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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee,
Psalms

that it may be displayed because of the truth.
60:4

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The Garden Tomb

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." Romans 8:11

OUR RESURRECTION ASSURED

By H. C. Vanderpool

True Baptists believe the Bible doctrine of the resurrection of Christ, who was crucified, buried and after three days and three nights in the grave was raised from the dead, walked upon the earth with his disciples for forty days and then ascended back to heaven.

Paul wrote, "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." Romans 8:11. "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that

it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." Philippians 3:20-21.

THE EMPTY TOMB

A Moslem once boasted to a Christian: "When Moslems go to Mecca, they find there at least a coffin, but when Christians go to Jerusalem, they find only an empty grave."

"That is just the difference," replied the Christian. "Mohammed is dead, but Jesus Christ is not in the tomb. He is risen, He is alive for evermore."

FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

The resurrection of Christ, its certainty, his duration in the grave is taught in the Old Testament. Some ministers were

discussing recently the subject of religion on a Nashville TV station, and they agreed, including a so-called Baptist, that the story of Jonah and the whale was not like the Bible teaches, but rather an allegory, a story in which people and things are used to mean something else. This is just another example of how modern religionists are watering down the truth of the word of God. When one denies these truths taught under the inspiration of God, the Bible has already told of their fate, Revelation 22:18-19.

Jesus quoted from the writings about Jonah and put his approval upon it by using it to preach about his resurrection. "But he answered and said unto them, An evil and

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THE LORD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH

By Elder Eugene Brown
Indianapolis, Indiana

Text: *Isaiah 25:4 For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.*

INTRODUCTION

When man looks to himself in the right prospective, he will see himself defeated and helpless, in need of a Saviour. Considering the fact that Satan is second power unto God, we in our strength are no match for him. God is not only man's Saviour, he is our strength. The entire Bible is full of promises to those that love and obey him.

He has promised never to leave or forsake us. to be with us, help us, fight for us, cause us to be triumphant over our enemies. For our strength and encouragement he has given us of his spirit to be present with us wherever we go plus his written word of which cannot be altered. Looking in another direction, God is well qualified to back up

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SALVATION

By Bro. Leon Sherron
Oak Grove, Tennessee



REVIVALS

SUNDAY - APRIL 3

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagle Ave., Louisville, Ky. Pastor D. C. Barton is to be assisted by Elder Jerry Reynolds. Services on Sunday nights at 6:00 P.M. and week-nights at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 109 North, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor C. L. "Dee" Russell is to be assisted by Elder J. W. Briley. Services will be at 7:00 P.M. nightly. The public is invited to attend.

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Bro. Sherron

(Editor's Note: This is Part 3 of this article by Bro. Sherron) **SAVED PEOPLE'S RESPONSIBILITY**

WE MUST PUBLISH AND BROADCAST GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION TO THIS LOST AND DYING WORLD.

"And he (Jesus) said unto them (church) go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (Men, women, boys and girls)." Mark 16:15.

Have Christian people lazily drifted in a spiritually cold, careless condition? I Samuel 10:19; Luke 13:34. Can sinners see a tendency in God's children to exercise prayer and faith in instruction, or nearly fall asleep? Matt. 25:21; Heb. 12:2. Is most people's interest upon contentment of what they view naturally - lust and idolatry, or as Paul's attitude, "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." I Cor. 2:2. Have people's minds become so confused in survival that they fail to put God in their schedule, whose superior providence supports us all?

Excuses are unreasonable because infallable, almighty God (Continued on Page 4)

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A PROVERB OF SOLOMON

By
Elder Marvin D. Payne

"Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife."

Proverbs 30:33

Solomon observed that certain actions lead to predictable results in this verse from the book of Proverbs. If one desires butter, he must churn or agitate the milk. If he doesn't desire butter, he will not churn the milk, as he is aware that in doing so, he will most surely end up with butter. The churning of the milk causes it to change in both texture and taste. He must exert energy to produce the end result - butter. This exertion of energy will necessarily involve thought and premeditation. He is aware of the end result.

The wringing of the nose will produce a nosebleed. Few, if any, enjoy nosebleeds and will therefore avoid wringing of the nose, knowing full well that it will bring discomfort and annoyance. Again, this is not an accidental action, but one in-

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NASHVILLE MAYOR PRESENTS CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

SINGING

A singing is to be at White Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville Highway North, Goodlettsville, Tenn. on Saturday night, April 16, beginning at 7:00 P.M. A singing group from East Tennessee, the Homer Wright Family and possibly the Beckwith Singers and a Youth Group from Rayon City will be singing. Everyone is invited to attend.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Last month I asked you readers to let us know what you thought concerning the publication of a larger BANNER. The response for such publication has been over 95% in favor of the enlarged one.

The Missionary Baptist Literature Committee will take this information under consideration in our next regular meeting, studying the feasibility and possibility of such. Now, one more question. Doubling the cost of the BANNER must be considered. What is your opinion? Should the subscription price be raised to offset the cost, or should we let the subscription price stay the same and mission donations from churches and individuals supplement the extra cost? LET US KNOW!



Mayor Richard Fulton and Elder H. C. Vanderpool

On Sunday, Feb. 20, 1983, Mayor Richard Fulton of Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Fulton and sixteen Metro employees of the city, visited New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. for the morning worship service.

Mayor Fulton expressed appreciation on behalf of himself, Metro Nashville and its employees, especially those of the Fire Dept., to New Bethel Church for their participation in some community work. A Certificate of Commendation was presented to Pastor H. C. Vanderpool by Mayor Fulton, who also prayed the benediction at the close of the service. Elder Vanderpool accepted the Certificate on behalf of the entire church. The following letter was received the following week from Mayor Fulton.

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

February 23, 1983

H. C. Vanderpool, Pastor
New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
1080 Old Dickerson Road
Goodlettsville, Tennessee 37072

Dear Reverend Vanderpool:

On behalf of Mrs. Fulton, some members of my staff and myself, I congratulate you on the meaningful worship service which we were privileged to attend last Sunday morning.

The singing, piano and organ duet and your spiritual message added much to our weekend.

The church's participation in the Adopt-A-House program represents the highest form of Christian concern for one's fellow man.

When we consider the vast number of men and women, elderly and handicapped, living in Nashville and suffering from inadequate housing, a program of this type offers concrete and effective answers which affect the health and welfare of persons in need. Again, we thank you.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Richard H. Fulton
Mayor

DRUG ABUSE SEMINAR SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1983 - 6:00 P.M.

On Sunday night, May 1, 1983, a DRUG ABUSE SEMINAR will be held at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. beginning at 6:00 P.M. Every individual, every church, children, teenagers, parents, teachers, ministers and all concerned persons are URGED TO ATTEND!

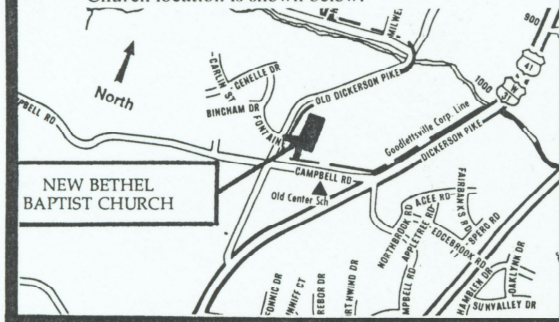
This is one of the MOST NEEDFUL subjects that should NOW be presented to ALL PEOPLE, and New Bethel Church is happy to offer this service to the public. Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 1032 S. Holmes St., Indianapolis, Ind. and their pastor, Elder Calvin Perrigo along with a number of ministers and laymembers will be in charge of the service.

- Preliminaries Elder H. C. Vanderpool
- Prescription Drug Abuse Elder Calvin Perrigo
- Marijuana Bro. Tim Binion
- Personal Testimony on Drug Abuse Bro. Jeff Elliott
- Hard Stuff (Chemicals) Bro. Terry Lyles
- Personal Testimony on Drug Use Bro. Larry McClain
- Alcohol-Tobacco Bro. Billy Ray Gregory

Audience participation will be invited and encouraged.

Time will be allowed for questions or comments. Materials will be furnished to all who wish to obtain them.

Church location is shown below.



THE LORD OUR REFUGE

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as well as fulfill everything that he has promised. When he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself. (Heb. 6:13)

WHAT GOD IS TO HIS PEOPLE

In trying to give a description of what God is, is like trying to describe everything you have ever seen in life, because God made everything. Isaiah put in prophetic form, even before Christ came to this world, something that he would be to his people. "The government shall be upon his shoulder" (Isaiah 9:6). Because God is almighty, he is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? (Isaiah 14:27). He has all power in heaven and in



Eugene Brown

earth. Because God had foreknowledge, he could foretell, because to him there is no limits on the future or the past. He foreknew what man would do in any given situation, even before it happens. If God knew not the future then he would be just as man. Through foreknowledge God could foretell in his word about war and rumors. Even though in the midst of peace talks today there are also wars, but even through all this government is upon our Lord. When he gets ready to put an end to anything he has the power to do so.

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL

God spoke about his son. "I will give him a name that shall be above every name." You know the name of Jesus is the greatest name on earth. There have been great names that have come and gone but the name of Jesus grows and grows stronger. They have tried to put an end to his name and followers but it just keeps getting stronger and stronger. He told his followers "in my name shall you cast out devils, in my name shall you heal the sick, in my name shall you raise the dead." In the great, so called, eastern religions, such as Buddha (a religion that started about the 6th century B.C.) or Mohammed (a religion that started about 570-632 A.D.) these men could never raise the dead, neither could they forgive sin, in fact they are still in their grave till today, but Christ has risen, praise the Lord he is alive forevermore. His name is wonderful.

COUNSELLOR

To most of you there is a person in your school that wears the name counsellor, he's there to help and aid any student that has a problem. Even if you have no problems but anticipate one, he is there to help. This person may be skilled in the art of teaching and counselling but he does not know all the answers and he is not always right. However, God being perfect can give only right and perfect answers when we go to him. He has never made a mistake, or given wrong advice.

THE MIGHTY GOD

As he has wisdom, so he has strength, to go through with his undertaking; he is able to save to the utmost and such is the work of the mediator and no less power than that of the mighty God could accomplish. This mighty God conquered the enemies of his children. He stopped the waters for his people to cross over on dry ground. When they were without food in the forty years of wandering in the wilderness, he gave them manna from heaven. When they were thirsty, he gave Moses instruc-

tions to smite the rock and water came forth. In our reasoning we try to reason out how these things could be. Remember everything that is, is God created, even to the tiny grass to the highest mountain.

THE EVERLASTING FATHER

He is God, everlasting father, who is from everlasting to everlasting. His fatherly care of his people and tenderness towards them are everlasting. He is the author of everlasting life and happiness to them, and so is the Father of a blessed eternity to them. With our earthly fathers, it is temporary, they cannot be our everlasting father, that relationship ceases at death. Christ taught us that in Heaven there will be no marriage or giving in marriage, we will be all as one big family and he is our everlasting father.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

As a king he preserves the peace, commands peace, he even creates peace. He is our peace, and it is his peace that both keeps the hearts of his people and rules in them. He is not only a peaceable father, and his reign peaceable, but he is the author and giver of all good. That is why Christ said "blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God (Matt. 5:8).

SUMMARY

A place of refuge is a shelter or place we can flee to for protection. This Christ claims and is so to those that will flee to him. Throughout the book of Psalms, he is spoken of as our refuge and shelter. "thou art my hiding place" (Ps. 32:7) "strength in time of trouble" (Ps. 37:39b) "God is our refuge, a very present help in time of trouble" (Ps. 46:1) "He is my fortress, in him will I trust" (Ps. 91:1-2, 9). These and many more teach us that he is a refuge, a very present help in the time of trouble. He is not limited with time and space as our earthly help would be. For instance he never bothers with sleep in the night, that would be no barrier that he could not get to us soon enough "a very present help". It is just good to know the Lord under any circumstances.

ORDINATION

Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky will convene on Saturday, May 14, 1983 at 10:00 A.M. (CDT) for consideration of the ordination to the office of deacon the following brethren: Michael Collins, John Demunbrun, Paul Elmore, and Dallas Wheat.

Fairview Memorial extends a cordial invitation to the churches in Siloam, Wiseman, Bethel, and Southwestern District Associations and other Missionary Baptist Churches of like faith and order to send their ordained brethren to assist in this work.



some thought and premeditation. It is inconsistent to think that forced wrath will produce peace, harmony and unity. We know from experience what the end result will be, as we did with the first two examples. Nonetheless, some will exert much energy to force wrath and yet cannot understand why strife would ensue. They look for even the least hint of wrath, force it and expect to produce a comfortable result. When this occurs over and over a clear pattern emerges which ought not to be disregarded. Wrath so forced can make even the most patient and long suffering individual impatient and irrational.

Wrath can often lead to quick decisions not based upon reason and acts and words inconsistent with the general character of a man. This, however, is a predictable result whenever wrath is forced. Those who make a habit of forcing wrath will often use the predicted results to justify themselves before other men. "Just look at what he did! . . . Do you know what he said? . . . I can't understand why he dislikes me . . . etc., etc., etc." are common comments in this vein. We too often ask only "What happened?" and willfully disregard the question of "Why did it happen?" Many hear what happened, listening to every detail, but don't wish to "be involved" when someone tries to explain WHY. Whenever we do listen to only one facet, we are involved in some way. If one does not desire to be "involved" in any way he ought not to entertain the speaker of the first part from the beginning.

Strife will cease to exist or at least lessen if wrath is not forced in the beginning. Do not profess a hatred of strife on the one hand, while willfully promoting it with the other. Strife is never profitable, except to our foe, the Devil, who clearly understands the old saying, "Divide and Conquer." May we not only memorize such proverbs as the above by Solomon, but observe the truth of them by our actions.

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NEEDING A SHEPHERD

Lord, send us a Shepherd who is not afraid.
One strong in spirit; a soul that's brave.
One who will rejoice when we stay near.
One who will search when we stray from his care.

Lord, you know who this Shepherd should be.
O, you know, a lot better than we.
So Lord, why don't you tell him to come to us here.
For what will become of the sheep with no Shepherd to care.

Lord, we are pleading this case before you again.
Send us a Shepherd; guide him with your mighty hand.
This is our prayer; may it never cease.
Til this need is met for each.

January 23, 1983
Patricia Ann Conyers
Member of Hauser Missionary Baptist Church
Hauser, Oregon



A PROVERB

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volving thought and premeditation. We would consider a man a fool who would wring his nose to bring forth blood, as there is discomfort both in the means

and the end. There would be no profit in such an action.

The forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife. Both wrath and strife are undesirable and unprofitable in any endeavor in which we are engaged with others. The wrath is forced, not spontaneous. It again requires

SALVATION

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rules and supercedes. "And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me." Matt. 10:38. After being saved, a person can do nothing greater than causing lost people to seriously consider where they stand in God's sight. "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, 'If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.'" Matt. 16:24-25; see also Matt. 19:29.

Are we dependable in serving God with our best instrumentality? When we examine salvation with an honest assessment, our first love to the Lord is admonished above any occupation. "Let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins." James 5:20.

Because we can't see instant results isn't always necessarily spelling failure. Our omnipotent God keeps a record. Paul wrote, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." 1 Cor. 9:22. Sinfully obtaining materialistic gain and pride or popularity doesn't defend the gospel. Testimony or witness by dedicated servants may effect the heart of another many years afterwards, "...not seeking mine own profit, but the

profit of many, that they may be saved." 1 Cor. 10:33.

Our main priority must be concern about the welfare of people's, souls across the United States of America and entirely worldwide. "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." Rom. 10:1. Let us endeavor to keep watering the gospel that has been planted until God guides a change. "If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save..." Rom. 11:14. Never take these pledges fainthearted nor place a career, institution or pastime before solemn oaths to God.

We are responsible for others who haven't made peace with God. Meeting this requirement takes sacrifice and labor. By sincerely cultivating our salvation, we declare that reconciliation has been achieved as it was previously before reaching the age or time of accountability. Owing indebtedness that is unpayable, we must work for God without reservation. Let's surrender our life capacity in submitting what God has given us to his cause. "...to make the captain (Jesus) of their salvation perfect through sufferings." Heb. 2:10.

God isn't satisfied with our worship unless we generously turn ourselves over to Him, upholding the gospel of his dear, precious Son, and following the leadership of the Holy Spirit. "Every way of a man is right in

his own eyes; but the Lord pondereth the hearts." Pro. 21:2. Never underestimate the application of meaningful impressions that you feel. Carrying a heavy burden especially has a definite purpose. Shouting or spiritual cries cannot be humanly produced with the remarkable supply purely sanctified and bubbling over in the soul.

Our omission not only increases vanity against us, but could hinder an immediate conversion. We must agreeably share our time, efforts and resources combined in addition to altering other civilized activities so that we can use spiritual zeal to channel our God-given energy, reaching out in obligation for lost and dying people. "And if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ: if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." Romans 8:17. Never hinder a sinner from being saved or do harmful damage to this heritage and Holy Spirit's purpose as it convicts and reproves. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." 1 Tim. 4:16.

Since false teachings can enhance self-righteousness, let clean, chaste, religious friendship prevail my brothers and sisters! Saved people's influence on others is their enduring wealth. Thus, a sensible Chris-

tian learns to practice good living of moral, law-abiding citizenship and love.

(Note: Part 4, the conclusion of this article, will be in the next issue in May.)

CUMBERLAND VALLEY SCHOOL OF GOSPEL MUSIC

On Saturday, January 22, 1983, a meeting was called at Cumberland College, Lebanon, Tennessee for the purpose of establishing a school of gospel music after the pattern of the old Vaughan and Stamps-Baxter Schools of Music.

After preliminary remarks by Mr. Key Dillard and devotional services, discussions began among those present from several Middle Tennessee counties. Executive Officers were elected as follows: **Mr. Key Dillard, President**, (615) 890-0288; **Mr. Sammy Cornwell, Vice-Pres.**, (615) 735-2090; **Mrs. Shirley Dillard, Sec.**, (615) 890-0288; **Mr. Oliver Jennings, Treas.**, (615) 847-3884; **Eld. H. C. Vanderpool, Chaplain**, (615) 859-5780.

A Board of Directors were elected as follows: **MACON COUNTY**: Darrell Meador, Danny Patterson; **SMITH COUNTY**: Stephen Brooks, Barry Witcher, Wendell Patterson; **TROUSDALE COUNTY**: Melvadean Gregory, Bridgewater Wilburn, Janice Taylor; **SUMNER COUNTY**: Don Hines, Wayne Scott, Bobby Butts, Bob Vanderpool, Leon Sherron, C. L. "Dee" Russell, Gary Green; **DAVIDSON COUNTY**: Rhea Dyer, Frank Callahan, Dorman Grubbs; **WHITE COUNTY**: Lloyd Knowles, Lester England; **DICKSON COUNTY**: E. J. Butrum, Betty Butrum; **MOORE COUNTY**: Joe Millsaps, Ann Millsaps; **BEDFORD COUNTY**: Sarah Sanders, L. A. Young, R. L. Patterson; **FRANKLIN COUNTY**: Tom Isbell, G. A. Swartz; **RUTHERFORD COUNTY**: Floyd Bowman, John Hill; **WAYNE COUNTY**: Gene Calton; **LAWRENCE COUNTY**: Alfred Mashburn; **PUTMAN COUNTY**: Gaskell Warren, Mrs. Gaskell Warren, Brother Shelly.

A meeting was called by President Key Dillard on Saturday, February 19, 1983 at 4:00 P.M. After Devotional services, the meeting of Officers and Board of Directors was called to order. Various names were presented for consideration of the school. The name selected and which finally received a unanimous vote was "Cumberland Valley School of Gospel Music."

By-Laws were established after the several county committees and chairmen met and discussed the same. Approval was by entire body.

Incorporation procedures, dates for the first session this summer, instructors, etc. will be announced. Classes in theory, harmony, conducting, composing, sight-reading, private piano and private voice for all ages and all levels (beginners, intermediate, advanced) will be considered and offered if possible.

This report is only a short outline of what has been done and is not a minute of the meetings. During the last meeting named above, the entire assembly of Officers, Board of Directors and a number of interested people enjoyed a bountiful meal served in the College cafeteria.

RESURRECTION

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adulterous generation seeketh after a sign, and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas; For as Jonas (Jonah) was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Matthew 12:39-40.

Jesus taught in John 11:9 that a day has twelve hours. He also separated the day from darkness. If the day has twelve hours, so does the night. This would simply make twenty-four hours, and three days and three nights would be seventy-two hours. This is the duration of the Lord's stay in the tomb, that is his body.

Jesus was spoken of by David and he wrote concerning him, "Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Psalm 16:9-10

In the New Testament two words "hades" and "gehenna" have both been translated "hell." If the English word is translated from "gehenna" it means the place of fire, or the place of punishment for the wicked. If the word "hell" is translated from the word "hades" it means the "unseen state, or the unseen world." as the word "sheol" does in the Old Testament.

When David said of Christ, "thou wilt not leave my soul in hell," he did not mean that the soul of Christ would go to the place of fire as some teach, but rather that while

his soul would depart from the body into the unseen world, it would not be left there but would return to the body which would be raised from the dead. To better understand where the soul of Jesus went for three days and three nights, read II Corinthians 12:1-4; Luke 23:43.

Christ was crucified on Wednesday afternoon, his burial taking place about 6 O'clock in the evening. From this time until the same time on Saturday, we have three days and three nights. No one saw Jesus when he came from the tomb. It is my belief based upon all Bible references that it was at the end of the seventy-two hours mentioned above that Christ arose. When the Lord's followers came to the grave early the next morning they found it empty. This was the first day of the week. We will have more on this subject when we get to "The Christian Sabbath."

RECONCILING THE SCRIPTURES

I wish here to reconcile some of the scriptures related to the Lord's death, burial and resurrection. I have already given what Jesus taught concerning the three days and three nights. However, the question is often asked about the Sabbath that is mentioned elsewhere in the writings of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John on the subject.

We know there was the weekly Jewish Sabbath. There was an annual Sabbath observed by the Jews upon the 15th day of Nisan, a Lunar month, each year the lamb was to be killed in the evening of the 14th day of the month which was the preparation. Read this from Exodus 12:5-11. This annual

Sabbath could fall on any day of the week, as July 4, your birthday, or any other annual day. When Christ was crucified, this annual Jewish Sabbath fell on Thursday. Let's note, "The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day. (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away." John 19:31.

So, this high day (annual sabbath) came on Thursday, the day after Christ's crucifixion. Friday was the second day and then Saturday, the weekly Sabbath, was the third day. The doctrine that Christ was crucified on Friday and arose on Sunday morning is just another false doctrine of Rome. Some argue that a portion of a day was called a whole. Not according to Jesus, John 11:9. Just for argument sake, let's say that Jesus was buried Friday and was raised Sunday morning. What do we have? We have two nights and one day! Just one-half the time Jesus said there would be. Do you believe Rome or Christ?

THE IMPORTANT FACTS

The important facts are that the powers of death, Satan and the world could not defeat God's plan and purpose. Christ died for the sins of the world and was buried, but the watchmen became as dead men when God's power was manifested at the tomb. Christ arose! He lives! The Lord said to John on Patmos, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death," Revelation 1:18.

CHURCH



REVIVALS

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SUNDAY - APRIL 17

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is to be assisted by Elder Billy Moran. Everyone is invited to the services each night at 7:15 P.M.