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WHO SAID SO?

By NORMAN H. WELLS

In order to discuss the relationship of God and man the first thing that is necessary is to establish the final source of authority. Man's individual conscience, reason, and experience are subject to question and debate and would have to be dismissed as a final authority. This discussion will look to a book that claims to be the final authority—the Holy Bible! No apology is made for this. The Bible can be accepted for what it claims to be—the Word of God!

The Bible teaches the existence of a Divine, written, revelation from God and claims to be all of that revelation. The Bible has to be accepted on its own claim or be rejected as fraudulent. It is a reasonable thing to accept that God would give such a revelation as the Bible claims to be.

Listen to the claims the Bible makes for itself.

"And Moses came and told all the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgements: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, all the words which the Lord hath said will we do."

"And Moses wrote all the

words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel."

—Exodus 24:3-4

From this scripture we find that the words which Moses brought to the people were accepted as being, "the words of the Lord."

Our scripture also says, "Moses wrote all the words of the Lord." Not only was the word of the Lord transmitted orally, it was written down and preserved. This clearly teaches the existence of a divine, written, revelation from God. The Bible repeatedly states that the word of God was received, written down, and preserved.

"... thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaister them with plaister: and thou shalt write upon them all the words of

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"CAST THE NET ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE SHIP"

This serenely lovely view of dawn on the Lake of Galilee was photographed near Bethsaida (Tabghah). It depicts a scene that must differ very little from the one on which the Risen Lord looked before the joyous reunion with seven of the Disciples. During the night they had caught nothing, "but when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore," and seeing them in their boat, told them to cast the net on the right side (John xxi, 4-6). Those familiar with fishing on this Lake say that it is quite easy for one on the beach to discern a shoal of fish in the clear water, so that he is able to direct the fishermen, just as Jesus did, on which side successfully to cast the net.

Revival Reports

Fairview Missionary Baptist Church Woodburn, Ky. Three professions of faith. Pastor Bernard M. Skaggs was assisted by Elder L. W. Smith.

Beckwith Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, Tenn. Five professions of faith with seven additions to the church. Pastor Thomas Armstrong was assisted by Elder J. Frank Carr.

Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Three professions of faith with six additions to the church. Pastor Charles Moore was assisted by Elder K. W. Massey.

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. One profession of faith with one addition. Pastor James H. Smith was assisted by Elder Eugene Brown.

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Four professions of faith with eight additions to the church. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool was assisted by Elder K. W. Massey.

Parkwood Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Two additions to the church. Pastor L. W. Smith was assisted by Elder Howard G. Taylor. Bro. Andy Whitley was in charge of the singing.

WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO CONVENE

The Wiseman Baptist Association is to convene in its 86th annual session on October 21-22, 1977, with Buffalo Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 31-E, Bethpage, Tenn. The church is located between Bethpage and Westmoreland, Tenn. Services are to begin the first day at 10:00 a.m.

Elder J. W. Briley is to preach the Introductory Sermon on Friday. At the Friday night service, Elder F. L. Ray is to deliver the Memorial Sermon. The Doctrinal Sermon is to be preached on Saturday by Elder James (Pete) Porter.

Some of the subjects to come before the Association for discussion and action this year will be Missions, Orphans Home, Christian and Ministerial Education, Sunday Schools, Prayer Meetings, Church Discipline, Financing the Lord's Work and Sunday School Literature.

Officers elected at the 1976 session were Elder F. L. Ray, Moderator; Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Clerk and Elder A. G. Gregory, Treasurer.

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WHO SAID SO?

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this law . . ."

—Deuteronomy 27:2-3

The great care that was exercised to make certain that the Word of the Lord was preserved is pictured in this verse. The word was to be engraved upon stone that it might be preserved.

Many times in the Bible it is stated that the part of God's Word known as "the law" was recorded in books.

" . . . that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book . . ."
—Deuteronomy 17:18

The words of the Lord existed in books at a very early time.

"Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant . . ."
—Deuteronomy 31:26

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth: . . ."
—Joshua 1:8

From the account given so far we see that the word of the Lord existed in books at the time of Joshua. That the Word of the Lord, as it was received, was written down and preserved in books is a fact clearly taught by the Bible.

When we come to the prophets we find that there was in their possession that which was referred to as "the book of the Lord."

"Seek ye out the book of the Lord, and read: . . ."
—Isaiah 34:16

The words of the Lord had been received, recorded in a book, and preserved. This record of the words of the Lord was called the "book of the Lord." This book was available during the time of the prophets.

The prophets received the word

EDITORIAL

By H.C. Vanderpool

There is an increase of disobedience in the world today of the word of God. The civil and religious activities of mankind down through the centuries have been, or were supposed to have been, regulated and circumscribed by the scriptures, the word of God. "I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more." (Num. 22:18). "that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live." (Deu. 8:3).

The eternal hope of the world rests upon the truth of God. Today, individuals are disregarding the Bible and its teachings, groups of people, so-called churches are doing the same thing. I trust you will read carefully the article "WHO SAID SO?" by Bro. Norman Wells on pages 1 and 2 of this issue. Take note of Bro. Jack Hamm's illustration "HOPE OF THE WORLD" on this page.

Since God created man and then knew what was best for the human race, giving his word as a guideline for our lives, we run into problems, civil and religious, when disregarding those guidelines.

News reports, on T.V., radio and newspapers, are revealing so many crimes in our society today that it is becoming alarming. I AM GREATLY DISTURBED! Laws are being broken, the guilty are being turned loose upon the public again. The criminals will face the T.V. cameras and smile just like they had done something wonderful, showing no regret for their sins.

Every day in the news, officials who are supposed to be respectable leaders in our country are indicted for wrong doing from the local office holder to Washington, D.C. This nation was founded upon the principles of the word of God.

Atheist Madalyn O'Hair has made a number of attempts to destroy everything in this country that we've treasured and believed in relative to our religious faith and the word of God. Thank God she has been stopped on some of these moves, but she has found enough ungodly people to support her in one way or another, and she keeps on trying to do all the damage she can. Her present move is to get "IN GOD WE TRUST" removed from our currency in America. LET'S STOP HER!!!

The courts may turn the criminals loose, the guilty may say, I'm not guilty, or it was someone else who was to blame. Many crimes will go unsolved, or unpunished, but rest assured to final Supreme Court with the Lord as judge will take care of it all. (Rom. 14:10-12).

of the Lord and recorded it in books.

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book . . ."
—Daniel 12:4

Daniel received the words of the Lord and recorded them in a book. The same is said of the other prophets.

"Write the vision, and make it plain upon the tables, . . ."
—Habakkuk 2:2

The visions, prophecies, revelations, etc., that the prophets received from the Lord were accurately recorded for all ages.

These recorded words of the Lord were in existence during the time of the New Testament and were referred to as "the scriptures." Jesus continually referred to and made use of the scriptures. Notice the following verses.

"Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, . . ."
—Matthew 22:29

Hope Of The World



" . . . while he opened to us the scriptures?" —Luke 24:32
"Search the scriptures; . . ."
—John 5:39

The accumulated, recorded, word of God was available to Jesus Christ and was called the Scriptures. Jesus taught the scriptures as the Word of God. He commanded others to search the scriptures and they were accepted as the very Words of God.

The Epistles make the same claim concerning the scriptures.

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."
—Romans 15:4

The Bible records that Jesus Christ claimed that the words He spoke were the Words of God.

"For I have given unto them the words which thou hast given me; . . ."
—John 17:8

The words that Jesus spoke were the words given Him by God. The scriptures and the words which Jesus spoke were both accepted as being the Word of God.

" . . . they believed the scriptures, and the word which Jesus had said."
—John 2:22

In reading the Gospels it becomes apparent that the life and

words of Jesus Christ were a part of the divine, revelation from God. When we look into the Epistles the claim is made that they were to be accepted as the Word of God.

"Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; . . ."
—I Corinthians 2:13

The writers of the Epistles claimed to speak what they had been taught by the Holy Ghost.

This was God's Word! Other scriptures bear this out.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I received, . . ."
—I Corinthians 15:3

"For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."
—Galatians 1:12

" . . . ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, . . ."
—I Thessalonians 2:13

It is all summed up in one expression found in II Timothy 3:16 . . .

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, . . ."

The scriptures, therefore, are the final source of authority, as we examine the tremendous theme of God and His relation to man.

The Fanny Crosby Story

"Jesus keep me near the cross," was the desire of Fanny Crosby's heart from childhood through a life which ended at over 90 years of age.

Born a normal, healthy baby, Fanny Crosby developed an inflammation of the eyes at the age of six weeks. Her doctor mistakenly thought hot mustard poultices would help reduce the swelling. The result was little Fanny was blinded for life.

You may think Fanny had a right to be bitter, and perhaps so, but her widowed mother and godly grandmother taught her to believe her blindness was a blessing. When she was only 8 years old, she wrote this little poem which expresses her acceptance of the will of God:

Oh, what a happy child am I,
Although I cannot see;
I am resolved that in this world,
Contented I will be.
How many pleasures I enjoy
That other people don't;
To weep and sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot and I won't.

"How many pleasures I

enjoy..." some of these must have included her senses of touch, smell, and hearing. She learned every tree by feeling its leaf, every flower by its touch and smell, and every bird by its call.

She could describe the constellations of the heavens in minute detail although she had never seen them. But most remarkable of all was her absolute trust in God. She came to know Christ and love His Word.

As a teenager, Miss Crosby memorized the Bible by braille reading and rote. She could quote the entire New Testament, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Solomon, and many other Old Testament passages by memory by the time she was 15.

No wonder her hymns are so full of Scripture quotations and Bible doctrine!

She lived by faith, and never believed God would let her needs go unprovided, even the smallest of them. A great hymn

came from an incident of God's provision.

She had need of \$5 and prayed for it, when shortly after, a knock came at her door. She opened, and as always greeted with, "God bless your dear heart."

After a brief conversation, the caller pressed Miss Crosby's hand and left. She closed the door, and conscious that there was something in her hand, called to her companion, "What is this in my hand?"

The reply was, "Why Miss, it is the \$5 for which you prayed." Inspired, Fanny set her gratitude in verse and the hymn that was born was, "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me."

"Aunt Fanny," as she was known, had many visitors. Her presence was as bright as sunshine. Many who called were musicians seeking to wed a tune to one of her poems.

One such was Mrs. Jesse Knapp who complained, "My tune doesn't seem to say anything."

"Play it for me," said the blind poetess.

She complied, and Aunt Fanny burst out, "Your tune does speak: it says, 'Blessed Assurance.'"

Fanny Crosby was in great demand as a speaker and lecturer. Her testimony was unique and encouraging. Of all the invitations to speak, however, she loved rescue missions best. Here she related the love of God to those who, like herself, suffered an agonizing weakness in the flesh.

She often told the men, "Don't pity me because I'm blind. Just remember, I've never seen sin."

On one such occasion, she spoke as though to one man. She said, "There is a young man here tonight who has run away from a praying mother's love and who would like to return."

After the service, an 18-year-old man approached her, and with a tear-stained face confessed, "Miss Crosby, I am that young man."

On the way home that night riding in a carriage, Fanny wrote, "Rescue the Perishing."

In all, Fanny Crosby wrote more than 9,000 poems and verses. She was personally acquainted with several great men, including Grover Cleveland, and lived during the administrations of 16 American presidents.

She knew D.L. Moody and Ira Sankey with whom she was dear friends. But most of all she knew Jesus.

When asked how she would know Jesus in heaven she replied quickly, "By the nail prints."

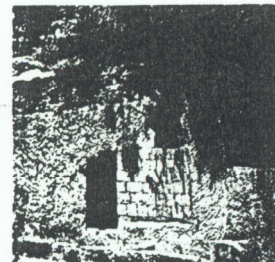
She always gloried in the joy of meeting Jesus, and used to longingly say, "The first face my restored eyes will ever behold will be Jesus'."

Both these thoughts she expressed in hymn-poems and these make a fitting climax to her radiant and fruitful life — "My Saviour First of All" and "Saved by Grace."

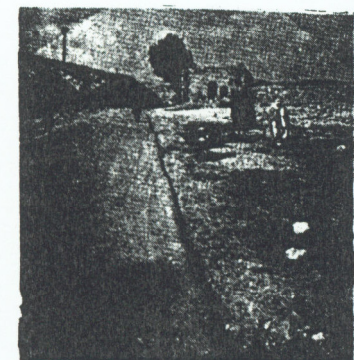
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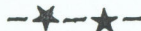
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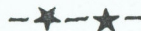
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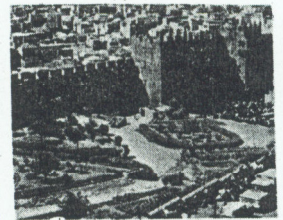
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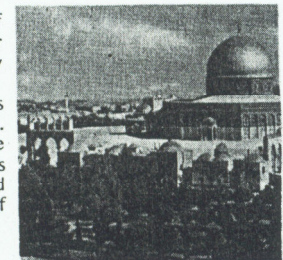
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IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GO



Bedouin market — Beer-Sheva

JUST AS I AM

CHARLOTTE ELLIOT, a beautiful young girl, was preparing herself for a great ball. Full of gay anticipation, she started out one day to her dressmaker to have a fine dress fitted for the occasion.

On the way, Charlotte met her pastor, an earnest, faithful man. He reasoned and expostulated with her, pleading with her to stay away from the ball and its degrading influences. Greatly vexed, she finally answered,

"I wish you would mind your own business!"

In due time the ball came off, and Charlotte Elliot was there, the gayest of the gay. But the gaiety was forced, for thoughts of the pastor and his earnest entreaties kept passing through her mind.

When she returned to her room her conscience made her wretched. After three days of misery she went to the minister with her trouble.

"For three days I have been the most wretched girl in the world," she cried. "Now I want to be a Christian. What must I do?"

"Just give yourself, my child, to the Lamb of God," the pastor replied. "Come to Him just as you are."

"What! Just as I am?" Miss Elliot asked. "Do you know that I am one of the worst sinners in the world? How can God accept me just as I am?"

"That is exactly what you must believe," was the answer. "And you must come to Him just as you are."

Charlotte Elliot went to her room, knelt down and offered God her heart, guilty and vile as it was, to be cleansed and made fit for His dwelling. As she prayed, peace—full, overflowing—filled her soul. Then, as she meditated upon the miracle which had transpired within her by the grace of the Lord Jesus, she had a keen desire to write down the feelings of her heart. She penned these lines:

*"Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come."*

Other stanzas followed until the immortal hymn was finished. For over one hundred years it has helped repentant sinners to find Christ.

Baptist Minister On Mission Field In East Tenn.

By Oakley Cook

Elder Donald Reeves, member of Spring Creek Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. has been set apart for Mission work in Loudon County in East Tennessee. He has left his job, friends and home to work for the Lord. He is worthy of your prayers and financial support.

The trailer he lives in costs \$125.00 per month and the builder where services are held costs \$100.00 each month. In recent years I spent three years on the mission field in California. I know what it means to leave home and go out to serve God. We are asking all who can to help support him.

Mail letters and donations to: Elder Donald Reeves, Route 3, Browder Rd., Rambling Trailer Park, Lot No. 14, Lenoir City, Tenn. 37711

RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

Elder W. T. Russell
Missionary Baptist
Bowling Green, Ky.

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W. T. Russell, Affirms
John A. Welch, Denies

"The scriptures teach that baptism in water is necessary for the remission of the sins of the alien sinner."

John A. Welch, Affirms
W. T. Russell, Denies

Baptist History



(Sister Laura Gregory, Franklin, Ky. recently sent the following sermon outline on Baptist Doctrine to me. The late Elder A.J. Sloan preached the sermon at the Wiseman Baptist Association on Sunday, Oct. 26, 1947 when convened at Long Creek Baptist Church near Lafayette, Tenn.)
---Editor.

By Eld. A. J. Sloan
1882-1957

Lesson read was Solomon 6th Chapter. The Text used was Song of Solomon 2:14, "O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely."

Following are scriptures quoted and used during the message on the origin and perpetuity of Baptists.

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

From the 3rd Chapter of Matthew the record of John the Baptist baptizing Jesus and also those who were saved and became members of the church as listed in Matthew 10.

1 Cor. 12:28, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." He then quoted from 1 Cor. Chapter 2 and Luke 2nd Chapter.

Song of Solomon 6:8, "There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number." See the text, the dove is the church, the queens are the married persons, concubines-those not married.

Christ will purge the church, he will be married to it, Rev. 19:9. The holy city belongs to the Lord and the Church, the saved will visit it. Virgins without number are those saved but never did belong to the church. Other scriptures, Gen. 3:15; John 1: Eph. 6; 1 Cor. 2:2.

Methodist Church

LONDON (AP)—In 1729, John and Charles Wesley, Oxford students, started the Methodist Church.

The name was derived from their resolution to conduct their lives and religious study "by rule and method."

What A Saviour

From aeons of eternity
Unmeasured and unknown —
Our Lord stepped into space that He
For mankind's sin atone.
He closed the gate on Heaven's peace,
Its mansions, beauty, love;
His Father's closeness and their joy,
All this — He left above.
He had no place to lay His head;
Forsaken by His own —
He wore a crown of cruel thorns
And bore His cross alone!
"Forgive them Father, for they know
Not what they do," He said,
And as He spoke His precious blood
At Calvary was shed!
But though He died in agony —
Praise God He rose, He lives
And is at God's right hand today;
Still caring — He forgives!

ATTENTION!

Editor

For many years, Elder J. Frank Carr and family, were in Japan. He labored there as a Baptist Missionary. They sacrificed much in order to carry the message of salvation to a lost nation. No doubt while many churches and individuals supported him, many others did not, or if they did, they didn't support this family as much as they should have.

Bro. Carr and family returned home. Recently their son, David, spent a few weeks in Parkview Hospital in Nashville, and had two operations while there. He had some special treatments at the hospital, and was then scheduled for an additional 38 more with each one being expensive in addition to all the medical expenses.

Bro. Carr is holding down two or three jobs in addition to his pastoral work. He is a hard working man, honest and is working hard to support his family as any man would wish to do.

However, people who work hard and are in good financial condition, can find themselves overburdened when such circumstances as Bro. Carr and his family have experienced comes upon them. He is not asking, he is making an appeal, he doesn't want to burden anyone with his burdens. When I learned of the added responsibility that he had, I felt that many people and especially our churches could still do a good work by sending love offerings to them. I understand some have already.

Let us manifest our love and appreciation to this man of God and his family. David is 17 years old and is a Senior in High School. He has also recently been in the Carthage General Hospital, Carthage, Tenn.

Send all contributions to: Elder J. Frank Carr, Route 1, Gordonsville, Tenn. 38563