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DEAR BROTHER BILL POWELL

Part II

You, my brother — though perhaps unwittingly and perhaps indirectly — were a member of that "Secret Baptist Conclave," that "Council of Destruction" at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, not unlike many which the Romans have had in their inquisitorial efforts to dispose unceremoniously of those whom they deemed to be their enemies. Understandably, it met surreptitiously during the "shadows of the night" when H. Leo Edleman was away in an evangelistic meeting.

Further, though perhaps unwittingly and perhaps indirectly, you joined them in their fateful decision of that hour to destroy as best as they could the one who "troubled them." And you perhaps were there in heart at that fateful moment in the late night hour when the substance of that decision was

delivered by Duke K. McCall.

Without regard or concern for himself, his family, or his future, this one had delivered in the privacy of a Homiletics



Ray Waugh

class, "Shades of Scholasticism." And with similar unconcern for himself, his family, or his future, he had subsequently published "Disillusioned" in the pages of

THE HARVESTER. These were the desperate cries of one who remembered Boyce and Kerfoot, Carrol, Sampey, Mullins, and others, and who yet helped that "Southern Baptists might see the light and live"!

Regardless of the cost!

I had no other choice!

I had seen Tribble's open denial of the Virgin Birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. I had wept over the tragedy that Southern Baptists did not care, and that they had made no protest of such blasphemy of one who was a respected professor in the Seminary at that time. Blasphemer, though he was, I

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THE CANCELLED DEBT

There used to be a very colorful and beautiful custom in the Orient that pictures, as clearly as can be told, the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ for sin. When a debt was settled, either through full payment or the forgiveness of the indebtedness, the creditor would take the cancelled bond and nail it over the door of the man who had owed him, that all might see that the debt had been paid.

Here is an illustration of glorious redemption truth. The cross of Christ, the door of divine grace, bore upon it the body of Him who paid the debt of sin and set us free. Had He not been nailed there, a bankrupt world would be hopelessly indebted to the law.

PREVAILING PRAYER

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

Effectual, prevailing prayer, does not consist in benevolent desires alone. Benevolent desires are doubtless pleasing to God, but they are not prayer. Prayer is that prayer which attains the blessing that it seeks. It is that prayer which effectually moves God.

A person need not expect to offer such prayer if he pray at random, without any distinct or definite object. I speak now of secret prayer. Many people go away into their closets, because they must say their prayers. The time has come that they are in the habit of going by themselves for prayer. And instead of having anything to say, any definite object before their mind, they fall down on their knees, and pray for just what comes into their minds — for everything that floats in the imagination at the time; and when they are done, they could hardly tell a word of what they had been praying for. This is not effectual prayer.

What should we think of anybody who should try to move a legislature so, and should say, "Now it is winter, and the legislature is in session, and it is time to send up petitions," and should go up to the legislature and petition at random, without any definite object? Do you think such petitions would move the legislature? A man must have some definite object before his mind.

Prayer, to be effectual, must be in accordance with the revealed will of God. To pray for things contrary to the revealed will of God, is to tempt God. There are three ways in which

God's will is revealed to men for their guidance in prayer.

(1) By express promises or predictions in the Bible that He will give or do certain things. Either by express promises, in regard to particular things. For instance, there is this promise: "Whatsoever things ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

(2) Sometimes God reveals His will by His Providence. When He makes it clear, that such and such events are about

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A Sermon By John R. Gilpin (1905-1974)

THE KIND OF BAPTIST THAT GOD MAKES

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:20).

Let me say at the very outset that there are three kinds of churches in the world. There are, first of all, Baptist churches, and there are Catholic churches, and there are Protestant churches. Protestant churches are those who have protested against the Catholics. Baptists were here before the Catholics; therefore, Baptists are never to be called Protestants, nor confused with Protestants, because we were here before the Catholics. We never have protested them in the sense that Protestant bodies have, because the Protestants came out of, or have sprung from the

Catholic church.

Let me remind you that man makes Catholics, or, in other words, Catholics are man-made. I never had that more forcefully impressed upon me than when I was in Mexico of recent date. For example, when I went through that ancient castle of Leon, which is located about 50 miles west of Mexico City. I saw there the dungeon where the light of day had never yet penetrated the darkness, and where the dissenters from Catholicism were chained to the stone walls as prisoners until they became Catholics or until they died from starvation and mistreatment and exposure within that dungeon. You can't imagine the eerie, horrible feel-

ing that came over me as I went down the winding stairs into that dungeon, and as I went from room to room and saw the place where possibly our forefathers as well as the Indians who worshipped some form of heathen deity, were likewise chained to those stone walls just because they refused to accept Catholicism. Once a day, it is said, that they would remove a stone from the top of the dungeon and would hand in, through that opening, a little bread and water, and would ask the individual that was thus chained in that particular portion of the dungeon if he was ready to become a Catholic. If so, they would release him and

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"SIN"

HOW TO GET RID OF IT

by W. B. Davidson
(Now in Glory)

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

The problem of sin and how to get rid of it confronts every man, woman, boy and girl on the earth. How to get rid of your sins is a matter that should disturb you.

The fifty-third chapter of the Book of Isaiah is a perfect picture of the suffering sacrifice and substitutionary death of the Lord Jesus Christ. Neither Jew nor Gentile has ever been able to prove successfully that it does not refer to Christ, because of what is written in Acts 8:27-35.

The sixth verse sets forth the plan of salvation. In this verse we have the following facts stated: Sin, substitution and satisfaction. We shall discuss

the subject according to this order:

I. SIN - "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone one to his own way."

To go astray is to sin. Sin is missing the mark. The picture is that of an arrow shot at a target and it goes astray — it misses the mark. Man was created to glorify God, but he sinned — he missed the mark.

The Bible gives five definitions of sin. The first definition is found in Proverbs 24:9 which reads as follows: "The thought of foolishness is sin." The second definition is found in Romans 14:23 and reads as follows: "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." The third definition is recorded in I John 3:4 and is stated in these words: "Sin is the transgression of the law." The fourth definition is found in I John 5:17 and it

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RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

by Chuck Sandelin
Samuels, Idaho

"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular" (I Cor. 12:27).

"We do not believe in dividing the body of Christ," are the cliched words of today's misinformed, mistaught, ecumenical, nondenominational/interdenominational people. This has been spouted forth by their ministers so often; to try to justify the existence of their unauthorized society, that those within it also spout the cliché as if it had Scriptural warrant. Let's study our text (I Cor. 12:27) and other related texts and see who is guilty of "Dividing the body of Christ!"

I. Their Beginning:

Of a later date than both Protestantism (1500-1800 A.D.) or the cults, (1800's to 1900's) come the religious societies of nondenominationalism which is

interdenominationalism. It is the amalgamation of the host of all or any denominations. As such it is "the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird" (Rev. 18:2). I have a little respect for a Protestant denomination, ONLY, in the fact that I know what their doctrinal position is wherever they've found. Nondenominationalism (or inter-) has no standard, no doctrine, no discipline, no authority and no power. They take the denominationalist and "make him two-fold more the child of hell than yourselves" (Matt. 23:15) as they do also the others. So maybe we can see that the steps of the non- or interdenominationalist is to the worse than that of their predecessors.

II. Their Theory:

These amalgamations believed their predecessors (the Protestants) concerning the theory of a universal, invisible, mystical BODY of Christ. That is that all saved people got baptized by the Holy Ghost, and that put them into THE church. No greater heresy was ever hatched out of hell. This mystical body then is made up of every believer, (according to this theory), yet they have never "assembled," (EKKLESIA or CHURCH), never chose a pastor, or deacon, never had a prayer meeting, never had a membership roll, never ordained, baptized nor instituted the Lord's Supper. Never took an offering — and as a body, (or

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let him out, and he would make
the sign of the Cross, signifying
he had become a Catholic, and
henceforth he was freed from his
prison; if not, after he was there
for a few days' time, in all prob-
ability, in the dampness of that
dungeon, and with poor treat-
ment, and with a small amount
of food — within just a few
days, death would take him. I
saw the place over to one side
where they would drop the cor-
pSES — a place where the water
flowed constantly through that
dungeon, to wash the bodies out
into the river.

Beloved, that is the way that
Catholicism makes Catholics.
They make them by force. In
other words, man makes
Catholics.

Since I have returned from
Mexico, I have been reading
everything that I can get my
hands on relative to the history
of Mexico in the past. In fact, I
knew but very, very little about
it, but I have been thrilled this
past week in reading Prescott's
"History of the Conquest of
Mexico," how the Spaniards
came to Mexico under the
leadership of Cortez, the
Spanish courtier, the gentleman
of leisure, who became, more or
less, a fortune hunter, and how
that every place that he went in
Mexico, that the first thing that
he did in his conquest was to try
to make Catholics out of the In-
dians. The Indians themselves
had their own worship. They
worshipped the God of Sun and
the God of Rain and other
deities. They worshipped false
Gods and the most of their wor-
ship was centered around
human sacrifices. Prescott, in
his "History of the Conquest of
Mexico," says that the Indians
would wage war on the other In-
dian tribes in the country of
Mexico, not for the purpose of
killing them, but for the purpose
of taking them captive to use

them as human sacrifices. The
Indians had their own temples,
and in these temples they had
various images that they wor-
shipped, but when Cortez came
to Mexico, the first thing that he
did was to tear down the images
of these Mexicans and to set up
a cross and try to make the peo-
ple to become Catholics.

Well, beloved, I say to you,



John R. Gilpin

that man makes Catholics.

I'll go further and say that
man makes Protestants. Pro-
testants are man-made. For ex-
ample, some years ago, there
was a Protestant preacher not
far away, of the Church of
Christ type, who believes in
baptismal regeneration. One
night he announced that he was
going to illustrate on the follow-
ing evening how a person was
saved. On the following evening,
he stood a man on one side of
the baptistry, and he said,
"Here you see an unsaved sin-
ner," and he took him down into
the water and plunged him
beneath that water. Then he
brought him out of that water
and said, "Here you see a man
who is saved." Then he said to
the congregation, "Do you want
to see his Saviour?" and he
pointed back to the water and
said, "That water is his
Saviour."

Beloved, I say to you, man
can make a Campbellite. A
Campbellite doesn't have to be
God-made. A man can build a
baptistry. A man can put steps
down into that baptistry. A man
can lead an individual into that
baptistry and plunge him into
the water and then lead him out.
Since that is the way that a
Campbellite is made, then man
makes Campbellites.

I'll say also that the
mourner's bench is a human in-
novation and an invention of
man. Beloved, the mourner's
bench is the means of many
becoming Protestant, and such
individuals are man-made.

Catholics are man-made, and
Protestants are man-made, but
I want you to see this truth, that
God makes Baptists. I want you
to see that He made the first
Baptist that was ever in this
world. Listen:

"Behold, I will send my
messenger, and he shall
prepare the way before me:
and the Lord, whom ye seek,
shall suddenly come to his
temple, even the messenger of
the covenant, whom ye
delight in: behold, he shall
come, saith the Lord of hosts"
(Mal. 3:1).

"The voice of him that
crieth in the wilderness,
Prepare ye the way of the
Lord, make straight in the
desert a highway for our
God" (Isa. 40:3).

"In those days came John
the Baptist preaching in the
wilderness of Judea, and say-
ing, Repent ye: for the kin-
gdom of heaven is at hand.
For this is he that was spoken
of by the prophet Esaias, say-
ing, The voice of one crying

God never reveals sin to us to leave us in it.

in the wilderness, Prepare ye
the way of the Lord, make his
paths straight" (Mt. 3:1-3).

When John the Baptist came
into the wilderness preaching,
he fulfilled this prophecy. In
other words, the prophecy in
Malachi 3:1 and in Isaiah 40:3
finds its fulfillment in Matthew
3:1-3 when John the Baptist
came into the wilderness.

Notice who sent John:

"There was a man SENT
FROM GOD, whose name was
John" (John 1:6).

I say to you then, that the first
Baptist preacher that this world
ever had was John the Baptist,
and, beloved, it was God who
sent him. While it is true that
Catholics are man-made, and
that Protestants are, in the
main, man-made, I insist upon
this fact, that the first Baptist
preacher that ever came into this
world was sent of God, and that
Baptists, when they are true
Baptists, are God-made today.

Now, let's notice the kind of a
Baptist that God makes.

**GOD MAKES SAVED
BAPTISTS.**

Let me insist that everybody
who is a member of a Baptist
church ought to be saved and
that he ought never join a Ba-
ptist church until he is saved.
Listen:

"Jesus answered and said
unto him, Verily, verily, I say
unto thee, Except a man be
born again, he cannot see the
kingdom of God. Jesus
answered, Verily, verily, I say
unto thee, Except a man be
born of water and of the
Spirit, he cannot enter into
the kingdom of God. Marvel
not that I said unto thee, Ye
must be born again" (John
3:3, 5, 7).

From these verses where we
find Jesus speaking unto
Nicodemus, we can see that
Jesus was insisting upon
Nicodemus having, or experien-
cing, the new birth, yet I say to
you, nobody can see the
kingdom of God — nobody can
go to Heaven until, first of all,
that individual has been born
from above, or born again. I in-
sist then, beloved friends, that
the kind of Baptist that God
makes is, first of all, a saved
Baptist.

Do you remember years ago
when you were a child, reading
that nursery rhyme —

"Pussy cat, pussy cat, where
have you been?

I have been to London to see
the new queen.

Pussy cat, pussy cat, what
saw you there?

I saw a little mousey right
under her chair."

I used to read that nursery
rhyme when I was a child and I
wondered what it could mean.
Then it dawned upon me one
day as to the meaning. That cat
saw a mouse. Why? Because she
was a cat, and it is a cat's nature
to be watching for a mouse.

Let me tell you, beloved, a
saved man has a nature, too,
and his nature is the nature of
God implanted within him the
very hour that he is saved. I say
then, that the kind of Baptist
that God makes is a saved man.

**GOD MAKES BIBLE-
BELIEVING BAPTISTS.**

"And ye shall know the
truth, and the truth shall
make you free" (John 8:32).

Do you want to know the best
way that this world can be freed
from error and heresy? Do you
want to know the best way to be
freed from all false teachings?
Beloved, it is to know the truth,
and if you know the truth, the
truth will make you free.

Let's notice again:

"He that is of God
HEARETH GOD'S WORDS:
ye therefore hear them not,
because ye are not of God"
(John 8:47).

If a man is of God, he is going
to hear God's Word. That is
why I never hesitate to preach
the truth to people. That is why
it is I never hesitate to preach
this Bible, for if a man is saved,
he is going to accept it. That's
why it is that I never hesitate to
preach close communion or
Baptist baptism. That's why it
is that I never hesitate to preach
against union meetings and
modernism. That's why it is that
I never hesitate to preach
against Arminianism and
feminism and lodgism. The in-
dividual who is God's child will
hear God's Word, and if a per-
son doesn't hear the Word of
God, it is the best evidence in
the world that he is not a child of
God. I tell you, beloved, the
kind of a Baptist that God
makes is a Bible-believing Ba-
ptist.

Let's notice another Scripture
in this respect:

"For he whom God hath
sent **SPEAKETH THE
WORDS OF GOD:** for God
giveth not the Spirit by
measure unto him" (John
3:34).

If you will read this verse, you
will see that if God calls a man
to preach, that God is going to
give to him His message. In any
of these so-called churches, you
will find people preaching con-
trary to the Word of God and
not preaching what God has
said. This text says that he
whom God has sent, speaks the
Words of God.

I just can't believe that a God-
called man will go through life
preaching the heresy of falling
from grace and the heresy of
salvation by works or salvation
by the city's waterworks. I can't
believe that a man can be called
of God, regardless of how un-
taught he is in the beginning,
and go through life preaching
the heresies and the falsehoods
that the Arminian preachers
preach. In the light of this verse,
I can't believe that they have
been called of God, for God
said, "For he whom God hath
sent speaketh the words of
God."

The best way to measure a
man as to whether he has been
called of God is to take what he
says and compare it with the
Word of God, and if what he
says isn't in accordance with the
Word of God, then believe the
Bible and leave the preacher
alone; for God says that He has
never called the man who
doesn't preach God's Word.

"How sweet are thy words
unto my taste! yea, sweeter
than honey to my mouth.
Through thy precepts I get
understanding: therefore, I
HATE EVERY FALSE WAY.
Thy word is a lamp unto my
feet, and a light unto my
path" (Psa. 119:103-105).

Surely, beloved, David spoke
words that stem from the very
spirit of my soul, for, like
David, "through thy precepts
I get understanding."
Therefore, I hate every false
way. I hate lodgism, I hate
feminism. I hate modernism, I
hate Arminianism. I hate open
communion, I hate alien immer-
sion, and I hate invisible chur-
chism. I tell you, beloved, I hate
every false way, for I have some
understanding from the Word of
God. The man who understands
God's precepts is going to hate
false ways and false teachings
that are presented by false pro-
phets.

Listen to me, beloved friends,
the kind of Baptist that God
makes is a Bible-believing Ba-
ptist. When you hear someone
say, "Oh, it doesn't make any
difference what a man
preaches," just mark it down
that man has had something to
do with him and that God has
had nothing to do with him so
far as salvation is concerned.
Whenever you hear somebody
say, "It doesn't make any dif-
ference what we believe; we all
are going to the same place; we
all hope to get to Heaven after a
while," just mark it down, man
has had something to do with
him and God never had
anything at all to do with him.
When a man is saved, God
makes him a Bible-believing
Baptist, and he has a revelation
and a love for the Word of God.
It causes him not only to love
God's book, but it causes him to
hate every false way at the same
time.

**III
GOD MAKES CHURCH-
GOING BAPTISTS**

I don't make any apology
when I say that I seriously have
my doubts about the person who
goes very irregularly and very
infrequently to the house of
God. Except for sickness or
some providential reason, the
man who is saved gets a delight
out of going to the house of God.
The kind of a Baptist that God
makes is a church-going Ba-
ptist.

I turn to the Word of God and
I find in the Old Testament
when David and Jonathan were
making their love pact, that
Jonathan said to David:

"Tomorrow is the new
moon: and thou shalt be miss-
ed, because thy seat will be
empty" (I Sam. 20:18).

Beloved, this verse is a good
verse to think about in connec-
tion with church-going. Every
individual who is a member of
this church ought to be here,
unless he has a reason that will
be approved before God. Unless
he is sick or is providentially

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Coming EVENTS

The Calvary Baptist Church
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appreciate your attendance and
prayers in glorifying God in this
endeavor. For further informa-
tion, please contact Pastor
Rodney Minney.

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hindered in some manner, he ought to be here in the house of God, for he is missed, because his seat is empty.

We read:

"Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why IS THE HOUSE OF GOD FORSAKEN?" (Neh. 13:11).

I often read that verse and wonder, as to why the house of God is forsaken?

You go out on the street and you find plenty of people going to places of amusement. You find people having family reunions, you find people going to singing conventions, and you find people going fishing and playing golf. You find them doing everything else except going to the house of God. In view of the fact that people do everything else materially, and in view of the fact that they need to think about their own spiritual lives and their own immortal souls, I ask the question, why is the house of God forsaken? Beloved, it all comes back in this, the reason why people don't go to the house of God, even though they may be members of a church, is because they have never been saved. The kind of a Baptist that God makes is a church-going Baptist.

Notice:

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25).

Let me tell you, beloved, this is God's injunction and God's command. He tells us that we are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, and when church times comes, you and your family ought to be in the house of God. So far as you and I are concerned, we have no business forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. If you are a saved man and if you are the kind of Baptist that God has made, you will be a church-going Baptist.

I have often sat before an open fire and have looked at a bed of coals as they are piled up in one place. I have seen them give off heat and give off light. As I have thus sat beside an open fire, I have seen one coal fall off, by itself. Beloved, did you ever notice how quickly that coal begins to turn gray and then black, and then loses its heat and its fire, when it has fallen away from the rest of the bed of coals? Listen, beloved, many times as I have sat and looked upon an open fire and have seen a coal fall off by itself, I have thought about members of the churches that I have preached to, who have, one by one, fallen off to themselves when they have stayed away from the house of God, until the life that might have been radiant, and the life that would have had plenty of fire about it if it had stayed with the balance of the body — that life becomes soiled and cold and useless in the service of the Lord. I tell you, beloved, the kind of a Baptist that God makes is a church-going Baptist.

IV

GOD MAKES WORKING BAPTISTS.

Beloved, if you are the kind of a Baptist that God makes, you are going to be a worker — not a shirker, but a worker.

One fellow said that in his church that everybody was a worker — that some few of them would do the work and the rest

The church is looking for better methods. God is looking for better men.

of them were willing that they should do it. He said, "Either way you look at it, every one of the people is a worker."

Now, listen, beloved, the kind of a Baptist that God makes is a working Baptist. Listen:

"For we are HIS WORKMANSHIP, created in Christ Jesus UNTO GOOD WORKS, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10).

"This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be CAREFUL TO MAINTAIN GOOD WORKS. These things are good and profitable unto men" (Titus 2:15).

"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, ZEALOUS OF GOOD WORKS" (Titus 2:14).

A lot of folk go to church and that is about all the work that they do. I remember one old fellow years ago, back in the days of horses and buggies, who got up to testify. He said, "I have been in the harness working for the Lord for forty years." Another fellow who knew differently, spoke up and said, "Yes, and the only thing that you ever broke in the forty years, was every pair of backin' straps that they could put on you."

Beloved, there are a lot of folk who are like that fellow — they just have been heavy on the backing straps. I tell you, my brother, my sister, God wants you to be a worker. If you are a saved man, and if you are the kind of a Baptist that God makes, you will be a working Baptist. You will want something to do, and you will get busy in the service of the Lord.

I tell you, beloved, I have a very definite conviction that if you are the kind of a Baptist that God makes, that you will find somebody to invite to church. I believe that if you are the kind of a Baptist that God makes, that you will be a worker and not a shirker; a puller and not a backer. You will be the type that is constantly striving in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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GOD MAKES GIVING BAPTISTS.

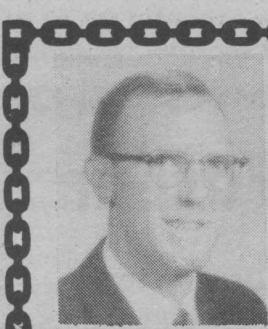
I believe with all my heart that giving is just as important as any portion of the Word of God, and the preacher who neglects preaching what God says about money, and about giving is just as unfaithful in the discharge of his duty as the man who fails to bring his tithe unto the Lord.

God's Word says:

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. 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" (Mal. 3:8-10).

Beloved, this is God's plan, and if God gave it, then it has to work. Notice:

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and I will pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."



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BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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Psalm 33:1-7

Intro: There is never, or should never be, a time, a place, or an event in which the child of God cannot find opportunity for thanksgiving and rejoicing, and for exalting the Lord by publicly declaring his faith in God's Word and works. This should ever be the desire of the saints.

VERSE 1

"Rejoice in the Lord." This is the source and the substance of our rejoicing, for if we rejoice in ourselves or in others, it will not last. Most people are playing the part of a fool by rejoicing in the works of their own hands, or in temporary things (Luke 12:19, 20), but the believer, in contrast to this, rejoices in the Lord (Psalm 103:1, 2).

"O ye righteous." Here, we have a cause for the happiness of the saints, for they have been made righteous and are justified in God's sight. They not only have had their sins imputed to Christ, but have had His righteousness imputed to them (Rom. 4:5-8). They have had a change of raiment (Zech. 3:3, 4). They have on the proper wedding garment.

"For praise is comely for the upright." Clean clothes worn by a filthy man is unsightly indeed. This is true spiritually, as an unsaved man putting on the garments of praise is hypocritical, and is looked upon with contempt, but a righteous man walking uprightly is beautiful.

VERSE 2

"Praise the Lord with harp." A musical instrument in the hands of a saint can be used to the glory of God. The instrument can be used for good or evil, as it is passive in itself, so it is how it is used which makes the difference.

"Sing unto Him with the psaltery." The proper instrument and the proper voice make a sweet melody. The instrument should be used as a help to the saint in praising the Lord.

"And an instrument of ten strings." The full scale should be used along with the range of the voice.

VERSE 3

"Sing unto Him a new song." True spiritual singing is "unto Him." We should ever

desire His approval as well as His glory. If we are to sing new songs, we must ever renew our souls by Bible reading and meditation. Even if we sing an old song, it should be with freshness and meaning. A new man singing a new song, is the ideal arrangement. Just as there is ample material for new sermons from the "Old Book,"

BIBLE VERSE



Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. JOHN 15:4

there is ample provisions for new songs to be sung with added freshness.

"Play skilfully with a loud noise." We should not be careless in our singing, or in the playing of the musical instruments. Both require our best; so as the preacher studies to prepare for bringing the message, the singers and the players should study and prepare themselves. Many times our services are sloppy and haphazard because of a lack of preparation. Also, playing with a loud noise doesn't mean deafening, but it means that which can be readily heard.

VERSE 4

"For the word of the Lord is right." The word of the Lord means entirety of His Revelation (Matt. 4:4; Isa. 55:11). It means all scripture (II Tim. 3:16). The Word of the Lord is right; this means purity and perfection. There are no flaws, no misrepresentations or lies. The Word of God therefore, is most precious, for it can be trusted and relied upon. It is a firm foundation. All of its promises are yea and amen. Therefore, since this is true we can rejoice (Vs. 1), we can praise the Lord (Vs. 2), and sing new songs daily (Vs. 3).

"And all His works are

plate is passed (of course, we don't practice that here), will reach down in their pocket and pull out a brownie or a nickel and put it on the plate, easy and quick-like, and the song that runs through their mind is something like this:

"When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we are still joined in heart,
And hope to meet again."

There's many a person who makes his offering just like that, but, beloved, the kind of a Baptist that God makes is a giving Baptist. The man who gives to God is blessed over and over again. I know it from God's Word, I know it from my own personal experience, and I know it from observation.

VI

GOD MAKES FAITHFUL

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done in truth." God ever acts in accordance with His Word. Whatever God does, there is scriptural reason for it. If our work, as churches, is His work, it is done according to the Word. Keep in mind also that God works in accordance with His Word in the lives of His children, and this is true in relation to the unsaved, also. A man will reap what he sows according to the Scriptures.

VERSE 5

"He loveth righteousness and judgment." God's nature is such that thus it must be, or He would cease to be God. God honored His Son because He was Holy and Righteous, and God honors His sons who are righteous in His Son; but God's righteousness is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness, and His judgments will be executed.

"The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord." God's care of His creation, in spite of sin, is seen on every side. It rains on the just and the unjust. The only reason the sinner can breathe is because of the goodness of God.

VERSE 6

"By the word of the Lord were the heavens made." "Without Him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3). "He is before all things and by Him all things consist" (Col. 1:16, 17). "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). "God said, 'Let there be light' (Gen. 1:3). The living Word and the Spoken Word are powerful (Heb. 4:12). The Word which goeth forth out of God's mouth is an accomplishing Word (Isa. 55:11).

"And all the host of them by breath of His mouth." God breathed and man became a living soul, and He breathed the first creation into being, and also the Holy Scriptures (Gen. 3:7; II Tim. 3:16).

VERSE 7

"He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap." He created and regulated His creation: "The winds and the waves obey His will." As we sit writing this article, a hurricane that threatened our coast last night, suddenly stopped and weakened; and could just as easily be activated by the power of God. He can gather the seas together, or unlash them to overrun the dry land.

"He layeth up the depth in storehouses." "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." What a storehouse God has in the heaven above, in the earth, and in the depth of the sea. To think He supplies our needs from His storehouse is a glorious thought (Philip. 4:19)!

Conclusion: Surely we can raise our voices together in a new song.

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The Baptist Examiner Forum

SUBMIT QUESTIONS ON ANY BIBLE SUBJECT

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How many compartments does hell have? Luke 16:23.

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According to Greek and Hebrew scholars there are three words which are translated hell. One is the word "Gehenna" and is used twelve times in the New Testament and is said to be "the hell of fire" (Matt. 5:22). In Mark 9:44, 46, & 48, "Where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." In Matthew 10:28 we are told to, "fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in Hell." This, I believe is the lake of fire, the final abode of the wicked of Revelation 20:14.

In the King James version the word "Sheol" in the Old Testament and "Hades" in the New Testament have been translated "hell." These both mean the region to which the spirits of the dead go. Before the resurrection and ascension of Christ into Heaven, this included the righteous dead.

Hades is the word used in Luke 16:23 and we see, that for the wicked, it is a place of torment. In Acts 2:27, 29 we see Peter quoting a prophecy made by David concerning Christ where it is said, "that His soul was not left in hell (hades)". But in Luke 28:43 Christ told the repentant thief, "To-day shalt thou be with Me in paradise." From these passages we see that paradise, the place to which departed souls of the righteous went, was in the region of hades. This being true, "Abraham's bosom" is another name for paradise. We might note some things about the place where the wicked go and the place where the righteous were taken. They are far apart. The rich man saw Lazarus "afar off." There is "a great gulf" between the two.

The souls of the righteous dead now go directly into Heaven as paradise is now in Heaven, as we will see from the Scripture in answer to the next question in the forum.

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A compartmentalized hell is the prevailing view with the great majority of contemporary theological students and scholars, but their opinions vary as to the number of compartments there are in hell. Some think there are two compartments in hell, others think there

are three, and there are others which believe hell is divided into an infinite number of compartments — the torment of which is commensurate with the evil of the earthly life of the resident. As for myself, I do not know how many compartments there are in hell, and am persuaded that no other living person on this earth knows with absolute certainty how many there are.

The theory which teaches a compartmentalized hell, and that Christ descended into what is called the paradise section has some strong arguments on its side, but the theory was not popularized until the so-called Apostles' Creed was written, the history of which cannot be traced beyond the fifth century. Because the "Descent into hades" doctrine is popular or widely accepted does not necessarily mean that it is an erroneous teaching, but there are scholars of great repute which take variance with the view.

Robert Stuart MacArthur, who assumed the pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church of New York City in 1870, said, speaking of the "Descent theory" as taught in the so-called Apostles' Creed, "We repeat in our own church service the so-called Apostles' Creed. I am glad there has been eliminated from the form we use the clause about the descent into hades. It ought never to have been introduced and as speedily as possible it ought to be struck out. It was not in for about seven hundred years, and no man living can tell how it ever got into this creed. Its introduction is one of the mysteries and misfortunes of ecclesiastical history." THE QUESTION OF THE CENTURIES, (Pg. 25).

Hastings Bible Dictionary, Vol. 1, Pg. 9, "Abraham's Bosom, like the Hades in which the rich man lifts up his eyes, is part of the figurative or pictorial setting... and indicates no more than a haven of repose and felicity, the home and resting place of the righteous with Abraham."

John Gill says in his Commentary on Luke 16, Pg. 531, "By Abraham's bosom is meant heaven, a phrase well known to the Jews, by which they commonly expressed the happiness of the future state... Moreover, no mention is made of the rich man being carried by the angels, as Lazarus was; and if he was, he was not carried by the good, but by the evil angels, and not into Abraham's bosom, but to hell."

J.A. Alexander, in his commentary on the book of Acts, chapter two, verse 27, which reads, "Because Thou wilt not leave My soul in hell, neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption," says, "Because, or that, introducing the ground or subject of the confidence expressed in the preceding verse. In hell, literally, 'to or into,' corresponding to a Hebrew phrase, which means not merely 'to leave in' but 'to abandon or give up to.'" The Geneva Bible has "in grave." Hell, in its old and wide

sense of the unseen world (hades), is the world of spirits, the state of the soul separated from the body, without any reference to misery or happiness. The essential meaning is, "Thou wilt not leave My soul and body separate" (Pg. 74).

On my part, there is much study needed on the subject of Christ's descent into hades, and the number of compartments contained therein, so I will reserve my dogmatism in answering the question until I have done the needed study on the subject.

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At this time, Hell only has one compartment. At the time of the writing of Luke 16:23 there were two.

Remember, the word for hell here is different than it is in other places, especially when it refers to hell fire. The Greek word here is "Hades" which means the place of departed souls. The rich man was in torment, but Lazarus was at peace. Each was in the place of departed souls, but Lazarus was in Paradise, while the rich man was in hell or torment.

After Jesus died all those in paradise went with Him to Heaven and so there are none in Paradise — or at least not where Lazarus was.

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"And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom" (Lk. 16:23).

The word translated 'hell' here is the Greek word 'hades.' It refers to the place of the souls of the departed dead. It does not refer to the final hell of the lake of fire. Then we must understand that this place is not the same now as it was before the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is still the abode of the unsaved souls of the dead, but the souls of the saved dead, since the resurrection of Christ are in the third heaven and in the presence of the Lord.

There were two major compartments in this place. There was the place where the souls of the saved dead were. This was a place of comfort, and blessing. All the saved went to this place upon death. The soul of our Lord was in this place during the three days and nights His body was in the grave.

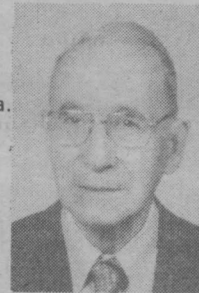
There was the compartment of the unsaved. This was a place of great torments. These terrible torments are closely equivalent to the torments of the final hell of the lake of fire. All unsaved go immediately to this place upon death. Before the body is cold in death, the soul is tormented in these terrible flames, the suffering of the wicked does not wait till after the white throne judgment, but begins immediately upon death.

There was a great gulf fixed between these two compartments which could not be passed over. Now, it seems that the general compartment for the wicked had more than one compartment in it. There was one compartment where most, and maybe all, of the unsaved from among men suffered. There was and is a compartment called the bottomless pit and sometimes called the abyss. It is from this compartment that the demon locusts of Revelation 9:1-11 come from. It is this compartment from which the anti-christ comes. Also, it is here that the devil is held during the Millennium. Then there is a compartment called 'tartarus' in II Peter 2:4 (translated hell). This is where the angels, who sinned the sin of co-habiting with women in the days before the Flood, are held in chains until the final judgment, and tormented. These are the spirits to which Christ preached between His death and resurrection in I Peter 3:19. Understand that the place of torment remains the same now as it was in Luke 16, but that the compartment of the saved is now empty, and the saved are with the Lord.

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Many good-intentioned people think of hell (hades) as divided into two compartments with "a great gulf fixed" between (Lk. 16:26) hell and the other place, known as being "afar off," where "a certain rich man" saw "Abraham.. and Lazarus in his bosom." This place, known as "paradise," is where Jesus promised the repentant thief that "Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise" (Lk. 23:43), which is never designated as a part of hell. Whereas, we are told that only "The wicked shall be turned into hell (sheol), and all nations that forget God" (Ps. 9:17).

So, in the first circumstance of the suffering of the rich man, he saw "afar off" from hell, Lazarus clothed with glory and immortality. What a contrast! Yes, what a wave of despair must have engulfed him, in that, because of his lost condition, he could never enjoy such felicity from which he was eternally excluded. Then, is not this despair also a part of the punishment of the lost?

Yes, in his far-sighted vision across the "fixed" gulf, he saw the presence of a good, to which he could never have a right to. How this must eternally torment him!

Too, when Abraham said, "Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things," how must this sad remembrance have haunted him, together with the remem-

brance of grace offered, refused, and abused!

Also, to think of the torments a soul endures in the fire of the hell of fire through all eternity, as a continual present source of discomfort, is a source of indescribable woe.

Further, the known impossibility of ever escaping from this place of torment, or in having any alleviation of one's misery in hell, adds another sad dimension to the punishment of ungodly men.

Finally, the remembrance of the iniquitous conduct of relatives and friends, who have been perverted and lost by his bad example, was a course of his present punishment and discomfort, lest they should come to the same place of torment.

This, then, should be a solemn warning to any who have been instruments of bringing others into this sad state in hell, where they shall suffer a deeper perdition, as instruments of adverse influence.

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BAPTISTS.

There were some folk in Paul's day who were not faithful. Listen:

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive" (Eph. 4:14).

Paul tells us that there were people who were tossed about with every wind of doctrine. This is true today, as well as in Paul's day.

You know, I am building a new house, and on it I have put a weathervane. I am more proud of that weathervane than anything else. On it there is a rooster. That rooster hasn't stood in the same position since it has been put up. Every time I go out to see my house, I look up at my rooster, and he is always looking in a different direction. Beloved, when I look at that rooster, I think about a lot of folk and a lot of preachers. They are never twice in the same position. The fact of the matter is, I know some preachers that I couldn't tell you what they believed, unless I had just seen them to talk with them. If I were to see them, I might be able to tell you what they stand for, but they change so often that I am afraid to tell you what they believe concerning God's Word.

Beloved, when I see that rooster, I look up at it and I say, "Lord, don't let me be like that rooster. Lord, keep me from turning with the wind. Lord, keep me from turning with the crowd. Keep me faithful."

I look back across the years and I think how good God has been to me in giving me some little knowledge of His Word and in giving me grace to stand for it. Beloved, I want God to give me that kind of grace right down to the end of the day. I want to continue to be faithful to the Word of God.

Notice:

"Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines: for it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace: not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein" (Heb. 13:9).

I am thinking just now of a man whom I have known for twenty years. He is a good man

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There is no "home" or "foreign" in God's missionary vocabulary.

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and a man whom I love, but he is the most unstable fellow that I ever saw in my life. He just isn't faithful to the Word of God. Beloved, the kind of a Baptist that God makes is a faithful Baptist.

VII GOD MAKES MISSIONARY BAPTISTS.

I don't hesitate to say that I have very, very little respect for anyone who is opposed to missions. I believe that when the Lord Jesus Christ saves a man, He puts a desire within that individual whereby he wants to see other people saved. Everyone who is saved has a missionary spirit on the inside, and the kind of a Baptist that God makes is a Missionary Baptist. Listen:

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be WITNESSES unto me both in Jerusalem, and all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Beloved, if you are the kind of a Baptist that God made, you will be a Missionary Baptist. You will want to see people saved, and you will want to see people come to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

VIII GOD MAKES SECURE BAPTISTS.

When God makes a Baptist, He makes him secure. Listen:

"And I give unto them ETERNAL LIFE; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:28).

I remember reading concerning Mary on the day when Jesus came to their home. You know some people go to an awful lot of trouble when they are going to have the preacher at their home. Martha was one of those individuals. I have gone to homes and have sat down to dinner and I didn't have time to hardly take a bite because the lady of the house would stand beside me and keep asking to take more of everything that was on the table. Martha was that kind of a person. I can see her as she went about her kitchen, worrying about whether her dinner was going to be fit to eat. I can see her as she said, "Master, send my sister Mary out to help me get dinner." Jesus said:

"Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, WHICH SHALL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER" (Luke 10:41, 42).

Talk about security, beloved, there it is. When Jesus saves a person, that person is secure forever, and nobody can take away what God has given to that individual the day he is saved. Thus the kind of Baptist God makes is a secure Baptist.

CONCLUSION

Let me ask you, what kind of a Baptist are you? Are you the kind of a Baptist that God made, or are you the kind that man made? May God help you to see the truth, and if you are saved, it is my prayer that you may go out to be the kind of a Baptist that God can use. May God bless you!

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church) have never done anything visible on this earth. It's a theory that cannot be substantiated by the Word of God. (Read all 115 times the word EKKLESIA or Church is used in the 27 New Testament books and then see if you still believe (by those usages of the word church) you can rightfully propagate a mystical, unseen, worldwide church that has never assembled as a "BODY OF CHRIST.")

Now our text says, "Now ye are the Body of Christ, and members in particular" (I Cor. 12:27). This the Apostle Paul is telling the church that was at the city of Corinth, (read I Cor. 1:2) that they are the body of Christ. Christ's churches are also called His body. A body of believers is a group of tangible, visible human beings. Regardless of the place on this earth, a group of visible human beings, that have been rightfully authorized and scripturally baptized are one of His churches or, as at Corinth, "the body of Christ." We here at Samuels, Idaho, are "the body of Christ", in our area. There are a lot more saved people, or as the Bible calls them, "saints," than just those that are in His church; but ONLY those in His church are in the "body of Christ." The others have been born again to "enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5) but, baptism is required to enter into the church of God's. (Read Acts 2: 41 & 47).

III. Their Division:

Thus, in the misconstrued idea of a universal, invisible church, the non-or inter-denominationalist comes out to say that the starting of any new, or the continued existence of any previous denominations except down to number one, is causing division with the body! (this is their thinking). So if there is this universal, invisible body, then the more denominations there are, the more divisions, and the larger the denominator is in the FRACTION. (For denomination comes from denominator - which is the bottom part of a fraction. Literally!)

IV. Their Guilt Of Their Own Charge:

Now if there was such a fantasy of a universal, invisible church (or body) and the making of division within it was caused by denominationalism and the starting of new or more works than there now is; then pray tell me, by their own theory, who is guilty of this so called "DIVIDING the Body of Christ!" if it be not they themselves — who in reality have started the now — non-or inter-denominationalists? Just one more number to the bottom of the fraction.

V. Their Move — Guided by Satan:

The underlying purpose of non-denominationalism is to unite a one world church. Non-denominationalism claims a doctrinal stance from none. All or any can come and go in reality it is not non-denominational at all but a conglomerated amalgamation of INTER-denominationalism. The Bible teaches that such is an abomination, and the Bible says, "Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (II Tim. 3:5). These conglomerations teach no doctrine. How abhorring. I and II Timothy and Titus have for their key word, "DOCTRINE." These

amalgamations can not stand for the teachings of the Bible doctrines or they would have battle, strife, and DIVISION amongst themselves — so don't teach it. But God's true churches are commanded to teach it.

VI. The Underlying Truth of Denominationalism:

Rome of course can be verified as the first break off after the Lord started His church: this was in 313 A.D. Rome again split in 1050 to the East and West division. Then in 1530 one of her priests came out of her to start another denomination called Lutheranism. Calvin and Knox started the Presbyterian in 1535. Henry the VIII started the Episcopal in 1540. John and Charles Wesley started the Methodists in 1729 and on down the road we go, increasing the denominator. It's a little like the Bible versions (perversions) where the market is so flooded in number that the devil hopes god's people won't be able to distinguish the real one. Any group of churches there are, regardless of the name rather it be Baptist or no, that joins together as a group, to be governed in any way by the heads of such group has entered denominationalism. As such, Jesus Christ is no longer "the Head over ALL THINGS to the church," (Eph. 1:22), and it is my personal conviction that He is not the Head over any of it, so they are not His churches at all. It was in this cause that we left the Baptist Bible Fellowship International, and later left the Independent Baptists whose school is in Dallas. Denominationalism is not of God, but of power-hungry men who would "teach for doctrine the commandments of men."

VII. The Truth of "The Body of Christ":

There is only one type of a body, (or church) and that is a visible, tangible body. This is also what God's Word says; "There is one Lord, one faith, one body, one baptism" (Eph. 4: 4 & 5). Paul said in scripture to the church at Corinth — "Ye are the body of Christ." Every truly constituted New Testament church is, in that area, "The Body of Christ." There is also only one kind of baptism going on. It is the type that our Lord Jesus Christ received, and that He commanded and commissioned His churches to continue to issue until the end of the age. (Read Matt. 28:16-20).

Every one of Christ's churches are to assemble on the FIRST day of the week (I Cor. 16:2) so as to be instructed in the doctrines of God. And every one of God's called pastors have as a major part of their job and work to bring by teaching the unity of that body "over which the Holy Ghost hath made him overseer." "And He gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:11-13). It's a very hard job and especially in the 1980's (known as the years of the rebellious society) to keep and teach the church constantly to unity. That is why God says not to retain those amongst you who would cause divisions. "...mark them that cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have

My Constant Prayer

Great God, Almighty, hear this plea
From the vilest sinner, namely, me;
To Thee I cry.

That I have failed Thee, many times,
Because to sin I'm so inclined
None can deny.

Dear Father, I must ask again
For loved ones wand'ring still in sin
Who know Thee not.

Just touch their eyes that they may see,
Give ears to hear Thy mysteries,
And learn their lots.

I do not know which ones are Thine,
I only know that these are mine...
To me most dear.

If one of mine is known to Thee
Please, Father, beckon. Make him free,
And dry my tears.

Dear Lord, if it could be Thy will
That my dearest wish should be fulfilled,
Thank you, again.

If not today, Thy will be done.
In the name of Thine anointed One
I pray. Amen..

Bernice S. Bryant
Cottondale, AL

learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. For your obedience is come abroad unto all men" (Rom. 16:17-19a). The true "Body of Christ" is His church. The true "dividers of the body of Christ" are those who cause contention, strife, and division within His church; and, No! we will not allow such in this "BODY OF CHRIST'S" better known as HIS church.

P.S. That's why He speaks of "His little flock" — There never has been that "crowd" that wanted to submit to Christ's way or authority. Pity be them some day.

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says: "All unrighteousness is sin." The fifth definition is recorded in James 4:16 and reads as follows: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

To think the thoughts of fools is sin. The fool wishes there were no God. To wish there were no God, or to wish that God were different in any of His attributes is sin.

We have sinned. Our text declares it; observation confirms it, and experiences prove it. What shall we do about it? How shall it be done? How can we get rid of our sins? Let us consider some ways by which we cannot get rid of our sins.

1. By Confession. Can the sinner get rid of his sins by going to God or man and confessing that he is a sinner? Not unless God is an anarchist! God has sworn to punish sin and He will not violate His oath. The person who believes and teaches that God forgives the sins of an unsaved person upon confession, believes God is an unjust Judge (I John 1:9). God's law has been violated and justice demands punishment.

Shall the judge who presides on the bench release every criminal who comes before him

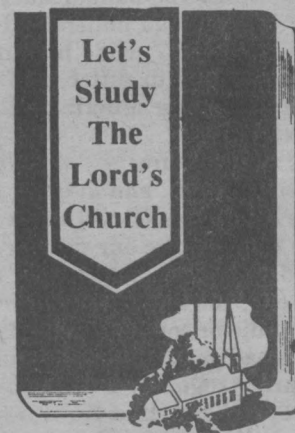
just because the criminal admits that he is a criminal? Not unless he is a red-throat anarchist! For the judge has sworn to observe and uphold the law.

2. By Reformation. Can the sinner get rid of his sins by reforming? By giving up his sins? By living a better life? The popular idea today is to "quit your meanness and join the church." Some join the church without quitting their meanness. Is this the way to get rid of sin? If so, we had just as well destroy the statute books, burn down the courthouses, and discharge all

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the officers of the law.

A man might murder a mother and her five children and when he is arrested for the crime decides to reform and live a better life. Should he be permitted to go free because he has decided to reform? Not unless we believe in anarchy!

3. By obeying the law? Can an unsaved sinner get rid of his sins by obeying the laws of God and man? Not if God's Word is true! And God's Word says: "By the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified in his sight" (Romans 3:20).

Will a man who is guilty of stealing cows be free from the penalty of the laws of the land if he will just stop stealing them? If so, men could steal until caught and then stop, and the law would have no power to punish them. The laws of our land require that past violation of the law be punished. This is true of God's law as stated in the Scriptures: "God requires that which is past." A person can't sin and then just stop sinning and expect to escape the due penalty for his sins. The law of God must be upheld and justice must be meted out to the offenders. How, then, can a person get rid of his sin?

II. SUBSTITUTION: "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Here is the secret — Substitution. Our sins were placed upon Him, and His righteousness was imputed to us. Peter says: "He himself bare our sins in his own body" (1 Peter 2:24).

Sin must be punished, either in the sinner or in his substitute. Who can act as a substitute for sinful man? One man cannot act for another, for each man has his own sin-debt. One man, if he were sinless, could only pay for one other man's sins. There must be one who can pay for any number of men's sins. The only one who can satisfactorily act as a substitute for sinful man is the Lord Jesus Christ, who is both man and God, the God-Man. He was born without sin and lived free from sin. He, being man, can sympathize with us and understand the human side; being God He can understand the Divine side. His humanity enabled Him to suffer, and His deity made the suffering infinite in value.

The Scriptures say the wages of sin is death, and in order that the Lord Jesus Christ might pay the full price for our sins He had to die. There was no other way to settle the sin debt. The sinner must die or someone must die in his stead and for his sins. This is clearly taught in 1 Corinthians 15:3, "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." Again, it is written, "He was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification" (Romans 4:25).

That He acted as our substitute there can be no question raised if we accept the Word of God. "For he hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (II Cor. 5:21).

The same teaching is found in Genesis 22:12-13, where we are told that Isaac was bound and Abraham had lifted his knife to slay him when God forbade him

and Abraham saw a ram entangled in the bushes and the ram was offered "in the stead of his son."

The sinner is under condemnation (John 3:18). He is awaiting execution (Acts 17:30-31). How can he escape? Isaiah 53:6: "The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." How can the sinner escape? "He himself bare our sins in his own body." How can the sinner escape? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

III. SATISFACTION. "He shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied."

The substitutionary death of Jesus Christ for His people satisfied God the Father. The death of Jesus Christ for our sins enabled God to remain "just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus" (Romans 3:26). Not only did the death of Jesus Christ satisfy God, but it also satisfies those who believe in Jesus, for it is written: "The work of righteousness is peace, the effect of righteousness is quietness and assurance forever" (Isaiah 32:17).

The person saved is satisfied with his salvation; while the person who is not satisfied, is almost certain to be a lost sinner.

Salvation produces peace with God: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Do you have peace with God? Do you have peace from an accusing conscience? If you do not, then trust Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity" (Titus 2:14), and God will save you.

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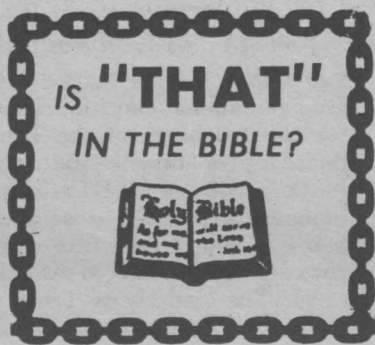
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had seen his attainment of even greater fame and fortune and even great responsibility among Southern Baptists as he literally took over one of Southern Baptists' oldest colleges.

I had seen Ferre's abject blasphemy of Jesus as the son of God in his contention that Mary was with child by a soldier from a nearby military camp. Then, I had noted the respect in which professors and pupils held him, the adulation which both graduate and doctoral students afforded him, and the honor which they accorded this enemy of Christ Jesus, this enemy of the Word of God, and this enemy of the Churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I had studied with great intensity the blasphemous Neo-orthodoxy of Barth and Brunner in the required Textbooks, and with which the preacher-boys were being indoctrinated. I found it almost impossible to believe that such a travesty was transpiring in a school which had been begotten by Southern Baptists and which even then was being supported by Southern Baptists.

Subsequently, nonetheless, the truth hit home! I was in conversation with professors and pupils in the coffee shop, in my room, and on the Campus of The Beeches who vehemently argued in defense of Neo-orthodoxy. They would critique "the follies of John" and "the foolishness of Paul," but they extolled the blasphemies of Barth and Brunner, and of Bultman — the "Demythologizer" — as "in-



QUESTION:—What verse quotes Jesus as opposed to preventive medicine?

ANSWER: Matthew 9:12 — "But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." See also Mark 2:17.

dubitable" and "inescapable" truth! Repeatedly, I stood aghast as they sang the praises of Dale Moody as a glorious professor without peer, though it was he who had insisted that these Neo-orthodox blasphemers should become the primary curriculum source for Theology!

This was happening in 1952 and in 1953, my Brother. This was some 20 years before you decided to retire on your Southern Baptist Annuity, and then get into "The Battle for the Bible," at your convenience, of course! Some of your peers and your friends may have categorized or catalogued you for their purposes as a "Gideon" in their midst. You and I, however, know that you are "a gutless wonder," if you will pardon my French, whose self-aggrandizement and his own self-preeminence are his only desire.

This, too, has been most difficult for me to see and to accept. I could have hoped — in fact, there were times when I did hope — that Bill Powell and Company, together with The Southern Baptist Journal, might have the key to the victory. How foolish I was! The "Yellow Streak" down the middle of every page of The Southern Baptist Journal is so wide that I wonder how you find any open space on which to print. And with each issue, the "Yellow Streak" becomes even wider.

You know, even as I, that yours is not a battle for truth or a battle of truth! Certainly, yours is not "A defense of the faith, once for all delivered to the saints"! Yours is theological double-talk. You and your company may appear to be potentates of some spiritual preeminence, and, within the context of this stance, you may seem to project an aura of concern regarding the Word of God. In actual practice, however, you are the enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ! The multitudes who look to you are seduced and deluded to join hands with you in that tragic and downward spiritual journey wherein you prefer to "believe a lie" and indulge in heathen practices borne in Babylon and in Rome!

What travesty!

What a tragedy!

It would seem to be rather evident that you have as little regard for the Holy Word of God and, perhaps, even for the God of the Word, as those whom you are using "to feather your own little retirement, ecumenical Baptist Nest"! When all is said and done, you — today — are as much "a machine man," a religious machine man, as you have ever been. You just want the

"machine" to turn at your insistence rather than at the insistence of some others. You are as fully involved in Lottielatry and Annieolatry as you have ever been, and you are just as gung-ho with respect to the paganism of "Christ-mass" and the worship of the fertility goddess, "Eastre," as you have ever been.

Quite obviously, this is a double-whammy of religious travesty and tragedy. Southern Baptists who are equally as unlearned in the Word of God or equally as confused as you by the Word of God — because they look to Nashville, Richmond, or some state headquarters — may suppose that in you they have a "Gideon" to lead them in their onslaught on their enemies. Sadly, being in the abject service of Satan, even as you they do not understand, really, who their enemy is.

Their religious plight is such, their spiritual eyes are so blind, and their ears are so dull of hearing that they do not realize that your "Ecumenical Baptist Pitcher," if I may, is leaking! It is not possible for them to comprehend, really, that your "spiritual lamp," if I may, has gone out. And it is beyond their understanding to realize that "the sword," if I may, which you are using is not the sharp "two-edged sword," or "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

In fact, if you had any interest in the Word of God, you would recoup the truth concerning the piteous plight of Southern Baptists as it was detailed some 30 years ago, and subsequently, You would do so that the people might be blessed of God instead of being manipulated to your own monstrous "Kingdom Building."

Instead, you lie regarding "the depth" and "the state" of the heresy and heresies which rage as a plague among Southern Baptists. You, thereby, have become and continue as the servant of him "who is the father of lies." Sadly, it appears that you would have this people to "do evil that good may come." You may be even under some delusion that God somehow will bring good effectively out of your efforts which were 20 years too late and which today, are 30 years too late.

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"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY"

NEW YORK (EP)—A federal appeals court last week allowed the Unification Church to drop a suit in which the Rev. Sun Myung Moon had testified that he met and talked with Jesus, Buddha and Moses. The plaintiff in the suit, Anthony Colombrito, said he wanted to drop the suit to spare Mr. Moon from having to testify.

The appeals court overturned a district court judge's refusal to dismiss the suit. The appeals court decision added the condition that the church and the member who filed the suit agreed never again to sue the defendant, "deprogrammer" Galen Kelly. The civil action, seeking \$9 million, alleged that the deprogrammer had kidnapped the plaintiff, Mr. Colombrito.

Both the church and Mr. Colombrito said they would agree to the appeals court's decision.

Mr. Moon had been subjected to two days of questioning. When Mr. Colombrito's attempt to dismiss his case was denied, the defense objected, saying the church was filing — and then dropping — such suits to harass its opponents. The defense, trying to show Mr. Moon's church is a "sham" operated to enrich Mr. Moon and his aides questioned the 62-year-old Korean evangelist about his faith.

He said "I have the possibility of becoming the real Messiah" although he did not actually call himself the Messiah.

WASHINGTON (EP)—In a series of actions which may indicate significant changes in thinking on one of the country's most volatile social issues, the U.S. Supreme Court announced here it will review abortion laws from two states and a city during its next term. By agreeing to rule in five separate cases from Akron, Ohio, Missouri and Virginia, the high court seems poised to issue its most comprehensive findings on abortion since its landmark 1973 decisions outlawing abortion laws in some 40 states.

Those decisions, among the most disputed ever handed down, held basically that a woman in consultation with her physician possesses a constitutional right to have an abortion during the first trimester of pregnancy. During the second trimester, the court ruled further, the state has an escalating interest in protecting fetal life and may thus impose some regulations. During the last three months the state's interest is so compelling as to permit an outright ban on abortions, the court rules.

Anti-abortion activists, reacting to those decisions, have successfully pushed state legislatures and city governments to impose new regulations to restrict the availability of abortions, while working on the federal level for a constitutional amendment to ban all abortions except those to save the lives of mothers.

DECATUR, Ill. (EP)—The National Coalition on Television Violence (NCTV) has released its first quarter monitoring results. It found that TV violence has increased 25%

to its highest levels ever. This is 9 times as much as appears in PBS-produced programming and four times more violent than two Canadian networks.

The NCTV report came out just days after the government's National Institute of Mental Health announced its update of the Surgeon General Report. That report found an important cause-effect relationship between TV violence and real-life aggression. The evidence was called "overwhelming" and the assembled scientists unanimously agreed on the conclusion. NCTV reported that the most violent prime-time programs were: Fall Guy, Dukes of Hazard, Strike Force, T.J. Hooker, & Greatest American Hero. Twenty-five programs were in the high violence category.

Announcing

The Sovereign Grace Missionary Baptist Church Texarkana, Texas will be conducting special services from July 22 thru July 25. Services will be at 7:30 each evening and at 11:00 Saturday and Sunday. Brother Vilus Peevey of Alma, Arkansas will be speaking.

All those within driving distance are invited to attend. For further information you may call the pastor, Doyal Thomas at area code 214/838-4985.

The Grace Baptist Church of Stanleyville, North Carolina (near Winston-Salem) will be hosting their annual Bible Conference as usual on the Labor Day Weekend, September 3 thru September 5. A complete program will be announced soon, but most of the speakers will be very familiar to readers of TBE. For any additional information or help please phone Elder Gene Kiger at area code 919/725-7392 or phone Brother Cletus Snyder at area code 919/788-5753.

The Victory Baptist Church of 9601 Blueridge Extension, Kansas City, Missouri will hold their Sovereign Grace Bible conference beginning on Tuesday, August 10, 6:30 p.m. and continuing through Wednesday and Thursday, August 11 and 12. All readers in the Kansas City area are invited to attend and fellowship with the brethren there.

For further information you may phone Bro. Harold Leasure at area code 816/765-0191.

The Grinter Heights Baptist Church of 1131 South 81st Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66111 is now without a pastor and has been for approximately one year. They are a Sovereign Grace Baptist Church organized by scriptural authority under an existing New Testament church. If anyone might be interested in this field, please call Mr. Del Logan at area code 913/334-0252, any time of day.

ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, Calif. (EP)—1981 saw another increase in occult activity in America as reflected in the marketing sophistication of occult organizations, publications and companies selling occult material.

According to Craig A. Huey, President of Infomat, Inc., a direct marketing agency located here, many companies prospered greatly by marketing occult books, magazines, charms, voodoo pendants and other assorted paraphernalia. The available mailing lists involved in the occult now stands at some 7,707,593 (some include the accumulation of several years). This is up from 3,824,622 in 1980. Women still constitute a majority of the buyers.

The majority of occultists are involved in astrology. For example, one company called the American Astrological Association has some 525,844 individuals who have bought horoscopes for an average sale of between \$3.50-\$9.95 between 1977-1981. Seventy percent are women. There were 328,000 buyers of the Handbook of Supernatural Powers, which gives directions for ancient spells and potents. This is up from 208,302 last year. They sell approximately 20,000 copies a month. Seventy percent are men, and they paid \$10 each. There were 121,365 buyers of the book, Magic Power of Witchcraft at \$9.98, up from 91,846 in 1980.

Mr. Huey cautioned that, "Evangelical Christians should be aware that modern, persuasive marketing techniques are being used on the general public. Christians have much to learn from the unreached public's interest in the supernatural."

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ed a very low ebb — and in view of the possibility that an honest forthright approach could very well make a real difference in our day, "I felt the need to write to you now to encourage you to fight on for the fight which was once delivered to the saints." As "The People of God," it would seem that REAL BAPTISTS, truly believing

folk, have lost considerable ground in the last 30 years.

Satan has succeeded too often in getting us involved in peripheral matters and sometimes even politics, and, in the process, we have turned aside "from the weightier matters." This, understandably, turns us to things of our own personal or professional concern rather than to the things of God. We turn our hearts, our minds, and our eyes from the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and from the edification of the saints and turn to pursue our own interests. This is the pointless and purposeless direction which THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST JOURNAL has taken.

Thankfully, so long as God is on His Throne — and I believe that He is — there is hope, and I would suppose that the people of God can know victory both temporally and eternally. Whether you will know such victory and participate in such victory is not mine to say. God, I do not doubt, has enabled you to reach a place of some preeminence, but what you will do with your opportunity, again, is not mine to determine.

For me, there was "The Cross." Along with that came the utter agony of soul, mind, and spirit which issued in, "The above may seem the product of naivete but my life has been willingly jeopardized once for my Lord and twice for my country. I have smelled the putrefying carcasses of men who died like dogs on foreign soil because their Nation was bowing humbly before the devil and thus coming in for God's judgment. And after returning from the last, my heart has bled deeply before the tragedy of the indicated superficiality among the men who have the name of being spiritual leaders. It is a small thing, therefore, that I should pay an academic price in the interest of my Lord who gave His all for me..."

Seriously, I doubt that you can know any real victory without giving some consideration to the one whom God sent forth and set forth in "The Battle" before you. Further, as long as you "wring your hands," as Pilate, if I may, and join McCall, Stanfield, Moody, Jones, Peterson, even Eddleman, and others in "keeping me on that 'cross'" or that "scholastic spit," it is quite probable that you will not be able to accomplish any good for Southern Baptists, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, or any of the other seminaries.

You may "keep yourself busy." Too, some of the brethren, and tragically some of the "ordained sisters," may join you in that spiritistic busy-work. In finality, however, I would imagine that God will have you and your efforts and those of your male and "female" peers in derision.

Without any fear of contradiction, I believe that we can say that God has no part and no place in your busy-work of religious activities. You and/or Honeycutt — the new President of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary — may keep the airways in turmoil and the highways hot, but it doubtless will be all for naught. You may be joined in this by Criswell, Rogers, Robinson, Beasley, Patterson, and others, but again you will be frittering your lives away in the religious fantasies of deluded and deceived men.

Despite what you might propose or what you seem to suppose, the future of The Southern

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Baptist Theological Seminary does not rest in your individual or in your corporate hands. It may seem that you and some of your peers have an adequate degree of competence and capability to make an impact for good for Southern Baptists. Such, however, is not the case!

The future of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary — if it is ever to have a testimony for Christ again and if it is ever to accomplish any good in the midst of the True Churches of the Lord Jesus Christ — for good will depend upon your willingness and the willingness of your peers to make amends in the direction of the evil which has been done, and in which you have been involved conspiratorially, either wittingly or unwittingly, directly or indirectly! Regardless of your greatness or your sincerity, or that of your peers which God showed the past greatness or glory — nor the grace which God showed some who were involved with it — of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary while one who loved it more than any other — even "unto the death," as it were — "hangs 'crucified' on your scholastic spit."

The way of truth, the way of hope, and the way of faith — even the way of Christ Jesus in the Word — lies before you Brother Bill! Will you continue on your "merry way" of personal aggrandizement and earthly "kingdom building," along with satanic lying? Or will you walk in the way of truth, hope, and faith, even "fighting the good fight of faith," in truth? I would pray that the latter might be your choice, but forever the matter is between you and God!

I leave the matter wholly in His Hands!

"In weakness, His
Life is my might!
In darkness, His
Lamp is my light!
In poverty, His
Sufficiency is my granary!
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Love is my victory!"

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to take place, it is as much a revelation as if He had written it in His Word. It would be impossible to reveal everything in the Bible. But God often makes it clear to those who have spiritual discernment that it is His will to grant such and such blessings.

(3) By His Spirit. When God's people are at a loss what to pray for, agreeable to His will, His Spirit often instructs them. Where there is no particular revelation, and Providence leaves it dark and we know not what to pray for as we ought, we are expressly told that "The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities," and "the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered."

To pray effectually, you must pray with submission to the will of God. Do not confound submission with indifference. No two things are more unlike.

Prayer, to be effectual, must be offered from right motives. Prayers should not be selfish, but dictated by a supreme regard for the glory of God. A great deal of prayer is offered from pure selfishness.

Women sometimes pray for their husbands that they may be converted because, they say, "It would be so much more pleasant to have my husband go to

meeting with me," and all that. And they seem never to lift up their thoughts above self at all. They do not seem to think how their husbands are dishonoring God by their sins, and how God would be glorified in their conversion. So it is with parents very often. They cannot bear to think that their children should be lost. They pray for them very earnestly indeed. But if you go to talk with them, they are very tender, and tell you how good their children are — how they respect religion, and they think they are almost Christians now; and so they talk as if they were afraid you would hurt their children if you tell them the truth. They do not think how such amiable and lovely children are dishonoring God by their sins; they are only thinking what a dreadful thing it will be for them to go to Hell. Ah! unless their thoughts rise higher than this, their prayers will never prevail with a holy God. The temptation to selfish motives is so strong, that there is reason to fear a great many parental prayers never rise above the yearnings of parental tenderness. And that is the reason why so many prayers are not heard, and why so many pious, praying parents have ungodly children.

Much of the prayer for the heathen world, seems to be based on no higher principle than sympathy, while little is said of the heathen dishonoring God. This is a great evil; and until the

churches have higher motives for prayer and missionary effort than sympathy for the heathen, their prayers and efforts will never amount to much.

It must be persevering prayer. As a general thing, Christians who have backslidden and lost the spirit of prayer, will not get at once into the habit of persevering prayer. Their minds are not in a right state, and they cannot fix their minds, and hold on till the blessing comes. If their minds were in that state that they would persevere till an answer came, effectual prayer might be offered at once, as well as after praying ever so many times for an object. But they have to pray again and again, because their thoughts are so apt to wander away, and are so easily diverted from the object to something else. Until their minds get imbued with the spirit of prayer, they will not keep fixed to one point, and push their petition to an issue on the spot. Do not think you are prepared to offer prevailing prayer if your feelings will let you pray once for an object, and then leave it. Most Christians come up to prevailing prayer by a protracted process. Their minds gradually become filled with anxiety about an object, so that they will even go about their business sighing out their desires to God. Just as the mother whose child is sick, goes round her house sighing as if her heart would break. And if she is a praying mother, her sighs are breathed out to God all the day long. If she goes out to the room where her child is, her mind is still on it; and if she is asleep, she starts in her dreams thinking it is dying. Her whole mind is absorbed in that sick child. This is the state of mind in which Christians offer prevailing prayer.

What was the reason that Jacob wrestled all night in prayer with God? He knew that he had done his brother Esau a great injury, in giving away the birthright a long time ago. And now he was informed that his injured brother was coming to meet him with an armed force, altogether too powerful for him to contend against. And there was great reason to suppose he was coming with a purpose of revenge. There were two reasons then why he should be distressed. The first was, that he had done this great injury and had never made any reparation. The other war, that Esau was coming with a force sufficient to crush him. Now, what does he do? Why, he first arranges everything in the best manner he can to meet his brother: sending his presents first, then his property, then his family, putting those he loved most, farthest behind. And by this time his mind was so exercised that he could not contain himself. He goes away alone over the brook, and pours out his very soul in an agony of prayer all night. And just as the day was breaking, the Angel of Covenant said, "Let me go;" and Jacob's whole being was, as it were agonized at the thought of giving up, and he cried out, "I will not let Thee go except Thou bless me." His soul was wrought up into an agony, and he obtained the blessing; but he always bore the marks of it, and showed that his body had been greatly affected by this mental struggle. This is prevailing prayer.

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