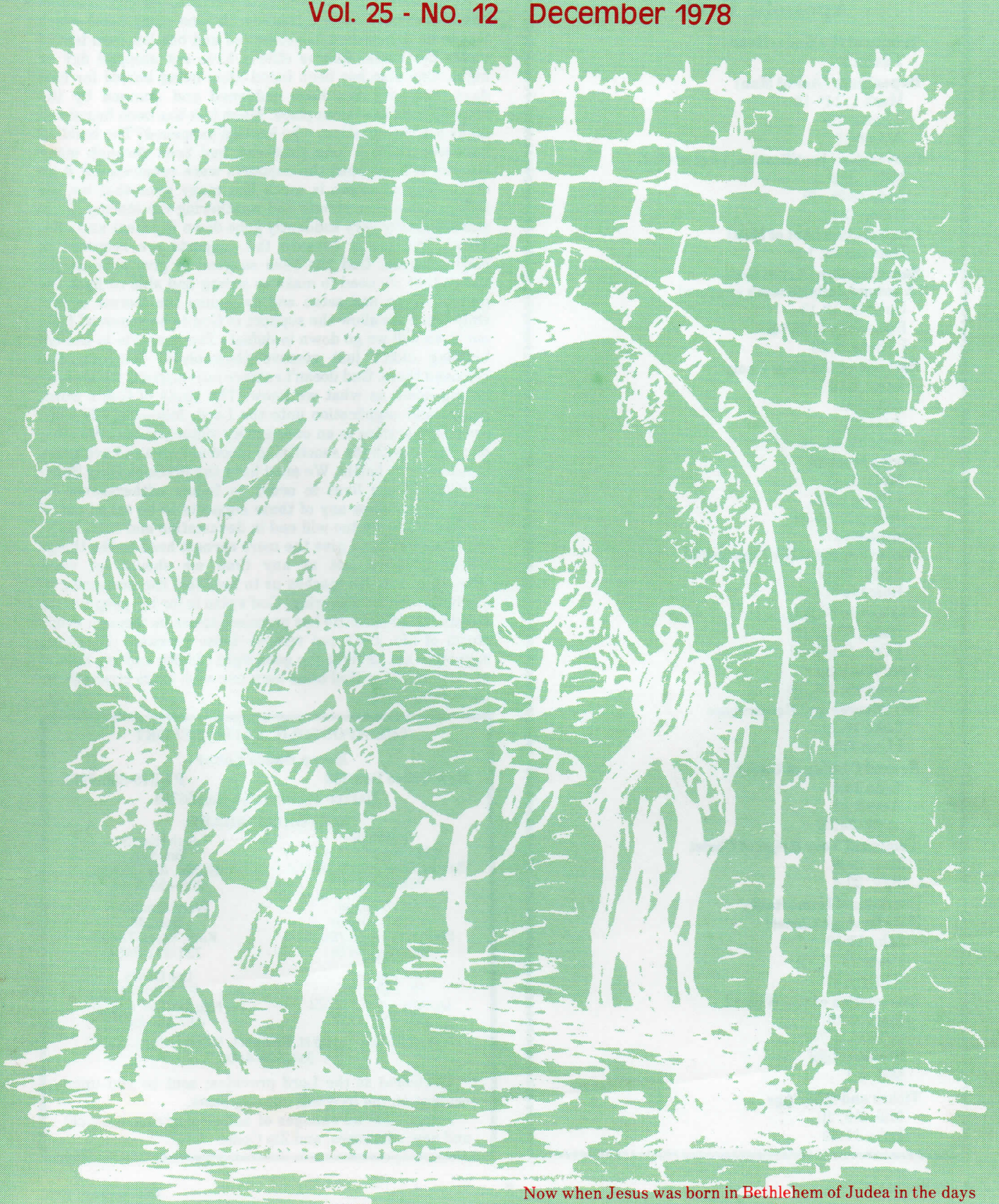


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Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

St. Matthew 2:1-2

Doctrinal Teachings Of The Apostolic Faith

Trinity of the God—Head

1 John 5:7

Repentance [Act of Man]

Mark 1: 14*-15

2 Peter 3:9

Acts 3:19

Conversion [Justification] [Act of God]

Matt. 18:3

Acts 13:38, 39

II Cor. 5:17

Consecration [Act of Man]

Romans 12: 1,2

Sanctification [Act of God]

[A second definite work of grace]

Neb. 13: 12,13

Ephesians 5: 25*-27

I Thess. 5:23

Baptism of the Holy Ghost

Luke 3:16

Acts 1:5

Acts 2:4

Acts 10:45, 46

Divine Healing

Matt. 4:23

I Peter 2:24

James 5: 14-16

Ordinances

Water Baptism [by immersion]

Matt. 28:19

Romans 6: 3,4

The Lords Supper

Matt. 26: 26-28

I Cor. 11: 23-30

Feet Washing

John 13: 4-5, 14

NO Divorce and Remarriage

Luke 16:18

I Cor. 7:39

Second Coming of Christ

John 14:3

Acts 2:11

Matt. 24:30

Thousand Year Reign of Christ

Rev. 20:6

Rev. 20:4

Conditional Immortality

[Life through Christ]

John 10:10

I John 5:11, 12

Romans 2:7

Destruction of the Wicked

Matt. 7:13

II Thes. 1:7-9

Romans 7:23

Mal. 4:1

Tithes and Offerings

Mal. 3:8, 10

Luke 11:42

EDITORIAL VOICE



At the time of the writing of this article, our city of Joplin has experienced quite a tragedy. A nine story hotel which was to be demolished has collapsed and has left men buried under her ruins. Rescue efforts have not stopped day or night. One man has been found after being buried for four days. Our city has been saddened and stunned by the tragedy that has taken place. Much talk has been heard and many ask the question, why has this happened? The building had been there a long time and had been through many storms, but not until the supports were removed did it go down. This situation is much like many lives that we see today. Lives once strong and weathering the storms of life and seemingly very suddenly gone down in defeat and ruin. Why? This too is because the supports are removed in spiritual lives. God has been so good to give unto us the things that we need to make us strong and able to fight the powers of sin and satan and overcome the storms of life. Only when we allow the support of God to be removed from our lives will we go down in defeat. The supports in the old building didn't just remove themselves, someone else removed them. God doesn't remove our support, we do it by letting down on what we know. The study of God's word, prayer and supplication unto the Lord, following His word are all imperative to an overcoming victorious life. We must be covered with the sanctifying blood of Jesus to have grace to meet every battle. We must have the precious Holy Spirit dwelling in our lives in order to follow withersoever he goeth. If we allow any of these supports to be taken out of our lives than we too will end in devastation and ruin. God's word teaches us to give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard lest at any time we should let them slip—Heb. 2:1. He teaches us to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. God's plan is for his people to be steadfast and sure. He has promised to see us through every storm of life. Let's not remove those precious life giving supports. Let us fight the good fight of faith and lay hold of eternal life. May God bless each one with extra strength for the coming days.

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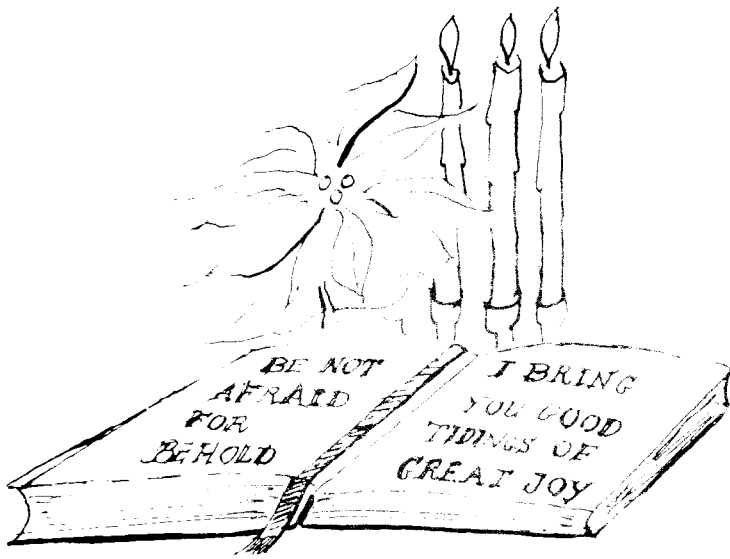
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SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS

On page three of my Holy Bible I read these words, "I will put enmity between thee (the serpent) and the woman (Eve), and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Here in the third chapter of Genesis any Bible student can see God's promise of a saviour through the seed of man.

It indeed is tragic that Eve yielded to Satan's temptation and drew Adam into the transgression because God had given His word,—“for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” God is good and merciful. He did not leave man to his hopeless tragic sin, but immediately set plans in motion to redeem man from his sin.

Let us take the journey, as it were through the Bible, and view a few of the sign-posts that indicate God's plan to bring forth a saviour for man, the sinner.

In Moses time, no less than thirteen centuries before Jesus was born, God said to Moses, "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him." This prophecy was fulfilled by none other than Jesus Christ. Jesus acknowledged that He came to do and say what the Father commanded Him to do and say. (Deuteronomy 18:18)

In the days of Isaiah the prophet, over seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, God gave his word about this matter as the prophet spoke to King Ahaz, the fifteenth king of Judah: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14). It is very significant that His name was to be Immanuel, which means, "God with us." This one of whom the prophet wrote was to be more than a prophet, He was to be God-with-us.

Isaiah the prophet further exclaims, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6).

This prince of peace, upon whose shoulder the government should rest has indeed been reigning within the hearts of Christians for over nineteen hundred years now, but when other prophecies are fulfilled, He will indeed be the literal King of Kings.

Micah, the prophet, who also lived centuries before Jesus was born, wrote concerning this birth of this holy son, "But thou, Bethlehem, Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." (Micah 5:2).

The prophet here foretold the place of the saviour's birth but more than that, the prophet Micah recognized the deity of the one to come. He said He had been from of old, from everlasting. Jesus is the eternal saviour, the Son of God.

In the new testament, in the book of Luke, chapter one, verses twenty-six through thirty-five, is the account of the angel Gabriel's visit to the virgin Mary. Although Mary was espoused to Joseph, she had never known him in a sexual way. In verse 31 the angel announced "And, behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus." In verse 35 the angel explained, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

The prophesied name of Jesus means saviour. In order to send a Saviour, God sent Immanuel—God with us.

God also dealt with Joseph, Mary's espoused husband. We read about it in Matthew, chapter one, verses eighteen through twenty-five. Let us examine verse twenty-one: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Here is explained again, the purpose of God sending His son into the world, to man, suffer as man, be tempted as man and to give himself for man. Call his name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.

New testament writings further explain the coming of this Immanuel that would save sinners.

Luke gives an account of Mary's and Joseph's experience in traveling to Bethlehem and finding only no vacancy hospitality and finally spending the night in a stable. He tells of the birth of Jesus. He tells of Mary giving birth—wrapping her son in swaddling clothes and lying him in a manger.

Luke tells of the shepherds hearing the good news from the angel and the song of the heavenly host. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:1-19)

Luke also tells of old Simeon's blessing on the eight day old Christ child and of Anna's prophecy that puzzled the heart of Mary, the Christ child's mother. (Luke 2:21-40)

Luke further tells of the boyhood of Jesus. When he was twelve years old he astonished the doctors in the temple, with His answers to their questions.

Once more, at Christmas time we celebrate the birth of Jesus who was prophesied to be the saviour of men.

He indeed is the Saviour of men, as is attested in this prophecy to Joseph, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Jacob C. Regier

BEST WISHES
FOR THE

Holiday Season!

I'd like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to each one of you during the past months since I have been editor of the Apostolic Faith Report. You have made this position much easier with your letters, articles, finances, but most of all your prayers. Once again I'd like to say thank you to Sis. Naomi Busch for all of her help these past months. She has been so kind and helpful in every way. A special thanks goes out to those in this area who have been so faithful to help on mailing days. Also thank you to the Board of Trustees who have backed the work here in every way. The Citizen Publishing Company of Baxter Springs have done an outstanding job of printing the Report and we do appreciate all of their kindness and help. There have been so many that have helped and it would be impossible to thank them enough. I especially want to thank my family for the way they have helped and backed me with their prayers. It has meant so much. Finally, but certainly not least, I want to say THANK YOU LORD for giving me a place to work in your fields. It is truly a privilege to labor for the Master. Let us each one labor for Him as he leads us. Thank you all.

Karen Oakes

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"If a care is too small to be turned into a prayer, it is too small to be made into a burden."

JUST A THOUGHT

When you read an article that you enjoy and appreciate why not let the author know? We need to encourage one another to labor for the Master in every way. We have had many wonderful articles sent into us. Let's let the authors know we appreciate their labors.

Pearls Of Promise

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21



Life without Him has no meaning— just an end.

But more abundantly we live with Jesus our friend.



GIRL'S DORM NEWS

Above our dorm door it says, THOU WILT KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE, WHOSE MIND IS STAYED ON THEE: BECAUSE HE TRUSTETH IN THEE: TRUST YE IN THE LORD FOR EVER: FOR IN THE LORD JEHOVAH IS EVERLASTING STRENGTH. Of course these words are familiar as they are in the book of Isaiah 26:3,4. What a wonderful theme for our girl's dorm! What a wonderful theme for a child of God!

Things have been good here in our little home. We have all become so close with the progression of school. Each one of us have something different to offer. Putting us all together there is never a problem that goes unheard or a task left undone.

Recently we have started having night devotions with the guys on Monday and Thursday. It has really been a blessing to each one of us. There is growing a deep Christian love between each and every student here at A.F.B.C.


We want to express our deep appreciation to our dedicated mom, Sister Tony. She works so hard with us and she's really great. One night the bell rang and it seemed everyone was all wound up and there was no way we could be quiet enough to settle down to rest. Sis. Tony gave us some extra time and suggested that we all gather in her room and sing. What a blessing we received, as we sang praises to the King. In no time at all the sweet peace of Jesus flooded the room and slowly one by one we all ended up in our rooms quiet and ready for rest. We just want to thank you Sis. Tony for understanding us and caring.

Our Fall Festival was a great success and all the girls looked super nice. Thanks are in order to the faculty for making it so good.

Keep us in your prayers. We're excited about what's happening in our dorm as well as at the school.

DFF

DECEMBER NOTES



AFBC BOY'S DORM

CHRISTMAS break is almost here. All the guys are excited about going home and seeing their families. Please pray for us, that we will all lean close to the Lord while we are away from the school and that He will bring us safely back.

The Fall Festival was a great success. We thank everyone that made it possible. Especially thanks to Molly, the food was terrific; thanks to Janae, your music was excellent; thanks to Bro. Lyndel, your words inspired us. We know our guests enjoyed the fellowship. It was over heard from Brother Jim Long, "It was like a pie in the eye to me!" (Pumpkin?)

After such deliberation it was decided to put Savoy's name in the paper again this month:

"SAVOY"

All the students had a wonderful day when we went to see the Passion Play in Eureka Springs. We thank the Lord for a lovely Fall day as we walked around Roaring River and later enjoyed the Passion Play.

MYSTERIES OF THE BOYS DORM

The great detective Hans Imgonagetya III, has been stumped by various clues he can't explain, can you help? All correspondence will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Who are the mysterious ones knocking on the Beydler's walls?

The mice in the ceiling seem rather large, maybe we need a bigger trap!

Needed: Seamstress to repair blue jeans.

Who is salting the sheets. . .are you out of pepper?

Hans Imgonagetya III found an unusual collection of whiskers, who lost them?

BOOM, BANG, BOOM. . .Who is shooting quail after curfew?

ATTENTION NEWS BULLETIN: There is a thorough investigation being instituted to find the lost boy that apparently is hiding in the air-conditioning ducts.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness, that's what we've all been taught. . .but really, bathing at 5:00 a.m. and singing in the shower at midnight?

All jokes and kidding aside, I personally thank my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for the opportunity to come to AFBC. I have grown deeper in His word. He is supplying all our needs and I thank those who have helped me stay in school. God will bless you greatly. I have moved out of the Dorm and am staying at home with my wife and children. We are praying that next semester we will be able to come to school as a family. Will you pray with me?

Because of Him,

Andy Perry

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE:

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord! Have you taken time to tell the Lord how grateful you are for the many marvelous blessings He has bestowed upon you?

We certainly want to thank each of you that participated recently in the special day of remembrance for AFBC. Your offerings of support and your many prayers are needed and appreciated more than words can adequately express. May God bless each individual and each church abundantly. It's our personal desire that the Lord will give each of us a new vision to see His work prosper and grow to glorify His name.

At the recent meeting of the AFBC Board of Trustees, they felt it best to accept our resignation effective December 14th. We would like to express our sincere thanks to each of you that have backed us with your prayers and offerings. Your prayers have enabled us to find the strength needed for each day and we deeply appreciate them. The Lord has been very gracious to us, extending His blessings upon the school and each one present.

We have done our best for the school and leave with a clear heart and mind. Decisions we made didn't please everyone because that is a feat no one can accomplish. Yet, our decisions were not made hastily but after many hours of prayer and meditation. . .often in the wee hours of the night. We tried to do what we felt was best in each situation for the school and those concerned and involved. God expects only our best and that is what we have done.

Our plans for the present are to remain here where Lachelle will graduate this year and I will work for a year or two while I fully regain my strength. During this time we will appreciate your continued prayers that God will lead us and direct each step we take.

Don't forget to continue to back the Bible College with your prayers and support. The Board of Trustees will need your prayers as they search for another superintendent. It is a large job which requires God's wisdom and guidance and can't be done lightly.

The financial report of the school is as follows:

General Fund \$4,382.75.

Land payment plus interest due February 23,

Amount \$7,537.91. Building fund now \$1,720.23

Parham Book note due December 12

Amount \$1,166.66. Book Fund now \$318.15

May God bless each of you and again we express our gratitude for your prayers and support the past two years.

In Christian service,
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GOD IS GREATER THAN A CROWD

Mightier than Pharaoh's army.
Or Assyria's wicked plot.
He can save by few or many,
And the number matters not.

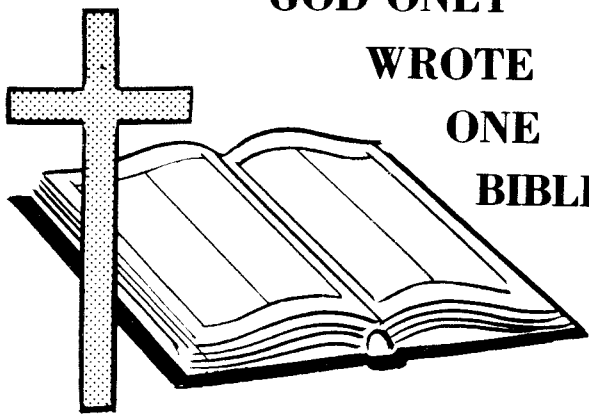
One with God, a thousand chases,
Climbs a mountain, leaps a wall,
Every obstacle erases,
As He triumphs over all.

At the presence of one angel,
Fallen lies the mighty host;
Heaven's law is never changeful,
So, stand faithful at your post.

Ever strong and of good courage,
Fast embrace the light of truth;
Let the way of goodness flourish
In the days of early youth.

Fear thou not, dear precious children,
Look above with head unbowed,
Victory shall soon be given,—
God is greater than a crowd!
—Emily Hale

GOD ONLY WROTE ONE BIBLE



By Andy and Janice Perry

The only Bible God wrote through human agents, was written in two of the world's most perfect languages. The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew and the New Testament in Greek. The Bible God gave man was perfect and because God inspired it, it is the true word of God.

So many different Bible versions are on the market today that it is confusing. In some of these Bibles, words have been altered, or changed and even phrases have been left out entirely. Many times the public is completely fooled because the Bibles look and sound like a true version.

Every believer is referred to as a Christian soldier. How can we fight the battle with Satan if we don't have the true

armour of God? In Ephesians 6:10-18 we are told to "Put on the whole armour of God, and above all, to take the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, Praying always." If the sword of the Spirit is a luke warm version of the Bible, with subtle changes made, how can it be effective and divide the truth and withstand Satan?

God has faithfully warned us to be on guard against Bible corruptions. Jeremiah wrote, "For among my people are found wicked men. They lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men." (Jeremiah 5:26).

God wrote through the apostle Peter: "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. II Peter 2:1-3.

Down through the ages there have been corrupters of the Holy Bible. We should "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. (Ephesians 4:14)

God has sentinels in verse form, placed to guard the scripture. In the beginning of the Bible, Deuteronomy 4:2, "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it." "Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar," Proverbs 30:6. And in Revelation 22:19 "If any man take any away from the words of the book of this prophecy God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the Holy City, and from the things which are written in the book."

A fundamental law of the Spirit is "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God," (Romans 10:17) "For by grace are you saved through faith," Ephesians 2:8. Faith can be no more perfect than the word which produced it. If the Word is corrupt, then the resulting faith which comes from it will be corrupt and without lifegiving essentials.

Only an unaltered Bible can produce a perfect, soulsaving faith!

There are two streams that all Bibles can be traced to. At first the only scriptures in existence were those given by the inspiration of God, (II Peter 1:21) These messages were put into writing and when placed into book form they became Bible number one, the true Word of God. This stream has come to us crystal clear through the divine evidence of God's omniscience. It is pure, life-giving water of God's inspired Word and it has power to produce saving faith. (Romans 10:17)

The other Bibles have come to us in a stream whose waters are clouded with "Mud" of philosophic criticism. It seems to be based upon the reasonings of the "natural man," (I Corinthians 2:14). The source of this stream is hypothetical, and untrustworthy. It has produced a multiplicity of Bible versions which differ so much from each other that the result is faith repelling confusion.

The Textus Receptus was approved as the true original Hebrew and Greek manuscript. Westcott & Hort rejected

the Textus Receptus and wrote their own version from the smallest of these groups of Bible Manuscripts.

The revisers of 1881 followed the guidance of Westcott and Hort. Hort's partiality for the Vatican manuscript was practically absolute. As the Sinaiticus was the brother of the Vaticanus whenever pages in the latter were missing, Hort used the former. He and Westcott considered that when the consensus of opinion of these two manuscripts favored a reading, that reading should be accepted as apostolic. We come back to the Vaticanus as Westcott and Hort's text used almost entirely.

When the Revised Version was submitted in 1881 there were between eight and nine changes in every five verses, and in about every ten verses three of these were made for critical purposes. Think about that. For critical purposes, the Vatican Codex, sometimes alone, generally in accord with the Sinaitic, is responsible for nine-tenths of the most striking innovations in the Revised Version!

The Greek text of Westcott and Hort (1881) is the private enterprise of two men from a very limited and select number of manuscripts. Their Greek text was strongly radical and revolutionary, Dr. Salmon reported.

Dr. Scrivener informs us that there are 2,864 cursive and uncial manuscripts of the New Testament in whole or in part. It has been acknowledged, even by some enemies, that nineteen-twentieths of these manuscripts are in accord with the Received Text, the Textus Receptus. But Westcott and Hort turned away from all this testimony, and elevated the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus to the chair of authority. This is why the Greek Text of Westcott and Hort contains 5,337 changes from the reading of the Greek Textus Receptus which is the basis for the King James Version.

Since 1881 the great controversy has been between Westcott and Hort's so called Neutral Text and the Textus Receptus. Many learned textual critics uphold the Textus Receptus because of the immense number of manuscripts which are in agreement with it. They thought the Sinaitic and Vaticanus were scanty survivals of a corrupt tradition and that they probably survived because of their corruption.

The religious beliefs of Westcott are shown from a letter to his fiancée in 1847 "After leaving the monastery, we shaped our course to a little oratory which we discovered on the summit of a neighboring hill . . . ; Fortunately we found the door open. It is very small, with one kneeling-place; and behind a screen was a 'Pieta' the size of life (i.e. a Virgin and dead Christ) . . . Had I been alone I could have knelt there for hours."

Hort writes to Westcott, October 17th, 1865: "I have been persuaded for many years that Mary-worship and Jesus worship have very much in common in their causes and their results."

In conclusion all textual critics since 1611 are, for the most part, in agreement with the Greek Text of Westcott and Hort. And since the textual foundation principle of the Westcott and Hort theory have been proven to be based upon a false foundation, we can only arrive at an unavoidable conclusion, this whole system of Bible translation is wrong. All Greek texts produce since 1611 which are in agreement with Westcott and Hort are founded upon the same unprobable hypothesis. Since Westcott and Hort's text is corrupt, all in agreement with it are corrupt also.

Out of 162 verses from different translations note how many were changed from the Greek Textus Receptus, and

the King James Version. (Only a few are given here)

New American Standard 147 changes
Good News for Modern Man 144 changes
Amplified N.T. 136 changes
Phillip's N.T. 117 changes
John Wesley's N.T. 38 changes

In the Good News for Modern Man version the word "Blood" of the Lord is omitted 15 times. The word "begotten" is left out 8 times. The Good News Bibles have been sold for below cost. We wonder why, it is so they can get the young people ready for the Bible the Ecumenical Movement is planning.

True believers should buy King James Bibles now, because the day is coming when they shall wander from sea, to sea and from the North even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. Amos 8:12.

The Textus Receptus is Latin for Received Text. This is the Greek Text used as a basis for the translation of the King James Bible in 1611. At first the Textus Receptus was known as the Greek Vulgate. Vulgate means that which is best known and used by the majority of the people. This was the text used by the Apostles in separate manuscript form. When the Spirit-directed consciousness of the early church gathered these separate God-inspired manuscripts into book form, they had the Received Text, the Textus Receptus.

July 22, 1604 King James of England announced that he had appointed 54 Hebrew and Greek scholars to produce a Bible, which we know today as the King James Version. These men were organized into six groups which were to meet separately.

Each scholar first made his own translation, then passed it on to be reviewed by each other member of his group. When each selection had completed a book of the Bible it was sent to the other five groups for their independent criticism. In this way each book went through the hands and minds of the entire body of translators. To guard further against possible errors another committee was formed by selecting two from each of the three companies. Then the entire version came before this select group where all differences of opinion were ironed out. It put the finishing work of organized cooperation where the direction and discernment of the Holy Spirit was desired.

With the revisers of 1881 all was different. The Old Testament committee met together secretly as one body for ten years. The New Testament committee also met together for ten years. All was done in secret. We wonder why all the secrecy? The unpublished new Greek Text of Westcott and Hort, upon which they had been working for 20 years was, portion by portion, secretly committed into the hands of the Revision Committee.

All reports indicate that the iron rule of silence was forced upon the Revisers during the ten years. The waiting public all this time was kept in suspense. The world did not know what had been done, until after elaborate plans had been made to throw the Revised Version Bibles all at once upon the market to promote a tremendous sale.

The Bible God wrote has been providentially preserved for us in the Greek Textus Receptus, from which the King James Bible was translated in 1611. Any version of the bible that does not agree with this text, is certainly founded upon corrupted manuscripts.

CHURCH



NEWS

Galena, Kansas

As a church we really thank God for all His blessings both large and small. We have just closed a wonderful revival with the Floyd Lamunyon. I would recommend them to any church for a revival, as they really put their whole life and talents into every service. The preaching was so good and also their singing. It was so good to hear them sing again. We feel the whole church was strengthened by their ministry. The spirit of the Lord was felt in every service. May God richly bless their lives.

We know the coming of the Lord is near at hand, so it behooves everyone to keep in touch with God, lest His coming catches us unprepared or deceived in some way. The scripture says to buy the truth and sell it not. We ask an interest in your prayers for the church at Galena.

E. K. Cornell

Centerpoint, Texas

Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour. It's great to know that God hears and answers them that diligently seek Him.

We hear so many speak that they are struggling to get by, but we are so thankful we are a child of the King and our needs are being met by our Lord. The church is still reaching out and seeking the Lord for strength. Sickness has been a hindrance as it has seemed to have stricken most of us here. Your prayers will be appreciated.

In the month of October we were blessed with the presence of many visitors. Bro. and Sis. Edwin Waterbury and son were with us in service. Also, Mr. and Mrs. James Routh dropped by that same Sunday. In the month of November already we have been blessed with Eric and Larvonda Johnson of Katy, Texas. We enjoy having guest to serve the Lord with us.

We regret the loss of Sister Alice McLeod from our midst, but rejoice in knowing she went home to be with our Lord. She will be missed, but that goal she stood for we are still striving towards.

May God bless all of you who carry a burden for the cross of Calvary.

Frank Arnall—Pastor

Your Community Chapel, Westminster, Colorado

Greetings in the name of Jesus,

It has been some time since we have written a report as we have been quite busy lately. We are getting settled in Denver. We arrived here in August with our first Sunday being August 27. The Lord has really been good to us. We have met several people in the community and feel God is dealing with several around about us. We feel God has something great in store for us here.

We had the privilege to visit Bible School the first of November with Brother and Sister Alvin Buschman and Paul. We really appreciate their lives and their work for God. We were with them in Bayard for services in October. God really blessed us and we enjoyed the fellowship with God's people there.

We also would like to thank the people in Stockton, California for their love and hospitality in taking care of us there for the last four years. They are a good group of God's people and we love and hold them dear to us. We pray God's richest of blessings to Brother and Sister Jack Wimer as they go to work in Stockton as their new pastors.

We desire your prayers as we labor in Denver and invite each one to drop by and visit with us anytime—our doors are always open to God's people.

Your Community Chapel

Westminster, Colorado

Jimmy & Linda Long, Pastors

Taneyville, Missouri

Praise the Lord!!

This is what the Taneyville Church has been doing. We have so much to be thankful for. We have just had a beautiful fall and we could see the Lord's artistic work everywhere. We're just so thankful for the country we live in. Our church is growing and we're learning to lean more on the Lord, but best of all we've learned to praise Him for all things.

I believe He is coming soon because His people are drawing closer together in every way. Praise His name!!

We've just had a revival with Bro. Fred Franks. His son Freddie Franks was here for the Wednesday night service to sing and preach for us. It was an uplifting week.

Bro. Earl Blanset was here for our Sunday morning service recently.

Bro. Barker is going to be away for a few days. He is going to attend a convention in Kansas and then plans on seeing his parents and preaching a few nights for his son Keith in Pampa.

Some of our young people are going to go to the Youth Advance at Ardmore, Oklahoma. We're all excited for them. We thank God for our wonderful group of young people in the church. They seem to keep things going. They also have outstanding leaders. Sheri Cook, Cindy Trowbridge, and Grace Beeler spend most of their off time with the kids. Sometimes its hard because they all work, but the Lord supplies their need for strength.

We hope to see all of the readers at Holy Convocation this year.

In the name of our Lord,
Rev. Winston and Alberta Barker,
Pastors

Hinton, Alabama

The Lord's blessings have been showering on our congregation in many ways. The youth group put in some hard work in August and September to raise money to go to Tannyville, Mo. for the youth retreat. We had a great time and enjoyed the fellowship and the flow of the Spirit. I have a nice group of young people and am in need of a Youth Director and Gospel Worker to help me in the church here. October 8-15 we were blessed with a very refreshing Revival with Rev. Calvin Springer. And enjoyed having Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Venters from Arkansas visiting with us recently. We ask an interest in your prayers and our "Welcome" mat is always out.

Myrtle Carney, Pastor

Joplin, Missouri

Praise the Lord for His wonderful blessings upon us here at Joplin. Our church is still rejoicing over the good revival held by Bro. and Sis. Floyd Lamunyon. Since the revival we have seen a young lady give her heart to the Lord and we have been thanking God for his goodness unto us. We have had a lot of sickness in the church family but the Lord has undertaken in a marvelous way.

We also have an addition to our church family, little Crystal Rachelle, daughter of Jack and Beverly Whitlock, born October 31.

Our Ladies Bible Study group are beginning a study of the book of Psalms and really enjoying that time of fellowship and study of God's word.

Christmas season is here—let's not lose the sight of it's true meaning.

Neil Ragan—Pastor

Prosperity, Missouri

At this holiday season let us thank our Heavenly Father for everything. He is so good to us all year. We feel his presence in our services, how wonderful!

We are so thankful for all of the good people who come and help with our services. Bro. Lyndel Arnall and his family have been with us recently for Sunday School. Bro. Lyndell taught the adult class on the rebuilding of the temple. He will be coming back for other lessons and to show his slides of the Holy Land. We have had students from the Apostolic Faith Bible College for services. We appreciate them very much.

We have some new people in our church, some new converts. We had been praying for them to be saved for some time. Thank God He still answers prayer.

We invite visitors to come worship with us any time. Please pray for us. God be with you.

Tom Day—Pastor

Bev Black—Reporter

Granby, Missouri

We sure enjoyed a good Revival with Evangelist Ted Barker, October 29 through November 5. We had a young couple saved at the church on Wednesday night before the Revival started, so we were ready for Revival. Brother Ted did some outstanding preaching, and our crowds were extra good for the entire week. Brother Marlon Sparks was the special singer, and we all enjoyed his ministry of music also. One young lady prayed through to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit during the Revival. We really Praise the Lord for this Revival, and feel that it was sent of God.

Edwin Waterbury, Pastor
Granby Gospel Tabernacle



Keith and Charlene Barker of Pampa, Texas are proud to announce the arrival of a new baby daughter, Mindy Brooke. She was born October 23, at 7:23 a.m. and weighed 10 pounds and 14 ounces and measured 22½ inches long.

The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer of Wichita, Kansas. Paternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Winston Barker of Taneyville, Missouri.

DEADLINE!!

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FROM ARGENTINA

The following is taken from a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Janzen from their daughter, Alberta, who is doing missionary work with Youth With A Mission and is at the present in Argentina.

Alberta writes, "We got back to Valle de Lago this morning at 1:30 a.m. and ate. I couldn't believe it, I'd never come up our 2½ kilometer driveway in a vehicle before and more than once I thought "into Your hands I commit my spirit", but all is safe.

At 12 we had an "asado with charriscos. It's actually much better than it sounds, but it's pig guts baked and smoked over an open fire. It's eaten with hunks of buttered bread and roasted potatoes. At 1:00 we left for Villa Delores. It was true missionary traveling with our bags! At our entrance we caught a bus, relieved that they would take us with our baggage. We arrived in Villa Delores and did a bit of shopping. Even a tiny town seemed such a luxury! Shops! Toothpaste!

We were supposed to have one large meeting that weekend, spending the rest of the time with our church families and witnessing. We had four services, witnessing, and still spent time with our church families! One morning I woke up with chickens in my room but that is just a sidelight.

The family I stayed with were poor but average Argentine. They didn't have a kitchen sink but did the dishes outside under the tap with the ducks and chickens. The three that stayed with the Pastor had rat for dinner one day. No joke. Rat. They said it tasted like chicken.

If you ever need to contact me, telegraph Los Pozos or else phone Wedge and Shirley Alman, Buenos Aires. They will call Phil Saint in Cordoba, who will contact Los Pozos post office, who will send a message with the bread man either Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday, then I will walk an hour over the mountain trail and call you. Fun, huh? A letter would be nearly as fast."

Submitted by Mrs. Robert Beydler

FINDING THE WILL OF GOD

Joe. B. Dewees

Many have said I am willing to do the "will of God" but I have trouble finding His will. Let us see what the scripture says concerning the will of God. Ephesians 5:17 says "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." Jesus himself faced hard decisions as Matthew 26:39 tells us. "And he went a little farther and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my father if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." Phillipians 2:39: "For it is God which worketh in you both to do of his good pleasure." In John 15:5 Jesus said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." So we must be in his will. James 4:13-15 says "Go to now, ye that say, today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that." The people wanted Paul to stay in Ephesus, Acts 18:19-21, "And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not; But bade them farewell, saying I must by all means keep this feast in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus."

Many seem to think it is God's will for them to do anything good that enters their mind. David wanted to build the temple but the Lord said he must not build it. 1 Chronicles 28:2-3 "Then David the king stood upon his feet and said, Hear me my brethern, and my people: As for me I had in my heart to build an house if rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building: But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou hast been a man of war, and hast shed blood." God had his reasons and Solomon, David's son, was the one God chose to build the temple. Some get overly eager and rush in without finding God's will. King Saul had his instructions from Samuel the prophet in 1 Samuel 10:8 "And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal: and, behold, I will come down to thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry till I come to thee and shew thee what thou shalt do." But Saul got in a hurry and failed to wait until Samuel got there. 1 Samuel 13:8-14 "And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering. And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him. And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash; Therefore said I, the Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication

unto the Lord: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering. And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the Lord have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. But now thy kingdom shall not continue; the Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the Lord hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the Lord commanded thee.

Ahimaaz also got in a hurry. 2 Samuel 18:19-29 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings how that the Lord hath avenged him of his enemies. And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead. Then said Joab to Cush, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cush bowed himself into Joab and ran. Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But however, let me I pray thee, also run after Cush. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son seeing that thou hast no tidings ready? But howsoever, said he, let me run. And he said unto him, run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cush. And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate to the wall, and lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold a man running alone. And the watchman cried and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. And he came apace and drew near. And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold another man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king and said, Blessed be the Lord thy God which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king. And the king said, Is the youngman Absalom safe: And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant and me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was." Ahimaaz, in his eagerness to carry the tidings didn't wait to see what really happened. Today some of God's runners with tidings are as confused as Ahimaaz. Many are so anxious to be witnesses for the Lord before they are able to give others a reasonable answer. God will give us time to study our Bibles and pray until we have a Bible answer. 1 Peter 3:15 "But sanctify the Lord thy God in your hearts: and be ready to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

Years ago I went with a young man to a town in West Texas to visit his relatives who were unconverted. I was very tired so I went to bed very early. He was a new convert and anxious for his relatives to be saved. Before I went to sleep I heard him in the adjoining room telling his relatives they ought to get saved. And if they did not they would die and go to hell. They asked him how he knew that and his reply was, "That's what they told me." He had more zeal than knowledge.

Some are out trying to preach with lots of zeal but very little knowledge. If we are confused we will only confuse others. Study your Bible diligently and pray until you are sure God has called you to preach. Be a good witness-Be a Bible witness.

In finding the will of God, there are many things we must consider. There are the things we would like to do. There are things that others think we should do. Many times our family or friends think they know what we should do. They may mean well, but God can reveal His Will to us.

What God asks us to do may be contrary to what we want to do. Consider Jonah, and Jesus in the garden. It is not easy easy.

After we are saved and blessed of God, the devil will sidetrack us if he can. Maybe God calls someone to preach and here comes the devil. He tells you that since you have a good salary, it will be alright or even better if you support several preachers financially and you will be doing more good. So they let others have a credit card and financial support and think they are getting by. The devil is smart and he always comes up with some plan to cheat you out of eternal life.

We have to pray through all these things to find God's will. Remember we have a will, our family has a will, friends have a will for us and God has a will for us. We must find God's will if we are to please Him.

If we follow our own mind, we will lose eternal life; if we follow others the chances are that we will go down in defeat; if we follow the devil's plan we are doomed. We must follow the Lord's will. Much of His will is revealed in His word. Some have prayed for God's will to be revealed to them and His will has already been revealed to them in His word. II Cor. 6:14-15 "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness: And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?"

We then know it is not God's will for us to be yoked in marriage or religious work with unbelievers or infidels.

Some have prayed and said it was the will of God for them to leave their spouse and marry someone else but God's will is revealed in his word. Matt. 19:19 "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery; and who so marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." Also I Cor. 7:10-11 "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband; But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband; and let not the husband put away his wife." Mark 10:9-12 "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery." God's will does not need to be revealed by prayer when it is plainly revealed in his word. When we find God's word condemns something we want to do, we need not pray for His will to be revealed. We already know it. When He tells us to do something like in John 13:14. "If I then your Lord and master, have washed your feet: ye also ought to wash one another's feet." We do not need to pray for His will to be revealed. We already know it is His will for us to wash one another's feet. His will is revealed in his word. The thing we need to pray about is our willingness to obey His will for us. Much of His will is contained in His word and if we obey His word, we are in His will.

I do not have to pray whether it is God's will for me to attend prayer meeting and preaching services at the church. Hebrews 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." I am disobeying His will unless I have a justifiable reason and not just an excuse.

If we ignore God's word in not doing what He plainly commands us, then we will be in trouble when we try to find His will be direct revelation through prayer.

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IN QUEST OF LIFE

by Pearl Menke

"Forever, O. Lord thy word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119-89) In this world of sin and unbelief everything is unsettled. Even the Bible is not a settled matter in the mind of the critic. It is not settled in many of the educational institutions. It is not settled in some of the theological seminaries. Saint Peter, speaking by divine inspiration, tells us that the Word of God will endure forever. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my word shall not pass away." (Luke 21:33) Through the ages many have tried to destroy the Bible. Kings have sought to do away with it, by casting it into fire. But God who inspired it to be written has caused it to survive every effort to destroy it. Many have hidden it away to copy it secretly, to pass it on from place to place, while others have given their lives to help preserve it. We are told to hide it away in our hearts as a shield from sin. No other book has taken such a strong hold upon the world as the Bible. It is read on every Lord's day in all pulpits of our land. It is the Book that is found in the homes of the rich and the poor alike. It is the book that explains who we are, why we are here, and the life to come. It is found to be a firm foundation on which a man can build for eternity. Through it's blessed pages we learn of God's great love for man and the marvelous plan of redemption through His dear son our saviour. It is the wisdom of God to the scholar, and "wealth to be desired more than gold, for all people, sweeter than honey and the honeycomb to the hungry." It is a lamp to the feet, and a light on the path of the traveler. It is the book that will cleanse the way of the young man by taking heed according to the word. It is a source of joy to all who read it. A comfort and hope to those in sorrow. And eternal life and peace to those who believe it and trust it and obey it. To preserve our wonderful nation let us all delight in it's great word to do it. Jesus said, "My words are spirit and life." Praise Him from whom all blessings flow.

IN THE LAST DAYS

by Dora Beydler

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. II Timothy 3:1-5.

This prophecy, written by Paul in a letter to Timothy certainly fits the world today. It seems people around the world are not satisfied; there is unrest in every phase of life. Politically, it was described by Jesus when He said, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom—" It seems there has been war somewhere around the world almost continuously for many years. Boundary lines have been fought over and changed, political policies within nations have caused civil wars, and riots have shown the tempers of the restless populations of the cities around the world. Crime has risen at an alarming rate in the past few years. People wonder what the world is coming to but we have surely come to the perilous times of the last days. But look again at what Jesus said, "See that ye be not troubled: for these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet." In these last days so many are satisfied with the material standard of life and in their actions they seem to be without a care for the future life. They have no reverence nor any place for the God who made them and holds their future in His hands. They are unthankful and unholy to the point that they are like the Israelites who refused to listen to Jeremiah and told him they would go their own way.

More and more they are "despisers of those that are good." Matthew 24:9 says, "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you, and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." But again Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever: for the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." Isaiah 26:3,4.

Today we live in the time of which Paul said people would have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. We find a vast number of people who claim to be Christians that are like Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. The root of their sin when they ate of the forbidden tree was in their yielding to the desire planted by satan to be like someone else. God led the Children of Israel from Egypt and demonstrated His power at the Red sea, yet while Moses was on Mt. Sinai with God, the people had Aaron to make a golden calf that they might worship it as the Egyptians did. God was with them in the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night for 40 years in the wilderness. He fed them with manna and quail and gave them water from the rock. He held back the water of the Jordan at flood time for them to cross into the promised land. God miraculously caused the walls of Jericho to fall and helped them to conquer the land but they rejected Him as their leader. They wanted a visible King that they might be like other people. They adopted the gods of their neighboring nations and incorporated their

heathen worship into their worship of the True God until God said, "Mine heritage is as a speckled bird," Jeremiah 12:9. Jeremiah also said they had corrupted their worship until their children would remember only their heathen ways. Ezekiel likened them to a wild vine that was good for nothing but fuel to be burned.

The Israelites were so arrogant in the fact they were God's chosen people and were called by His name that they failed to see the reason for their being chosen was to be an instrument for God to use to show His Love and power to other nations of the world. He had chosen them that they might be a special people and reflect His desire to all people and then bring forth the One who could forgive their sins and give them eternal life.

When Jesus came, the chosen people were so far from God, He had to preach to them before the rest of the world could hear the glorious news. The message of Christ though would have set them apart and made them different so they rejected it and crucified the One who wanted to be their Saviour. "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not", John 1:11.

God has always had a faithful witness and so it was with the message Jesus preached. A few faithful followers continued to spread the message of salvation and deliverance from sin through the blood of Jesus Christ. Though persecution was severe and many were killed, they remained true. The gospel message spread through southern Europe and Asia Minor as the disciples taught it until about 190 A.D. when deviations began to creep into the belief of some of the newer converts. Theodosius (378-398 A.D.) made Christianity the State religion of the Roman Empire. Christ had designed to conquer by purely spiritual and moral means. Up to this time those who embraced Christianity did so by voluntary conversion and a genuine change of heart but by compulsory church membership the church became a political organization and took a nose dive into apostasy. Doctrines such as eternal tormentism, unconditional election and the immortal soul, which the church fathers did not preach, began to surface. Augustine (340-430 A.D.), a bishop in northern Africa and a noted theologian, did much to mold the doctrines of the church and many people take the traditional teachings which are foreign to the doctrine of Jesus Christ instead of searching the scriptures.

Today we have a repeat of history and another speckled bird. Many who call themselves Christians copy the people of the world. They attend church when they want to or have nothing else to do. When they do go they want to look like the people who do not even profess to serve God. When they go to town or on the job their mode of dress and conduct is the same as those who care not for God and take His name in vain. They say it is old fashioned to hold to the teachings of our forefathers. Through the years Reformers sent from God have helped people to revive and serve God again but in a short while they fall back again and become worse than before. Even their form of godliness fails to interest the multitudes and those who would search for something better than the cold formalism of the churches today are falling for a substitute which is superficial. Again let us go back into history. A young king named Josiah who reigned in one of Israel's dark pages of history, found a book of the law. After having it read he had all the idols and their altars torn down

and renewed the worship in the temple. This, however, was only a face lifting, it did not change the heart and people were soon as wicked as they were before.

Today there are many cults and isms sweeping the land in the name of Christianity. They look well on the surface but are unworthy of the name of Christ. They are like the bill board at the side of the road. The front which you see as you drive along looks nice but look back at the other side—it is nothing but a skeleton. The Greeks told Phillip, "We would see Jesus." Friends, He is the One the world needs to see. All the programs, entertaining, sham and pretence in having a form of godliness without the power of God is not even going to save us let alone save the world. Paul said, "From such turn away." Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30. In Isaiah 1:16-20 we find, "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16. We cannot win others to a real salvation unless we truly follow Him for He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," John 14:6. He wants us to be a peculiar (or different) people, I Peter 2:9. He wants our undivided allegiance.

Dear Friend, are you living in the shadow of the cross, that those who look may see only Christ?

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

BY Maxine Long

How true, and yet when we analyze these words we will determine how prayer change things.

Let us ask ourselves if it is people or things that prayer changes. The answer lies in the people. When people pray they are changed. When people change, the things around them change.

"The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together," their hearts are tuned to God and His love. They have love in their hearts towards each other.

James 5:16 tells us ". . . the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Prayer changes personalities. It promotes patience. It helps us to forgive others. It blinds us to others faults. It endows us with Godly wisdom.

The witness that you give must be promoted by prayer, or it is hollow and has no meaning.

When prayer change things, it is the one who prays that it changes. It teaches one to go through a trial. It gives courage to face an issue and strength to do the task.

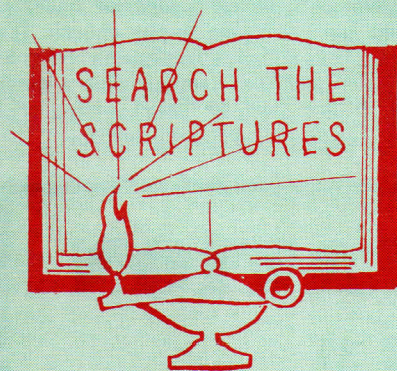
Jesus prayed for the above needs and taught his disciples to pray.

The Christian should pray without ceasing. Be prayerful and talk it over with God. He might want to change your direction.

Prayer is communication with God. Prayer feeds the soul, regulates the home, makes obedient children.

A praying church is a powerful church.

Prayer will change things as it makes us Christlike, God is able to bless our lives, when we are walking close to Him.



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TITHING-A DIVINE INSTITUTION By Myrtle Carney

To tithe is to give unto God one tenth. The ancient Hebrews practiced tithing by giving one-tenth of their harvest and increase of the herd. Today Christians think of tithing as giving one-tenth of their income of money.

Sadly enough most all churches stay afloat financially because of the faithful support of only a small percentage of their congregation. This group holds sacred the O.T. scriptures (Gen. 28:22, Lev. 27:30, Mal. 3:8-10 and I Sam. 8:15) on tithing and accept the custom in the days of Jesus and the early church (Matt 23:23, Luke 11:42 and I Cor. 16:2). Many other scriptures are available. However, in the next few paragraphs I'd like to go deeper in the Word and approach the other part of the congregation who show up at church each Sunday Morning and expect "something for nothing."

Gen. 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Does that sound like men are owners? Or does it sound as if all men are sharecroppers of God? By creation God became owner of heaven and earth, and if owner, then we are his servants, stewards and merely tenants of this earth. I further suggest that man never owned a farm, a mine, a factory, a house, or a business. The things which man proudly claims as his own, are his only for a sojourn. How does any owner expect the occupant of a store, office, or anything to recognize him? By paying rent. What does the man holding a mortgage on your home expect of you? You must keep that paper legally alive or forfeit the title.

The minimum rate of giving is the tithe or tenth. It is the minimum for Christian living. Some acclaim "the O.T. had the tithe written in its law, and that we live under grace not law." Very well, we are living under Love as manifested by Jesus Christ. Let us then look to the Master for His instruction. Some 400 years after Malachi challenged the people "to bring the whole tithe into the storehouse of the Lord," Jesus stood on a mountain and set forth the principals of the Kingdom. Christ was a keen observer of nature—He saw men ruined by the love of money, putting it before God. So our Lord gave this tremendous injunction in Matt. 6:33, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." Money caused so many people to lose their souls, that of the many parables of Jesus, approximately 1/3 of them stress the right

use of possessions. Jesus came not to destroy but to fulfill the law. Tithing was a Jewish law and Jesus did not abolish it. He went beyond in His teaching and practice. Christ taught PRINCIPALS NOT LAW, SITUATIONS NOT TRADITIONS, LOVE NOT DUTY, SERVICE FOR LOVE'S SAKE NOT SLAVERY, GIVING NOT GETTING.

It is not "easy" to tithe for someone who lacks in love for Christ and in zeal for His cause; but to the devout, whether rich or poor, it is a delight. I pity the man who feels it is a duty to tithe, and knows nothing of the joy of giving to the Lord. The Christian who tithes as an act of worship finds in the practice a sense of fellowship and unity with the Lord, and a recipient of the manifold blessing of God.

Since Jesus taught the 2nd mile principal, how can we go the 2nd mile without going the first. The first mile is tithing, and tithing is the rule of O.T. stewardship. The O.T. is a prelude to the N.T. and Jesus lifted, raised, and perfected the O.T. standards. He never intended to make tithing a burden. He looked upon the principal as a venture of faith. If there is anything more Biblical than tithing, I have yet to find it. It does take faith to tithe. When the pay check comes and there are more bills than dollars, it takes real courage to say, "Our tithe must come first" (Matt. 6:33) This is no theoretical statement—Tithing is a test of Faith.

Are you a Tipper or a Tither? Your church has a Lamb's Book of Life, The Financial Secretary's Book. It contains the names of saints and sinners—those who live selfishly or by love and sacrifice. They are all there, the attendant and the absentee, the pillar and the sleeper, the wing and the weight, the supporter and the sponge. But the sad tragic picture is, there are more tippers than tithers. More who want Christ's life blood for nothing than those who appreciate it enough to Live By Faith.

The tithe is no experiment. In all lands, Christian believers of every name have demonstrated it a present-day method of financing the Kingdom that is practicable, equitable and efficient. Nor is it merely a superior financial system, pleasing to God and profitable to the church. It's spiritual results commend it as a Divine Institution. Next to prayer itself, it is the surest means of keeping alive a sense of dependence on God. It is a form of Thanksgiving that affords the best possible expression of heart gratitude.

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PROPHECY LESSON 8

APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE COLLEGE PROPHECY

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EARLY HISTORY OF THE GREEK TEXTUS RECEPTUS

Textus Receptus is the Latin for Received Text. This is the Greek Text used as a basis for the translation of the King James Bible in 1611. However, this collection of canonical manuscripts, written in the Greek language, did not receive the name Textus Receptus until the days of the Elzevir brothers in 1624. In the preface of their Greek New Testament they printed the following words translated into English. "Therefore thou has the text (Textum) now received (receptum) by all, IN WHICH WE GIVE NOTHING ALTERED OR CORRUPT." From Textum Receptum came the words we now use as the Textus Receptus, or Received Text.

THE RECEIVED TEXT WAS THE GREEK VULGATE

At first the Textus Receptus, or Received Text was known as the Greek Vulgate (1). Vulgate means that which is popular; the usual or best known, and most used by the majority of the people. This was the text used by the Apostles in separate manuscript form. When the Spirit-directed consciousness of the early church gathered these separate God-inspired manuscripts into book form, they had the Received Text, The Textus Receptus.

"QUEEN" OF BIBLE VERSIONS 150 A.D.

A number of good textual authorities state that the Bible of the Syrian Church, the Peshitta, was translated from the Greek Vulgate into Syrian about 150 A.D. This view is favored by G. H. Gwilliam, learned Syrian scholar and editor. His views are supported by Burgon and Miller, and others (2). This Peshitta version is admired by Syriac scholars as a careful, faithful, simple, direct, literal version, clear and forceful in style. These characteristics have given it the title "Queen of the Versions."

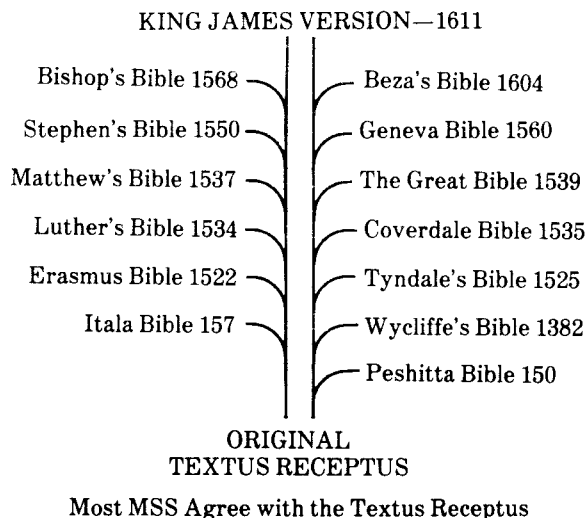
Antioch was the capital of Syria where the early believers were first called Christians, (Acts 11:26). In a few years the Syrian believers could be numbered by the thousands. Their Bible, the Peshitta, even today, generally follows the Received Text. This is another proof that the foundation for the King James Bible is older and more reliable than the Vatican manuscript, which was elevated to the chair of authority by Westcott and Hort.

1. Hort's Introduction, p. 138.
2. Robinson, Where Did We Get Our Bible, 1828, p. 96.

An excerpt from the Thompson Chain Reference Bibles account of the Dead Sea Scrolls of the Book of Isaiah, that was written around 200 years B.C. stating in almost exact agreement with the King James Version.

The excerpt: The most important and best preserved of all these manuscripts were found by the young shepherds in cave I. The four which were purchased by St. Mark's Monastery were: (1) The scroll of Isaiah, known as St. Mark's Isaiah scroll, which was written on seventeen sheets of parchment sewn together end-to-end, making a scroll 24 feet long and 10.2 inches high. It is the largest and best

preserved of all the scrolls, and was written in an early form of the "square letter," which according to Dr. Albright places it in the second century B.C. This makes it the oldest known complete Hebrew manuscript of any Biblical book, and it agrees in almost every respect with our traditional Hebrew texts, as used in the translation of the King James Version of our Bible.



Obituary of Alice McLeod

Alice Catherine McLeod was born March 16, 1913, at Lillian, Texas, and passed from this life at Centerpoint, Texas, October 15, 1978.

On August 18, 1934, Sister Alice was united in marriage to Claude McLeod. To this union was born two sons and one daughter. Claude McLeod Jr. of Alvin, Texas, David Gayle McLeod also of Alvin, Texas, and Mrs. Mary Dale Cropper of San Antonio, Texas.

She was also survived by two brothers: George Cooke of Brownwood, Texas, A. L. Cooke of San Antonio, Texas and one sister, Mrs. Eva Midkiff of Rockdale, Texas. Also six grandchildren.

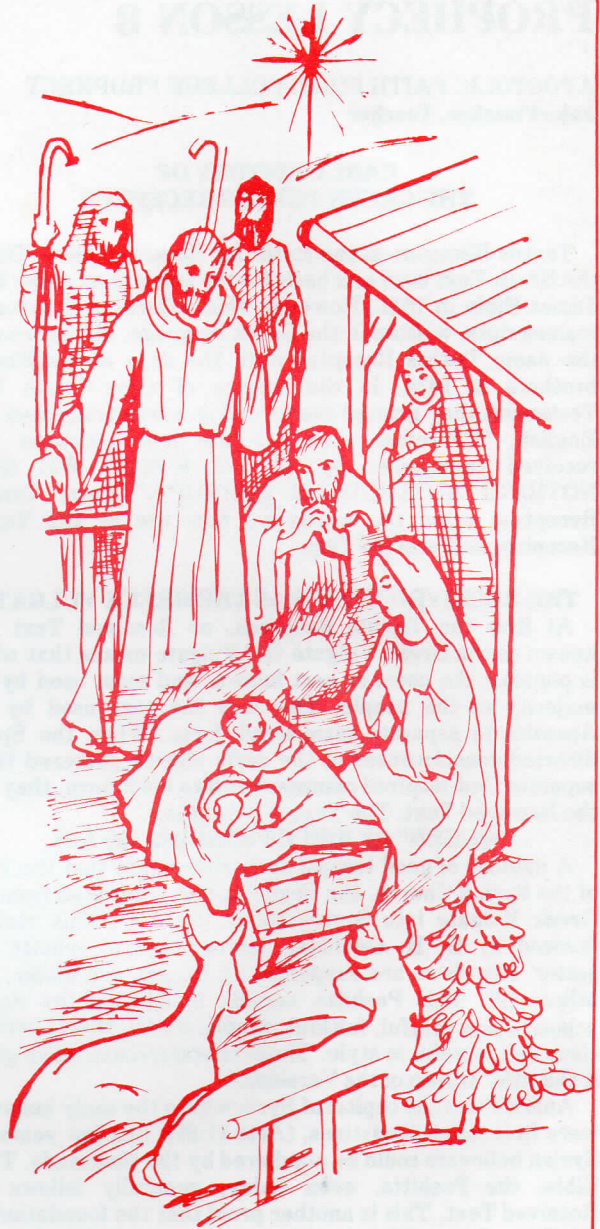
Sister Alice was known to many as the backbone of the Centerpoint Apostolic Mission with her faith in the center of all things. She became a Christian in her teens and remained true and faithful to her Lord.

Alice McLeod was laid to rest October 16, 1978 at the Centerpoint Cemetery, Centerpoint, Texas.

THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS TO ME

Christmas to me is not
The presents and surprises we bought
And CHRISTMAS just isn't
The gift and the present
And not the stockings filled with treats
All loaded with candy and sweets
Christmas to me won't be
The fireplace and the tree

But CHRISTMAS to me
As I can see
Is the frankincense and myrrh the gold
And the sheep tucked in the fold
Christmas to me is the manger
The shepherds who thought they were in danger
But it was only the Messiah who's come
Jesus Christ God's only son
By Valerie Oakes



THE GIFT OF JESUS

by Jeanie Mullins
Joplin, Missouri

The joy of Christmas to each childish heart,
By tokens of love we wish to impart.
But the giver of gifts can never repay,
The gift of a Saviour on that Christmas Day.

The gift sent from Heaven, was a gift divine.
Not just a gift for that day, but for all time.
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