of God and likened to that precious of all metals even gold.

### VI. Gold should be regularly cleaned and shined

If we had any thing as valuable as gold, we would want to keep it clean. God cleans us regularly with the Word of God. Listen: "...the washing of water by the word" (Ephesians 5:26).

Brother Harry Danner moved out in the country near a small Baptist church. The pastor came to visit and said he ought to attend there since it was so near. "We have service once a week every Sunday morning," said the pastor. Harry replied, "I don't think that's enough preaching to keep a man straight."

I believe it takes the Word of (Continued on Page 8 Column 3)

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**GOLD**

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God to keep us straight. We need to be exposed regularly to God's Word. We read that the Bible "...is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Timothy 3:16).

It has often been said that "God's Word keeps us from sin and sin keeps us from the Word of God."

VII. Gold is tried by fire  
Fire separates the impurities from gold. We read in I Peter 1:7 "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire..."

Since we are likened to fine gold, we can expect trials. It is a further proof that we are precious in the sight of God. The greater the fire, the more the nearness of Christ is experienced.

Consider Job's statement in Job 19:19: "All my inward friends abhorred me; and they whom I loved are turned against me." Here was a man forsaken by all; no friends, no one loves him, no one cares except Jesus. He knew one sure and certain fact, listen: "...I know that my redeemer liveth..." (Job 19:25). He knew it because of having a real fellowship with Him; Christ was as real to Job as the noon-day sun. The only friend that cared, understood and loved him was Jesus. The hotter the trial, the nearer stood the Redeemer.

VIII. The purpose of gold is to shine

Things are made of gold to shine and glitter. It makes even the most humble surroundings to look better and it speaks of splendor.

We, as being likened to fine gold, are to shine for God, listen: "...be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world" (Philippians 2:15).

God has determined where we are to shine. He may want to put His gold in a hospital ward to shine for Him there.

He may want to brighten up an old folks home by placing some of His gold there.

He might have placed you in your place of employment solely to brighten that place by having you shine for Jesus there.

God wants some of His gold to shine in youth for Him and yes, my friend, He wants some of His gold to shine for Him in old age.

We may wonder why poverty has befallen us; perhaps so that God's gold will glitter and sparkle in the affliction of poverty.

He wants His gold to sparkle in great sorrow.

Whatever our condition and state, God has so placed us in order that we may shine for Him.

We belong to Him; He bought us so He can place us where He likes. Even so, God only wants what is best for us. He will always place us in the place or condition that is best for us to magnify Him.

God wants His people to witness redemption. After David had sinned with Bathsheba, committed murder and been restored by Divine Grace, he had the Doctrines of

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Grace and the power of the blood of the Lamb, burned deep within his soul. He knew to depart and be with Christ would be better than life itself, but he had an overwhelming desire to witness redemption to his generation. Listen to his words in Psalm 51:13: "Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

Again, listen to his words in Psalm 71:18: "Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come."

As a child of God, you have something that no one else has, your own personal testimony. No other child of God has one just exactly like yours. We ought to tell everyone how that God saved us.

Paul began by using his own testimony, then he included in it the Gospel.

We ought to shine, shine for Jesus!

Perhaps you say, "I don't know what to say." I have good

news for you. God has a promise for you, listen: "...open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it" (Psalm 81:10). Try it, see if it doesn't work, shine for Jesus.

**TO THE LOST**

Perhaps you say, "I am not the gold you speak of, just common stone." That may be true and your situation is impossible, but listen to what the God of the impossible has recorded in His Word: "...God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham" (Matthew 3:9).

Don't look at the preacher, the church, the deacon, your parents, and above all, don't look at self. None of these can save.

You must look to the One that died on Calvary for the ungodly and that rose from the dead, the living proof that His sacrifice was accepted.

You must be saved by His finished work, plus nothing, minus nothing. Listen: "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:22).

May God bless you all!

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