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The Book Of The Home

By JEANETTA MOYER

For Christian Home Week, May 4-11, we bring you this speech made by Miss Moyer of First Church, Little Rock, at the Better Speakers' Tournament held during the State Training Union Convention at Pine Bluff in January. Miss Moyer, representing Pulaski County Association, placed first in the contest and will represent Arkansas in the Southwide contest during Training Union Week at Ridgecrest in July.

The Book of the home! What does that phrase bring to your mind—the dictionary, the encyclopedia, a prayer book—just what book? The Book that I refer to is God's Holy Word, the Bible.

When we speak of the "elegant 80's" we use the word elegant with reference to the behaviour pattern set by the social leaders of the day and certainly not to the furnishings in the home. But there was one article of furniture that was found in every home, regardless of how elegant the family might be. That was a table located in the middle of the parlor. On it were four articles, that is, if the family had claim to neighborhood importance. These were a stereoscope with a number of stereopticon views, an album with photographs of the bewhiskered relatives, a glass paper weight, and last, but not least, the Book of the home, that huge family Bible.

That Book was treasured, was dusted, was read, and was studied by members of the family. Sad, but true, in many, many homes that center table has been discarded and the Book which should be the Book of the home occupies a very insignificant place on a shelf or beneath the papers and magazines of the day, many times covered with dust.

Though we may find the Bible in a very special place in the home, it does not become the Book of the home by merely occupying such a place. It must still be treasured, read, and studied for it contains the blueprints for building a real home. If the people of our time had and would continue to study these blueprints, there would be less tragedy in God's sacred institution, the home. Such tragedies as cursing, drinking, broken homes, juvenile delinquency and many others, the root of which can usually be found in the lack of proper training in the home, could be eliminated.

Charles M. Sheldon says that if Jesus were here today He would call for the preservation of the home life of all the people. He would call on mothers and fathers to make the home the best and most beautiful institution known to man. But how can they do this without the assistance of the blueprints?

In making the records in my Training Union each Sunday

night, it breaks my heart as Sunday after Sunday I have to leave that little blank space after any number of names when I reach that heading, Daily Bible Reading. I believe this is a reflection upon the home; for if we were to check I'm sure we would find that most of these people come from homes where the Bible is not the Book of the home. Some of them hardly know what it means to sit down occasionally during the week and read just a few Scriptures. How could they possibly know the joys and blessings received from daily Bible reading? In saying these things I feel that they not only apply to my union but to every union in the Southland.

You know that the Bible is the one Book for the one world. But the world has not yet come to this realization. Why?

Because you no longer find that center table holding God's precious Word and before the Bible will be recognized as the one Book for the one world it must become the Book of the home. If individuals and then families would take this to heart and start family altars, seeking God's will by a thorough study of the Bible, going hand in hand with prayer, our world would become full of peace and joy, rather than hatred, selfishness, and war.

America is supposedly the Christian nation of the world, but we certainly see from the trend of her activities that not nearly enough homes have accepted God's Book as their Book. America had better beware for as Dorothy Thompson has said: "The one recurring refrain throughout the Bible is that great civilizations perish when men turn from God and fail to walk in the paths of righteousness, justice, and mercy. Think of the great wonders that will be wrought in all nations, great and small alike, when men do turn to God and then heed the teaching of Paul "to study to show thyself approved."

Will 1947 reveal that more and more of our homes have become mindful of the fact that God's way is best and God's Book is best? We must lead the way in opening the eyes of people to see that the solution to the broken home, the broken nation, and the broken world is that each and every one must rely upon God, study the Christian blueprints, and make God's word truly the Book of the home.



★ TRENDS AND EVENTS ★

A condensed summary of trends and events taken from publications and original sources each week by Porter Routh, Secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Facts of Interest

Four wars within the past 100 years have cost the U. S. \$362,981,660,048 and 526,081 dead. By 1972, counting costs of veterans' benefits, World War II will have cost \$700,000,000,000, or nearly double the entire national wealth, according to Army estimates.

In March, there were more than 56,000,000 employed in the U. S. labor force, 16,000,000 women, and 42,440,000 men. There were 2,330,000 unemployed.

Philip Morris cigarettes will launch a daytime radio program to sell more American women on the idea of smoking. They estimate only 38 per cent of the American women now smoke, but believe the figure will continue to rise.

Whiskey production took a 43 per cent spurt in February over 1946. Stocks in bonded warehouses at the end of February totaled 424,000,000 gallons.

Broadcasting estimates that \$420,000,000 was spent for radio advertising in 1946.

And motion picture producers and distributors spent \$65,000,000 in advertising in 1946.

According to the American Hospital Association, 32,000 hospital beds are closed to the public because of a lack of nurses.

Income payments to individuals remained at a high annual level of \$177,000,000,000 during February.

In the World of Religion

Dr. J. Oscar Lee has been named executive secretary of the Race Relations department

of the Federal council of churches. Dr. Lee was the first Negro graduated from the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

Methodists will hold their 1948 General Conference in Boston, starting April 1. The conference meets every four years and is the top governing body of the church.

Reviewing the past decade of religious growth, Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette writes in Christendom, "The trend is away from the liberalism of the nineteenth century and toward a reaffirmation of historic Christian convictions. It is not accompanied by a revival of the organizational features of the Catholic tradition."

Earle B. Pleasant has been named national director of the United Church Cansass.

The State Department is translating and rebroadcasting to South America, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," Bible stories broadcast by Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

William E. McManus of the National Catholic Welfare Conference has criticized the Taft bill for Federal Aids because it does not make aid available for higher education.

The Cristophers, Catholic organization is offering \$30,000 in prizes for the three book manuscripts judged best, written with a Christian sense of values. Father James Keller, director, says that he has already been approached by publishers and movie producers for the book.

The Associated Press reports that Catholic members of Parliament in Budapest have been threatened with excommunication if they vote for a bill abolishing compulsory religious education.

Baptist Highlights

Dr. Elmer A. Fridell of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society has been named as acting president of the Baptist World Alliance to fill out the term of the late Dr. Rushbrooke who died February 1. Dr. Louie Newton, and Dr. M. E. Dodd, who last week celebrated his thirty-fifth anniversary as pastor at Shreveport, have been mentioned as possible successors to Dr. Rushbrooke.

Dr. W. H. Knight, state mission secretary in Louisiana, is able to return to his office after a severe heart attack last year.

Bibles and portions of Scripture will be available for those who need them as long as Southern Baptists are in business. The Sunday School Board last week established a \$25,000 Bible Trust Fund to be administered by the Southern Baptist Foundation. Income from the trust fund will be used to furnish Bibles and portions of Scripture to those in need.

Memphis is making plans to invite the 1948 Southern Baptist Convention. Oakland, Calif., is also to submit an offer.

Oklahoma Baptists will sponsor a statewide church visual-aid conference to be held in Oklahoma City, April 29-May 2.

Dr. Andrew Potter, Oklahoma state mission secretary, has left with Mrs. Potter for a world tour of Southern Baptist mission fields.

FALLEN HOPES

A Devotion By the Editor

"Our own hope was that he would be the redeemer of Israel."

"We hoped" is a constantly recurring refrain of the human heart. We grieve as for the dead over our hopes that never come true. Only a small per cent of our hopes are realized.

To harvest every hope, to reap every wish, to garner every desire, to gratify every passion, to reach every goal, would weaken the moral fiber of life and leave a person unfitted for life in a world of sickness, sorrow, disappointment, and death. To have everything a person wants without question or hesitation would kill sympathy and destroy brotherhood. It is only by feeling pain, experiencing disappointment, and bearing burdens, that we are kept conscious of our kinship with suffering humanity.

Our blighted hopes may leave a residuum of soul nourishment that grows a richer harvest. Jesus did not fulfill the worldly hopes of the disciples, but He gave them something far better. They asked for a temporal kingdom; He gave them an eternal kingdom. What if their first hopes had been fulfilled! The higher hopes for an eternal kingdom would never have been realized.

Often our hopes are for the second, third, or fourth best. They are not fulfilled because God has something better in store for us. If God denies us the fulfillment of some cherished hope, we may be sure that he is trying to inspire us to hope for something better.

"Our own hope was that he would be the redeemer of Israel; but he is dead, and that is three days ago . . . He said to them, O foolish men, with hearts so slow to believe, after all the prophets have declared! Had not the Christ to suffer thus and so enter his glory?" (Luke 24:21-26).

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There are rules for the game of love. As there are patterns for courtship, so are there blueprints for mating and home building. Whether detected in a church or a home, unsymmetrical lines and sagging corners are results of poor planning. The wise choice of friends, sane courtship, proper engagement, and sacred weddings are evidences of good planning for satisfying marriages.—Harold G. Sanders in the Baptist Training Union Magazine.

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Across the Editor's Desk

Thank You

It is with profound appreciation and deep humility that we acknowledge the confidence of our brethren and the trust which they have committed to us in the editorship of the Arkansas Baptist. The spontaneity with which we were elected to the position of the editor is the only basis upon which we could have considered accepting it.

The members of the Publication Committee, responsible for the nomination, have been generous in their expressions of confidence and in their pledges of cooperation. The members of the Executive Board, both in their official action and in private conversation, have given us every assurance of their confidence and cooperation. Dr. B. L. Bridges, general secretary; Dr. W. J. Hinsley, president of the State Convention; and Dr. Irving M. Prince, president of the Executive Board, have been most helpful and cooperative in this period of transition.

Such manifestations of confidence and assurances of cooperation from the officials of our state organization together with voluntary assurances from many others from every section of the state and from outside the state give us great encouragement as we accept the responsibilities placed upon us. We pledge our best efforts to maintain so far as possible the high standard which the Arkansas Baptist has attained.

We covet the prayers and cooperation of the Baptists of Arkansas upon whom we shall depend with complete confidence of their support. Above all we shall depend upon God for wisdom and guidance and support in the discharge of the responsibilities which devolve upon us.

In Appreciation

We shall miss him—Editor C. E. Bryant. He has done a great work in Arkansas through the medium of the Arkansas Baptist. He brought to the Arkansas Baptist an administrative skill and a journalistic ability which were apparent in the attractiveness of the paper and in the quality of its reading matter.

Under the editorship of Mr. Bryant the Arkansas Baptist attained a place of leadership among Southern Baptist state papers. For two years in succession the Arkansas Baptist was voted first place by the Southern Baptist Press Association. This recognition is a tribute to the ability of Editor Bryant as a religious journalist.

The good will of the Baptists of Arkansas goes with Mr. Bryant as he assumes his new responsibilities as publicity director of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. His service to his denomination

will be greatly extended and we of Arkansas shall follow his career with the keenest interest. His influence will still be felt in Arkansas and in the columns of the Arkansas Baptist, which doubtless will carry frequent news releases from his office.

The editor-elect of the Arkansas Baptist and the office personnel wish to join with all the Baptists of Arkansas in wishing for Mr. Bryant the greatest possible success in his new field of service, and we pray that God's rich blessings of grace may rest upon him and his family.

Christ Our Authority

It is reported that a resolution will be offered at our Convention in St. Louis proposing that Southern Baptists officiate with the Federal Council of Churches. Such a resolution has no chance of adoption by Southern Baptists but it is well that we know about it in advance so as to be better prepared to meet the issue when it arises.

It is contrary to the genius of Baptists to hold any organic connection with such ecclesiastical bodies. Baptists have grown strong because they have acknowledged no authority except the authority of Christ. They shall remain strong only as they hold to this principle.

The free and voluntary cooperation of Baptist churches in a vast enterprise of denominational activities is a demonstration of the rightness of the Baptist position. We shall not surrender that position.

Baptists Protest

We have received a copy of resolutions which were adopted by the Richmond pastors and which will be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention. These resolutions deal with the issues involved in the use of public tax funds to transport pupils to parochial schools. The public is familiar with the recent court decision which ruled in favor of such use of public tax funds.

What may not be generally known is that several states permit the use of state tax funds for the same purpose, and further, the Taft "aid-to-education" Bill specially provides that any state which allows its funds to be used in any way for private schools may allow any federal money received to be used for the same purpose if the state matches the federal funds so used.

Catholics are the principal ones benefited by the use of tax funds to transport pupils to private schools. Naturally they are supporting legislation which provides for such use of public funds, and they hail the recent Su-

preme Court decision as a great victory. They are for the Taft Bill.

These various laws and court decisions are signals which should alert us to the dangers which threaten. All liberty loving Americans should rise up in protest against these threats to the fundamental principles of American democracy because such use of public tax funds is a violation of the constitutional guarantee of the separation of church and state.

The use of public tax funds for the support of church schools is, to that extent, the union of church and state. Only an aroused public can halt this movement which has already gained considerable momentum.

It is encouraging to know that many Christian denominations, including Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, and others, are protesting vigorously against this violation of a fundamental American principle. This protest must be made so loud and long and insistent that the present trend will not only be stopped but that it will be turned back and we shall be able to recover the ground we have already lost.

It is obligatory upon every messenger to the St. Louis Convention to help make the voice of Southern Baptists heard on this question. There is no doubt as to the stand Southern Baptists will take on the issues involved. But we must make our stand known to and felt by our legislative bodies, both state and federal, and by our courts.

The Bible should be used not only as the textbook of the home, but also as the worship guide for individual and family worship.—J. E. Lambdin in the Baptist Training Union.

Family Worship



Rear you an altar that will last forever,
Longer than any shaft or marble dome;
Erect it there beside your own hearthfire—
The chaste, white family altar in the home.
Chisel the Word of God upon the waiting
Hearts and minds of the dear ones gathered
there;

The blowing sands of time will not erase it,
Nor friction dim the imprint of your prayer.

For memory will hold those chiseled letters,
And prayer shall be imbedded in the heart.
O father, mother, rear that lasting altar,
And the children whom you love will not
depart

From the way of life. The Word will last
forever,

Though earth and heaven itself should pass
away.

If you have not as yet begun the building
Of that eternal altar—start today.

—Grace Noll Crowell

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Rev. T. N. Shaddox of Harrison, who will be graduated from Southern Seminary May 2, has accepted the position as pastor's assistant and director of religious education at Immanuel Church, Little Rock. Mr. Shaddox will promote the Sunday School and Training Union programs of the church and will assist in the promotion of an enlargement and visitation program for the church.

First Church, Stuttgart, observed the second anniversary of the ministry of Pastor Ralph D. Dodd in April. During the two years 253 people have been received into the membership of the church. Of this number 97 came for baptism. The church now has a membership of 791. A Hammond organ has been installed and a program of visual education with a Bell and Howell Filmsound projector has been provided. The most recent improvement has been the installation of a RCA music tower.

An electric power music system has been presented to First Church, Helena, by Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mabie and daughter, Patsy. The system was dedicated by Dr. S. E. Tull, supply pastor, "to the glory of God, to add melody to life, and to bring music to the souls of men." "It is not being given solely for the well-being of those within the church," Dr. Tull said, "but its task is to convey a message to those who have not yet been claimed by it and to inject the spirit of the church into the everyday affairs of mankind."

Young and old came forward accepting Christ as Saviour and rededicating life to Him in a youth revival at First Church, Greenwood. There were 17 additions, 16 for baptism. David A. Day, assistant pastor of Tower Grove Church, St. Louis, Mo., was the evangelist. Young people of the church filled all offices. Pastor George H. Hink directed the music.

South San Antonio Church, San Antonio, Tex., led in recent simultaneous revival services with 265 additions and decisions, of which there were 138 additions by baptism. Dr. John Daniel Brown is pastor and Louis Wunneburger, Austin, Tex., was the evangelist.

Parties for the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen July 29-August 3 are rapidly being filled. The party being sponsored by C. Aubrey Hearn, associate editor of the Train-

Pastoral Changes

Art Jones, student at Southern Baptist College, to Rehobeth Church, Moorefield.

George DeLaughter to Shiloh Church, Texarkana.

James Johnson to Eastside Mission, DeWitt.

L. Y. Lewis to Hunter Church.

E. O. Martindale from Greenlee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, to Valley View Church, Nocina, Tex.

C. D. Sallee from First Church, El Dorado, where he has been associate pastor, to First Church, Morrilton.

ing Union Department of the Sunday School Board, and H. S. Sauls, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Denmark, S. C., has some space left. The transoceanic part of the trip will be made by American Airlines plane, the European part by train and channel steamer. Visits will be made to Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Switzerland, France, and England. Information on request.

Central Church, Bald Knob, enrolled 64 in a Training Union study course. Attendance averaged 54 with 52 receiving awards. C. S. Maynard is pastor and J. D. Tackett is Training Union director.

Kirkwood Church, Atlanta, Ga., Dr. W. Herschel Ford, pastor, had 150 additions and many rededications in a revival. Dr. Lee Roberson, Highland Park Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., was the preacher.

Vandervoort, a small church with about 50 resident members, goes forward in a great way. New pews have been installed and a church library has been started under the supervision of Miss Russeleen Baldrige of the Baptist Book Store. The library has 50 new books as a starter and new books will be added each month. A building fund has been started for badly needed classrooms. The Sunday School is making strides under the leadership of Carl Bell as superintendent. The Training Union recently had a study course. Plans are under way for a Vacation Bible School.

Twenty-four churches of Liberty Association will take part in the third annual simultaneous emphasis on missions April 27 through May 2. Fourteen missionaries will visit the churches speaking on their respective fields of work. Visiting missionaries are Dr. Christie Pool, of the Seminary in Nigeria; Dr. Glen Walker, medical missionary to Nigeria; Rev. Frank W. Patterson, superintendent of the Mexican Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, Tex.; Dr. J. B. Rounds, superintendent of Indian missions of the Home Mission Board; Rev. Thomas Wade, an Indian pastor in Oklahoma; Rev. Eulogio Garza, a Mexican Baptist pastor, Brownsville, Tex.; Dr. Milton Leach, Beeville, Tex., worker with Mexicans; Dr. J. W. Gardner and Rev. C. F. Landon, workers with the deaf in the Southland; Rev. L. C. Smith of the French field of Louisiana; Rev. Frank DiMaggio of Italian descent working with foreigners in Illinois; two city missionaries, Rev. Taylor Stanfill of Little Rock, and Rev. M. A. Marshal of Houston, Tex., and Miss Margaret Hutchison of the Schools of Mission Department of the Home Mission Board.

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Arkansan Added to Staff Of Southern Seminary



Erwin L. McDonald, of Russellville, has been appointed to the staff of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as publicity director and managing editor of "The Tie," monthly news magazine of the seminary.

Mr. McDonald has been a student at the seminary and part-time publicity director for the last three years, and will receive his B. D. degree at the annual spring commencement exercises, May 2.

A former newspaper man, McDonald was for several years city editor of the Russellville Courier-Democrat and news correspondent for the Associated Press. He was ordained to the ministry in 1938 and has served as pastor since that time. During his student years at the seminary he has been pastor of the Sligo Baptist Church, a position he relinquished upon assuming his full-time duties at the seminary on May 1.

Mr. McDonald is a graduate of Arkansas Polytechnic College, Russellville, Ark., and received his A. B. degree from Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, where he was a member of the faculty as instructor in journalism before coming to Louisiana.

Sixty-one additions, 45 for baptism, and a number of other professions of faith and rededications, were counted in revival services at First Church, Blytheville. Pastor J. T. Brown, Estill, S. C., brother of Pastor E. C. Brown of the Blytheville Church, and Mr. Ralph Churchill, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, were visiting revivalists. Pastor Brown reports: "This was one of the greatest revivals in the history of our church."

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Pastors Ask for Closer Coordination Of Four Major Church Organizations

By G. S. DOBBINS, Chairman
Committee on Church Organizations
Southern Baptist Convention

Are our churches over-organized? Do the church organizations function with maximum efficiency? Are changes needed in the organizational setup of our churches? Do the several organizations duplicate and overlap one another? Is the local church as a whole sufficiently magnified and supported in the present arrangement? What could be done to bring about closer cooperation on the part of the several denominational agencies looking toward more effective correlation and coordination?

Questionnaire Sent All Pastors

These and similar questions were suggested to the Committee on Church Organizations appointed at the Miami meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and charged with the responsibility of investigation and reporting to the meeting of the Convention in St. Louis. After much deliberation, the committee decided that light on these questions could best be had from the pastors, together with careful study of the facts as reflected in the literature of the several organizations.

Sub-committees were accordingly formed, and a simple, but comprehensive, questionnaire was devised and mailed to the total list of Southern Baptist pastors. Services of the International Business Machines Corporation were secured for accurate tabulation of returns. In accordance with principles of scientific survey, selection of questionnaires was made so as to guarantee reliability of percentages. The results are embodied in the Committee's "Report of Progress" to the Convention at the allotted time, Thursday, May 8, 2:40 p. m.

Pastors Suggest Changes

The Committee's findings, arrived at thus objectively, include the following interesting and significant disclosures:

1. While pastors generally do not demand radical reorganization, they feel strongly that there should be a rethinking of the relationship of the organizations to one another and to the church as a whole. They agree fairly generally that there are wasteful duplications and overlappings which should be given attention.

2. The feeling is expressed broadly that the present plan, according to which the four major organizations of a typical Southern Baptist church are in large measure independent of one another, makes too heavy demands upon the same people both for leadership and for attendance and support. The expressed desire, in the main, is not for elimination of any of these major organizations, but for their closer correlation. Some of the organizations, it is thought, might well be combined.

3. Desire for consideration of certain changes is indicated. There appears to be a growing demand for elective courses for young people and adults to supplement the present uniform Sunday School lessons. A considerable majority of those replying would seem to prefer a revision of the present basis of age group grading, possibly making place for a senior class or department between intermediates and young people. Many would like to have more attention given to aspects of visual education. A large majority want a

restudy of the several "standards" with a view to making them more functional and adjustable.

4. With a vote almost approaching unanimity, the wish was expressed for a series of "guides" prepared in collaboration by the several agencies, so that pastor and leaders could plan their work and order materials with a view to their relationships to one another and to the church as a whole. Desire was strongly indicated for a "curriculum guide," an "objectives guide," a leadership guide," and an "activities guide."

5. Equally unanimous was the request that the several boards and agencies get together in an annual meeting to discuss correlation of aims and objectives, to analyze total printed materials offered, to determine functions of the several organizations with a view to lessening of overlapping, to coordinate denominational calendar with local church calendar, and to prepare jointly the suggested "guides."

6. Increasing favor was indicated for the "church council" made up of representatives of a church and all its organizations meeting regularly to coordinate activities.

Baptists Must Not Become Static

The Committee feels that this first study reveals the need for further investigation of the problems involved. Pastors were urged to accompany the questionnaire with detailed explanations and suggestions. A mass of material has thus been accumulated which might well be followed up profitably, more explicit information being secured on a number of points by questionnaires and correspondence that would break down certain generalizations into particulars.

Although marvelous progress has been made by our churches through the development of the organizations which in many ways reflect our genius, we cannot afford to allow these plans to become static. Much of our amazing growth in the past has been due to our willingness to experiment with new ways and means and to make changes whenever they seem to promise better results.

Proving all things, we will do well to hold fast to that which is good. But the process of analysis, testing and measuring, and intelligent self-criticism should never be abandoned or penalized. Democracy is on trial throughout the world. Baptist churches, perhaps the purest democracies to be found, are under obligation to demonstrate that a vital spiritual democracy can modify its machinery and methods to meet the pressure of needs, while sacredly maintaining its fundamental principles.

On behalf of the Committee, the chairman would take this opportunity to thank all those who have cooperated in making the questionnaire project successful and to invite further correspondence.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, Ga., is the speaker on the Southern Baptist Radio Hour next Sunday, using as his subject, "Life's Greatest Question." The program may be heard in Arkansas over radio stations KUAO, Siloam Springs; WFAA, Dallas; KSD, St. Louis, KWTO, Springfield, Mo., at 7:30 CST.



By J. F. QUEEN, Chairman
Building Committee, Ouachita College

As chairman of the building committee for the Ouachita College Million Dollar Campaign we are making the following report:

First of all the college board selected architects who have had considerable experience in mapping out a long-time building and enlargement program for colleges and universities. According to plans thus far for Ouachita they reach beyond our present campaign. This is as it should be.

On April 4 the building committee composed of General E. L. Compere, Claude Durrett, J. E. Berry, E. Nolan, and J. F. Queen, met at the college with the architect, Mr. Wittenberg, and studied the plans as the architects had submitted. A board meeting was held in Little Rock the week following in which the building committee reported. The report in part was accepted.

The full report was that another dormitory which is not included in the campaign be placed between the boys' dormitory and the little theater building since the government has promised to construct this building for us. This was approved by the board.

The second building is to be the Science Hall. This is to be constructed east of the Mitchell Hall. This was approved and our campaign money from now on, after the two dormitories already built are paid for, will go to pay for the science building until it is finished.

The third building suggested by the architects is a library plus administration building to be placed just west of the present administration building. A new administration building will go beyond our present campaign, and it was not decided on by the board as to the place for the library. Since it will be several months perhaps before we can begin the library building we will decide on that later.

Other details of the future are in the making and will be made known as they develop.

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Court Urges Sunday School Attendance

"Do you attend Sunday School?"

That's the first question William D. Becker, new trial commissioner of Juvenile Court in Louisville, Ky., has put to defendants brought before him in the seven weeks he has been in office.

Mr. Becker, who was attorney for Juvenile Court from 1928 to 1934, said he tries to get all those appearing before him interested in one of three institutions—the home, the school, and the Sunday School.

His new policy has resulted in a steadily dwindling number of children being confined in the Children's Center. He doesn't believe in keeping children behind bars, and uses the center only as a temporary shelter while they are awaiting transfer to homes or other institutions.

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This is the first in a series of four messages on "New Men In Christ" being heard on eleven Arkansas radio stations through programs by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

A widely read magazine recently quoted Charles Dickens' comment on the year 1775: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times; it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness; it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness; it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair. We had everything before us; we had nothing before us."

Man Has Failed

Beyond any question this is the spirit of today. The predicament of modern man is a tragic one for now at long last he holds in his hand the power to destroy his world. The most terrifying aspect of this situation is that man has recently examined his soul and finds nothing within himself that affords a sufficient control of this awesome power for the safety and the welfare of himself and his fellowmen.

On the verge of his greatest material development he faces annihilation. On the eve of an age of unbounded wealth and power he comes face to face with moral and spiritual bankruptcy. The devices of all generations have been tried and found wanting.

The world has tried force and diplomacy, coercion and cooperation; and in all of these it has vainly sought to cure its ills. This process of trial and error has proved only this: every trial of man has resulted only in further error. Man as he is has failed.

New Men in Christ

Now if only there were some way opened that new men might arise, men not governed by greed or force or self-interest but men of good will and happily once again man's extremity is proving to be God's opportunity. God does have an answer for this perplexity.

New men are possible in this present world. New men in Christ is not a dream, it is a reality. Christianity is at last seen in its true nature. It is not a means of salvation from the world but rather the gospel of Christ emerges today as the only hope of saving the world itself.

In II Corinthians 5:17 there is a truth little understood and appreciated but profoundly important: "If any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creation." In a dozen words we

New Men In Christ

By WILFORD LEE
First Church Crossett

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are given the very heart and center of the Christian experience. It is a thrilling thought. God today is creating new beings in our world. He is bringing about a new order of mankind—new men in Christ.

In the secret places of every man's heart there has lingered a desire to be lifted out of the old life—a dream of realizing the aspiration for a higher life.

*O for a man to arise in me
That the man I am may cease to be.*

And now God answers human longings with this divine promise. In Christ you will be all you seek to be—I will make of you a new creation."

This word reveals three great facts about becoming new creations.

Life in God

First, it tells us what is the most vital part of the Christian experience. The most important thing to understand and appreciate in Christianity is this: when a person becomes a Christian something happens which has never happened before—a life in God exists which never existed before. A spiritual birth takes place. Christianity is not merely an addition to our usual life—it is a new kind of life altogether.

This great truth is hard to believe. Why? The mood of the world is a skeptical one. It never gives any man the benefit of its doubts. One of the things the world is quite certain of is that what man is he will always be. It firmly believes in that saying "There is nothing new under the sun."

The world cannot conceive of a man becoming a different man. It is at a loss to explain a profound change in any man's life. Its conclusions are always wrong because its premises are incorrect. Of the apostles preaching at Pentecost, the worldly-wise said,

"These men are drunk" for they knew nothing of being filled with the power and joy of the Holy Spirit.

God's highest creative activity and most intense desire is that of creating sons of God from sons of men. The advent of atomic power and dropping the bomb has occupied the thought and conversation of the people of this world more than any other single event of our age. Yet I doubt that, great as it was, it caused even the slightest comment in Heaven.

But on the other hand we are told that there is rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that repents. One child of God weighs more mightily than any earth-shaking power. A new life in Christ evokes the song of angelic choirs and hosannas echo all over heaven when one soul turns to God.

Opportunity for All

The second great truth is this: there is a universal opportunity open for all. "If any man"—the Word says. Any who will can become new creations in Christ. The invitation of God is as broad as heaven itself. There is no exclusiveness in this call of God. Limitations are placed on no one. Opportunity is freely and impartially offered to all.

*Tell the joyful tidings wherever man is found
Whosoever will may come.*

The third great fact in this trinity of truths tells us how we may become a new creation. If any man be in Christ he is a new creation. "In Christ" therefore become the way we enter into the new life. "In Christ" is a phrase frequently found in the New Testament. In brief, it means to take Jesus Christ for what he offered himself to men—as saviour and redeemer. "As many as received him to them gave he power to become sons of God." Then being "in Christ" means yielding oneself to the rule and will of Jesus as your Lord.

Thus in a mutual exchange the believer comes to be in Christ and Christ in the believer. When an iron in the fire glows red we can say that the iron is in the fire and the fire in the iron. So it is when one is "in Christ."

God wants to make every man a new creation. It is the only hope of personal salvation and the only chance of world survival. You can become a new person in Christ with new motives, a new love, new desires, new powers, a new direction; yes, and even a new destiny. Will you yield yourself just now to the saving power of God and walk henceforth in the light of the glorious liberty of the children of God.

700 New Members Added to Pulaski County Churches

By TAYLOR STANFILL, Superintendent
City Missions, Little Rock

In the late summer of 1946 the pastors of Baptist churches in Pulaski County voted to conduct simultaneous revivals in a county-wide effort in April, 1947. This was made a part of the associational program and accepted by the association in annual meeting. A total of 38 churches entered the campaign and held successful meetings.

Dr. W. H. Knight, executive secretary of Louisiana Baptists was selected to direct the campaign. Dr. Knight became ill and was not able to direct the effort, and the pastors of the county directed that the writer lead the campaign.

Dr. Ray McKay, pastor Second Church was selected as chairman of the steering committee. Pastor W. O. Vaught, Jr., Immanuel Church, was chairman of the committee on

enlistment and preparation. Mr. Roland Leath, director of music and education, First Church, Little Rock, directed the publicity and Pastor H. A. Elledge, Baring Cross Church, planned the extension work. Pastor L. H. Roseman, Baptist Tabernacle, was chairman of the work in conserving the results and the writer directed breakfast meetings for the workers and the finances.

The meetings began Easter Sunday, April 6, and were concluded Sunday night, April 20. Churches selected their own evangelists and singers and conducted their own revival meetings. Unusually large congregations were reported in all the meetings. It is believed that churches had the best attendance ever had in revivals. Thorough and unusual preparation had been made to secure large attendance and the weather and conditions were favorable.

Breakfast meetings were held each Tues-

day, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning of each week of the campaign. The breakfast meetings were attended by pastors, evangelists, singers and special guests. The average attendance at the breakfast meeting was 50. All costs breakfasts, publicity, etc., for the campaign were out of a special fund provided by all the participating churches. The fellowship and inspiration at the breakfast meetings were a blessing to all and a source of power for the work each day.

The total attendance over the entire period of the campaign was approximately 125,000. There were hundreds of rededications and many cold and indifferent Christians were restored to the joy of their salvation. More than 700 people united with the churches, approximately 400 of the number for baptism. Many of the churches will reap definite blessings from the effort in the months to come.

Catholics Have Many Methods and Tactics For Reaching People; Baptists Must Work

The two denominations which are poles apart in their beliefs and practices are the Baptist and Catholic. Other groups come between these two, some nearer one than the other.

It might not be amiss for our Baptist people to know that the Catholics are everlastingly on the job. They are working to conquer every county. They use many methods and tactics. No racial lines are drawn in propagating their doctrines. For instance, here are some headlines taken from the Catholic paper, *The Guardian*: "Eighteen Negro Girls Become Oblate Sisters," "Colored Catholic Girls to Get Scholarships."

Just recently Fritz Kreisler, world famous concert violinist, and his wife joined the Catholic church. For the past three months they had been receiving instructions from Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen of the Catholic University of America.

Some months ago the Catholics proudly announced that Mrs. Clare Booth Luce has been converted to the Catholic faith. In the April issue of the *McCall* magazine she tells something of her experiences. She states how she called Father Edward Wiatrak, the Cincinnati priest who had been sending her letters for many months after she went to Congress. He made an appointment for her with Msgr. Sheen, and shortly afterward she began her series of instructions. The result was she became a Catholic.

It is very noticeable that the Catholic church is working to get many of the prominent people in all walks of life into their membership. It is also true that they try to get members of their church into prominent places in government life. They rejoice in the appointment of Miss Helen Newman as librarian of the Supreme Court of the United States. She is a Catholic and was appointed by Chief Justice Vinson.

Just recently, however, the Catholics have turned their attention to the country. Conferences are being held on rural life. Plans are being made to reach out into the rural areas with their program of missions.

Just recently a very prominent Catholic leader held a mission in Little Rock. We quote the following from the Catholic paper of Little Rock:

"Asked his impressions of Little Rock, Father Howard, who has given missions also in Pine Bluff and El Dorado, said that there seems to be a very great field for missionary work here. 'The city's 25,000 Negroes include only about 150 Catholics,' he said, 'but from what I have seen and heard during my stay here it seems that there are not a few non-

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C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

Catholics, who, already favorably impressed with what they have heard and seen of the Catholic Church, would welcome the opportunity of learning more about the Church. By this I mean that while perhaps relatively few would jump at the chance of attending services in a Catholic church, many even of the leading colored people would definitely welcome a Catholic priest coming among them, into their schools, their hospitals, their homes, their civic meetings to bring them the guiding truths of religion."

Our Baptist people cannot afford to sit idly by and let our Catholic friends reach the people that we ought to reach.

The Missionary Messenger

The Department of Missions has published a quarterly bulletin called *The Missionary Messenger*. The purpose of this bulletin is to give more missionary information than can possibly be put in the *Arkansas Baptist*. The paper was a week late in being mailed due to several difficulties arising in the last

few days in regard to mailing permit. It is being sent to all pastors and missionaries. If from time to time any pastor has some outstanding news he would like to have included in this new publication, he is urged to mail it in to this department.

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Recently the Radio Commission voted to inaugurate a transcription service to the churches throughout the Convention. Two hundred ninety-seven programs of message and music on 4,000 records are now available. This number can be increased in a matter of days if there is demand for more.

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The list of 111 Brotherhoods is given by associations. If your church has a Brotherhood and the name of your church does not appear below, please notify us immediately; and correction will be made in the next issue of the Arkansas Baptist:

Arkansas Valley: Elaine, Lexa, Marianna, and First, West Helena.

Bartholomew: Hamburg, First, Warren.

Benton County: Centerton, Decatur, Gentry, Gravette, Gum Springs, Mason Valley, Pea Ridge, and First, Rogers.

Boone - Carroll: First, Eureka Springs, First, Harrison, Hopewell, and New Hope.

Caddo River: Amity, Mt. Ida.

Carey: Fordyce.

Caroline: Cabot, England.

Centennial: DeWitt, Stuttgart.

Central: Bauxite, Benton, First, Hot Springs, Park Place, Hot Springs, Mountain Pine, and Walnut Valley.

Clear Creek: Concord, Ozark.

Concord: Bethlehem, Greenwood, Lavaca, and Paris.

Current River: Corning.

Dardanelle-Russellville: Atkins, Morrilton, and New Hope.

Delta: Eudora, Lake Village, and Richland.

Faulkner County: First, Conway.

Harmony: Dumas, Immanuel, Pine Bluff, Lee Memorial, Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial, Pine

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Bluff, Second, Pine Bluff, and Star City.

Hope: College Hill, Fouke, Central, Magnolia, Shiloh, and Stamps.

Independence: West Batesville.

Liberty: First, El Dorado, Immanuel, El Dorado, Second, El Dorado, Galilee, Joyce City, Smackover, Snow Hill, Stephens, Union, and Urbana.

Little River: Ashdown.

Mississippi County: First, Blytheville, Calvary, Blytheville, Clear Creek, Cole Ridge, Dell, Manila, New Liberty, New Providence, and Osceola.

Mt. Zion: Cash, Central, Jonesboro, First, Jonesboro, Walnut Street, Jonesboro, Monette, Nettleton, and Rowe's Chapel.

Pulaski County: Douglassville, Life Line, Reynolds Memorial, Little Rock, Second, Little Rock, South Highland, Little Rock, Baring Cross, N. Little Rock, First, N. Little Rock, Worrells Memorial, N. Little Rock, and Pine Grove.

Tri-County: Barton's Chapel,

Crawfordsville, Earle, Fair Oaks, Forrest City, Parkin, West Memphis, and Wynne.

Trinity: Hurd's Chapel, Pleasant Hill, South McCormick, Trumann, and Tyrnza.

Washington - Madison: Springdale, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

White County: Searcy, Cotter.
White River: Mountain Home.

68 Members Added In Elaine Revival

By R. H. HARRIS, Pastor

We closed a great revival here at the First Church, Elaine, April 6. All records were broken.

There were 68 additions, 58 for baptism. Several heads of families with their companions came into the fellowship of Christ and the church.

Pastor John J. Evans, First Church, Walters, Okla., was our evangelist. I have known Pastor Evans a number of years.

Our Sunday School goal for April 6 was 245. We had 311. This is the highest attendance mark in the history of the church. The church will also break its record in baptisms this year. These baptisms will bring the number baptized since I came here as pastor, 11 months ago, to 119. The Lord has been good to us.

49 Decisions in Mt. Ida Revival

By A. L. McDANIEL, Pastor
First Church, Mt. Ida

First Church, Mt. Ida, has just closed one of the greatest revivals experienced in recent years. State Brotherhood Secretary Nelson Tull was the speaker for a one-week Brotherhood Revival. There were 41 conversions, with 36 of them uniting with the church for baptism, and eight additions by statement and letter. The power of the Holy Spirit was manifest in every service, and there was some old-time shouting in two of the services, on Saturday night and the closing Sunday morning.

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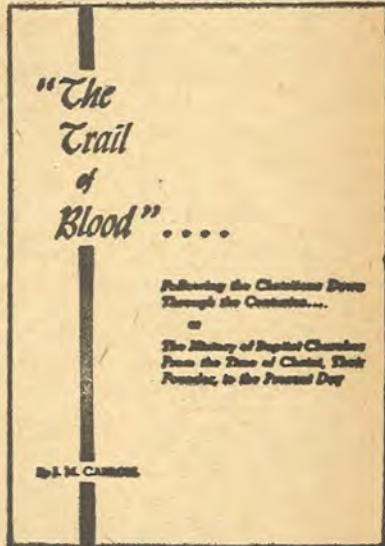
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(1) Many of our people do not know of the great struggle which cost the lives of millions of Baptists. They do not understand that an ocean of blood was spilt that the Truth might be preserved.

(2) Our Saviour promised that "the gates of Hell" would not prevail against His churches. Dr. Carroll shows how this prophecy has been fulfilled.

(3) The Catholics are putting forth a special effort to reach the people in the South. They are preparing priests to deal especially with the Protestants and Baptists of the South—"The Trail of Blood" with its Scripture and history is the truth with which to meet and to defeat them.

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YWA Week At Ridgecrest

Two (maybe three) bus loads are going from Arkansas to "More-Wonderful - Than - Ever" YWA Week at Ridgecrest, June 19-26. We are planing to leave Little Rock on the morning of June 17 at 7:30 a. m. and arrive back on the evening of June 27. Ten glor-

ious days of travel, sight-seeing, fun, fellowship, information, and inspiration in "The Land of the Sky."

The cost of travel on the bus will be approximately \$28 round trip. This includes an approximation on meals and the two nights' lodging en route. With approximately \$25 for registration, board and room after you get to Ridgecrest and \$5 or \$10 for spending money, tips, mission offering, etc., the whole trip will cost only about \$60. If we take two buses we will have room for 58 girls. If we have 29 more we can take a third bus.

Send in your reservation fee of \$10 (which will count on your bus fare) to Miss LaVerne Ashby, 209 Radio Center, Little Rock, today, if you want to insure your being in the first two bus loads. Make checks and money orders payable to the Baptist WMU Treasurer.

Many WMU's are sending one or even two of the girls from their church. Wouldn't it be wonderful if one of your girls could go? If you cannot pay all of a girl's expenses, perhaps, you could pay part. Some churches prefer to send several girls with part of their expenses paid.

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The Executive Board of Newton County Association expressed appreciation to Missionary Stratton in a letter which follows:

"It is deeply regretted that your prolonged and most recent critical illness has necessitated your resig-

nation as missionary of the Newton County Association. We wish to take this means of expressing to you, on behalf of each member in the association our sincere appreciation of your every effort in the Lord's work in the churches throughout the county.

"We shall continue in prayer for you and your family, that His blessings may abide upon you, and that through His providence you may be completely restored to health and be able, in His good time, to again assume a place of great service in His name.

"We know that His promise that "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord" will continue to encourage and uphold you until such time as you are able to resume active service for Him."

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Baby Talk

By MRS. EDGAR WILLIAMSON
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Recently several churches have given special emphasis to the Cradle Roll and Nursery departments of their Sunday Schools.

Central Church, Hot Springs, Clyde Hart, pastor, has two splendid nurseries with a complete corps of workers in each.

First Church, Newport, Charles F. Wilkins, pastor, made provision in their beautiful new building for three nurseries. During a recent training school each organization was completed and a new Cradle Roll department organized.

First Church, Fort Smith, Dr. B. V. Ferguson, pastor, is rejoicing in their new baby building. They have four Nurseries.

First Church, Cullendale, Elmer Morgan, pastor, has made a remarkable record. Under the able leadership of Mrs. Buton Williams, who took the work just a few months ago, they have added 48 babies to the roll. This church also has three Nurseries.

Every Nursery worker in the state will study with pleasure and profit the new Nursery book, "The Nursery Department of the Sunday School" by Orabelle C. Jones. Especially notable are the pictures, touches of color, sketches, and the list of books and records.

It is with deep regret we accept the fact of Mrs. Jones' resignation as Cradle Roll and Nursery South-wide superintendent. She did a monumental work and we are going to miss her.

Two splendid workers have been elected to take her place: Miss Margaret Grogard will superintend the Nursery work and Miss Willie Merle O'Neil will have charge of the Cradle Roll work.

Plan now to observe Cradle Roll

Day on Mother's Day, May 11. It will prove a real tonic to any church. Some churches will have a Cradle Roll and Nursery banquet for the parents during Christian Home Week. The Cradle Roll and Nursery section of the April Builder contains many fine ideas for this week.

Children's books are now being published by the Sunday School Board. Mrs. Hattie Bell Allen is the editor and Mrs. G. T. Lobb is children's book consultant. Two Bible books, the first in the Little Treasure Series are: "David" by Hattie Bell Allen and "Bible Friends To Know" by Dr. Floy Barnard.

Our heartiest congratulations to two Beginner departments which have reached the Standard. They are: First Church, Cullendale; Mrs. Gilbert Dunlap, superintendent, and Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, Mrs. Marvin Gullett, superintendent.

Have a Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School time is just around the corner. Many churches have already made plans for schools. They will be ready to start as soon as school is out.

If you want a school in your church this year, and do not know how to start getting ready for it, write the Department of Religious Education, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock, for free literature. Then order a Vacation Bible School

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Guide from the Baptist Book Store. Study these, then follow the plan suggested and have a school.

Churches in Arkansas reported 306 Vacation Bible Schools held in 1946. This was an increase of 105 over 1945. The goal for 1947 should not be less than 450 schools. Every church in Arkansas should have a Vacation Bible School.

Plan Now For a Vacation Music School

Several fine music workers are still available for Vacation Music Schools. Churches desiring such workers should write the state music director as soon as possible.

Set the Date For Hymn-Playing Elimination

Each church is reminded to set the date for the individual elimination in hymn-playing for juniors and intermediates. The state contest will be held on Tuesday morning, June 10, in connection with the Church Music Convention at First Church, Little Rock.

Each music director of the separate associations will announce the time for the associational elimination. At this event, one junior and one intermediate as well as an alternate in each division will be chosen to go to the

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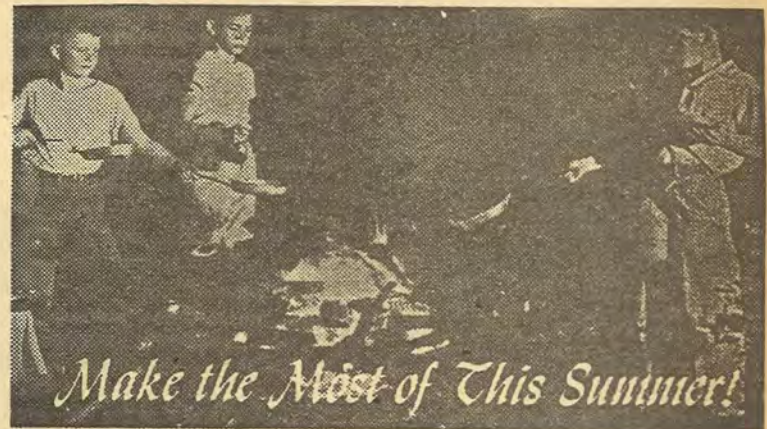
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Revolution Follows Failure of Kings to Obey Divine Orders

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

The wrath of God fell swift and sure upon Solomon in his shameful apostasy. Jehovah had expressly commanded the children of Israel to refrain from taking wives from among the foreign women: "Ye shall not go among them, neither shall they come among you; for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods." But Solomon, nevertheless, "clave unto these in love."

Solomon's Adversaries

Because of his apostasy Jehovah said unto Solomon, "Foreasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it, for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but I will give one tribe to thy son, for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen" (1 Kings 11:11ff.).

Jehovah raised up therefore unto Solomon many adversaries. There was Hadad, the Edomite, who was of the king's seed in Edom; Rezon, the son of Eliada, and likewise Jeroboam, the son of Nebat.

Solomon sought to kill Jeroboam, but Jeroboam arose and fled into Egypt and took refuge under the wing of Shishak, king of Egypt, and remained there until the death of Solomon.

It was a tragic end that Solomon met as he went to sleep "with his fathers." He was buried in the city of David and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

Rehoboam the King

When Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who was in Egypt, heard that Rehoboam reigned as king instead of Solomon his father, he and all the congregation of Israel came and spake unto Rehoboam saying, "Thy father made our yoke grievous; now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee."

Rehoboam instructed Jeroboam to depart for three days with the

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Scripture: 1 Kings 12:1-5, 12-15, 19-20

assurance that after that time he would give him an answer to his petition.

Following this Rehoboam consulted with the old men who had stood before Solomon his father and they in turn advised him to be "a servant" unto his people with the assurance that they would in turn be his servants forever.

"If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, then will they be thy servants forever" (1 Kings 12:7)

Truly, Rehoboam had the opportunity of a lifetime. The elders by their cordial words of counsel already stood pledged to him, and were bold enough to pledge to him the lasting devotion of the people themselves — provided he would meet certain reasonable requirements.

But the spirited young Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men and followed instead the advice of the young men who had grown up with him. He said therefore to the people when they gathered on the third day for the answer, "My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions."

Israel's Rebellion

It was a tense moment in the life of Israel when Rehoboam gave his answer to Jeroboam and those who had gathered in waiting. In fact, relations were so strained that when all Israel saw that the king harkened not unto them, the people answered the king saying, "What portion have we in David? Neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto

their tents." (1 Kings 12:16) Rehoboam continued to reign, nevertheless, over the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah.

When king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute, forward on his mission he was stoned by all Israel with stones, and died. Upon learning of this Rehoboam "made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem."

The division had come. Israel had rebelled against the house of David. "And it came to pass when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was returned, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe only" (1 Kings 12:20).

It will be recalled that the Lord had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat saying, "Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give 10 tribes to thee: (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel); because that they have forsaken me and have worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon: and they have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and mine ordinances, as did David his father" (1 Kings 11:31-33).

Slowly, and surely, therefore, the way was paved for the division of the kingdom, and for the tragic eras of jealousy, rivalry and strife that followed. With kings that stubbornly refused to follow the guidance of Jehovah their God there could be no other end. Even kings, as well as all other individuals irrespective of rank and station, must face the verdict of Paul's immortal words: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for

whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life" (Gal. 6:7f.).

From Bad to Worse

It was bad enough to have the division that came with the revolt of the 10 tribes under Jeroboam, but the conditions that prevailed following the revolt were still worse.

Upon his return to Jerusalem, Rehoboam assembled "all the house of Judah" for the purpose of going to war with his brethren of Israel in the hope of subduing the rebellious tribes and bringing them all together again under his own kingship. The word of God came to Rehoboam, however, through Shemiah, "the man of God," and the tragedy of the impending civil strife was narrowly averted.

Likewise, the conduct of Jeroboam, following the rebellion, brought shame and reproach upon the people of Israel. In order to satisfy the desires of the people who were unable to go up to Jerusalem to worship, two calves of gold were made and set up, the one in Dan and the other in Bethel.

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