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DEAR BROTHER BILL POWELL

by Raymond A. Waugh, Sr.
Midland, Tx.
Part I

I cannot speak to you as a Father, for you are a few years older than I. Neither can I speak to you as a son, for there is not that much difference in our ages. Nonetheless, I do need to speak to you as a Brother and to exhort you somewhat sharply.

Perhaps as none other in the last 30 years, I have wept over the evident demise of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, since it has ceased to be a bastion of truth. My weeping began in Mullins Hall in the spring of 1952. As a result, my floor and my cot often were wet with my tears of consternation and unbelief that what was happening in the Seminary was actually happening in the Seminary.

As far as I could determine, no others so wept! In fact, as you and a multitude of others in those days — including my pastor, Perry F. Webb, Sr. — it was supposed by most that all was well in "Zion"! H. Leo Ed-

dleman, then a professor of Hebrew, explained to me that he was aware of the problem, but for personal and professional reasons, he could not and he would not become involved. V.L. Stanfield informed me that he had once taken a stand and almost put an end to his career.



Ray Waugh

Then, with some encouragement, he decided to take a little different tact and became a professor of Homiletics. J.E. Jones,

professor of New Testament, was quite blunt in his informing me that I was dealing "with the Law of the Medes and the Persians," and that "some make the adjustment and some do not." So that to which I speak was not new, even then.

On the one hand, the Fundamentalists took ad-

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INDIAN JOE

This is a true story of what happened during a forest fire on our Sierra Madre Mountain range.

It was in the very hottest month, with everything as dry as tinder, when the fire was started through the explosion of a charge of dynamite in blasting for fuel in one of the canyons. Sparks, fanned by the wind, were soon out of control, as it raced up the canyon and spread from ridge to ridge of the mountains, burning for days.

While the fire fighters were at work on the slopes, an old Indian on his horse, came upon the scene, stopping some distance away upon a clearing of small brush to watch. Unnoticed by him, the fire crept up from the other side, and before he realized it, it had almost surrounded him. The place where he stood was on the edge of a canyon, too steep for his horse to take, but not for the fire, which came roaring up to the clearing toward old Joe and his horse. He could not go back the way he had come, for that, too, was in the path of the fire. Smoke and sparks were blowing thick and fast, while fire fighters called a

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A CLEVER CAMOUFLAGE TO SANCTIFY A SCHEME

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

Without any mock humility, let me state that I have no conception of the extent, the scope, the reach, nor the ramifications of this conditional promise from God's Word. Simply be allowing precept and example to do the teaching, I do know that there were those of my Lord's surrendered saints who evidently withheld nothing and were yet more paupers than prosperous. Clearly, for them, this verse did not carry a material connotation.

Elijah was fed by the ravens and drank from a brook. The brook dried up and he had need to seek sustenance from a widow in Zarepath, who in turn had to

scrape the bottom of the barrel for enough meal to make Elijah a "little" cake. Of a certainty, no physical and/or material opulence revealed here. (I Kings 17).

Would you apply New Testament verities in connection with this matter? Then look again at John the Baptist — or the Apostle Paul. Two of the premier

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HAVE YOU?

Cursed before your children, but never prayed?

Taken your children to the movies, but not to church?

Read them the funny paper, but not the Bible?

Beaten them in anger, but never disciplined them for wrong?

Taken God's name in vain before your children, but never taught them of Him?

If so, you are one of the promoters of juvenile delinquency.

I'd like to talk a little while, and it might not be too popular a topic, on the book of Ephesians, chapter one. Look at the first verse; Paul's greetings to the church at Ephesus. He says here in verse one, "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus." He is not writing to two different groups of people. Neither is he writing to two different churches. He is writing to the same saints of God, but yet he says, "to the saints which are at Ephesus and to the faithful in Christ Jesus."

I believe that unfaithfulness is one of the most outstanding sins of these evil days. Unfaithfulness. A man's word,

with rare exception, in the business world no longer is his bond. I remember the most outstanding things my father told me when I was a young boy, and one of them was that my word was to be my bond. If you cannot depend upon a man's word, then you cannot trust that man. I believe a man's word is his bond. I know when I was a boy if a man gave his word and you entered into a contract with him, all you needed was a handshake and his word. Brother, you'd better have more than that now! Not only out in the business world but in the realm of God's elect people. You'd better have a contract drawn up and it had better be signed and sealed for two reasons. First of all, for your

security and to keep him honest. Now a lot of time God's people have to be kept honest. So even at this, unfaithfulness is a terrible thing.

What about the social world? Material infidelity abounds on every side. The sacred bonds of matrimony do not mean much anymore. People in this day and time, even in Revelation 18:23, which said in those days, "and the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee." So in that day and time, I believe we are living in that day and time, people enter into marriage and they don't care anything about a contract,

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ORDINATION AND TRIBAL FIGHTING REPORTED BY FRED HALLIMAN

Dear friends,
Greetings to each of you from Papua, New Guinea.
Once again we are happy to



Fred Halliman

be able to share with you some news from the mission field here in Papua, New Guinea. We trust that God continues to bless each of you in a marvelous way. With each passing day I marvel more and more at the amazing grace of God and the way He continues to bless me here in PNG. Sometimes people have a tendency to take God for granted and have so many of the

nice things of this world to enjoy, they more or less seem to lose sight of where all these good things come from; therefore, they are not as thankful as they should be. I speak from experience for I, too, used to be able to enjoy so many comforts of life, that I was unthankful for most of what the Lord gave me. Living in a place like this though, with very few of the comforts of life such as one enjoys back there, you have a different outlook on life, the Lord and self.

I have often thought of the three years that I spent in service in the last World War. I certainly would not want to go through that again, but on the other hand, there is nothing that could replace the experiences that I had, for the Lord taught me much during those three years. Likewise, through my experiences here in Papua, New Guinea, the Lord has taught me much (beloved, I had a lot to learn and don't know it all yet), but, unlike the war experiences, if I had it all to do over again here in this country I would not want a thing changed. There have been days without number here, over the past 22 years, that

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HAVE YOU BEEN SANCTIFIED?

by Roy Mason
(1894-1978)

There is no doubt in the world as to the truth that the Bible teaches sanctification. Moreover, the Lord wants that every Christian shall be sanctified. This is the will of God, even your sanctification as taught in the Bible and sanctification as taught by some people, are two different things.

Sanctification DOES NOT MEAN sinless perfection. It does not mean the eradication of the old Adam nature. The truth is, sanctification is set forth in three different stages or phases. Let us study these for a moment.

EVERY SAVED PERSON HAS ALREADY BEEN SANCTIFIED



Roy Mason

Every person who has received Jesus as Saviour, has been sanctified, or "set apart" as God's property forever. Hebrews 10:10 makes this clear that sanctification is not a matter of personal goodness or merit. It is the result of personal faith in Jesus who died for us. We are purchased — our sins are remitted, and we are given the standing of one sinless because we have received One who takes our guilt and sin and blame. Since this work is the work of Christ, and since it does not change, the believer is forever set apart as belonging to God forever. The eternal security of the believer is inseparably bound up with this eternal sanctification that comes through the blood of Christ. This sanctifica-

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about marital relationships. They live together and then, of course, if they are tired of one another, they can go their separate ways. It is a terrible thing that is going on around us. So with little or no regret at all the marriage vows are cast aside as an old garment. They have denied the faith and become as infidels. I believe they denied the faith of the chosen vows and words that were spoken.

Then I think of the religious world, or primarily not the religious world, but in the Christendom world, we think about how many thousands of young men that entered into covenant relationships with God to preach the truth of God's Word yet, they not only do not preach the truth of God's Word, they have departed from the body of truth and they have begun to preach false doctrine. It is a terrible thing. So the world unfaithful is a terrible thing.

We think of that Scripture, "faithful in Christ Jesus." I must realize myself and I'm sure that you do who are here this evening, that none of us are in complete immunity from this terrible sin, this fearful sin. How many ways have we been unfaithful to Christ and to the life and privileges which God has entrusted us? How refreshing and blessed it is to lift our eyes above this sin, and behold One who is faithful, One who is faithful in all things.

In Deuteronomy 7:9, "Know therefore, that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God." In II Timothy 2:13, "If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself." That would be utterly impossible because of the divine nature of God Himself to deny Himself. In Psalm 89:3, "O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?" Even the thorn of God, and around about the thorn of God is the faithfulness

of God.

Also, in Isaiah 11:5 it says, "And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins; and faithfulness the girdle of his reins," concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, because He was the faithful one, the faithful witness. You know, we think about Psalm 36:5, "Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens: and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds." Far above the world and all its ruins God never forgets, He never fails, He never falters. Never forfeits His Word. Even in I Corinthians 1:9, He said, "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

So Paul wrote to the saints "which are at Ephesus and the faithful in Christ Jesus." You know it's wonderful to be in the church, a Baptist church, because I believe the Lord Jesus Christ built His church while here upon this earth and it was a Baptist church. A lot of people say, well, if that is true, why wasn't it called a Baptist church? He didn't have to. It was the only church. But when Satan got into the church-building business, then we had to put a name on them. Well, there's a lot of people who call themselves Baptists and they shame the Baptist name. I believe faithfulness and fellowship in the New Testament church is the responsibility we have of being in the bride of Christ, that is one day to be His faithful wife. We want to discuss a few things this evening in our message upon our text, faithfulness.

What does it mean when he says, "which are at Ephesus and the faithful in Christ Jesus"? What does it mean to be faithful? Let us notice just a moment, if you'd like to turn to III John 5, "Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers." That Greek word 'piston' means to be trusted and relied upon, to be faithful in the service of God, and it also means, to do a faithful, to do whatever is worthy of a faithful man. We cannot do the work of a faithful man if we are not faithful. In the Word of God, "Thou doest a faithful thing whatsoever thou workest." It means one will not lose his reward when he is faithful.

There's a lot of ways to be faithful in the realm of the world we live in today. We see on every side, the unfaithfulness of the husband to the wife, the unfaithfulness of the wife to the husband, the unfaithfulness of the parent to the children, the unfaithfulness of the children to the parents. All of these things and the troubles and perplexities that are in the world today are based upon unfaithfulness. It is wonderful to be faithful.

Well, first of all, to be faithful to God is an act of devoted love. Brother, do you mean to tell me that you can be unfaithful to God and still say that you're behaving in an act of devoted love to God? No, it is utterly impossible. You can't do it. To be faithful to God is an act of devoted love. In Genesis 29:20, Jacob worked many years for Rachel. Why? Because he loved her so. His heart loved her so. His heart went out to Rachel. He had his heart's desire set upon Rachel. His very life and very soul burned within him because of his love for Rachel.

Oh, my dear friends here this afternoon, what about your love for God? What about your act of devoted love towards the Lord Jesus Christ? Christ loved

His church and gave Himself for it. He shed His precious blood on the cross of Calvary to redeem His glorious church. When you are unfaithful to the church, unfaithful in church attendance, unfaithful to tithing - you're unfaithful to all these things, then you say that you have a devoted love towards Jesus Christ. When you're unfaithful in the things of God, then I tell you, brother, your life shows very little evidence that you are faithful in the service of God.

To love, what does it mean, an act of devoted love? Listen, brother, the act of devoted love and to love the Lord Jesus Christ is like a hungry child that cries for its mother's breast. You think of that! A hungry child that cries for its mother's breast. When a baby is hungry it cries, it won't shut up. The only thing that will satisfy that baby is the mother's milk from her breast. So it is with the devoted conduct of the saint of God and his faithfulness - the only thing that satisfies a longing to the heart of God's people is that devoted love which he wants to show forth to God. That means you are willing to sacrifice to gain the affection of one you highly esteem. Now, brother, here this afternoon, how highly do you esteem the Lord Jesus Christ? Is He first in your very life and soul?

In the book of Colossians 3:1-2, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on this earth." Your affections, brother - that takes in your very being. That takes in your whole soul, body, strength. It takes in everything, to burn and set fire to our affections. Where is your affection? Is it esteemed highly? Is it at the right hand of the Father where your new nature is? Where your glorification state is on death? Where when Christ comes in the clouds of glory, where He changes your body like unto His glorious body? Is your affection at the right hand of God? The Lord Jesus, the One exalted, the One that has been exalted and set Him down at the right hand of the Father? He is not only there, you see, as our heavenly High Priest to intercede on our part. He is a great master-builder. A lot of people forget that part.

In John 14: 2 & 3, He said, "I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again." Oh, those four beautiful words, "I will come again." How wonderful it is to know that our life which is our life that goes on, for you are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God (you're dead to the world, dead to the things of the world and your life is hid in Christ in God), which Christ who is also our life shall appear and then shall we also appear with Him in glory. Paul talked about, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." In Galatians 6:14 he talked about three crosses that "by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." That the world does not see anything in you that would be as satisfying as a courtship of anything else. God forbid save we glory in the cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, an act of devoted love.

Listen, I think a lot of time we show our wives devoted love and our children more than we do the Lord Jesus Christ. I tell you, none of us are immune from this terrible sin of unfaithfulness.

We cannot deny the very fact.

Another thing in being faithful to God and in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ is the desire to please. If we have an act of devoted love in our faithfulness toward the Lord Jesus Christ, the second thing that would take place in our life

would be a desire to please. You know we want to please the Lord Jesus Christ in all the areas of our life. We want to please Him in all the things that we do, in all that we may be accepted of Him, in all that we may be blessed of Him. Our
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BOOK REVIEWS

Author: John Bengel

Title: New Testament Commentary

Publisher: Kregel Publications. 2 Vol. \$39.95

Every pastor cannot be an expert in the Greek language. But he can learn to use the many good helps on the market in this field of study. Among the many Greek Word Study books today, Bengel stands out as certainly one of the oldest and best. The books combine rare scholarship with as rare spiritual discernment. It would be hard to say how much later studies of this sort draw from Bengel as a source.

These books are concise enough to afford ready help speedily to a busy pastor. This cannot be said of many books we have which overwhelm us with their massiveness, and drive us to despair of having the time to find the help we need from them. One can speedily find and obtain the help that Bengel has for him.

Yet these books are not for the lazy man. They simply point the way and give assistance to the pastor for his own laborious studies. And is not this greatly needed? We do not want another do to all our work for us. But we do greatly desire needed help in our own studies. Bengel is just the work for the one who feels this way. He seemed to have a great gift for saying much in few words, and especially for just pointing the way for one to get started in his own studies.

Every preacher should have some Greek word study sets in his library. He should know how to use such, and should use them. Bengel's should certainly occupy a prominent place in this section of the preacher's library, and should shortly show the marks of much usage. These books will also be very helpful to every serious student of God's Word, and should not all believers be such? I recommend them highly.

Author: John Kitto

Title: Kitto's Daily Bible Illustrations.

Publisher: Kregel Publications. 2 vol. \$49.95

Rarely does one have the joy of recommending such a work as this. Here is a combination of qualities seldom seen in one set of books. There is a warm devotional spirit throughout. Some books are so dry and technical that one feels like he is eating paper. Not so with these. I often say that I like some juice in my books, and these are spiritually juicy books.

There is a very real practicality about these books. Their study will promote better and more serious practical conduct in one's daily life. This is truly welcome to the spiritual mind. There is abundance of scholarship here. Mr. Kitto was a scholar in the Word of God and it shows on every page of these books.

These books deal with many Bible characters and makes them to live before the student and to seemingly speak to the student and influence him for spiritual good. These books deal with very many of the so-called problem portions of the Word of God. Surely, we all can use much help in these areas. Mr. Kitto does a masterful job in dealing with these. Often helping to clear up difficulties and casting much light thereupon.

These books do not constitute or claim to be a verse by verse Bible commentary. Yet they are so arranged in consecutive studies through the Bible as to be very helpful in one's consecutive reading of the Word of God. And I cannot too strongly recommend that one just read the Bible through consecutively and do this repeatedly. Reading such a book as the one by Kitto will greatly help one in doing this.

These books will prove a welcome addition to any believer's library, and especially so to the preacher. One will likely be turning to them frequently and be more and more grateful for the help obtained therefrom.

Author: Ronald Baxter

Title: Charismatic Gift of Tongues

Publisher: Kregel Publication. (Paperback) \$5.95

The Charismatic movement is one of the most popular and most dangerous religious movements among us today. More dangerous because so popular. Tongues is a major factor in the charismatic movement. No preacher can truly afford to be without a good knowledge of this movement, its practices, and how to deal with its errors with Scriptural effectiveness. In fact, every believer should seek to become well-informed on this subject. To be properly taught in the truth is one great defense against being overcome by heresy.

This book is truly one of the best on the market on the subject of tongues. Mr. Baxter is a very knowledgeable man as to the error of tongues, as to the Scripture truth on the subject, and as to how to deal effectively with the subject. His book shows the result of much study of the Word of God on this matter. It is a very scholarly book.

Mr. Baxter does not understand the Biblical truth as to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit as to its one time occurrence and its relationship to the church as an institution and not to individual believers as such. But he does show the error of connecting tongues with the Baptism of the spirit as the evidence thereof.

Mr. Baxter does a fine job of showing the perilous history of the tongues movement. Also of pointing out the many dangers from this false doctrine. This book will be a valuable addition to the heresy section of a preacher's library, and every preacher needs such a section. It will also prove valuable to every believer who wants to know the truth on this important and grossly perverted subject.

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desire is to please Him!

You think about the chastening hand of God when you get out of fellowship with God. You know, I believe in a believer's hell. I don't know how you feel about it, but the story of Jonah will verify that very fact. That Jonah, when God told him to go down to Nineveh and preach the gospel, old Jonah refused to go. It said he went down and he found a ship going to Tarshish and if you read it, it says, "he paid the fare thereof." He bought his ticket, dear friend. He entered in and you know the story that went on. God caused the great fish to come up and the great fish swallowed Jonah. Jonah cried out of the belly of the fish and he said, "I cry out of the belly of hell because of my infirmities." When the chastening hand of God is upon a believer, he is in a believer's hell. What is a believer's hell? To be under the displeasing hand of God and under the chastening hand of God. But we have a desire to please.

Listen, brother, I lean over backwards to please my wife. Now, I tell you, all of you brothers want to grin, you sit there and grin about it, but brother, you do the same thing when you're at home. You want to please your wife. Why? Because God gave her to you. Why? Because she's the weaker vessel. Why? Because you have a desire and a love for her. You want to please her in all these things. A desire to please. You don't want her mad at you. You don't want her mad and angry with you. You don't want her going around the house pouting about it. Brother, I know from experience, I've been married thirty years, I know all about married life. I know all the tricks of the trade and everything. We have a desire to please our wives and we will go out of the way to please them that they will not be angry with us, and it ought to be that way with the wife toward her husband, too. Oh, what a great relationship it is!

It is a good relationship to have with the Lord Jesus Christ. A desire to please Him. Why? Because He is none other than the wonderful Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. Now we think about Paul's opening statement. We have it again in Colossians. "To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Col. 1:2). Now, I can truthfully say, I don't know how you fellows feel, I love the people at Indore. God sent me over there as the under shepherd, as the pastor. I tell you, I have a love beyond any comprehension for the saints of God at Indore. Why? God set that love abroad in my heart by the Holy Spirit. God put that love in my heart. I couldn't truthfully say, if I were to make the statement, "To the saints at Indore and to the faithful in Christ Jesus." I couldn't make that statement because I have some there that are not faithful. I have some there, so that I could not make that statement, that they were faithful in the service of God, because they don't come to church regularly, because they don't tithe regularly, because they miss a lot of church services. They are not faithful. Oh, listen, friends, if we were unfaithful, a lot of people, as unfaithful to their wives or husbands as they are to the

A Christian must carry something heavier on his shoulder than chips.

Lord Jesus Christ, they would be in a lot of trouble, let me tell you.

It is also a pleasant assurance of acceptance. John 8:25, "Then they said unto him, Who art thou? and Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning." I said to you I am the Light of the world, not only am I the Light of the world, but I am the Resurrection and the Light. I am the Bread of God that came down from Heaven and giveth light unto the world. The blessed assurance of acceptance that Jesus Christ is what? What He says that He is. That He is the Resurrection and Light. That He is the Bread of life. That He is all these marvelous and wonderful things. A blessed assurance of acceptance we know. In John 6:37 we know this. Of course, this is not to the whole world.

You know when I went to an Arminian church and I was coming into the truth, oh, how I wanted to be a Baptist and in the bride of Christ. I got wet twice before I really got scriptural baptism. I got wet at that church, went to Indore and was baptized there and got wet again. We weren't even set in order. We began to look at the Book and we didn't have any birthright and then, thank God, the Lord led upon our hearts and showed us many things and this church, and Edmond, W. Va. church, set us in order and we received scriptural baptism. What a glorious event that was! So, I've only been in the bride of Christ about four years. Oh, what a blessing it has been to me, those four years to know that I'm espoused to the Lord Jesus Christ, and one day ending in the bridal chamber in glory, there is going to be a wedding take place and I'm going to take part in it. Yes, sir. But God is choosing now for His Son a bride and she is not going to be unfaithful, she is not going to be a fallen woman, she is not going to be all those things. No, Christ is not going to marry a woman like that! He is going to marry a woman that is holy. He is going to marry a woman that is cherished. He is going to marry a woman that is a virgin. All those wonderful things, the Lord Jesus is going to marry that day. If we are faithful and all these things, so we have a blessed assurance of acceptance.

John 6:37, "All that the father giveth me shall come to me: and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Or under no circumstances will I cast out. Oh, thank God, the drawing power of God chosen in Christ before the foundations of the world and empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and drawn to Christ and His redemptive work on the cross of Calvary. Oh, thank God, for His death and His precious blood and then this, to be faithful in the agreement with our life in the Lord Jesus Christ is agreeable to our natures. But, listen, we can't complain about it. We can't gripe about it. Why? Because it is in agreement with our nature. God doesn't put anything upon us we are not able to do.

You remember the story about Esau and Jacob. In Genesis 25:27 it says Esau was a hunter, but Jacob was a man of tents, dwelt in tents. Well, then Esau, when the account was given and Isaac needed venison, who went and got it? Did Jacob go kill the venison? No, it was Esau. Why? Because it was in agreement with the nature of Esau. He was a hunter. He wouldn't have any trouble going out there and killing a deer.



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BIBLE STUDY LESSON

By WILLARD PYLE

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Psalm 32:6-11

Intro: The basis for peace with God, (Rom. 5:1, Isa. 26:3,4), and for having the peace of God, (Phil. 4:7); as well as true fellowship, with God, (I John 1:3), which produces joy unspeakable, (I Pet. 1:8) are all found in this Psalm.

VERSE 6 (Last Clause)

"Surely in the floods of great waters." The trials, temptations, and tribulations of the child of God are many and mighty, and are all compared to floods of great waters. They can descend from the king on the throne or ascend from the fallen women in the street. They come from the world of the ungodly and from the world of religion. Many times they come suddenly, or without warning, and on occasions they rise slowly, but they all come as a result of "the gates of Hell" being opened.

"They shall not come nigh unto him." The child of God, even one who has been overtaken in a fault, but has turned to God in repentance, who surrounds himself with the flood walls of prayer, will remain high and dry in the inward man, even though the outward man perish (II Cor. 4:16). True faith and love cannot be drowned (S. of Sol. 8:7). The "surely" in this verse brings certainty and assurance.

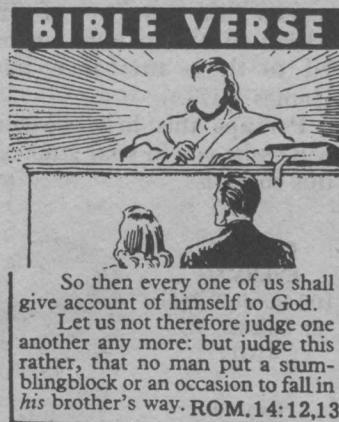
VERSE 7

"Thou art my hiding place." The truth is universal in regard to all of the elect, but it is specified to each one. Therefore, we should each one make our calling and election sure. Can there be a greater "hiding place" than the God of all grace? The flood surrounded the ark, but could not enter it or sink it. The Ark of safety for the child of God is God Himself.

"Thou shalt preserve me from trouble." The believer in casting all of his care on the Lord has no problems, for he has a Preserver and a Protector who bears his burdens. He therefore can be content in whatever state he is in (Phil. 4:11). He can be cool, calm, and collected in the prison (Acts

12:6). The child of God is preserved in trouble, out of trouble, and from trouble.

"Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance." The saints are compassed about with "so great cloud of witnesses" who continually are singing the "songs of deliverance." Spiritually,



we should hear David as he sings the 23rd Psalm, and Paul and Silas sing of deliverance as they are in the stocks. Our forefathers proclaimed the truth in preaching and in singing. Even the angels who are sent to minister to us (Ps. 34:7; Heb. 1:14), sing the songs of deliverance (Lk. 2:9-11). Therefore, whether we be in the fiery furnace, or in the assembly of the saints, we should hear, as well as participate in the songs of deliverance (Ex. 15:1,2), for this will be one of the first things we will do in Heaven (Rev. 5:9).

"Selah." May we pause to praise the Lord!

VERSE 8

"I will instruct thee." The Lord Himself is the Prophet greater than Moses who personally tutors His class by giving them the Word of God (John 17:8,14) and Who, at His departure promised the Holy Spirit to continue this teaching (John 14:26).

"And teach thee." The Lord taught both by Word and by examples. He both set the doctrine before them, and then lived the doctrine before them.

"In the way which thou shalt go." The answer to the

faithfulness of God I wouldn't be here. I would be down the road somewhere. I would be doing something else, but I would not be here. Because of the new nature God has given me, I feast upon the things of God and am faithful to Him. Without the sustaining grace of God apart from Christ, we can do nothing.

But it is also true in Philipians 4:13 when Paul wrote there and said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." As God lets me live, as God lets me stay here upon this earth His sustaining grace shall be sufficient. "So shall thy strength be." God's strength to keep us and to help us over the pitfalls and over the trials and tribulations that we have. Brother, to be faithful to God will cost you something. It will cost you friends, it might cost you business. It will cost you a lot of things and problems will come upon you, but to be faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ, Oh! how wonderful it's

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question, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" is found in the Word of God. How we need to hear what the Spirit says unto the churches (Rev. 2 and 3). God has ordained the good works in which we are to walk (Eph. 2:10).

"I will guide thee with Mine eye." Our eyes naturally are too dim to find our own way, so we need to depend on the eyes of the all wise God. May our eyes rest upon Him (II Chron. 20:12), for the eyes of the Teacher says much. Jesus looked on Peter and it caused him to remember the Words He had spoken as well as his own words.

VERSE 9

"Be not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding." The Word of God uses many animals in comparing and contrasting both the saved and the lost. In all of this, there are many lessons to be learned. The child of God is called upon both to be like, and unlike certain animals. Here, he is to be unlike the horse and the mule, because of their lack of understanding.

"Whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle." They can be controlled, but with external force; especially is this true of wild horses. At any time the restraint is removed they turn to running wild. This could well describe the unsaved man who is out of his mind spiritually (Mark 5); but it ought not describe the saved man who has been given spiritual understanding (Luke 24:45).

"Lest they come near unto thee." Even the best of animals turn on their masters many times, and must be constantly watched and controlled.

VERSE 10

"Many sorrows shall be to the wicked." As the wicked spends his life in riotous living, or in following a multitude to do evil, he shall reap what he sows (Gal. 6:7,8), not only in this life, but in the life to come (Lk. 16:23); and this, of course, is true, even if he fares sumptuously every day (Lk. 16:19).

"But he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about." The believer in Jesus Christ will never be ashamed in this life or the life to come, for he knows the truth of Romans 8:28, and other passages.

VERSE 11

"Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart." The only people in this world or in the next that can be really happy are the saints of God, and their joy should ever be increasing as they learn the Word of God. This joy should be manifested before others.

Conclusion: The child of God walking in the Spirit will be a one of faith, love, and joy.

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Be patient with the faults of others; they have to be patient with yours.

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Will saints receive rewards? If so, what are these rewards? I Corinthians 3:8.

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"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour."

I think that we can say that this passage makes it pretty plain that God's saints will receive rewards.

To me things are done in a 3-fold manner. For instance, our salvation is a 3-fold salvation. We are saved from the power of sin (present tense); and we will be saved from the presence of sin (future tense). Judgment is the same way. At salvation or conversion we were judged as sinners (see Romans 8:1 & John 5:24); during this life we are being judged as sons (see Hebrews 12:5-11); and at the judgment seat we will be judged as servants (see Romans 14:10). Please remember that all of our sins have been covered by the blood of Jesus, and we never have to answer for them. "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." (Ephesians 1:7). Thus, we can be sure that at the judgment seat we will not be judged for our sins, but for our service.

Apparently our rewards will be called crowns and as far as I can determine there are five types of crowns to be given His servants. One is a crown given because someone is saved through your witnessing or preaching. (Some have named it the soul-winners crown). "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even yet in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as His coming? For ye are our glory and joy." (1 Thess. 2:19, 20). Another is called the crown of righteousness for those who love His appearing. "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love His appearing" (II Timothy 4:8). I'm sure everyone will say they love His appearing, but they don't appear as if they are expecting Him by their life. Then, we have the incorruptible crown for those who exercise self-control. "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible" (I Corinthians 9:25). A special crown has been named by many as the shepherd's or pastor's crown. "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye

shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away" (I Peter 5:4 see also verses 1-3). Finally, there is the crown of life for those who suffer much persecution. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him" (James 1:12).

Perhaps this brief discourse will assist you in your studies on this subject.

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"Verily there is a reward for the righteous." (Psa. 58:11). "But to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward" (Prov. 11:18). "For great is your reward in heaven" (Matt. 5:12). "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward" (Matt. 10:41, 42). "Every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor, — if any man's work abide — he shall receive a reward" (I Cor. 3:8, 14). "Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance:" (Col. 3:24). "And behold I come quickly; and my reward is with Me, to give every man according as his works shall be" (Rev. 22:12).

From these passages of Scripture there is ample proof that the saints will receive rewards for their labor. As to what these rewards are, we see that there will be crowns given for certain kind of faithful services. The Apostle Paul said there was laid up for him a "crown of righteousness," and not only for him, but for, "all them also that love His appearing" (II Tim. 4:8). James 1:12 and Revelation 2:10 speaks of a "crown of life" for those who suffer death for the cause of Christ. In I Peter 5:4 we are told of the "crown of glory" for the faithful elders. We are also told that the saints are to reign with Christ upon the earth during His millennial reign, "And hast made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth" (Rev. 20:4). "—and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" (Rev. 20:4). "—and they shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 22:5).

To me these are some of the rewards to be given to the saints who have been faithful to the work for which God called them

to do. But then I read in I Corinthians 3:15 of those who are on the right foundation (Jesus Christ), yet, if their work is not of the right material, when tested by fire it will go up in smoke, "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." This tells us that there may be people in Heaven without a single reward.

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Proverbs 11:8: "...To him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward." "...He (God) is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." It is stated over and over in Scripture that those who trust in Christ shall be rewarded, but let it be understood, salvation from sin is not a reward, but wholly the gift of God's unmerited grace. Rewards are the fruit of the believer's faithfulness and obedience, and when considered from the proper perspective will not serve to puff up the flesh, but will serve to humble the believer. For it is the Lord Who hath wrought all our works in us (Isa. 26:12), and when we have done all those things which are commanded of us, we are yet to consider ourselves unprofitable servants (Lk. 17:10).

Many and varied are the rewards which the saints shall receive at the Bema seat of Christ (II Cor. 5:10). Even he that is faithful in a few things will be made ruler over many things (Mt. 25:23). Some shall rule over ten cities and some over five (Lk. 19:12-19), and this distinction in reward is according to obedience to the Word of God in this life. All the elect of God shall be saved, but all shall not be rewarded. Some shall be saved "yet so as by fire," i.e., saved because of imputed righteousness and the gift of saving faith, but being void of serving faith they shall stand at the mercy seat of Christ, minus reward.

I Cor. 3:13-15: "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

The Bible speaks of "the crown of life" (James 1:12; Rev. 2:10), "Crown of glory" (I Pet. 5:4), "Crown of righteousness" (II Tim. 4:8), "Crown of rejoicing" (I Thess. 2:19), "Incorruptible crown" (I Cor. 9:25), and of other crowns of reward. The Saviour

was crowned with a crown of thorns, a crown of suffering and shame, so as His followers may be rewarded with crowns of great glory and honor.

The Apostle John says, "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward" (II John 8). That is, so as we may have the high privilege of joining that great company of redeemed represented by the "four and twenty elders, (who) cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour, and power: for thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created" (Rev. 4:10 & 11).

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Every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor" (I Cor. 3:8). If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward" I Cor. 3:14).

The Bible teaches emphatically and repeatedly that there will be rewards given to the saints according to their lives and service following salvation. There is no excuse for anyone being in error on this point. I have no respect for a man's exegetical ability on this point who denies the Bible doctrine of rewards. I really do not understand some men's vehement attitude against this doctrine. However, despite the objections of some preachers, this is a Biblical doctrine.

God has not revealed to us all about this subject. We do not know just what, in detail, all the rewards will consist of. But the Bible has revealed much on the subject. Revelation 19:7-8 reveals that one of the rewards - I believe the highest of all - will be to be in the Bride of Jesus Christ. Clean, loyal, faithful members of true churches will be rewarded therefore by being in the eternal Bride of Jesus Christ. What a wondrous and glorious reward this will be! I take the position that the Bible does not teach 'an election within an election' to being in the Bride, but always presents this doctrine as a matter of reward, and always relates it to true churches.

"Well, done, thou good and faithful servant; thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things..." (Matt. 25:21). Some of the rewards of faithfulness to the Lord will relate to positions of reign in the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ. The glorified saints will occupy positions in the Millennium according to their life and service for the Lord following salvation. This will surely be a glorious and blessed reward.

I am not aware of what other specific rewards are named. I believe that there will be many and varied rewards given to the saints of God at the judgment seat of Christ. I believe that all the saved will have some rewards. I believe that the rewards will be eternal, except that some may be restricted to the Millennial reign of Christ, yet even these might have a measure of eternal existence in the eternal reign of Christ. Still

this will be, in the main, restricted to the Millennium. Surely, any and all rewards will be wonderful blessings from our Lord and well worthwhile.

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Rewards, rewards, rewards! O how we love awards! However such rewards, as given by the Lord, cannot be earned by our own merits, since they come only through the efficacy of the blood of the Lamb of God.

Knowledgeable of this, that God, alone, as sovereign, determines efficiently what rewards to give, and when, Paul asks: "Who, then, is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man" (I Cor. 3:5)?

Yes, though they "believed," they still, as "babes in Christ," had carnal tendencies, which inclined them to envy each other's gifts and knowledge in Christ, though yet such knowledge was somewhat meager.

Such "envying," on an ascending scale, produced "strife," and that strife produced "divisions," which inclined them to walk "after the flesh," rather than "after the Spirit of God, in not understanding even the elementary 'principles of the doctrines of Christ.'"

Hence, in not understanding the God-given nature of the complete harmony between the ministry of Paul and Apollos, "one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos" (I Cor. 3:4). Therefore, in evaluating the situation, Paul was promoted to ask: "Are ye not yet carnal (walking as unregenerate men)" (I Cor. 3:4)? Yet both Paul and Apollos were ministers by whom they believed the same doctrine of God.

Seeing then that they severally strove for their favorite instructor, in wondering what intrinsic power and dignity either had over the other, Paul asked: "Who, then, is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man" (I Cor. 3:5)?

Then Paul added: "I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then, neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase" (I Cor. 3:6, 7).

So, in respect to "I ...planted, Apollos watered" (Acts 18:19:1), it was at the desire of Apollos (Acts 18:27) that he was sent by the brethren to Corinth to follow up the work which Paul had begun. But, in this, Paul affirmed that God gave the increase in giving them grace to believe. "So, then, neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase" (I Cor. 3:7).

God, alone, then, should have all the glory, because the sea is His, the ground is His, the laborers are His, and all the produce is initiated by Him, and is His.

Therefore Paul summarizes thus: "Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive

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his own reward according to his own labor" (I Cor. 3:8).

What, then, are those rewards, as given individually to all saints? These awards, though not named, most assuredly, are not owned by God, as a debt to His saints, because God's laborers, in themselves, as depraved by nature, have no ability to merit any award at the hand of God. Hence, as salvation is all of grace, apart from works, so, beyond salvation, such award of His grace, strength, and ability, is through our Lord and by bequest; yes, it is through the death of the Testator, and is common to all saints, which are with variation as to the labor of each, "according to his own labor" (I Cor. 3:8), if he has any labor. Yes, this award is something over and above personal salvation (vss. 14,15: 2 Jn. 8). Such will be rewarded according to, not his success or the amount of work done, but "according to his own labor."

It is then that it shall be said to him, "Well done, thou good and (not successful, but) faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord" (Mt. 25:23).

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going to be the last thing to be faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ. Another reason is the rich compensations that accompany faithfulness - the great rewards one day that we are going to have, to be in the bride of Christ when He takes to battle upon the anti-christ, and all that and to be at this great wedding and to be at the great supper - all of these wonderful things, great rewards!

In Psalm 19:11, the Bible said to keep these for there is great reward. The fullness of joy and pleasure evermore at the right hand of God! In Psalm 16:11, oh, the great rewards we have to be faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ. But to be unfaithful, dear friend, we are going to miss out on a lot of that. We will miss out on being in the bride of Christ, miss out of the great wedding, miss out at the great feast.

Now in closing, do you realize here this afternoon that if you're saved, your life began at a banquet feast. Yes, it did. It began at the banquet feast of the marvelous grace of God of the gospel of Jesus Christ, according to Isaiah 55:1-3, according to Matthew 22. Of course, it will end, the consummation of this will be at a wedding feast. I believe this will be on earth. A lot of people disagree with me. I believe the wedding will take place in Heaven and the marriage feast will take place on earth after a seven year tribulation period time. So it is going to be a glorious time! So the saints of Ephesus and the faithful in Christ Jesus, I pray that God may enlighten our hearts and that we all may be able to make the statement that the Apostle Paul made to those that are faithful in Christ Jesus in Ephesus: "Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

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vantage of the situation in order to sharpen their rhetoric and increase the membership of their fledgling Baptist Bible Fellowship which had begun in 1951. The leaders of this organization, men such as Vick, Rawlings, Smith, Zimmerman, Hightower, and other equally-flamboyant and sometimes as crude, took advantage of the confusion among some Southern Baptists in order to build their Nimrodian Kingdom which they had established in Springfield, Missouri. There perhaps was not an honest man among this scheming group of Fundamentalists leaders. These contacted me in hope of using me, but I would have no part with them!

On the other hand, Southern Baptist men such as you smugly continued on in your safe, secure, and succored positions of prominence and financial beneficence, condemning all criticisms and accolading the cruel, conscienceless, and crafty pseudo-theological culprits who were destroying Southern Baptists from within. It was a bizarre happening such as no other people of such intellectual competence had ever experienced. It was a people plummeting into a depth of depravity without the Word of God, treading very closely, perhaps, toward apostasy!

Nonetheless, the Lord, in His Grace, and within the context of His Sovereign Purposes would not permit me release from my call, my responsibility, and my lonely vigil. Thankfully, He enabled me to speak clearly and definitively in the battle - "to the death," as it were - all within the Seminary Family until June of 1953 when "Disillusioned" was published. Too, in April of that same year, I had completed THE MYTHICAL BOOK OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Then, after more than 20 years, you and some others, lead Southern Baptists and other people of America, as well, to suppose that you have discovered some heresy among Southern Baptists, and especially at The Southern Baptist Seminary and some ancillary ones, as well. Every residual member of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary faculty and family of whom you speak today as being a heretic and an enemy of Southern Baptists had been spoken of more than 25 years ago. In those days, of course, you did not care. You were busy "raking in" and "utilizing to your own aggrandizement" all of "The Annie Armstrong Offerings" that you could convince Home Mission Headquarters you needed.

Now, after the manner of him who is "the father of lies," you distort or prevaricate the truth concerning the "heresies" of which you speak at great length in order to "feather your present nest." You tell the people that you have learned recently of the heresy in the Southern Baptist Camp regarding the supposed scholars' rejection of the Bible as the Infallible Word of God. You inform us that you have made this discovery of the tragedy and the travesty of the Biblical blasphemy at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary or that you are discovering the same!

Shame on you, Brother!

Have you no conscience?

Surely, you cannot face God each day with a clear con-

science! Surely, you must be living a miserable life unless it may be that you are under the indictment of, "But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons" or "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron..."

Of course, I am no prophet! Neither am I the son of a prophet. Rather, my earthly father died before I was two years of age, and I was reared wholly and holily by my widowed Mother who continued with me until she was past 91, lacking eighteen days of being 92. Nevertheless, I believe that I can say rather positively that one who promotes that which is not true, as you, as he appeals to and manipulates those who look to him as their leader cannot accomplish any good thing for The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary or for Southern Baptists as a people.

Rather, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and The Campus of The Beeches - for which I gave my life that Southern Baptists might live - is as spiritually dead today as was the proverbial Dodo Bird is dead physically. In all of your rhetoric concerning your concern, you, really, are simply throwing "dirt" upon the "Bird"!

It is patently evident that, in another day, you chose to believe a lie. It has been extremely difficult for me to concede or accept the fact that you and a multitude of others have conspired to counter the purposes of God in the earth. Nevertheless, it would seem that you were doing this 30 years ago and throughout a couple of decades subsequently, or until you found it convenient to retire on your Southern Baptist Annuity.

In the process of that conspiracy, you wittingly or unwittingly, directly or indirectly, joined Duke K. McCall, and his Pharisaic, Scribal, and Sadducaic henchmen, to put an end to my ministry and to "crucify" me on "your scholastic spit." Such a witting or unwitting move on your part and that of other Southern Baptists, needless to say, had a rather fateful effect in my life and that of my loved ones, but for Southern Baptists it was a fatalistic move.

No people, whether they be Pharisees, Scribes, Sadducees, Romans, Lutherans, Calvinists, Anglicans, Orthodox, or Baptists, can raise their "bloody hands" to crucify one of their own who arises to alert them to the error of their ways and expect to prosper in a Spiritual manner. Consequently, since those days, there has been more "pomp and ceremony," more "liturgy," and more appeal to "liturgical practices," more "heathen idolatries," more allegiance shown to a dead "Lottie," and a dead "Annie," more appeals to "The Church Year," more "blasphemy of the Bible" with every message delivered, and more "attempts to assure Southern Baptist and they are Protestants," after all. Tragically, too, this piteous entourage of Southern Baptist and Seminary folk has fallen in step with "The Mother of Harlots," even Rome.

We could go on for pages in the process of documenting such details, but already your ears

are dull of hearing, and your eyes are blinded by the lie and the lies which you prefer! I have not questioned the salvation which you profess, but unless God, in His Sovereign Providence and Grace, enables you and your peers to undo what you have done, your efforts are in the context of "Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear; clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees, whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever."

Except you recoup and undo that which you - in concert with others wittingly or unwittingly, directly or indirectly - did in August of 1953, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is forever finished as an outpost for the message of God, even the Gospel, in the midst of the Lord's Churches. Further, I believe that I can say - and that without any fear of contradiction - that so long as you persist in your present determination to inform Southern Baptists and others that you have made a recent and a belated discovery of Biblical blasphemy in The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, and in some other Seminaries, as well, you have no ministry for the Lord of Glory. You may be as religious as the Romans, but, even in your desperate spiritual plight, you must be able to realize that these piteous Romans have no conception whatever of the worship of the Saviour.

It may be that as a member of the Southern Baptist religious "machine," your conscience is so seared that you would not recognize truth even if you were to meet it in the middle of the road. Nevertheless, you, one day, will meet God - and I believe that you will do so as one "washed in the blood of the Lamb." There you will give an account of your conspiracy - witting or unwitting, direct or indirect - against the Lord Jesus Christ and His servant who stood in your midst as one without regard to himself, his family, or his future among men in the earth.

In that hour, it may be that you will be reminded of "Disillusioned," and "The Mythical Book of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary." Both of these, as you well know, sent shock waves among Southern Baptists that you and a host of other supposed leaders worked very zealously to calm. You cared not about truth in that hour, and you had no interest whatever in "earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Your only concern in that hour was your own professional security and your own self-aggrandizement, and this concern continues!

I doubt not that in that hour, you will be faced, too, with the truths spoken to in, "The Incarnation Theory of Scriptural Infidels," "His Blood Alone," "Southern Baptists Are Going to Rome," "McCall Dishonors Mullins with McLennan," "Seminary Professor Praise Nels F. S. Ferre," "Scriptural Hell Rejected At Southern

Seminary," "The Cooperative Program Endangers The American Government," "The Cooperative Program Dishonors the Lord Jesus Christ," "More About Ferre and His Neo-orthodoxy," "Concerning Dale Moody's On The Virgin Birth," "Our Lord Jesus Christ is coming Again," "The Educational System at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary," and "The Neo-orthodox Crowd Hates God's Word; but Verbal Inspiration is confirmed." You may be reminded, too, of "Bamboozled Southern Baptists," and some of the more recent ones which speak to "The Mariolatry of Southern Baptists," and the "Conspiracy Which The Convention has Against Christ."

As you have in the past, it may very well be noted, too, that you preferred to go on in your self-determined way of serving Satan with every energy at your command as you continue to lie to the people concerning the "onset" of the heresy among Southern Baptists, at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and in all of the other Southern Baptist Seminaries today. It is highly probable that the testimony is already in that you are not going to make any moves for the Lord Jesus Christ which you do not feel are to your own personal and professional benefit!

Across these 30 years, my cry has been. "Where are the men of faith and prayer and without fear who will follow God and turn the tide?" Had Southern Baptists been a people of God schooled in the Holy Word of God and determined to walk with Him regardless of the cost, bearing spiritual fires to light the candles of the spirits of men, as it were, America would not be in her present plight!

In fact, if the men at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and those who were in close communication in those days had taken their stand on the Word and for the Word, there would be no place for A Monstrous Moral Majority which glorifies satanic ecumenicalism while professing to be taking a stand for Truth! I sincerely believe that there would not have been a Vietnam fiasco where 50,000 Americans and hundreds of thousands of others died for no cause other than to feed the greeds of men. Certainly, there would have been no "Burn Baby Burn," or the flaming chaos which ravaged our cities.

There would have been no place in the counsels of men for a Hugh Hefner or a Larry Flynt! There would have been no permissiveness such as we have known that has made teenage pregnancies commonplace with government encouragement in this direction. There would have been no place for a M.M. O'Hair and the blasphemies of atheistic ideologies in the highest courts in the land and in the educational headquarters across this nation. There would have been no plague of drug-pushers roaming the streets of America without any appreciable opposition from the preachers or the police. Neither would there be a monstrous traffic in Child Pornography.

If Southern Baptists had taken a stand for the Lord Jesus Christ and the Word of God in 1953 - instead of "crucifying" the one who was alerting them to their desperate spiritual and theological plight - ministers who profess to be the servants of the Living God would not have

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become counselors for Abortion! Ministers who profess to be the servants of the Living God would not have become counselors for divorce, and the dissolution of the families of America. Despite the cries of the satanic ecumenical Monstrous Moral Majority, the tragedy of broken families and, as well, homosexuality and other perversions, cannot be put at the feet of the press or the politicians. Rather, this tragedy lies squarely at the feet of the preachers of America who are involved in groups such as "The Christian Life Commission." It lies at the feet of the crass and conniving preachers of America who have conspired against the Lord Jesus Christ and blasphemed the Holy Word of God, the Bible. They are the culprits who have lived to undermine the Lord Jesus Christ and His true Churches. Ministers who profess to be the servants of the Living God would not have joined the Communists, the Atheists, the Agnostics, and the Humanists in outlawing God from the school rooms of our land, if Southern Baptists had taken a stand for the Word of God in those days!

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FIGHTING

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I have felt so close to the Lord that I felt as though I could reach out and touch His hand.

To be sure, I have seen no burning bushes that were not consumed, I have not seen the brightness of His presence to where I had to shield my eyes, and neither have I seen His backward parts. But, beloved, there have been times when I felt that I was just as close to the Lord as Moses was during all these visible manifestations of the Lord that he saw. I do not believe in miracles in the same sense that they took place in New Testament times, for there is no need of such today; but, beloved, I have seen things just as miraculous in their own way as they were in those days.

I have never been in a lion's den such as Daniel was, but I have been surrounded more than once by wild New Guinea tribesmen who had intentions of killing me and the Lord delivered me with just as much ease as He did Daniel. I have never been cast into a fiery furnace such as Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego were, but I have been in a grass and cane matting material building filled with people, and only one door for escape, and that blocked with a raving Protestant pastor holding a torch in his hand, saying that he was going to set fire to the building if I did not stop preaching. I never left the building, but I stopped preaching long enough to pray and ask the Lord to stop the man with the torch before he could set fire to the building. With the same ease that the Lord delivered those three Hebrews, He caused this maniac to drop his torch and walk away.

I have never been stoned as Paul was but have been told by a Lutheran Bishop that if I ever set foot in his area again he would personally kill me. Just as easily as the Lord delivered Paul

and preserved his life, he removed both the Lutheran Bishop and the white missionary from the area, and I still come and go as I please and the work is prospering greatly in that area. So, beloved, while the Lord does not work miracles in the same sense that He did in New Testament times, He still works in a miraculous way His wonders to perform.

TWO PREACHERS ORDAINED

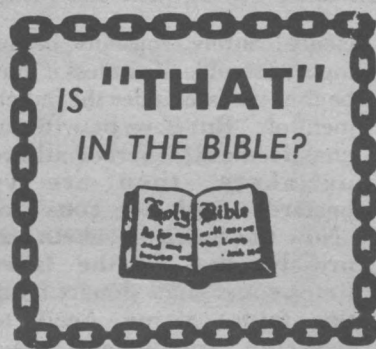
Three weeks ago we held the first of several ordination services scheduled for the next few weeks. Elder Petawi, pastor of the Kuenda Baptist Church, was duly ordained into the ministry. Elder Petawi has been preaching for many years and was the first of the many men that the Lord called into the ministry here. He is an outstanding pastor and evangelist as well. He pastors a large church and works hard in the preparation of his messages. Petawi has completed a three year course in Bible School and finished in the top three of his class.

The service was very impressive with an estimated 1,500 people in attendance. A set of well-timed questions, 20 in all, were asked by one of his Bible School teachers. Had those of you that love sound Baptist doctrine and Bible truth been there, and could have known what was being asked and the answers given, you would have rejoiced as we did. It is required in the ordinations here that chapter and verse be given in support of the answers to all questions. Not only was Elder Petawi able to give the required chapter and verse, but in most cases, he gave from one to two more Scriptures in support of his answers. Elder Tingo, another Bible teacher, preached the ordination sermon and Elder Halliman gave the charge. Late in the afternoon after all the service was completed, the entire congregation enjoyed a pig feast with all the trimmings. There was an offering taken up for Elder Petawi and the offering came to \$220.00, a large amount for these people. It was a glorious day for us all!

Just one week after Elder Petawi was ordained there was an ordination service held by the Tugu Baptist Church for her pastor, Elder Hiwia. Note: if you will pronounce the i's as e in all these proper names you will get it right; in other words, it would sound like Hewea.

Hiwia is a much younger man than Petawi. He has a quick and alert mind and very intelligent. He, also, is a great pastor and does quite a bit of revival preaching. These people are not unlike people in our own society, in that some can sing pretty good, some not at all, and some excellent. Hiwia fits into the last category and has the best singing congregation of any of the churches. He does the leading of the singing in the church he pastors and teaches singing in other churches.

Hiwia had over 20 questions asked him and asked permission before the services started to do some extra teaching in his answers, inasmuch as there were lots of Protestants in attendance that day. He used an abundance of Scripture in his answers and actually preached a wonderful sermon. The ordination sermon was preached by Elder Petawi and again Elder Halliman gave the charge. There were an estimated 2,500 people that attended the services for this ordination. As usual, \$360 was collected as a love offering for Hiwia. Late in the afternoon a



QUESTION — Who prophesied that dragons would be in pleasant places?

ANSWER — Isaiah, Isaiah 13:22 — "And the wild beasts of the desert shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces:..."

big pig feast was enjoyed by all. There are other ordination services scheduled and we are looking forward to these as well.

TRIBAL FIGHTING

In the past three weeks we have had a lot of excitement in the area of the Nogoli Mission Station. There has been tribal fighting going on, on both sides of the Station. In the Duna area where the other Mission Station is located the people have their differences and troubles just like any group of people, but they usually can settle their differences by arbitration and arrive at a figure set for compensation and the matter is settled. However, in the Huli area where the Nogoli Mission Station is located, the people are completely different. The Huli's are temperamental, and a hot-headed, quick-tempered people. They usually settle their differences with fighting weapons, and then, by compensation payment later on.

In many areas of Papua, New Guinea they have what they call 'pay back' killings. It works like this: If someone from Clan A kills someone from Clan B for whatever cause, the people from Clan B feel that in order to even up the score, they must kill someone (makes no difference who or what age) from Clan A.

Much of the trouble starts from all night parties known as singsings. At these parties the people gather about night fall and usually stay till the wee hours of the morning — most of the time from 6:00 to 6:00. They do all sorts of things at these all night parties, which usually include singing, drinking and making merry, adultery included. They had had one of these parties going on for about two weeks and one man decided to take another man's wife. In due time, the husband found out about it, so he axed his wife to death. He then went to the house of the man that had slept with his wife and proceeded to axe him to death, also.

This was more than enough to start the fight, so for a solid week they were fighting, mostly at night, on both sides of the Mission Station. Before it was stopped there were two other men killed, several houses destroyed, as well as food gardens and lots of pigs killed.

In this case the man that committed the double murder would represent Clan A, his wife was from Clan B and the other man from Clan C. So the clans B and C felt they had to kill one man each from Clan A to settle up the score.

The entire area is still on what we would call full war alert. Most houses, etc., are deserted and the people are hiding in the bush. In due time they gradually start coming back

rebuild their houses and food gardens, etc. As you can see in this new Mission Station, I am in a real heathen area, and while most all people pretend to embrace some sort of faith, Catholic, Protestant, etc., hardly anyone at all has any conception about salvation and eternal life. This area, perhaps not quite, but is almost as heathen as America. The work is hard here, but there is a real need of mission work in this area.

We are spending more time in this area now trying to get the work built up. There are a few more attending services, some perhaps out of pure curiosity and some seem to be interested. Since the fighting has been going on, it is hard to get the people, especially the men, to give attention to what is being said. Many of them will not close their eyes during prayer for fear of being taken by surprise. Usually, as was the case last Sunday, two or three men walked around on the outside of the building while the services are going on, to watch for anyone that might try to slip up and kill someone while we are holding services. The entire area is tense and will be for some time to come yet.

Beloved, pray for us as we attempt to try to work our way in and out among these people. While I have no fear at all working in this area and among such a people, there has been at least one threat that they would get me, also. This was due to the fact that two women and a child wanted to visit relatives that lived in another area and they asked me if they could ride in my vehicle, as they were afraid to walk to the other area. I let them ride and instead of the women coming back, they stayed for two weeks. The men of the area thought I had intentionally taken two of their women off to this other area. Be that as it may, I watch now who gets into my car and leaves the area.

Beloved, we ask you to continue to hold the rope while we go down into the well and, in due time, God will call out His elect from among these heathen people.

May the Lord ever bless each of you!

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tion is IN THE PAST, and is wholly apart from human works.

EVERY SAVED PERSON OUGHT TO BE GETTING MORE SANCTIFIED

Sanctification, in the sense of being set apart as God's property, can never be improved upon. But there is another sense in which IN ACTUAL LIFE AND PRACTICE we ought to be getting "more sanctified." That is, we ought, as we better know God's will, we ought to become more conformed to that will. We should be growing more Christ-like in our actual behavior. Note some Scriptures that teach this: (John 17:17; I Thess. 5:23).

Suppose a rich man employs a valet, and the job is permanent. Immediately the transaction is done. He is set apart as that man's servant, and is just as much his servant as he will be ten years hence. But he knows nothing of his master's habits, characteristics, likes or dislikes. As he becomes acquainted with these, he becomes more conformed to his master's wishes. He comes to understand

just what his master wishes and expects until his service is invaluable. There is the second phase of sanctification illustrated. When you see any Christian who ten years after conversion knows no more of the will of God, and has made no spiritual growth, he has made no advancement along the line of the practical sanctification of life.

EVERY SAVED PERSON IS GOING TO BE WHOLLY SANCTIFIED

There is no such thing as one being "Wholly sanctified" while we live here in the flesh. Why? Because of our human imperfections. We may WANT to be wholly set apart to God, but despite every effort we will find ourselves falling short. If this were not true, we would get to the place where we would have no faults to confess and no need for forgiveness.

But we can look forward to the time when we shall either be raised from the dead or completely transformed at the return of Jesus — THEN we shall stand before Him without sin or fault of any kind. Our actual CONDITION will correspond to our previous POSITION.

"We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

In Hebrews 12:23 we have a picture of the future when the saved shall be gathered together in the New Jerusalem, and we read there of "the spirits of just men made perfect." See Ephesians 5:27 which speaks of the church as finally appearing before Christ "without spot or wrinkle." That could not be without the individuals composing the church being the same.

The Lord attends to the first phase of sanctification — our setting apart as His property, and likewise He attends to the last phase. It is the second or experimental phase that we should be chiefly concerned about. That invokes SEPARATION from the world, and personal CONSECRATION to God and His cause. We are to study the Bible that we may know what the Lord would have us do. We are to yield ourselves to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We are to "resist the devil," and are to refuse to lend our members as instruments of unrighteousness. We may not live sinless lives, but we ought to live BLAMELESS ones. Nothing less is expected of us. (See I Thess. 5:23).

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moving forces in God's plan and neither had any taint of the attributes of Ananias and Sapphira. Our namesake had the camel's hair and a girdle of skins for clothing and ate of the locusts and wild honey. Paul labored and ministered, "in hunger and thirst — cold and naked" (II Cor. 11:27). Peter said of himself and of John: "Silver and gold have I none..." (Acts 3:6).

In the light of the clear teaching from the Word of God would you then dare to embrace those misleading, and actually deceitful, "health and wealth" gospels which have become so prevalent in our time? Some of the electronic evangelists, and especially those of a more charismatic approach, are parlaying this travesty into the multiplied millions — employing a retinue of Madison Avenue "milkmen" to channel our Lord's

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"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY"

AKRON, Pa. (EP)—The 590 religious representatives gathered in Moscow at the Interreligious Peace Conference on the nuclear arms race, took their task seriously, report representatives of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) who just returned. The conferees exercised much effort to work together despite religious and political differences, in a sincere attempt to build bridges of understanding, report Mennonite delegates Peter J. Dyck of Akron and Frank H. Epp of Waterloo, Ontario.

Dyck says, "There is no question that the government encouraged the meeting because it would reflect favorably on the Soviet Union, but the serious concern of the Russian people on this matter cannot be doubted." In fact, he observes, "The Russian people and the people of the Russian church have a much deeper feeling for peace and a deeper fear of war than what I sense in North America. There is a reason. They fought the last war on their own terrain and lost 20 million people. There is hardly a family that has not lost a father or a son."

Dyck addressed one of the conference's eight working groups, offering a Mennonite perspective on the Bible and nonresistance. Epp became the reporter for the Christian caucus, larger than all the other caucuses combined, to the entire conference. The two say their own Christian message transcended the politics of any state. Their active involvement was required not only because of their faith, but due to their concern for humanity in light of the serious threat posed by nuclear weapons escalation.

MOSCOW (EP)—Christians cannot pray "My Father" and then divide the world into areas of opposition, Baptist World Alliance President Duke K. McCall told almost 600 world religious leaders who gathered for a conference on peace. "The one prayer prayed by all Christians is 'Our Father who art in heaven,'" McCall said. "It is not God's will for some to die in violence and others to live in peace."

McCall told them that Baptists in 122 countries share "a commitment to seek the elimination of nuclear weapons by mutually verifiable program of reduction of all instruments of war." He also cautioned against the assumption that a focus on elimination of nuclear weapons implies that religious persons "condone or accept as inevitable the death and destruction of our brothers and sisters by so-called conventional weapons."

SHANGHAI (EP)—Beijing Review in English, in its March 29 issue, reports a "Protest against Pope John Paul II's Slanders." Declares Beijing Review, Bishop Michael Yang Gaojian expressed great indignation at Pope John Paul's call on the Catholic churches all over the world to "pray for the persecuted Chinese Catholics." Freedom of belief as a policy of the Chinese government, the statement continues, has been firmly carried out with the ex-

ception of the ten years of the "Cultural Revolution" (1966-76) ever since 1949. In the past few years, national and diocese administrative organizations against Chinese Churches, otherwise, the Bishop warns, the Chinese Churches will launch a counterattack.

Ecumenical Press Service of April 10 reports that a statement on behalf of the Administrative Commission of the Catholic Church in China, the Bishops' Conference of the Chinese Catholic Church and the Chinese Catholics Patriotic Organization, protesting against the Pope's "slander" says that "...Honest Catholics in other countries who know the facts will not allow themselves to be hoodwinked by this little trick."

He urged his colleagues to demonstrate their commitment by applying religious insight to the issue of nuclear weapons. "As religious workers, we must appeal to all persons of good will to secure their involvement to save the sacred gift of life from all forms of violence," he said.

McCall reported his perspective was one that many conference participants have never heard from a Westerner. Conference participants have related to the issue of nuclear arms and peace according to the information they receive in their newspapers, and most of them are from areas where Soviet news services dominate, he reported. Consequently, many Easterners are under the impression that the East is pursuing peace while the West is not, he added, noting that most of them have not read or heard statements from Western leaders regarding peace.

WASHINGTON (EP)—Baptist ministerial students from 19 nations have joined in a "call for peacemaking" which emphasizes the Bible as a "profound peace treatise." The statement sprang from the concerns of doctoral students at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, who forwarded copies to friends on seminary campuses. In addition to graduate students at Baylor, more than 300 signatures have come in thus far from students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

"What is important about the call is not the number of signatures but the commitments the signers have made," said Robert Parham, one of the Baylor ethics students involved in the effort. Signers have committed themselves to "pray for peace" and to "study our Bibles for God's word on peace." Acknowledging that "peacemaking comes through evangelism" and that "changed people lead to changed nations," they pledged to spread the gospel of peace. In addition, they agreed to seek understanding of the roots of war; to urge denominational and governmental leaders to work for peace

through mutual agreements with other nations; to preach peace sermons; and maintain other peacemaking activity.

NEW YORK (EP)—The American Jewish Committee today came out strongly against the constitutional amendment proposed by President Reagan to permit organizing prayer in public schools. Urging the defeat of the amendment, Maynard I. Wishner, the Committee's president, said it would be a "serious mistake." He referred to an AJC statement issued in similar circumstances in 1971, describing such an amendment as "at best superfluous and at worst an invitation to religious conflict, bitterness and recrimination."

Today, Mr. Wishner asserted that "under the religion classes of the First Amendment to our Constitution, it is simply not the business of government to sponsor prayers for American children to recite." As far as voluntary prayer is concerned, he added, there is nothing in the Supreme Court rulings to stop any pupil "from saying a truly voluntary prayer any time the spirit moves him or her to do so."

WASHINGTON (EP)—President Reagan's call for a constitutional amendment on public school prayer brought mixed reactions from some Southern Baptist pastors and executives. Reagan announced May 6 — the National Day of Prayer — that he intended to keep a campaign pledge to support such an amendment.

On May 17, he sent his proposal to Capitol Hill. His proposed amendment reads: "Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or other public institutions. No person shall be required by the United States or by any state to participate in prayer."

Among those opposing the president's call in a narrow Baptist Press sampling, were Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, and Grady C. Cothen, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Bennett said he is happy with resolutions on school prayer passed at annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention during the past 20 years since the Supreme Court struck down state-required prayer and Bible reading. Cothen, who heads the world's largest religious publishing house, said the proposed amendment is unnecessary because it "makes no provision for anything not now possible."

James M. Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, said of Reagan's proposal: "Nothing in the Bill of Rights is more fundamental than freedom from any coercion, manipulation or pressure regarding religion. Little children in public schools should not be required to defend their particular spiritual heritage. Compulsory school attendance laws make group prayer unfair and impractical. The proposed constitutional amendment would itself be a reversal of the First Amendment, impossible to implement, contradictory in content and contrary to our Baptist input into the Bill of Rights."

Jimmy Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas, favors passage. "I would not be unhappy with the wording of the president's amend-

ment," he told Baptist Press. Said Draper, a likely nominee for Southern Baptist Convention president in June, "I do not agree with those who suddenly say we cannot acknowledge God in the classroom. We acknowledge Him in the Constitution itself and in other national documents."

RICHMOND, Va. (EP)—Southern Baptist missionaries in Argentina are feeling increased tension as the result of the British landing in the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), a Foreign Mission Board official just back from Buenos Aires reports. Thurmon Bryant, the board's area director for eastern South America, said the missionaries began to experience greater anxiety after major British landing operations began May 21. "But insofar as missionary activities are concerned," Bryant said, "things are continuing as normal."

Bryant said a citywide crusade planned in Cordoba this fall has been canceled. He said he expects to advise Mississippi Baptist leaders not to send volunteers to Argentina at this time. Mississippi Baptists have been working with Baptists in Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay in partnership convention efforts. Bryant said many of the 52 missionaries remaining in Argentina had gone to Rosario, about a four-hour drive from Buenos Aires, for the annual meeting of the Argentine Evangelical Baptist Convention.

Missionaries are not curtailing their normal church-related activities, Bryant reported, but are trying to avoid "bunching up" as they travel in order to make their American presence less conspicuous in this time of tension and increasing anti-American feelings among the general Argentine public. Meanwhile, a U.S. Embassy spokesman in Buenos Aires said May 22 that the evacuation of non-essential embassy personnel to Montevideo, Uruguay, had been stepped up "until all this blows over."

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monies into some enterprises which, under close scrutiny, become somewhat suspect.

From time to time I receive in the mail a soliciting plea for funds to subsidize some portion of what is reputed to be the Lord's vital work. Quite often these requests are accompanied by written and signed testimonials.

Either overtly or in a more subtle covert manner these "testimonies" employ the psychological stratagem of practically guaranteeing material remuneration if you will only send your tithes to their particular "storehouse." On the 15th of last May I gave sacrificially (seed faith money). On the first of June I received word that a rich aunt had passed away, leaving me a sum of money far in excess of my mere pittance of a tithe. And so on,

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and infinitum.

There is far too much of this "pie in the sky," "make your decision now and live happily evermore on a euphoric cloud," "you're sinful if you are sick — God doesn't want you sick" and some other popular teaching today. Much of which loses its credibility in the light of the Word, rightly divided.

If I may be truthful without becoming overly judicious I would like to point out how and where some of the Lord's tithes are being employed from time to time. Much of these funds are solicited in some manner, not unlike that which I have mentioned. A rather well-known minister who relies on that electronic marvel to further his aims, via "shows" on television, had managed to supposedly get himself into some dire straits not so long ago. He flooded the mails with appeals to his listeners and constituents for funds to enable him to avoid bankruptcy. It is quite evident that he was successful because even more recently he became quite incensed when someone "leaked" the information that he had acquired a spread in Florida — some real estate amounting to multiple hundreds of thousands of dollars. Quite a reversal of circumstances in any language.

Yet another astute business man/minister, probably far and away the most proficient and successful "solicitor" in the business, a former faith healer who has now found the hospital to be more efficient, reliable — or more lucrative to promote, is a past master at milking the funds out of the local assemblies. Possibly I should be more understanding and sympathetic, because this gentleman really needs a considerable sum to put his "show" on the television screen — complete and replete with puppets and dancing girls.

In this situation there is an interesting sidelight which might serve to illuminate the minds of those who have ears to hear.

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this highly successful evangelist, a man who had worked intimately and “up close and personal” in the organization for three and a half years as a top employee and confidant, has revealed and it has been confirmed that our man has a home in Tulsa, valued at \$250,000. In addition he has purchased a mansion in the ultra-exclusive Palm Springs Thunderbird Development Corporation, this one valued at a mere million dollars. He and his son have a membership in the Country Club associated with the development. Price tag? \$25,000.

This then is the author, or authorizer, of those heartrending letters telling of dire crises and impending utter disaster should you fail to sell the cow and send him the proceeds, post haste. Beloved, try the spirits! Do they fly \$2 million jets?

It is an inescapable, undeniable fact that it takes funds to properly do the Lord’s work in the world — through the assembly. Just as surely as you should be very “sure” that your anchor holds, you need to know the application of God’s tithes. Baptists, your stewardship belongs first and foremost in and to the local assembly.

Take the first fruits there — and then stay close enough to see how it is used. It is a form of copout to say that “I gave it, how it is used isn’t my affair.”

I have more respect for that small and poor assembly, struggling to stay alive, who feel they must “prostitute” the church with a brownie sale on the streets, than I have for much of the highly organized evangelistic associations who have no membership, no scriptural authority and certainly no discipline. And with the disaster and flood relief work done by the Salvation Army funds, I would judge them more honest and honorable, even if they do openly solicit the bars — and station a uniformed supplicant at the door of the local liquor store. At least, they make a point when they say; “This isn’t any of the devil’s money. He has none, it all belongs to God.” Well Shalom anyway.

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warning as they spied him, and the brush behind already on fire.

As he turned to look, he saw he would be caught if he did not

act quickly. In a moment, he sprang from his horse, and lifting a leather strap, he raised his arm and brought it down with all his might upon the horse’s flanks. The startled animal turned and fled, taking by instinct the safest way out, as old Joe had hoped he would. Then he himself lowered his head, and made a dive through the flames to the side of the bank where a great rock overhang a ledge. Crawling under this, he crouched just in time, as the fire licked up the short brush on either side, spreading over the place where he and his horse had stood a moment before. Those watching surely thought he was doomed; but he was wise enough to seize the one way of escape, the overhanging rock under which no brush had grown. What a clear picture stands out in our minds as we hear the story — not only of the old Indian upon his horse, but also of the rock where he found protection from the fire. Can you see it?

Old Joe is hidden now as the flames curl around the rock, quickly consuming every obstacle but the rock itself. THAT was not moved; only blackened and covered with ashes, as the fire died down and left old Joe unharmed beneath its shelter. Do you not see the picture now? Do you know what our Bible says, “A man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as — the shadow of a great Rock?” Yes, the Lord Jesus Christ is the MAN mentioned in this verse. We are absolutely sure He is the man, because not only in the Old Testament is He called a Rock, (“The Lord is my ROCK and my Fortress,” Psalms 18:2), but in the New Testament we read, “For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them; and that Rock was CHRIST” (I Cor. 10:4).

Isn’t that very plain? “THAT ROCK was CHRIST. How can we understand Him to be a Rock? Because, being a MAN from Heaven, He was divine; without sin, not as we are. Yet “He humbled Himself.” How did He do this? By taking OUR place in God’s judgment against SIN, at Calvary, where God visited all its penalty upon this sinless MAN, Christ Jesus. There the “Fire” of God’s wrath swept over HIM, consuming all our sins, just like the brush was consumed around the rock; and true to our picture, He was blackened and tortured by the depths of suffering of sin in a way that we can never know. The “Fire” was so hot, that He cried out, “My God, My God, Why hast Thou forsaken ME?” Why? Because “He was wounded for OUR transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities” (Isaiah 53:5).

Then can YOU not see that sin was put away there at Calvary? And that NOW He is YOUR Rock under which you may hide and be saved for all Eternity? Even as the old Indian, you, too, may find protection in a better Rock than the one on the mountain side. Flee to the ROCK CHRIST JESUS, that He might hide you in safety. Nothing else can hide you; neither prayers, nor tears, nor works of righteousness; only the Lord Jesus. You may now take your place under His sheltering Blood, and say, “My Rock and my Saviour.”

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