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THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER TO THE BELIEVER

by Robert Hoskins
Mansfield, Ohio

The prophet Isaiah says in 6:1-10: "In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple.

Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of Him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a

people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand,



ROBERT HOSKINS

which he had taken with the

tongs from off the altar. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of

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FORSAKEN

By Bob Belanger
Goose Creek, S. C.

Psalm 22:1, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Beloved, of ALL we might read and meditate upon in the Word of God, I can think of NOTHING more SOLEMN than these words we have presented before us. Words, which when RIGHTLY considered by the TRUE child of God, would tear the heart to grief! Words which express such awe and wonder to us! Words which express the VERY DEPTHS OF SORROW!

These words begin, as one author puts it, THE PSALM OF SOBS. They are the words which we are led to believe, that in the Hebrew are not one completed sentences; but rather a series of brief utterances, like the gasps of a dying man whose breath and strength are failing.

Beloved, it is not my intent to come before you as a cloud of

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By Roy Mason
(1894-1978)
WHO SHOULD BELONG TO A CHURCH? The Bible gives a clear answer to this question. The SAVED, and only the



Roy Mason

saved should belong. The correct translation of Act 2:44 goes like this, "And the Lord added to the church daily those that were being saved." Those who have trusted Christ for salvation and have been properly baptized are members in the true sense of the word. Perverting this, some denominations have babies as members, when babies aren't old enough to choose Christ or choose baptism or anything else. Then some have "probationers" — people who

are tentatively accepted on trial
WHAT ARE CHURCH MEMBERS FOR?

The Roman Catholic view is that church members are for THE EXPLOITATION OF THE HEIRARCHY. They are to pay the bills of that huge colossus, The Roman Catholic Church, and to raise little Catholics to replenish the church. Members have no say-so. "Theirs is not to question why — theirs is but to do and die."

We do not believe that we are speaking unjustly when we say that the Catholic idea is rapidly infiltrating the Baptist "Dee-nomination." We have the feeling that the "Dee-nomination," (and we mean the LEADERSHIP), look upon individual Baptist churches as little chain store units of the denomination. We have the feeling that denominational church members are creatures designed for exploitation. They are to be propagandized and trained to loyally support whatever plans and programs are devised FOR them by the leaders. Pastors, churches and people must cry "We are for the whole program." If they dare to point out anything wrong with any denominational institution, or any plan or program handed

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NOTE TO CHURCH MEMBERS FROM THE DEVIL HIMSELF

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Time to Reject God

My Dear Worldly Church Members:

Did you know that you gave me the scare of my life when you joined the church? I sure thought that you meant business with God, but I am so happy that you did not take the step too seriously and have returned to your old love and master. I thought you had more intelligence than to waste much time with the church.

GLAD YOU PUT LODGE FIRST

How my heart thrilled when you joined the lodge, and attended its meetings instead of prayer meetings. I was glad to see you stay away from Sunday School and church to study for advancement in the lodge. The house is quiet when the family has gone to Sunday School and church. You know that I have multitudes who feel that the lodge is as good as the church. I am so glad that you think so. It cost Jesus His life and blood to start the church, and my crowd put Him to death. Solomon started the lodge and he was a murderer; had a thousand women to live with; forsook God; and built idols for the people to worship, turning the nation away from God to serve me.

Some of my followers must go to the store and open up on Sunday morning to make a few extra dollars. There will be Sundays when you will need to work around the house, for houses must be kept repaired. And when you have caught up on all this, it's so relaxing just not to dress, and to enjoy the Sunday paper as you lounge around.

I was glad to see some of you show some attention to that

other third person, for this will cause trouble in the home. It is always good to see husbands and wives become interested in others because when this happens the homes are broken, and the children untrained for God. I know when you are playing around with someone else, and

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A Sermon by Ray Waugh, Sr.

PITEOUS PENTECOSTALS

Part IV
Imprecations

E're we go much further, perhaps it would be well to relate the names of Aimee Semple McPherson and Kathryn Kuhlman. In a very real sense, they were two of a kind. They held forth or pursued their Pentecostal activities in two different generations. Though separated by a short span of time, their efforts were similarly satanic and their objectives were equally anti-Christ and anti-Church.

First, both defied without any apparent conscience. "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." Second, both gave what some have called a "spiritual flourish" to Pentecostal religion as they flaunted their sexuality in their long, luxurious, and flowing robes of pink, or blue, or white. Third, both seemed to lend an aura of respectability to their religious persuasions of the

time: Aimee Semple McPherson gave a sophistication, a flamboyance, and a respectability to what had become Charismatic crassness!

As one, they gave the impression that they were cursing the darkness and lighting a candle of Christian concern. Nothing could be further from the truth. Their business really was an earthly "kingdom building." In order to accomplish this, they held out "healing hands," while perpetrating and promoting financial scams and schemes.

Instead of coming to the people with the heavenly light of the light of the Word of God, they promoted satanic darkness and satanic darknesses and gave themselves in the attempt to snuff out the spiritual candles, as it were, of the lives of all whom they could deceive and delude. They had and they indulged what they called their "revelations," but they despised the Word of God. They boasted of their "healings," but they

were harbingers of hopelessness for all whom they "persuaded" or "caught" in their satanic traps of unbelief.

Aimee Semple McPherson and Kathryn Kuhlman made their "pitches," so to speak, with respect to the importance of the things of eternity and the things of faith! As Robert Schuller, in a more recent day, has boasted, they built their "shopping centers for Jesus Christ." And, as Robert Schuller boasts more recently, perhaps they felt that they were as "a show barker." In the pursuit and in the process of their religious activities, it was evident that Aimee and Kathryn gave their lives in the attempt to turn the multitudes away from that grace of God whereby men may come to faith by the Word of God. As may be surmised, their subtlety was borne of him who deceived that first woman with his, "Yea, hath God said?"

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alone: if he hear thee thou hast gained thy brother" (Matt. 18:15). This commandment compels the injured brother to go, not to wife and neighbors, but to the offender, and show him in a Christian spirit his fault (Greek, convict him). Have you wronged? Have you obeyed this command of Christ? Is not a Christian one who keeps His commandments? Then how dare you claim to be one when you do not? Again: "If therefore thou art offering my gift at the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift" (Matt. 5:23,24). This applies to the injuring person. When you knowingly wrong another you cut down the wires between your own soul and God, and they can be replaced only by following the above instructions of the Saviour. All excuses must be thrust aside, and God obeyed at any cost. Regeneration imparts the spirit of obedience to these and all other commandments of the great Head of the Church. The baptism with the Holy Ghost eliminates inbred sin, the great bosom foe, and makes obedience effective and easy. In most cases, these directions

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It was subtle sin then!
It is subtle sin today!
Therefore, it did not trou-
ble or bother either of these
of whom we might speak of as
"beauteous blasphemers"
that God Himself had
declared that "A bishop then
must be blameless, the hus-
band of one wife, vigilant,



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sober, of good behavior,
given to hospitality, apt to
teach." It is not "may be" or
"can be," but, rather, "must be
... the husband of one wife."
It is quite probable that these
ladies would have found this re-
quirement a very difficult, if not
an impossible, challenge. Such
Scriptural detail, needless to
say, was of little or no concern to
these and of no concern
whatever for the multitudes
whom they deceived and delud-
ed.

Improprieties

The plight of the
Pentecostals in this genera-
tion, then, is most piteous, in-
deed! The mere mention of
the name of Kathryn
Kuhlman, for example, con-
jures up "visions" of flowing
robes, "healing powers," and
"miracle cures" for a great
multitude of deluded men
and women and young peo-
ple. Though she is dead, and
that from a raging disease,

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To know why a thing has to be done is finding strength to do it.

GRAHAM'S MISSION OF UNDERSTANDING LEAVES MUCH TO BE UNDERSTOOD



"I saw no evidence of religious repression in Russia."—Billy Graham

From EAST/WEST News Service

In hopes that his visit would "make at least a small contribution
to better understanding between the peoples of the Soviet Union,
the United States and other countries of the world," Dr. Billy
Graham announced his plans to participate as an observer at the
Moscow "World Conference of Religious Workers for Saving the
Sacred Gift of Life From Nuclear Catastrophe." From the very
outset Dr. Graham was warned by Reagan administration officials
(one being Vice President George Bush) and countless religious
leaders that his very presence at the conference would tend to falsely
portray the Soviet Union as being a nation of peace and religious
freedom.

Now we have only to look in retrospect upon the confusion and
bewilderment left behind by Dr. Graham's six-day visit to see that
his presence and controversial statements did just that.

It is not our intention to belittle Dr. Graham, a man who has for
many years championed the cause of world evangelism. But this
policy of "dialectical evangelism" with the very enemies of any con-
cept of the Divine is a policy which should and must be challenged.
It is that issue that we desire to pursue. And perhaps it is best
related in questions for Dr. Graham himself to answer:

1. Dr. Graham, you said in Moscow, "I have experienced total
liberty in what I wanted to say. So from my personal experience I
have had liberty." However, did you not censor yourself by obvious-
ly avoiding statements that would have offended your Soviet hosts?
When speaking with key individuals within your organization prior
to your arrival in Moscow, we were told that you would word your
statements carefully so as not to close any doors for future trips to
the Soviet Union. Is this what you term speaking with total liberty?

2. Dr. Graham, speaking at the Evangelical Christian Baptist
Church you quoted from the New Testament passage found in
Romans chapter 13. In this context you encouraged the believers
present to "obey the authorities." But, Dr. Graham, how should
these Soviet believers obey their Marxist authorities? Should
evangelical believers desist in the printing of Bibles and religious
literature because Soviet authorities forbid it? Should believers in
the Soviet Union deny Christ's mandate to evangelize the lost
because their authorities say it is illegal to propagate religious
beliefs? Should Christians in that nation deny religious instruction
to youth because Soviet law prohibits the teaching of religious con-
cepts to children under 18 years of age? Dr. Graham, what did you
mean? When you said without exception to your Moscow audience
that they should "obey the authorities"?

3. Dr. Graham, regarding the young Christian woman who
silently held a cloth sign from the balcony of the Baptist Church
with the words: "We have more than 150 prisoners for the work of
the Gospel." What did you mean when you said, "Some people can
be detained for all kinds of reasons. We detain people in the United
States if we catch them doing something wrong. I've had people
coming to my services in the U.S. and causing disturbances, and
they've been taken out by the police."? Dr. Graham, was this
young believer doing something wrong? Was she causing a distur-
bance? Can you compare her to the protestors who have on occasion
sought to disrupt your services in the West?

4. Dr. Graham, you said you had not time to meet with the unof-
ficial religious groups in Moscow because your Soviet hosts "have
got my time blocked out hour by hour." However, your schedule, as
distributed by your staff, showed that you had no events scheduled
Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning, or all day Thursday, when
you were expected to leave. Was there really no time at all to meet
with the representatives of these many groups who say they are be-
ing mistreated and imprisoned because they preach the Gospel of
Christ and are evangelicals just like you? (We gratefully
acknowledge the fact that Dr. Graham did meet for a short time
with members of the Chmykhalov and Vashchenko families who
have been religious refugees in the basement of the U.S. Embassy in
Moscow for almost four years, but it is this writer's opinion that the
conditions that Graham's representatives placed upon the six
Pentecostals were highly objectionable.

It is well worth noting that READER'S DIGEST writer John
Barron, in his book "KGB--The Secret Work of Soviet Secret
Agents" writes of the utilization of people from the West by the
KGB to carry out successful disinformation programs. Such victims
of KGB strategy are innocently naive.

We quote from Chapter Eight: "Visiting politicians, scholars,
journalists, clergymen and other professionals whose opinions are
influential are the most common targets of concerned disinforma-
tion efforts. Typically, the KGB strives to control what the
foreigner sees while persuading him that he's really seeing what he
wishes.

"In practicing what it calls disinformation, the Soviet Union has
for years sponsored grand deceptions calculated to mislead, con-
found or inflame foreign opinion. Some of these subterfuges have
had considerable impact on world affairs."

We have just received in our Pasadena office a book sent to us
from the Soviet Embassy in Washington, DC. The book entitled
"What the Soviet Constitution Guarantees" was just recently
printed in Moscow by the Soviet propaganda mill Novosti Press
Agency Publishing House. Beginning on page 82 is a chapter titled
"Religious Freedom" written by Vladimir Kuroyedov, Chairman of
the Council for Religious Affairs under the USSR Council of
Ministers—an integral part of the Soviet government.

In the chapter Kuroyedov seeks to establish his claim to absolute
religious freedom in the Soviet Union. He does so by quoting one
previous guest of that nation—a renown minister of the Gospel. We
quote: "General Secretary of the European Baptist Conference
Gerhard Class (sic), who was one of the 660 participants at the
World Conference of Religious Workers for Lasting Peace, Disar-
mament and Just Relations Among Nations held in 1977 in
Moscow, said that on returning to their countries the participants
would be asked what they had done to defend human rights, and in
particular freedom of religious worship.

"Of course, we shall know how to answer that question," said
Gerl. rd Class (sic). "We shall speak about the Conference, the
draft of the Soviet Constitution, the religious freedom we saw in the
Soviet Union and the leniency so often shown by the Soviet govern-
ment towards some believers convicted for breaches of the law. I
stress—for breaches of the law, and not for their religious beliefs,
which is something many people in the West unfortunately do not
understand.

Again, we at East/West News Service do not question Dr.
Graham's sincere motives nor his desire to evangelize the lost of
Moscow in the name of the Prince of Peace, but we must look at the
policy of the dialectic involved and question the practicality of
presenting a false impression about the host government at the ex-
pense of those who are persecuted for their efforts to evangelize the
Soviet Union.

Could it possibly be that the only ones designating a need for
spiritual help at the end of this Graham crusade were those who
reached out feeble hands to Graham in search of help but found
none? Or perhaps the only tears that streamed down distressed faces
were those of believers who found bitter disappointment by being ig-
nored by their foremost spiritual leader?

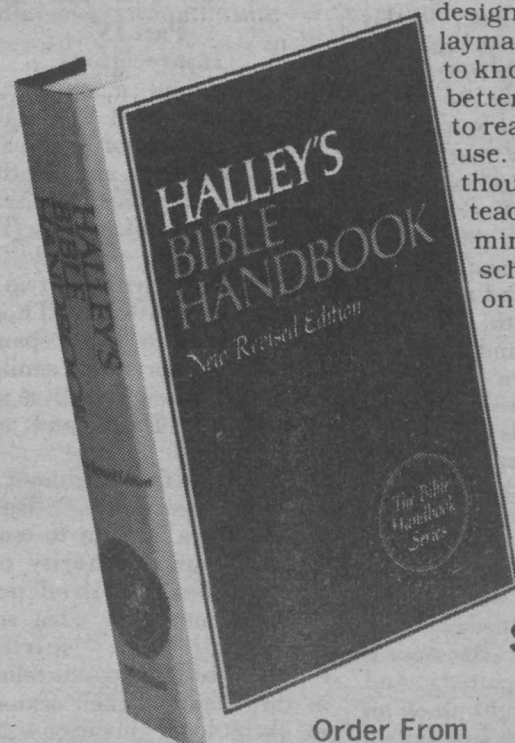
(Editor's Note:) Shame on Dr. Graham for the weak position he
took while in Russia. Of course, it was expected, just as he has done
every place he visits.

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her "Faith Healing" books are hawked far and wide by crass, cold, and heartless self-serving, scheming religious shysters and charlatans. People by the millions even now are deceived into supposing that she was a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ and a faithful purveyor of Truth. Every bookseller handling her lies is an enemy of Christ and His Churches!

I doubt seriously that she ever knew the Truth or had any real knowledge of the Holy Word of God. Obviously, she despised the word, "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." Certainly, the word raised against one in another day should have been raised against Kathryn Kuhlman and those who sat devotedly before her in person or by means of Radio and TV. "I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols."

Her fraud in the area of "faith healing," perhaps, has never been matched, certainly it has never been exceeded. Yet, the fraud of her "faith healing" was proved beyond any shadow of a doubt by one of her own choice medical doctor friends. He had been one of her most ardent followers and one of her most staunch supporters at one time. Most of her doting followers, however, did not care at all that she had been proved to be a fraud as a "faith healer."

Later, when raging disease began to wrack her mortal body, her doting and contributing public was not informed. Rather, those who were looking to her for "healing faith" and "faith healing" were precluded from knowing that she had no hope when she was battling the raging disease that killed her. Almost until the last, she sat in her Wicker Chair and held out her hands of supposed "healing capability" as she smiled and attempted to perpetuate the fraud of "Faith Healing" which she had perpetrated.

Certainly, "Evil men and seducers wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." It may be that we would not be amiss in referencing right here a most pointed word, "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."

Though her plight was desperate and though her Pentecostalism was piteous, indeed, her subtle scheming, money-grabbing, and delusive appeals never ceased until the last. While actually presenting herself before her doting and deluded followers as a "Faith Healer," Kathryn Kuhlman was making her own desperate forays into the realms of Medical Science in the hope that Medical Doctors would be able to thwart, stymie, or cure her raging disease. Needless to say, both her "Faith Healing" and "The Medical Doctors" failed.

As the name of Aimee Semple McPherson was raised among the Pentecostals of another day, so the name of Kathryn Kuhlman has been raised

Contentment is produced, not by what is around us, but by that which is within us.

among the Pentecostals and the Charismatics of our day. However, just as the Pentecostals of another day should have known that God did not call Aimee Semple McPherson or ordain her to preach, teach, or heal, so the Pentecostals and Charismatics of our day should know that God did not call Kathryn Kuhlman or ordain her to preach, teach, or heal! Whether she was saved or lost is not mine to say. I can declare, nonetheless, and that without any fear of contradiction, that she lived as an enemy of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Churches.

The word is very final!
There is no exception!

Everytime Kathryn Kuhlman appeared before her Radio or TV audience, and everytime she appeared in person before any audience, she blasphemed the teachings of the Blessed Book, even the Word of God, the Bible. Too, in every such appearance, she really blasphemed the Blessed Son of God, even the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior. In every such appearance, she demonstrated how violently and how viciously she despised the Truth, even the Word of God, though she appeared to be a kindly and gentle soul. She may have appeared as "an angel of light," but she was in actuality and in fact, an emissary of abject satanic darkness, a messenger of Satan and for Satan!

Sadly, and tragically, perhaps, we must conclude that as Aimee Semple McPherson was a piteous Pentecostal, so Kathryn Kuhlman was a piteous Pentecostal. Too, just as all who were deceived and deluded by Aimee Semple McPherson were piteous Pentecostals, so all who were deceived and deluded by Kathryn Kuhlman were piteous Pentecostals. Needless to say, all who are deceived or deluded by either or both today even in retrospect are piteous Pentecostals.

During the last few years, when the religious persuasion and perversion known as "The Charismatic Movement" was becoming a way of life for many, some things of a tragic sort were transpiring. Some of the Pentecostals, so-called, felt that they were getting a real "shot in the arm," so to speak. Being seemingly "gracious souls" in some instances, at least, they wanted to share their "good fortune."

Since Baptists, generally, are known as "the done religionists," and all other religionists, perhaps without exception, are "the do religionists," there is a desire to proselyte the Baptists and share with them any supposed "good fortune" which they find in their "do religion." Therefore, when the Pentecostals conceived the all-inclusive "Charismatic ecumenicalism," they really moved in on their Baptist friends and neighbors, especially some of the more influential ones.

Before long, many Baptist congregations were being informed by way of a deluded pastor, or some deluded members, or some deluded deacon that "they had not gotten all of Jesus" or that "They had not gotten all that Jesus wanted them to have, if they had not spoken in tongues." Needless to say, anyone who needs a "fuller gospel" than that which the Lord Jesus Christ provides in His Own Death, Burial, and Resurrection is



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BIBLE STUDY LESSON

By WILLARD PYLE

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Psalm 31:14-24

David began on the mountain-top in this Psalm, and even though he enters into the valley of temptation and testings, he ends this Psalm again on the mountain-top. This, of course, is true in the experiences of the saints down through the ages.

VERSE 14

"But I trusted in Thee, O Lord." In spite of all attempts by the enemy to discredit both David and David's God, he was steadfast in the conviction he had personally put his faith and trust in the Lord; and it hadn't changed, even though physically and mentally, he had grown weak.

"I said, Thou art my God." David had given a public testimony (Rom. 10:9,10), and although things outwardly were worse than when he gave this testimony, he could still say to God Who knew his heart, "Thou art my God."

VERSE 15

"My times are in Thy hand." He acknowledges God to be in control of all of the events surrounding his life. How good it is to know, my times, both good and bad, are regulated by the All-wise God. This is true of the actual event and the length of time. Over all, we need to be like Paul when we face afflictions, for he said, "These light afflictions are but for a moment" and remember they work for us (II Cor. 4:17).

"Deliver me from the hand of mine enemies." David was looking for "another gospel," or such a one "is preaching another gospel."

This is a tragedy!

A deceptive ploy!

When a "fellowship" such as that of "The Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship"—to which we shall speak in a moment—is predicated on "a gospel" which is not The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, then we can know that they have never known or that they are out of touch with the Lord Jesus Christ. Herein lies the real tragedy which transpired in the life of the famed Baptist minister in Houston who is known far and wide as "Osteen." After becoming a Charismatic on his own, he infiltrated the Baptist Church which he pastored with the demonic doctrines of the Charismatics. E're long, he "split his church," and a great host followed him. In a very real sense, he became the clarion of another great host of Baptists of many persuasions.

Today, Osteen is deemed by some to be "The Elder Statesman" of the Pentecostal and/or the Charismatics. He has "guttered" many churches! He has jetted to distant lands! He has brought back and spread abroad a flood of pictures which show him "holding forth" before thousands of blacks, Indians, and others with "raised hands." The fact that 99% of those before him never understood 1% of what he supposedly was saying is of little or no concern.

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of mine enemies." By Your "mighty hand" (I Pet. 5:6), rescue me from the hand of the enemy. A basis for the prayer of faith is the realization, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

"And from them that persecute me." Many times, God allows the enemy to strike

BIBLE VERSE



PROV. 3:12
For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

out with his hand (Acts 4:3); however, his grip will eventually be broken and removed.

VERSE 16

"Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant." The smile of God's approval and the light of His countenance meant so much to David. When God's light shines in the person, it brings rejoicing. When the sky is overcast, we need to continually look for a break in the clouds.

"Save me for Thy mercies' sake." We can never go wrong in using this petition.

VERSE 17

"Let me not be ashamed, O Lord." David didn't want to do anything to bring a reproach on God, whether it be cowardly silence, or vocal failure. Peter, both silently, allowed the enemy to belittle the Lord, and then added a shameful denial because of fear. Instead of praise coming from his lips, and rebuke, came a curse.

For I have called upon Thee." David further didn't want his prayer to fail, for he had exalted God's faithfulness in it. Of course, in reality, this could never be, for God will never fail. Like, when Elijah on Mt. Carmel in the presence of the false prophets called upon his God, and God answered by fire, this is what David wants. Thank God, the saints will never have to be ashamed for telling forth the wonderful works of God.

"Let the wicked be ashamed." Let their desires and their profession of faith in idols come to nought. Let their boasting turn to cries of despair.

"And let them be silent in the grave." This needs to be taken in the prophetic sense.

VERSE 18

"Let the lying lips be put to silence." David didn't want to see the wicked exalted outwardly, nor did he want to hear them propagate their ungodly heresies.

"Which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous." The wicked spue out their venom, seeking to make the righteous look like fools. They want them to be the offscouring (I Cor. 4:13; Heb. 10:33). This arrogance will consummate in the anit-christ (II

Thess. 2:4).

VERSE 19

"O how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee." David, by faith, leaps over all of the temporary suffering and afflictions of the saints into the future, and is made to see what God has prepared for them that love Him (I Cor. 2:9,10). How we need to go off to Revelation 21 and 22 and read prayerfully.

"Which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee." Not only can the child of God look to the future, but he can view God's abundant goodness even now. This is true individually and collectively.

"Before the sons of men!" These showers of blessing have fallen in the presence of the proud boasters.

VERSE 20

"Thou shalt hide them in the secret of Thy presence from the pride of men." God has to preserve His children from the desire for riches and fame in their lives, and from being proud and boastful like the ungodly.

"Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues." If the wicked can't get the saved to join him in his ungodly effort to obtain riches, he seeks to destroy him with his tongue. Therefore the child of God must be kept from both. God does this unseen and unknown by the world.

VERSE 21

"Blessed be the Lord." The Psalmist breaks forth in praise and adoration as he contemplates these truths. May we follow his steps!

"For He hath shewed me His marvellous kindness in a strong city." David had experienced this truth. Read Psalm 23:5 with these thoughts in mind.

VERSE 22

"For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before Thine eyes." David said he would one day perish by the hand of Saul, but this was said without time for reflection on God's promises. How many times have we, like Jacob, cried out, "All these things are against me?"

"Nevertheless Thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto Thee." Even in discouragement, David cries unto God, and although unworthy, God heard him.

VERSES 23, 24

"O love the Lord, all ye His saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord."

Conclusion: These verses are a glorious conclusion to a great Psalm!

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Is Zion, Heaven or Jerusalem?

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In the strict sense of the word it is neither. The earthly Zion was a hill or mount which was a part of the city of Jerusalem (Psa. 2:6; Joel 2:1), yet in some instances the whole city of Jerusalem is spoken of as Zion (Psa. 126:1, Isa. 1:27). The earthly Jerusalem is of the earth, earthy, and is called the "city of David, which is Zion" (I Kings 8:1).

The Zion which is above ("Sion" Heb. 12:22), is of Heaven and is heavenly, and is called the "city of the living God" (Heb. 12:22). In Christian thought the "New Jerusalem" (Rev. 21:2) is often taken to be the consummate Heaven of eternity, but even that glorious city has dimensions (Rev. 21:16), and is but a part of the "everlasting kingdom", which shall fill all of the earth (Isa. 52:10; Acts 13:47).

"Here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come" (Heb. 13:14). Israel's Mount Zion is no longer the dwelling place of God on earth, for they rejected His Son as their Messiah, and He turned to the Gentiles, from which He built His church and in which He resides. And on this earth the church has no Mecca or Holy City, but she looks for one to come.

Revelation 21:2, "And I John saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

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Zion is sometimes spoken of as a certain portion of Jerusalem, but most generally means all of Jerusalem. It became known as the city of David. "...and the inhabitants of Jesus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither. Nevertheless David took the castle of Zion, which is the city of David" (I Chron. 11:5). It was the capital of Israel, (see also Ps. 2:6 and Isa. 2:3).

Zion is also known as the city from which Christ will reign during His 1000 year reign. He will sit on the throne of David in Jerusalem, or Zion, and reign. "The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the

heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of His people, and the strength of the children of Israel" (Joel 3:16).

Finally, Zion will be the heavenly city in which His bride will live. "But ye are come into mount Sion, and unto the city of the Living God, the heavenly Jerusalem..." (Heb. 12:22) (see also Revelation chapters 18-21).

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"And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: ---thinking, David cannot come hither. Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David" (II Sam. 5:6,7). This is the first time "Zion" is mentioned in the Scripture, but it is mentioned more than one hundred and fifty times after this in the Old Testament alone. In many of these passages it is the earthly Zion which is referred to, which is the oldest and highest part of Jerusalem. It was here that the temple was built and where King David lived and reigned. Many of these passages refer to Zion as it then was in relation to the nation of Israel, but there are many other passages that refer to the city of Zion as it will be in the millennial reign of Christ, when He will rule from that city (Psalm 2:6). Psalms 76:2, 132:13 tell us that it is the place of God's habitation and in Psalm 48:2 we read, "The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life".

Yes, Zion is Jerusalem and God has yet great things in store for her.

But there are passages of Scripture in which the word is used in a spiritual manner and refers to Heaven. In Hebrews 12:22 we read, "But ye are come unto mount Sion (Zion) and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, ---" By a study of this passage in connection with the preceding passages we see that a contrast is being made between the law of Moses and Grace. What is said of Mount Sinai is referring to the law as given to Moses and what is said of Mount Sion is of grace brought to us by Christ. "But ye are come to Mount Sion" means that the believer comes to spiritual Sion, "unto the-- City of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem."

From this study we see that Mount Zion is the city of Jerusalem, the earthly city of King David's day — a type of the "City of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem". This is the city that John saw coming down from Heaven, "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down

from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Rev. 2:2). It is the city that Abraham looked for in his day, "He looked for a city which hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God" (Heb. 11:10). In answer to the question, both are called Zion. The earthly Zion, where the temple of God was built and from which David reigned over Israel, is a type of the heavenly Zion, the seat and center of the worship of God.

Some day beyond reach of mortal ken,

Some day, God only knows just where and when,

The wheels of mortal life shall all stand still,

And I shall go to dwell on Zion's hill.

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Though Zion is neither Heaven nor Jerusalem, yet Zion has a close geographical relation with Jerusalem. Also, as a remnant of Israel, according to the election of grace, Zion is influenced spiritually by Heaven.

Very early in the Bible, David took the stronghold of Zion from the Jebusites (2 Sam. 5:7), which then became known as "the city of David." This fortress was just outside the city of Jerusalem, and was used to facilitate its defense, even of a remnant out of Jerusalem (2 Ki. 19:31), who escaped out of Mount Zion, which was on the south side of the east hill of Jerusalem.

This name Zion (City of David) is often used of the whole City of Jerusalem, which is also considered as the City of God (Ps. 48:2, 3) in the mountain of His holiness, . . . the joy of the whole earth during the yet future millennial reign of Christ. Especially is this true, in referring to that future age of the theocratic kingdom, when Israel will be restored as the Head-nation of the earth (Isa. 1:27; 2:3; 4:1-6; Joel 3:16; Zech. 1:16,17; 8:3-8; Rom. 11:26).

However, in Hebrews 12:22, Mount Zion is used symbolically of Heaven in conjunction with the City of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and an innumerable company of angels, is used as related to the general assembly and Church of the first-born, who are written in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel (Heb. 12:23, 24).

Then, too, in anticipation, the King will be sitting upon the "holy hill of Zion" (Ps. 2:6), when He dwells in Zion (Ps. 102:16) for His habitation, and will teach His Word out of Zion and Jerusalem (Isa. 2:3), as

having "founded Zion" (Isa. 14:32) and reigning gloriously (Isa. 24:23).

It is then that Zion will be a tested foundation-stone for believers (Isa. 28:16), when "the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem (Isa. 30:19), when "I (Christ) will place salvation in Zion for Israel, My glory" (Isa. 46:13) at the Redeemer's coming to Zion to those who turn from transgression in Jacob (Isa. 59:20). This will then be known as "The city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel" (Isa. 60:14) when "the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall choose Jerusalem" (Zech. 1:17).

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"They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever" (Psa. 125:1).

"Nevertheless, David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David" (II Sam. 5:7). Originally, Zion referred to a hill in the city of Jerusalem which was fortified and was the main defense of the city. Then the word was used to refer to the whole city of Jerusalem. This is probably its major usage in the Old Testament. Later, the name was used to refer to the whole people of Judah (see Psa. 126:1). It was so used because Jerusalem was the capital city of the people of Judah.

"For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Isa. 2:3). Here we see the word "Zion" referring to the city of Jerusalem in the Millennium. The city will be then enlarged and much more glorious than ever before.

"But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God" (Heb. 12:22). Though the present tense is used here, I believe it is the present tense of predestinated and prophesied assurance. What God has purposed shall be, is as certain as if it already were. I do not believe the Hebrew believers had yet come to all this, but that they would come to it. I take this attitude in part, because I do not believe that the word "Sion" ever refers to the church of our Lord. I believe that here the reference is to the new Jerusalem which will be the eternal home of the Bride of Jesus Christ.

So, as I see it, this word refers: 1. To a hill in the city of Jerusalem. 2. Then to the whole city. 3. Then to the people of



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Judah. 4. Then to the Jerusalem of the Millennium. 5. Then to the New Jerusalem, the home of the Bride. The context will make it clear as to how the word is being used in each instance.

PITEOUS

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It makes for a good show!
It will move contributors!

Thus, as "the elder statesman" of the Charismatics, and as the man who supposedly broke down the barriers of exclusiveness — especially among some Baptists — the younger generation of Pentecostal and Charismatic leaders clamor and vie for his services. If the Catholics did not have their Papacy, it is quite probable that Osteen would become "The Pope of the Pentecostals" or "The Vicar of Christ of the Charismatics"! With anti-Christ "altars" before which to moon and to moan, the promise of "tongues" which they might speak, and an opportunity to "raise their arms" that they might "exorcise the devil" and "permit the Spirit to flow in," it is understandable that Pentecostal-Charismatics never dream of raising a question about the unscripturalness of such heinous, human heresies!

Because of their delight with the fleshliness of Satan's "Yea, hath God said?" they despise Scriptural faith just as they despise Scriptural Truth. Consequently, they continue on in the fraud of their "Faith Healing," though not a one "by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature." Not one amputated limb has been made new by their "Faith Healing"! Not one handicapped hand or foot has ever been held forth as "being made whole" by their "Faith Healing." None of the blind has ever been made to see, and none of the deaf has ever been made to hear by their "Faith Healing."

They are: piteous Pentecostals!

As Charismatics they are crass!

As Aimee gave an aura of respectability to Pentecostal Holy Rollerism, and as Kathryn Kuhlman gave an aura of respectability to Charismatic crassness, some have felt that Pentecostal-Charismatics needed "a shot" of respectability. Thus, some devised that ecumenical "catch-all" which they called "The Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship." The name may sound quite innocent, yet it is so satanically subtle that great hosts of those who have called themselves Christian have been "suckered" into hotel and motel dining halls for "free feeding" by those who seem to be very gracious folk.

The object was proselyting!

Not fellowship or feeding!

Now that this Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship movement has attained great success, they can share their testimonies on Television before a brightly burning fireplace. Behind all of this show and this sham, however, is the desire to proselyte another great host to

"tongues," "healings," and humanly-designed "altars" which project heinous, human heresies. Anti-Christ efforts everyone!

Sadly, however, as "Piteous Pentecostals," they are as con-

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PITEOUS

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vinced as Scofield — and some of them by Scofield, incidentally — that Jesus did not establish His Church in the earth and in the city of Jerusalem prior to Pentecost, and that there really was no local church to which "there were added about three thousand souls" on that historic day of another era. Sadly, these are so deluded that they are really convinced that "the Gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" is not sufficient for salvation. Thus, they look for a "Second blessing," "sanctification," or they require "tongues" as the evidence or proof of salvation, along with "Baptismal Regeneration"! Some even pray to Mary as their "Mediatix"!

Wherever the sun rises or sets on these Pentecostals, they are one in their fleshly "faith healing" and their honoring of "Faith Healers." As one, they despise and take a violent stand against Scriptural faith! Now that they have reached out to encompass all religions, all denominations, and all diversities of parachurch and suprachurch persuasions and perversions, they have prepared themselves, finally, for union with "The Beast and the False Prophet" of the endtime.

Theirs is a travesty of traditions with no Scriptural parameters. Therefore, their every doctrine is "a doctrine of devils." It is no marvel, then, that God has proclaimed concerning such as these, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do . . . when he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own, for he is a liar, and the father of it," and, as well, "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!"

Piteous Pentecostals everyone!

How truly tragically poignant!

PROMISE

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the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And He said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed."

Now turn to Acts 1:4 we read, "And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, said He, ye have heard of Me."

Our subject, THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER TO THE BELIEVER.

1. What is the Promise? It is the Holy Spirit. Or an indweller

(John 14:16).

"And I (Christ) will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter (The Holy Spirit), that He may abide with you for ever."

Verse 17 of the same chapter says, "Even the Spirit of truth (Holy Spirit); whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; But ye know Him, (The Holy Spirit); for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." The Promise is the Holy Spirit which will deter us from sinning. By this we mean He will make us to know when we do something wrong.

2. Of the Comforter John 16:7 says, "Nevertheless I (Christ) tell you the truth: it is expedient for you that I (Christ) go away; for if I (Christ) go not away, the Comforter (Holy Spirit) will not come unto you; but if I (Christ) depart, I will send Him unto you."

Verses 8-11 of the same chapter says, "And when He (Holy Spirit) is come, He (Holy Spirit) will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on Me (Christ); Of righteousness, because I (Christ) go to My Father, and ye see Me no more; Of judgment, because the prince (Satan) of this world is judged." If we had no more Scripture than this it would tell us we can not save ourselves.

3. Of a witness John 15:16 says, "Ye have not chosen Me (Christ), But I (Christ) have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My (Christ) name, He (God the Father) may give it you." We do not only find that we do not choose Christ but He chose us, and made us one of God's children, that we should witness of Christ while we are here in this life on earth, and Christ will cause us to bring forth fruit and it shall remain.

II. THE CONDITION OF RECEIVING THE PROMISE

This promise was not made to the whole world, but to His church, and given to THE SON, to be His bride, and He also made the church willing to follow Her beloved Groom.

1. BELIEVING.

To have a firm conviction of the truths of God, and He is the only one that can give us that conviction. As in John 3:16 the 'world' there is not the whole world as we know it, but the word 'world' is the world of believers that God chose. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God gave to the Son a world of the ones He selected or elected to everlasting life.

2. WAITING.

Luke 24:49: "And behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you (The Church); but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Also, in Acts 1:4 we read, "And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, said He, ye have heard of Me." We can not rush our salvation, we must wait for the Lord to act, and He will in His own time. Until this time they had not power to carry out His Commission, Matthew 28:19-20. We

read, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world (or age). Amen." But we are told to wait for this power.

3. THIRSTING.

If we are dead in trespasses and sins in Ephesians 2:1, we read, "And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." How can we thirst for something?

Isaiah 44:3 reads, "For I (God) will pour water upon him that is thirsty and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour My Spirit upon thy seed, and My blessings upon thine offspring." Here God says that He will give water to the thirsty. Those who are made alive, by the Holy Spirit because the dead sinner does not thirst after the things of God.

Verse 4 of the same chapter says, "And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses." Then, again, they must be alive to spring up like willows by the water courses.

III. THE RESULTS WHICH FOLLOW

1. Power to will according to God's mind. Philippians 2:13 says, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do His good pleasure." Paul says to the Philippians that it is God that wills things, and not man's will to do the pleasures of God. That is contrary to human nature because our nature is at enmity with God's will.

2. Power to walk according to God's way. Ezekiel 36:27 reads, "And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them." God has put His Spirit in us, and that Spirit will let us know when we are sinning and will cause us to ask God for forgiveness, which He (God) will do.

3. Power to witness according to God's Word. Acts 1:4 says to tarry till endued with power from God: "And, being assembled together with them, commanded them, that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father which, saith He, ye have heard of Me." So, after the Lord has saved us and made us one of His

"The Rich Man And Lazarus"

There is a true story which Jesus told, Of a rich man in purple, with silver and gold; And a beggar named Lazarus who lay at the gate, Longing for crumbs from the rich man's plate.

Now the rich man fared sumptuously, as I recall, Showing no mercy for Lazarus at all; Yea, the dogs, with more compassion than he, Licked the sores of the beggar in his misery.

But then the scene changed and things were reversed, No longer in misery was Lazarus immersed; For he died and was carried to paradise, Trusting the Saviour who paid the great price.

The rich man died, too, and to hell he was sent, To suffer forever in flames and torment; For mercy he begged, and that Lazarus might come With a drop of water to cool his poor tongue.

But the rich man cried for mercy too late, For a great gulf is fixed and there's no escape; All help, all hope, all good things were ended, For to those in hell, there's no mercy extended.

Then the rich man thought of his brothers in sin, Who would soon be in hell, tormented like him; So he prayed that one from the dead be sent To warn his five brothers that they might repent.

But even one from the dead they would not heed, If Moses and the prophets they did not believe; For they wrote of the Christ who would die for sin, And save all from hell who trust in Him.

Now Jesus told this story that we might escape, And not be partakers of the rich man's fate; Heaven - not hell - is my destiny, For I've trusted in Jesus who died for me!

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fussing in the home, that you will not go to church, so I don't have to worry about you.

CHURCH ASKS TOO MUCH

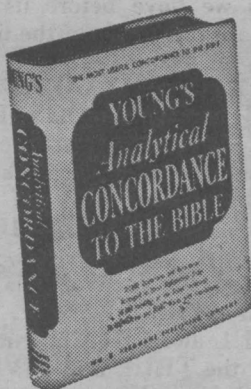
That church crowd asked too much of you, anyway. They wanted you to be present for Sunday School, morning preaching, evening worship and prayer meeting; not satisfied with all that they wanted you to give a tenth of your money. Since you have stopped all that, you can sleep later on Sunday morning, have more money for joy riding, Sunday movies, the races, and a good supply of beer in the ice box.

I just smile with great delight when I see you buy liquor and beer, and go home to drink it with the wife, and before your children. I know they will never grow up to be God-fearing men and women.

I know some of you would rather have your children in the movies on Sunday than in Sunday School. There they can learn all the vices and tricks of crime. Instead of them being a blessing to the world, they will be drunkards, gamblers, prodigals, robbers, murderers, or social climbers who will make the world "buzz." Instead of your daughters being homemakers, missionaries, and God-fearing mothers, they will be bar maids, street women, movie stars, and home wreckers. I am so happy that you can play, but cannot pray; you know the names of movie stars, but cannot name the Books of the Bible; you can find Amos and Andy on the radio, but would have trouble locating Amos and Andrew in the Bible. You know the score at the ball game, but not what the score is

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in God's Word.

A PLEASURE TO WATCH

My, but it's a pleasure to watch the thousands of church members as they stay away from the church Sunday after Sunday, finding fault with the Lord and His work. There goes a man, wife, and children to the beach. Other families are riding and fishing. How proud I am of you men who are quarreling with your wives about going to church so much. If she does persuade you to go, you come home and before the children criticize the preacher, Sunday School superintendent, and teachers. I have thousands who are uncooperating, die-hard people who will break the pastor's heart, and tear up the church just to have their own way. There is no one who honors me more than these.

The sickness I inflict on many of you surely does work wonders in keeping you away from church. It is known as "Devilitis." You probably have never noticed how it worked. It makes you so sick, sore, and stiff on Sunday mornings until you are unable to dress for church. But about 11:30 you begin to improve rapidly and by 12:30 you are perfectly well and have a wonderful time, and forget all about your "devilitis" until you start home. Then you have an acute attack which renders you almost helpless and makes your supper unappetizing. There is nothing you can do then but go to bed; it is impossible for you to go to church on the Lord's Day. But by 8:30 you are well once more and can sit up, and look at the television, or listen to the radio until about 11:00. Off to bed you go feeling fine and ready for a good night's rest, and for another week's hard work with God left out of your life. You are not bothered anymore with "Devilitis" until the next Sunday. This disease will not send you to the hospital, nor will you have to have a doctor with it, but it will send you to Hell.

CHURCH MEMBERS WHO DO NOT MOVE MEMBERSHIP

Let me tell you about some people that I am proud to call my own. You dear ones who move from your own community and leave your church letter, not bothering to attend church services—I call you my "Neverites." You are giving me your influence and children.

Then I have a large group who go to the church on Easter, and to funerals. They go just to be social people so I call them my "Social Climbers." There is a group of God's people, whom I am able to keep from being faithful, they go once a week and feel they've served the Lord enough. I call them my "Oncers." The Lord allows me to make it hard for all of you and I enjoy doing so, but I'm glad you still love and serve me. **FANANTICAL CHURCH MEMBERS**

There is a group I hate and call "Devil-haters." They are fanatical in their faithfulness to all services honoring their Redeemer. They go visiting and try to be soul-winners; I do hate that sort of thing. They pray for their pastor, tithe, and try to hurt my program. When a real test comes they always put God first, and He has promised them eternal life with joy and hap-

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piness. I will never be able to torment them after death.

Some of these same people may be around to invite you to church before long, but just as sure as you go, they will want you to give money. Why, sure the preacher will say you are going to Hell for all eternity and burn in the flames, but you won't be by yourself, for the majority of the earth's population will be there. You will have plenty to keep you company—to weep with you. God said that I am going to the flames, but we will make it hard for Him and His children while we are on earth. You will want to find fault, make fun, criticize, and make it hard for all those who try to live for God.

So, my faithful servant, keep your name on the church roll, so the preacher can say you were a church member at your funeral. But this means we can deceive many others. Stay away from the church. This will keep many others away. Do all you can to split the church, so that the unsaved people will not believe there is anything to the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let your tongue be loose at both ends and set on fire of Hell, doing all the damage you can to God's cause. When your pastor asks you to back him in some big effort he is trying to carry through for the glory of God, don't you even come near the church; show him you are on my side.

Remember I will see you in the flames that torment throughout eternity; there we will suffer and curse God together. So remain my faithful servant, that you will see what a great deceiver I am, and what a fool you are.

Your cruel master,
"The Devil"

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down to them, they are branded as disloyal. We seem to be developing a "new Catholicism." Let us remember that Baptists of the early centuries created that fearful Frankenstein, the Catholic Church. They can create another monster as bad—and will do so, unless the present trend is handled. "Bible Baptist Churches," Fundamental Baptist Churches, "Conservative Baptist Churches," "Regular Baptist Churches," and straight out "Independent Baptist Churches" are springing up like mushrooms all over the north and south, all because of the intolerance and the leadership of the American and Southern Baptist Conventions.

THE BIBLE VIEW is that church members are the most important people around a Baptist church. They don't exist for the clergy, and they don't exist for the denomination. They ARE the church. Church members constitute a democracy in which each one has a voice and a vote. Note some Scriptures which indicate this. (Acts 1:21-26; 6:2-6; 13:1-4).

IS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AN END IN ITSELF?

Many seem to think so. They get into a church without expecting to ever do anything. They seem to think that church membership insures them against Hell. If they attend services on Christmas, Easter, and Mother's Day, they feel that they have discharged their obligation. They feel no call to visit the sick, but if something



QUESTION - What king saw his sons killed and then was blinded?

ANSWER - Zedekiah, Second Kings 25:7 - "And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon."

gets wrong with them, they feel that the pastor ought to be over them solicitously holding their pulse. They want to be served, but they never serve. Such persons are sensitive, and they resent any thing that would indicate that they have any duty of obligation as concerns their church. They are in the church for what they can get out of it, and not for what they can do for the Lord and for others. Tens of thousands of church members of this day are like this, and they are so many barnacles - so many parasites - so much dead wood that needs to be pruned off.

WHY BELONG TO A CHURCH ANYHOW?

1. One, a Christian should belong for fellowship. (CF, Act 2:42). A Christian needs the encouragement that association with others of like-faith brings.
2. One should be a church member in order to try to reach others for Christ. The Great Commission was given to the church, and one should be identified with those who are seeking to carry out that Commission. Few people have been saved down through the centuries outside the activity and influence of churches.
3. One should be a member with a view to building up the church. (I Cor. 14:12). Churches need building up in numbers, in spirituality, in influence. No one should belong to any organizations and let others bear all the burdens and pay all the expenses. A church member should carry his part of the load!

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gloom, but I make no apology for this awesome scene which we are about to present, nor for the words we have before us: for these are the words of the living God!

"MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?" — It is the question of the prophet David as he spoke by the Spirit of God of the GREATEST and MOST GLORIOUS event ever to take place on the face of this sin-cursed earth. Namely, the AWFUL and CRUEL crucifixion of the TRUE and LIVING Christ! Hear Him as He asks: "Why hast thou DENIED me?" — "Why hast thou ABANDONED me?" — "Why hast thou DESERTED me?" Oh, beloved, such words of the darkest desolation!

Who among us can recall such times in our lives when we have ever been so FORSAKEN? We are often forsaken by many a

supposed friend, or by one with whom we have shared the DEEPEST INTIMACY; but who can tell the depths of the meaning in being FORSAKEN OF GOD??? Yet here, speaks the words of prophecy that one-thousand years later would be echoed across Golgotha's Hill in the DEEPEST AGONY by the very SON OF GOD!

For this "man of sorrows", being forsaken was a very part of His holy ministry. Isaiah 53:3 tells us: "He is DESPISED and REJECTED of men; a MAN OF SORROWS, and acquainted with GRIEF, and WE hid as it were OUR faces from Him; He was DESPISED, and WE ESTEEMED HIM NOT."

John 1:10-11 further states, "He was in the world and the world was made BY HIM, and the world KNEW HIM NOT. He came unto His own, and His own RECEIVED HIM NOT."

And when many of His disciples "went back and walked NO MORE with Him," Jesus said unto the twelve, "Will ye also GO AWAY?? and as this, this His darkest hours approached, Matthew 26:56 informs us that even His most faithful followers "FORSAKE HIM AND FLED." Yes, beloved, even to this very hour are the cries yet heard in despicable tones, "Away with THIS!" "we will not have THIS to reign over us." So despised; so rejected.

Beloved, I believe that there is nothing worse in life to experience than rejection! Look upon the faces of little children who are rejected — who are deserted by their parents. Witness the expression on them as the ONLY HOPE they have, the only hope to which they might cling — DEPARTS THEM!! But, beloved, the HORROR of being forsaken is truly beyond description of words. To be FORSAKEN is to be in such a condition as to strike FEAR and TERROR into the heart — realizing, there is NONE to help in this awful hour of HORROR!

"MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?" Yes, my beloved, in these words of anguish, WE who are "born again," need so desperately, in our times, need to feel and UNDERSTAND — need to weigh their meaning. Beloved, of our present times, Jesus said in Matthew 24:12: "Because iniquity SHALL ABOUND, the LOVE OF MANY shall wax cold." How coldness, even a coldness that may be felt, fills our land, but worst of all, how we, as children of God, let our land so influence us that coldness even enters our churches! How then, we need often to take this journey, and be as David in the Spirit, PRESENT AT THE CROSS! Present as creatures of the DUST in ALL HUMILITY, ever so thankful for the abundant mercy displayed before us!

We consider, if you will, the character called "Christian" in the book "Pilgrim's Progress," as he was present at the cross, and how of him it states:

"Then he stood a WHILE to LOOK and WONDER, for it was very surprising to him that the sight of the cross should thus ease him of his burden. He looked, therefore, and LOOKED AGAIN, even till the springs that were in his head sent waters down his cheeks..."

Yes, beloved, how can any look thereon and not understand the gravity of what is before them? Witness if you will, along

with "Christian" the fulfillment of Psalm 22:1 in Matthew 27:46 as the suffering Saviour cried in His DESOLATION: "and about the ninth hour (Beloved, these words alone should be so significant to us. It was the ninth hour of the day that this mournful cry filled the air. Behold, the perfect Christ!) Jesus cried with a loud voice saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" This is the voice of the ONLY BEGOTTEN of the FATHER! This is Jesus, King of the Jews, yea, King of all the earth, crucified as a common criminal! Of this scene before us did the prophet Isaiah write in 52:14. "As many were ASTONISHED at thee; HIS VISAGE was so marred MORE THAN ANY MAN, and His FORM MORE THAN THE SONS OF MEN."

Down through the ages man has sought to portray on canvas, by his imagery, the SUFFERING JESUS. Yet, if they WERE ABLE to truly do so, NONE would look with admiration! For the picture painted by the Word of God of the SUFFERING SERVANT OF JEHOVAH would surely be condemned by man as most unpleasant to behold! Here Isaiah tells us that this sight of Him was ASTONISHING, i.e., PETRIFYING, with a paralyzing astonishment. Surely, beloved, Rome had crucified many, and that justly deserved, but here, true INNOCENCE and PURITY is UNJUSTLY condemned by exceedingly wicked men! Yet to look upon him, to hear His words, brought astonishment; a paralyzing, shocking effect upon men. What, beloved, did they behold with such emotion?

Consider DEEPLY, the horrible events that led to this ninth hour. Consider how the "Lamb of God" was led to a LITERAL slaughter! How thoroughly depraved man had made mockery — had beaten the Lord of Glory in the face with fists and reeds! How they had torn His beard from off His face, taking the very flesh with it! How that He had been scourged without mercy, in-somuch that the very flesh was torn from His body and possibly even exposing His very bones. For this cause was Simon compelled to carry His cross and John 19:1-2 tell us:

"Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged Him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns and put it on His head." Here was a crown, pressed down, with thorns two to three inches long piercing the very crown of His head. Precious blood flowing from all around His head and from His face, from His back. And to this the piercing of the nails as they tightly stretched His body upon the pole. ALL His bones out of joint! Is it no wonder then, that Isaiah through the Spirit, would tell us that "His VISAGE," His facial expression, yea, and more than this, His FORM, His body, "was so MARRED more than ANY MAN!" Beloved, even the most disfigured, distorted cripple could not compare to this scene of suffering before us!

They who beheld him were "astounded" with a paralyzing astonishment because that appearance of Christ, at this moment, DID NOT APPEAR TO BE HUMAN! Jesus Christ was so marred by depraved man that He no longer bore the resemblance of a man! Where

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Many of life's failures are men who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY"

MOSCOW (EP)--Billy Graham preaching in Moscow's only Baptist Church, told Soviets to "obey the authorities" and made no mention of allegedly human rights violations or the detention of dissidents in jails, labor camps and mental hospitals. The 63-year-old Southern Baptist minister spoke to 900 officially invited guests May 9 while about 300 Baptists singing hymns were kept behind a police barricade 200 yards from the church. Some of the Baptists said they heard of his visit through shortwave radio broadcasts by the U.S. government-run Voice of America and traveled to Moscow from all over the country. Although police warned the street crowd to stop singing hymns, apparently no arrests were made.

Graham said in his sermon, "God can give you the power. God can make you to love people you normally would not love...He gives you the power to be a better worker, a more loyal citizen because in the 13th of Romans we're told to obey the authorities," he said. He reminded his audience at the cathedral that Sunday was the 37th anniversary of the Soviet defeat of Nazi Germany. "The United States and the Soviet Union were allies against the common enemy. Now we have another common enemy, the possibility of nuclear holocaust," he said.

ALBANY, N.Y. (EP)---The state's highest court ruled May 6 that the Unification Church must be treated for property tax purposes as a religious organization, a decision that could save the church millions of dollars. The Court of Appeals said in its unanimous decision that it is not up to courts to "indulge" in rating the value of a religious organization's beliefs, just so long as the group is not "insincere or sham."

Much of the "doctrine, dogmas and teachings and a significant part" of other church-sponsored activities are religious, the court said. The church was founded and is led by Sun Myung Moon, 61, and his claimed 2 million followers worldwide are known as "moonies."

The case involved attempts to obtain religious property tax exemptions on three pieces of church-owned land in New York City, including the organization's headquarters in Manhattan. In 1977, the New York City Tax Commission rejected the church's exemption application by a vote of 4-3, saying that although the church "in certain respects" is a religious association, it is too "threaded with political motives" to qualify.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (EP)--The youth publication *Campus Life*, published in Wheaton, Ill., was named Periodical of the Year at the 34th annual convention of the Evangelical Press Association held here May 10-12. Over 215 editors and writers attended "The Grand Escape."

Other publications receiving Awards of Excellence included *Kindred Spirit*, Dallas

Theological Seminary: *Evangelizing Today's Child*, publication of Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc.; *The Preacher's Magazine*, published by the Church of the Nazarene; *Leadership*, published by Christianity Today, Inc.; *The Chosen People*, magazine of the American Board of Missions to the Jews; and *Counselor*, published by Scripture Press.

The EPA has a membership of over 250 publications and periodicals representing a circulation of over 22 million readers. The convention featured major plenary sessions and a variety of workshops, panels and seminars. General session speakers included theologian/authors Richard Mouw and George Marsden from the Michigan center of Reformed theology. William Petersen, executive editor of *Eternity* magazine, is president of the press association. In the most important piece of business transacted by the membership, the conferees adopted a new code of ethics designed to enhance the professionalism of the Association.

TUPELO, Miss. (EP)--The Coalition for Better Television says it considers "very significant" two recent events pertaining to TV programming. The 2000-group coalition says the editorial endorsement by *Christianity Today* magazine of its boycott of RCA/NBC and the recent statement by the Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church regarding television were "milestones" in efforts for more wholesome, constructive programming.

Christianity Today, in endorsing the boycott, said: "What made Wildmon's boycott announcement--and most of his public statements to date--so effective was the absence of diatribe and demagoguery...One need not believe in United Methodism, or fundamentalism or in any religion at all to recognize the common sense of what Wildmon seeks to bring to the public's attention."

WASHINGTON (EP)--Representatives of eight religious and secular groups have protested President Reagan's announced support for a constitutional amendment to allow voluntary prayer in public schools.

"I am disturbed that on National Prayer Day, President Reagan took a divisive political issue and made that his position," said Dr. Charles V. Bergstrom, executive director of the Lutheran Council in the USA's Office for Governmental Affairs here. Reading from a statement Bergstrom said in part, "the purpose of prayer is to praise and petition God, not to serve the secular purpose of creating a moral or ethical atmosphere for public school children."

In his speech in the White House rose garden, the President said, "In recent years well-meaning Americans, in the name of freedom, have taken freedom away. No one will ever convince me that a moment of

voluntary prayer will harm a child or threaten a school or state."

In response, Mary Cooper, assistant director of the National Council of Churches' Washington office, said "We oppose all efforts to involve the government in religion through legislation which would institute prayer in public schools. We believe that prescribed prayer demeans religion."

Other groups represented at the press conference were the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the American Jewish Congress, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, for the American Way, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

WASHINGTON (EP)--Baptists' chief church-state spokesman has condemned President Reagan's call for a constitutional amendment on public school prayer as "despicable demagoguery." James M. Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, reacted to Reagan's May 6 announcement asking Congress to pass the amendment. In a statement released to the press, Dunn declared: "It is despicable demagoguery for the president to play petty politics with prayer. He knows that the Supreme Court has never banned prayer in schools. It can't. Real prayer is always free."

Dunn said in spite of public misunderstanding of what the high court decided in its landmark 1962 and 1963 rulings outlawing state-sponsored devotional exercises in public schools, Reagan knows better. "He knows that the court in those prayer ruling affirmed and encouraged studies about religion in public school classrooms," Dunn said. "What the court has done is protect religious liberty." Noting that most religious bodies "have steadfastly supported" the rulings, Dunn said the Baptist Joint Committee, which works for 27 million U.S. Baptists; the National Council of Churches, encompassing 40 million mainline Christians; and every national Jewish organization have consistently opposed "compelled ritual." The president, Dunn said, "is being deliberately dishonest" by joining those who have misinterpreted the high court's position.

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. (EP)--In an interview in the forthcoming June issue of *Christian Herald* magazine, Dr. Lynn R. Buzzard of the Christian Legal Society offers opinions on the issue of prayer in the public schools.

Says Dr. Buzzard, executive director of Christian Legal Society, "Prayer has become a symbol--not a very good one, in my opinion--of what's happening to education in our society. In many ways it is a very confused and misleading issue...When one talks about voluntary prayer, it's not at all clear at times what it is that people are promoting."

"Students should be permitted on their own, without school sponsorship, without school funding, to gather and pray or read their Bible... We ought to be defending voluntary prayer in terms of the rights of students--their rights of speech, of free exercise of religion, of assembly."

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were they who cried **BRUTALITY IN-HUMANE???**

Yet, what do we envision here at the cross? What we see with astonishment and horror is the **GREATEST DEED OF LOVE** that the earth shall ever behold! yea, "Greater love than this **NO MAN HATH.**"

Beloved, do we look through the eye of faith at this scene before us **IMPASSIONED?** Let us look further as the very darkened heavens display the anger of a **WRATHFUL GOD.** Yes, beloved, at the **NINTH HOUR** He cries, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" This particular word, "forsaken," is also found in the New Testament but **NINE TIMES!** Behold the **EXACTNESS**, the **PERFECT HARMONY** of the Word of God! "Forsaken," written but **NINE TIMES**, and the first time it is written is here - at the **NINTH HOUR.** The depth of its meaning is even shown in the darkened heavens covering Golgotha's Hill! The depth of its meaning is heard in the voice of Jesus Christ. It is the awesome hour once intended for **US ALL.** The eternal hour of suffering! It is the hour of **FINAL JUDGMENT!!**

"MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"

The answer to this question was present at this very hour. Here was the very creator subjecting Himself unto His own creation, because "it pleased the Lord to bruise Him." Here was He "who knew no sin" taking on such an astonishing horrifying appearance! Crowned with thorns, which is the emblem of sin! An astonishing appearance indeed! The **VERY** appearance of **SIN**, "of wounds and bruises and putrefying sores." "Out of joint," representing the sin crippled man! Pierced in the hands and feet; man unable to help himself, **HELD FAST** by **SIN!** "SURELY He hath born **OUR** griefs, and carried **OUR** sorrows; yet **WE** did esteem **HIM** stricken, smitten of God and **AF-FLICTED.** But He was wounded for **OUR** transgressions. He was bruised for **OUR** INIQUITIES: the chastisement of **OUR** peace was upon **HIM**; and with **HIS** stripes **WE** ARE HEALED."

Here at the cross, we behold in all its wondrous majesty, Christ **BECOMING SIN** for **US!** Are we astonished at the sight before us? This, beloved, is what sin looks like in the sight of God! This, beloved, is what sin ought to look like in the eyes of His children. We ought to be terrified, yea, astonished at its gruesomeness. Man makes mockery and jest of **SIN** all too much. But were they truly to behold it in all its vileness, how quickly should they be repulsed! Yes, beloved, how such a sight as this before us ought to humble us into deep submission before Him! How this view should inspire us to a need for a greater zeal to strive against **SIN** in ourselves, in our nation, and in the world. Such a scene as this paints the true portrait of the suffering Christ and the awfulness of **SIN.** It is a scene that the Lord would have us to remember. For in this ninth hour, divine judgment fell upon Jesus Christ the **SIN BEARER**, inasmuch He cried, "FORSAKEN". How then, beloved, can sin be taken so lightly, when we understand here, that when it was put upon

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His very Son, there was **NO MERCY** from the Father? 'Tis no wonder that Christians "Looked again, **EVEN TILL THE SPRINGS THAT WERE IN HIS HEAD** sent waters down his cheeks." Look and consider: All this for **LOWLY ME!**

Beloved, we need to **CONTINUALLY** rejoice, thank and praise God for this wondrous sight. For it is done in our behalf with **MATCHLESS LOVE — MATCHLESS GRACE — MATCHLESS MERCY.**

For this cause we need with the joy of a child such words as: "When my father and mother forsake me, **THEN** the Lord **WILL** take me up." The promise is: "I **WILL NEVER LEAVE** thee nor **FORSAKE** THEE." "For the Lord **LOVETH** JUDGMENT, (He saw the travail of His soul and He was **SATISFIED!!**) And **FORSAKETH** NOT His saints; they are **PRESERVED FOREVER.**" "BECAUSE HE **EVER LIVETH** to make intercession **FOR** US." Yes, beloved. His was a cry of separation, that by His cry we should be united with the Father giving us that **PERFECT PEACE** which passeth **ALL** understanding. Yet, there is but one more message in this cry, I would impart to you. A message that is barely audible in these evil times, yet must be weighed by we who are led to hold the truth concerning His glorious institution — the church.

Here at the cross are we also reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 5:25-27 which in part states: "...Christ also **LOVED** the church, and **GAVE HIMSELF** for it. That He might present it to **HIMSELF** a **GLORIOUS CHURCH**, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it **SHOULD BE HOLY** and **WITHOUT BLEMISH.**"

The weight of His burden at Calvary can never be measured by our corrupted minds, nor can His love, and yet His cry of "FORSAKEN" needs to be gravely considered by **ALL** of us

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who would **FORSAKE** the assembling of ourselves together," that we might excuse our lack of love for Him by taking pleasure in the world, to forsake the joy of Him in His precious bride. To forsake His assembly is to forsake Him. It is the true test of our love to our Lord.

In closing, beloved, we must consider; It is most grievous indeed to be forsaken of men, but **NOTHING**, absolutely **NOTHING** can compare to spending eternity, **FORSAKEN OF GOD**. I believe that though the horrors of hell be **FOREVER** terrible, nothing in it can be more grievous than to be **FOREVER CAST OUT** of the presence of the living God; out of the presence of Jesus Christ. Forever forsaken of God with **NONE TO HELP** in this **ETERNAL HORROR!**

If there be any at this hour who **KNOW NOT** the Lord of **ALL**, I leave you with some final Scripture in the hopes and prayers that the Lord will tear your heart with them, in the hopes you will find no rest until you obey them, that you also might be saved from wrath **THROUGH HIM**.

Isaiah 55:7: "Let the wicked forsake **HIS WAY**, and the unrighteous man **HIS THOUGHTS**; and let him

return unto **THE LORD**, and **HE WILL** have **MERCY** upon him, and to **OUR GOD**, for **HE WILL ABUNDANTLY PARDON**."

The abundant sufferings of Jesus Christ mean abundant pardon. Eternal life depends upon them. May His blessings abide upon you all!

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followed will "gain thy brother." Then obey them, and

Go charitably, remembering that there may be palliating circumstances.

Go God-filled and led by the Spirit, as you may need great grace to do your part. God can give it.

Go prayerfully, looking for God to guide and bless.

Go soon, giving the Devil as little time as possible to widen the breach.

Go tenderly, remembering how God treats you when you wrong Him.

TAKE — Satan fosters hard feelings among believers by inducing them to neglect the means ordained by God to cure them. When the Gospel "Go" does not win the offending brother, what should be done? Christ's answer is very plain: "But if he hear thee not, take with thee one or two more, that at the mouth of two

witnesses or three every word may be established" (Matt. 18:16). Have you thus labored with the one who wronged you? Or have you neglected this God-given duty? If so, you must meet the consequences of the past of the Judgment.

The present you may be able to redeem by prompt obedience.

TELL — If, under the gracious influence of your "Going" and "Taking," the offender is still obdurate, what then? The Lord answers: "And if he refuses to hear them, tell it unto the church (Greek, eklesia, assembly of true believers); and if he refuse to hear the church...also let him be unto thee as the Gentile and the publican" (Matt. 18:17). Namely, treat him as an object of prayer, love and evangelization, withdrawing Christian communion, but doing him all the good you can.

These three commandments, "Go," "Take," "Tell," are so plain that all can understand them, and so simple that all can heed them. Obey them. They will bring a blessing to your heart, and help win "brothers" who otherwise might be lost to you. If all who read these lines will evidence the divinity of their profession by humbly heeding these words, difficulties will be adjusted, homes and church blessed, God honored, and thy way prepared for revivals of Pentecostal (Acts 2) power.

SATAN'S SUBSTITUTES

Satan has many substitutes which he tries to palm off on God's people for Christ's commandments to "Go, Take, Tell." Divisions and dissensions and disagreements among believers are fed by him. He will not let them be put out without a struggle. He suggests that following Christ's command:

1. "Will do more hurt than good." If it does, God will be responsible.

2. That "it will bring abuse upon you." If it does, it will give you a good chance to show what grace can do.

3. That "you let the other party alone, give him a wide berth." It may be your obedience will win him.

4. That "the other party is the most to blame anyway." Well, if you are least to blame, then it should be easier for you to make the first advances.

5. That you go "half way, and that only." Christ came all the way to save you, and commands you to go all the way to the brother.

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