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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Ps.60:4

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MARCH, 1982



Pastor F. R. Bingham

We are told in II Timothy, chapter 3, that in the last days people would have the form of Godliness, but not the power thereof. To me, there is no question but that we are living in the last days of this present age. There are so many things happening that indicate this to me.

So, in these last days, we see that we have come upon the time when churches have lost their POWER; and churches as a whole have lost their POWER, because

NOTICE

For the past 16 years, this paper has been an instrument for the cause of Christ, an ensign of our Missionary Baptist people throughout the United States and in some foreign countries. It has been a banner to all who would read it of the faith and practice of true Missionary Baptist people. At present the circulation of the BAPTIST BANNER is in 26 states plus the foreign countries to which it is sent.

The subscription rate has only been increased ONCE in these 16 years. Labor, materials, printing and postage have increased over, and over and over again. Postage alone was at the beginning about \$6.00 per month. Now it is close to \$90.00 per month. This is an increase of 1,500% in postage in 16 years.

PLEASE READ THE ARTICLE AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE!

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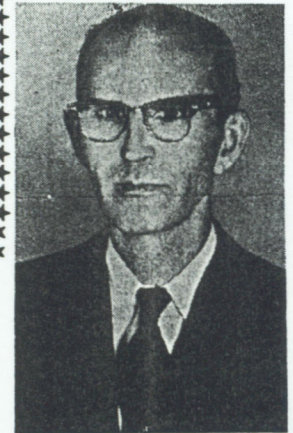
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THE BIBLE
By
Oakley Cook
Lafayette, Tenn.



Elder Oakley Cook

The Bible is the only source of all Christian truth; the only rule for the Christian life; the only book that unfolds to us the realities of eternity. There is no book like the Bible for excellent wisdom and use.

There never was in any age of the world, a religion or law that does so highly exalt the public good as the reading of the scriptures. Follow its teachings as an exit to eternal life. It is a window in this life by which we look into eternity.

The Bible is a light of my understanding, the joy of my heart, the fullness of my hope, the counselor of my sorrows, the guide of my soul through this sinful world. It is the telescope through which we view the glories of a far distant world.

The question is often asked, How do we know the Bible to be true? Bad men or devils could not have written it, for it condemns them and their evil deeds. Good men nor angels could have written it, because they would have been guilty of falsehood. Therefore, it must have been written by God Himself, as the scriptures teach.

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Powerless Churches

By
F. R. Bingham
Chattanooga, Tenn.

individual members have lost their personal spiritual power. The great majority of churches today do not have the Power to pray and receive spectacular answers to their prayers. They do not have the power to break down the stubborn will of sinners, and win them to Christ and Salvation. They do not even have the power to get sinners to come to church, though sinners are not commanded to come to church, yet we know that it is best if we can get them to be at church,

under the influence of a powerful Gospel service. And churches do not have the power to influence even professed Christians to forsake worldly things, and live a dedicated life for Christ.

The REASON? Too many church members, while having a form of Godliness, are guilty of the things cataloged in II Timothy 3:2-4. Too many church members are conformed to the world, instead of being transformed from the world.

BENEFIT SINGING

On Saturday night, March 20, there is to be a benefit singing at Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Woods Ferry Rd., Gallatin, Tenn. It is two miles south from the Court-house in Gallatin. The featured singers will be The Gospel Crusaders from Lafayette, Tenn. and the Deacons Quartet from Scottsville, Ky.

The money is to purchase additional equipment for the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Tele-cast, so money given for television time can be used for that purpose. Several additional stations from California to New York are being added reaching hundreds of thousands of more homes. Everyone who can, is invited to attend the singing. The church and Pastor Jimmy Suttle extend a warm welcome. (See announcement on page 4 of Maple Grove Church's TV help).

Surprise Postage Jump Hits Baptist Newspapers

By NORMAN JAMESON and LARRY CHESSER
of the Baptist Press

Nashville, Tenn. (BP)—After fighting and apparently winning a continued subsidy for second class non-profit mailers this summer, Baptist editors learned in late December the subsidy will end Jan. 10.

The immediate effect for Baptist state newspapers and similar mailers is an increase in postage costs of at least 100 percent and up to 150 percent, depending on volume and weight of the newspaper.

"Congress lied to us," said Lynn Clayton, editor of the Louisiana Baptist Message, who is faced with an immediate annual increase in postage costs of \$126,000.

"At a time when the federal government is asking charitable organizations to pick up more of the load for the needy of society, they cripple our communications that is essential to doing what they've asked us to do."

In meeting President Reagan's demand for an additional across-the-board reduction in domestic spending, Congress slashed nearly \$4 billion from

the 1982 budget when it passed a stop-gap funding bill in mid-December to keep the government running through March 31. The bill provided \$82 million less funding for the subsidy which provides preferential rates for non-profit, second class mailers than was authorized by Congress when it set federal spending ceilings during the first round of budget cuts last summer.

Had Congress appropriated the full \$696 million authorized for this postal subsidy, second-class, non-profit mailers would have continued to move gradually toward paying their full mailing costs. Last June, they reached step 10 of a 16 year phasing process started by Congress in 1970.

But as directed by the stop-gap funding bill, the postal service adjusted all preferred-rate categories, except second-class-within county and fourth-class library rates, to step 16, or full-phased rates, effective Jan. 10. Second class-in-county and fourth-class library will be adjusted to step 13.

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PASTORAL CALL

Rocky Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Rutledge Lane, Lebanon, Tenn. recently called Elder Brad Adams as pastor. He began the pastorate in December. Bro. Adams succeeds Elder Cordell Earps who had resigned sometime before.

Bro. Adams had resigned his pastorate of Trammel Fork Missionary Baptist Church, Allen County, Kentucky.

Minister Available For Appointments

Elder Cordell Earps, a Missionary Baptist pastor for many years, is available to fill appointments for those who may need someone to fill in for them. Bro. Earps recently resigned his pastorate of Rocky Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Wilson County, Tenn. Any church or minister needing a preacher for supply work write or call as follows: Elder Cordell Earps, 2242 Foster Avenue, Nashville, TN 37211; or call him at, (615) 833-7651.

MOUNT ZION

NEWS FROM TEXAS



Harvest Missionary Baptist Mission
3206 Little Road
Arlington, Texas 76016

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I feel like I should send you a report, and my thanks, for printing about my Mission in the Banner, and for sending me some copies each month. There have been three families that have come in to services because of it. One lady is a member at Grace in Michigan, another lady is a member at East Main in Hartsville, Tenn., and another one is a member of our church in California, but her son lives here. Some have already attended and others are planning to come. So, God is blessing!

I want to thank our daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mario Martinez, 3206 Little Rd., Arlington, Texas 76016, for the use of their home for church services since November. Most of those who attend are Mexicans. I'm praying that God will send us an interpreter who can speak both Spanish and English. We are in the process of trying to get some Spanish Bibles and song books. Maybe some one out there knows where we can get them.

January 24, 1982, I moved to a new place, Woodmen of The World Building, 1015 Rendon Rd., Rendon, Texas, but our address will be the same.

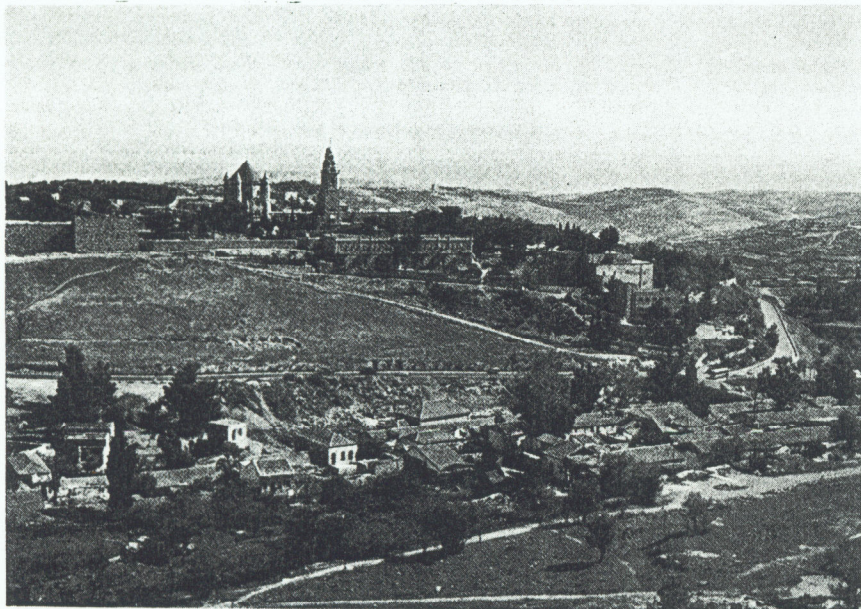
I would like to thank each of you that has contributed to the support of this Mission, both prayerfully and financially. Without the help of our Sisters and Brothers in Christ it is impossible to spread the gospel like God wants it done. The response of the people and churches has been tremendous. We don't know the words to express our THANKS!

May God Bless you all.
Your brother in Christ,
Elder Dallas DeRossett

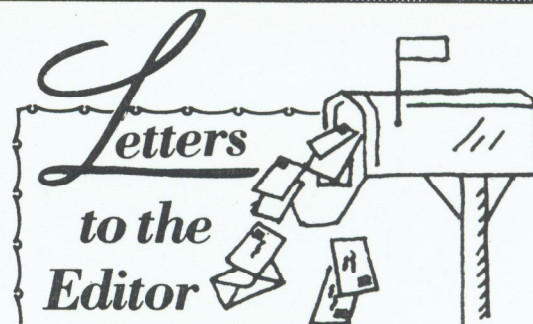
FINANCIAL REPORT

Harvest Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN	\$ 335.00
Bro. and Sister Charles Travis, Hendersonville, TN	50.00
Bro. and Sister William Woodall, Hendersonville, TN	20.00
Bro. and Sister Kenneth Zink, Hendersonville, TN	40.00
Sister Stella Reed, Knoxville, TN	10.00
Sister Veronica Reed, Nashville, TN	50.00
Victory Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN	120.00
Harvest Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN	45.00
Sister Mildred Duncan, Hendersonville, TN	5.00
Bro. and Sister Dale DeRossett, Hendersonville, TN	25.00
New Harmony Baptist Church, Auburn, KY	100.00
Sister Kathy Stringfield, Knoxville, TN	20.00
Sister Mae Pennington, Kennedale, Texas	140.00
Harvest Baptist-Benefit Singing, Hendersonville, TN	550.00
New Bethel Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, TN	150.00

TOTAL.....\$1,660.00



Mount Zion rises to the southwest of the old, walled city. It was once within the walls of ancient Jerusalem. It is sacred to the Christians, Jews and Moslems. For Christians, it is the site of the Last Supper and the place where the Virgin Mary died. For the Jews and Moslems it contains the reputed tomb of King David, who is venerated by both.



Letters coming into the BANNER mailbox this past month have been from California, Indiana, Idaho, Kentucky, Missouri, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia. THANK EVERYONE OF YOU! Keep the letters coming, and remember us in prayer. - Editor

OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL

Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101
Tenth Annual Session - March 24, 25, 26, 1982
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1982

9:00 A.M. - Devotional
9:45 A.M. - Calvin Perrigo: A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ
10:30 A.M. - Intermission
10:45 A.M. - Jerry Reynolds: A Critical Examination of Church History
11:30 A.M. - Lunch
1:00 P.M. - W. T. Russell: The True Bride of Christ
1:45 P.M. - Intermission
2:00 P.M. - J. H. Smith: Faith
2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1982

9:15 A.M. - Devotional
9:45 A.M. - Howard Taylor: Faith
10:30 A.M. - Intermission
10:45 A.M. - H. C. Vanderpool: The Bible and Modern Science
11:30 A.M. - Lunch
1:00 P.M. - Calvin Perrigo: Teaching Them to Observe All Things
1:45 P.M. - Intermission
2:00 P.M. - Jerry Reynolds: Following The Lord
2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1982

9:15 A.M. - Devotional
9:45 A.M. - W. T. Russell: Church Perpetuity
10:30 A.M. - Intermission
10:45 A.M. - J. H. Smith: Faith
11:30 A.M. - Lunch
1:00 P.M. - Howard Taylor: The Faith
1:45 P.M. - Intermission
2:00 P.M. - H. C. Vanderpool: The Bible and Modern Science
2:45 P.M. - Presentation of Certificates and Benediction

NOTE: Any minister having attended the school before, will not need to fill out an application. Ministers who will attend for the first time should.

APPLICATION FORM

FULL NAME _____
STREET & NO. _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
CHURCH _____
CHURCH ADDRESS _____
I HAVE BEEN IN THE MINISTRY _____ YEARS.
I AM () ORDAINED () LICENSED.
ARE YOU NOW PASTORING A CHURCH () YES, () NO.
IF A PASTOR, NAME OF CHURCH _____
CHURCH ADDRESS _____
RELATE EXPERIENCE OF SALVATION: (USE)
RELATE CALL TO THE MINISTRY: (ADDITIONAL)
(PAPER)

HOWEVER, ALL MINISTERS SHOULD REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ASSIST THE ONES IN CHARGE OF RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE. The tuition is \$20.00 for each minister; \$25.00 if his wife is to attend the Fellowship and Study for ministers wives. Conductors of those meetings will be Sister Evelle Massey, Sister Annie Laura Smith and Sister Alta Vanderpool. For information, write or call:

Dr. C. R. Hayes Elder Paul W. Bryson
Route 3 Route 9, Box 84
Bowling Green, KY 42101 Bowling Green, KY 42101
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EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

When Christ gave the world-wide commission to His church to evangelize the world, he commanded it to preach the gospel to lost humanity that they might be saved (Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 10:13-17). They were then to follow Christ in baptism, and then be taught all things which Christ had commanded.

However, through evangelistic meetings, as with our T V Revival and weekly telecasts, those who get saved through hearing the gospel may never have those privileges as those fortunate enough to have fellowship in one of our true Missionary Baptist Churches. Should we then ignore them? Some, evidently, think so. I say NO! Would the thief on the cross have been better off had he never heard the gospel and been saved, just because he was never baptized and had church membership? Certainly not. A number of souls have been saved through the T V work of the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast. New Stations are being added from California to New York with millions of additional viewers. GOD HAS OPENED DOORS FOR US. All true Missionary Baptist churches and pastors are invited to come and work with us in the TV Revival at Franklin, KY, March 28-April 4. See announcement above. - Editor



OLD FASHION GOSPEL HOUR FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 1981

Contributions	Expenses
Oct. 1981	\$2862.36.....\$1352.56
Nov. 1981	1949.76..... 2747.98
Dec. 1981	2120.40..... 1530.88
Totals	\$6932.52.....\$5631.42
Balance in the bank	\$3132.42

Expenses Itemized:

Amtane Inc. Gas tank rent	\$ 36.30
Brown, Eld. Gene - 14 UCA 30 tapes	208.10
CATV-9 Huntsville, Ala.	510.00
Consolidated Media - 10 UCA 30 tapes	182.62
Hartsville Printing Co. - Financial report	26.15
Hunley Exterminating Co. Rutland Church	100.25
Powell and Meadors Ins. - Equip. Coverage	202.00
Massey, Eld. Burton - July '81 expense	36.26
Paid on Equipment Loan	1267.00
Pitt, Eld. Bob - Travel, Phone, Postage Expense	371.40
Postage	38.00
Sainte' Broadcasting Channel 19	1125.00
Sainte' Channel 35 - Modesto, Calif.	204.00
Technical Industries - Recorder and Repair	460.00
Tenn. Telephone - Rutland Church	85.18
West Wilson Water - Rutland Church	14.16
WJNL - Johnstown, Pa.	540.00
WRIP - Rossville, Ga.	225.00
Total	\$5631.42

J. C. Frye, Treasurer
RFD 1 Insurance Building
Hartsville, TN 37074

Elder Bob Pitt
Co-ordinator
309 Andrews Ave.
Hartsville, TN 37074

A CALL FOR ASSISTANCE IN MISSOURI

A family who are members of an old fashion Missionary Baptist Church in Allen County, Kentucky have just moved to Jefferson City, Missouri. They are asking for assistance from brethren who may be able to help them locate this type church in the Jefferson City area. Anyone able to help them with this information, write to: Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Long, 321 Arden Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65101. (Editor's note: We trust you Missouri brethren will be able to help our Kentucky neighbors).



WINE

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1).

"Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" (Proverbs 23:31, 32).

"Ye must be born again"



MAPLE GROVE CHURCH

HELPING TELECAST

Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Scottsville Rd., Lafayette, Tenn. has taken action to help the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast to purchase some needed additional equipment, which will improve telecasting and be helpful in the expanding field of this mission work of our Missionary Baptist Churches. The church is sending out over 130 letters to sister churches for assistance in this important cause. **WE TRUST EACH ONE WILL RESPOND.** (See the announcement on page 1 where another

church is also working on this project). Elder Don Curtis is pastor of Maple Grove Baptist Church. The church and pastor URGE churches to answer this call.

At a future date, another announcement will be made as to volunteers meeting at the TV studios at Mt. Juliet, Tenn. to do some work on the building and other needed repairs. We thank the Lord for the news of those who are being saved across the country from hearing the gospel on this Television system.

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH

SEEKING HELP

New Zion Missionary Baptist Church
Old Nashville Highway
Smyrna, TN

New Zion Missionary Baptist Church passed in conference on October 11, 1981, asking her sister churches if they would see fit to send an offering to help us to buy some property for a building.

Your offering would greatly be appreciated.

Please send in care of the church clerk as the church hasn't obtained a mailing

address.
Thank you very much,
New Zion Missionary Baptist Church
Elder Edward Rader -
Moderator
Sister Joyce Nicholas -
Church Clerk
521 Edwin Ave.
Nashville, TN 37207

THE BIBLE

(Continued from Page 1)

The Bible teaches us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering and the most comfortable way of dying. The longer you read the Bible, the more you will like it. Its pages will grow sweeter and sweeter. It is a lamp unto our pathway. It has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without mixture of error for its matter.

From a child I have read the Holy Bible. I am convinced that it is true. I have found it to be the key to my heart, to my happiness and it teaches me my duty as a Christian, as a minister and as a citizen. All that I am, I owe to Christ, revealed to me by His divine Book. I have always believed in its inspiration from my first knowledge of its teachings.

It is the Book of Books, the most precious of all books, it is the essential part of my education. The Bible is the tops in literature. Nowhere is to be found such a series of beautiful ideas on fortitude, prudence, temperance and justice.

You may read the figures on a sun dial, but cannot tell the time if the sun is not shining. You can read the Bible but cannot learn its purpose until the Spirit shines upon it. Then the width and depth of its teachings will begin to unfold.

We are unable to master the Bible. The most learned and diligent student cannot in the longest life, obtain an entire knowledge of this one volume. The more deeply he works the mine the richer and more abundant he finds the ore, and at last he leaves the world confessing the more he studied the Bible, the more convinced of the great value of the Bible is to mankind.

This is the only Book you study while living that you are willing to put under your head while dying.

WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS

By H. C. Vanderpool

Romans 8:28-39



Text: Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.



INTRODUCTION

To conquer, means, to overcome, to subdue, to be victorious. In our lesson today we are taught that we who have been saved are not just "conquerors" but rather that we are "more than conquerors." This statement implies that even though we have overcome sin and Satan, we have also become victorious over the world of sin. Jesus told his disciples, "Ye are in the world, but ye are not of the world."

This is another lesson that teaches and declares to the world, that the born-again child of God is saved, secured now and secured eternally! That God provided such a plan of redemption in eternity, having knowledge of all things of time from the beginning. Luke wrote, "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world." Acts 15:18.

GOD PRAISED FOR THE GREAT VICTORY

In the 7th Chapter of Revelation, before our Devotional lesson, John spoke of the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve thousand of each tribe. While these figures are symbolic, and have their meaning in giving representation to that nation, the true meaning of the verses have been wrongfully applied. There are those who teach that only one hundred and forty-four thousand will be saved. How sad! How would that little figure look when compared to the over 50,000,000 Baptists who were slaughtered by the powers of Rome during the Dark Ages, not to count all saved before and since, plus all the millions of others who have been saved, and are saved today, not members of the Baptist church!

This again shows how false teachers will teach just about anything to satisfy their own ungodly ways. Look now at the Devotional, "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could



number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." Revelation 7:9-10.

Those who have been saved, secured and brought safely into the presence of God are so many, that man could not even count them. Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honour, power and might are all ascribed to God in the saints giving praise unto Him. So, we reach heaven "more than conquerors."

THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD

We wish to consider another misunderstood and mistaught subject of the Bible. That is the foreknowledge of God. I have already given a scripture in this lesson that I wish to refer to again, "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world." Acts 15:18. One of the attributes of God is "Omniscience," the word coming from the Latin word "Omni" meaning "all" and the Latin word "sciens" to know. Therefore, when we say God is "omniscient" we mean "He knows all things, past, present, future."

The doctrine taught that God made a plan in eternity and fixed a certain number to be saved and all the rest to be lost, is false. Certainly, God knew in eternity who would be saved and who would be lost, but he did not decree such to be.

Let us note the following scriptures: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever

believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent." Acts 17:30. "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." Hebrews 2:9. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9.

FOREKNOWLEDGE, PREDESTINATION, CALLED, JUSTIFICATION, GLORIFICATION

The thoughts presented here are, God having made a plan of redemption in eternity, he predestinated that in time, ALL who would be saved would be CALLED through the gospel message, that the ONLY WAY, John 14:6, would be through Christ. Those meeting the conditions of God's plan, would be justified, and then glorified.

The great doctrine presented here is the fact that once a person has come to God through the call of the gospel and is justified by faith in Christ, never again, will that person be a sinner, but rather, God continues to deal with him on into eternity when he will be glorified. This is the reason we are "more than conquerors" through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In verse 33, when Paul speaks of the elect, he does not mean certain ones were elected to be saved and all others to be lost, but rather ALL who would be saved, God elected that they must come by way of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. GOD ELECTED THE WAY OF SALVATION. Those coming then to God according to His way, are called the elect.

When we realize just what God has done for us, and that the great multitude spoken of by John in the book of Revelation, will include all of us who have been saved, we rejoice from the very bottom of our souls. There are many trials and disappointments and sorrows that come our way, but thanks be unto God one day all these shall end and we will join that innumerable host to praise Him for ever and ever. Amen!

Of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee. **God's** Gen. 28:22

Spiritual Economy

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY