

# Baptist Banner

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

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## Trustees Of Baptist Home Seeking Superintendent and Matron

The Trustees of the Baptist Orphans Home, Lafayette, Tenn. are now taking applications for superintendent and matron of the Home. Bro. and Mrs. Glenn Thomas have served the Home in an excellent manner since March 1965, this being their 15th year. They have turned in their resignation which is effective Nov. 1, 1979.

There are nine Trustees, three from each Baptist Association of Enon, Wiseman and Southwestern District. Applications may be turned in to any of the Trustees. However, Elder A. G. Gregory is the Chairman of the Trustees at present. Those wishing to contact him concerning the matter of applying for the position of superintendent and matron, may write him at Route 4, Gallatin, TN 37066, or call him at: (615) 452-2779. As stated above, any applicant knowing, or living near any of the other Trustees, may turn your application in to them. The Trustees are asking the prayers of our Baptist people in this important matter.

## Singing

On Sunday, August 26, there will be a singing at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1401 Lischey Ave., Nashville, Tenn. The services are to begin at 2 P.M. The Tomes Four will be the featured singers. The public is invited.

## Minister Wants Continued Religious Freedom Pressure

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Baptist minister who was among five dissidents freed from Soviet prisons this spring in exchange for two spies, says the United States must keep pressure on the Soviet Union to allow religious freedom.

The Rev. Georgi Vins appeared before a U.S. commission formed to monitor Soviet compliance with the human rights provisions of the Helsinki accords. He said Soviet authorities systematically raid prayer meetings, break up Christian weddings, assess fines for holding religious meetings, conduct mass searches for religious literature and threaten parents with taking away their children because of their religious upbringing.

## Baptist History



### Song Of Solomon

By Eld. A. J. Sloan  
1882-1957

(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 Laura Gregory  
Lesson read was Solomon 6th Chapter.  
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### The Love of Money

By H. C. Vanderpool

"For the love of money is the root of all evil:" 1 Tim. 6:10a

The above scripture has been misquoted and misunderstood many times. I've heard people say "money is the root of all evil." The Bible doesn't teach that to be true, but rather "the LOVE OF Money" is the root of all evil.

A person can love money to the extent that he will work so hard and so long for it that he will then claim to be too tired to go to church and do the things that God wants him to do. This is sinful. God will not overlook such action.

Some people are so interested in money and money making opportunities that they put off the Lord's work. See Luke 14:15-24. God wants people to work and provide for themselves and their families but not to the extent that they forsake God and the work He has commanded them to do. Often people love money so much they murder someone to obtain it. This is sinful. So are crooked deals and misrepresentation to get money that rightly belongs to another. To murder, cheat, wrong or defraud for money, manifests the love that one has for it. God is the final judge of all.

A young man failed to receive everlasting life and eternal peace because he loved money. Luke 18:18-24. Another man that we read of in the Bible, loved money so much, he betrayed the Lord, after receiving it, he failed to be happy and in agony and

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### A Mother Writes Her Son

By Mrs. Frank E. Jones, Gallatin, Tenn.

BAPTIST FAITH AND MISSIONS  
FEBRUARY, 1960

My Dearest Darlings;

I know you have wondered why I haven't written you. We have been going to church most every night.

I think this will come as a complete surprise to you both. I have been saved and have joined the church at West End Baptist.

Oh, no! I hadn't planned on it by any means but it seems that God guided me. I had been praying to Jesus to save me. One night, while praying on my pillow, He made me know if I would humble myself enough and go up to the mourners bench that then He would save me. I was so ashamed of that and I told no one. Me, go up there, I thought. Not on your life.

You see my pride was so great and I thought I could never humble myself enough for that.

Well, last Tuesday night, a lady was sitting on the seat with us and she asked  
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## Marriage Is Honourable

By Calvin Perrigo

The purpose for this essay is to give you an opportunity to see the reality of life and to help you understand at an early age what God's plan is for replenishing this earth. From the beginning, God's plan for marriage has been honourable and the bed undefiled. If you know God's plan, you have a better opportunity to select a husband or wife that you can live with all your life, bringing honour to God and giving the next generation a chance at a better life.



Perrigo

Let us look at the beginning in the history of man to find the relationship God desired for man and woman. Adam, the male, was first formed, he became a living soul. God knew it was not good for man to be alone, he made woman as a help meet for the man. God brought the woman unto

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## An Empty Pew

By Don McDonald

For some time I have been disturbed and concerned because of the decline in Church attendance in our Old time Baptist Churches. Many people who claim they have been saved by the Grace of God do not attend their Church regularly.

One of the many reasons is because of prosperity. Prosperity is good in its place, but it should not at any time come between us and our worshiping God and supporting the Church with our presence and means that God has blessed us with.

We as individuals, and the Church collectively, should strive to solve this situation. God has a remedy for every situation and this can only be solved through prayer and a work of Faith on the part of each member.

David said; I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord, Psa. 122:1.

We, as the true people of God should be also glad to be able to go to the house of God. We are admonished; 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, Heb. 10:25.

Seems like people do not have the zeal for lost souls as they did just a few years ago. Their minds are upon the pleasures of the world and not trying to be an influence on the lost and a help to the Church.

On Sunday morning, I am sure, some will take their boat and go to the lake. Others will stay home because they do not like the ways of someone or perhaps because they wanted someone else for their pastor. These excuses will not stand in the day of judgment.

If we fail to attend our Church services, we are not going to be of any great influence or help to the unsaved. Remember, someone influenced you to seek the Lord and be saved. They did it by attending their Church services and faithful praying and living a life that was pleasing to God. We should do the same.

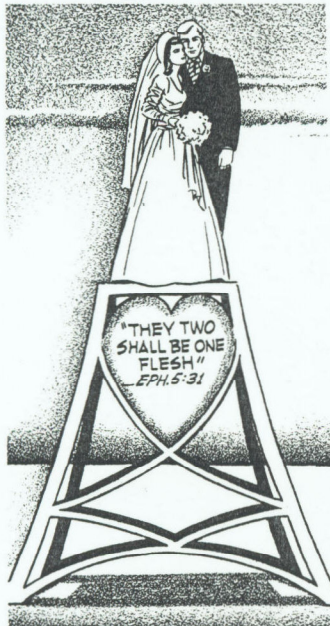
I believe we are experiencing the great falling away that is spoken about in the Bible. I also believe we are living down in the evening of time. What we do for the Lord, we had better get busy, because I do not believe the Lord will delay his coming much longer. When He splits the elements, Grace and Mercy will be over and the destiny of the lost will be forever doomed

for Hell.

I am thankful that I am saved by the Grace of God. Also, that I am able to go to the house of God and be fed on the spiritual food from Heaven.

Will you take your place in the Lord's Church the next Lord's Day or will you leave "AN EMPTY PEW?"

### TAKE TIME TO PRAY



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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, help; 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.

## MARRIAGE

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the man. Due to the fact that woman was made from man. Adam stated, that she was bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh. Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh.

This one flesh relationship, that God

desired, is still His Will or Plan today. The truth of this statement can be ascertained from some New Testament scripture. Look at some changes man had made in his life style by this time in his history. Man thought God was approving these changes, but Jesus, the son of God, gave them a review from the beginning. This question was ask, "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?" Jesus went back to God's original plan and said what we have already mentioned, concerning man and woman being one. He plainly gave this answer to the question, "What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." This brought forth another question, "Why did the law (Moses) command to give a writing of divorcement and put her away?" They were referring to a law imposed on the Hebrew nation that allowed this putting away. This writing of a divorcement paper was to give some protection to the woman that had been put away. Their hearts were so hardened in those days, that man would just cast out a wife. In those days, a woman that had been put away was marked, having no opportunities whatsoever. The writing of a divorcement paper gave an explanation and gave the woman a chance or some hope. Jesus answered, "Because of the hardness of your hearts, Moses (law) suffered, (allowed) you to put away your wives; but from the beginning it was not so." Man had misunderstood God's purpose and continued to sin.

God's original plan came before the law was given to Israel. We are not underlaw today, but under grace. Our promise to each other, before God, "Until death do us part", is more binding than any written law. Before God, it does become one flesh, just like in the beginning. Keep God's design in mind as you think of marriage. The laws written in our hearts control the things of love and marriage.

The institution of marriage is attacked from many directions today. Many say, "I want to be free!" Others cry, "I do not wish to be bound by a vow!" Many seek to get released from a marriage. The civil laws today grant divorce for any or no reason, but the most frequent reason for a marriage ending in divorce is, "to get another mate". Divorce and remarriage are common today because there is very little importance placed upon marriage in our society. Marriage, as God ordained, is seldom mentioned today, as young people plan their future together. Marriage has been devalued to very low position by forgetting or being ignorant of God's plan.

Let us look at it from God's view point, the Bible. We have already established his permanent view. The title of this essay is a statement from Hebrews, chapter thirteen, verse four: Marriage is honourable in all. God's inspired word states, marriage is honourable. God places marriage in high esteem. He permitted the Apostle Paul to use this relationship to describe Christ's association with the church. Anything sacred enough to be used as an example of this union, Christ and the church, must be of utmost importance in the mind of God the Father. How important is it to us today?

Man is permitted, and I believe, expected to live joyfully with the wife he loves. This statement is supported by Ecclesiastes, 9:9. We can determine thus; an honourable marriage would be a joyful permanent union between man and woman due to their love. God blessed the union of the first man and woman and required them to be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. Can you find where God put his blessings on multiplying outside of marriage? Strive to obtain God's blessings in all your plans for the future. If Christ loved the church enough to die for it, husband and wife should have the same feeling, one to the other. Love, the greatest gift, is the bond that endureth all the storms of marriage and never fails.

Now, for comparison, look at dishonour in our marriage system. The latter part of Hebrews 13:4 tells of God judging the whoremongers and the adulterers. These are two of the sins that exist outside an honourable marriage. Would you want God's condemnation or blessings? We understand marriage to be a divine

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## A Mother Writes Her Son

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me if I felt like I was lost. I said yes, she asked me to go up and let them pray for me, how I wanted to go, but no, that old devil held me back, then Bro. Overton's wife asked me, still no, then another sweet old lady came and asked me. And do you know I was gone before I knew it. Tears just flowing, by the time I realized it, my burden was gone completely, the blessed Jesus had done what he told me. If I would humble myself enough that He would save me and He did.

Everyone was so happy and I was too. I told the Lord to take my life and do what He wanted, to keep me humble and forgive me of all past sins.

I hope and pray I can lead a life that will let people know what happiness can be found in the Lord.

A week ago if someone had told me that I could have gotten up in front of a church full of people and talked, I would have said, oh, no, that isn't true. I could never do that.

Well, you know the old-fashioned Baptists require you to tell your experience of being saved before they accept you for baptism, not just walking up and giving the preacher your hand and feeling cold as a cucumber. Oh, no.

The second night after I was saved, up I went. I sat there and tried and tried to fix up a speech. Ha, Well, I could not do it so I just said. God put the words in my mouth and up in front of all the church, I stood and told all how I was saved and how thankful I was. God put the words in my mouth. The tears just pouring but did I care? Oh, no, I was so happy. How good God was to save me but if I hadn't made the step to the old mourner's bench, I don't believe He would have ever saved me.

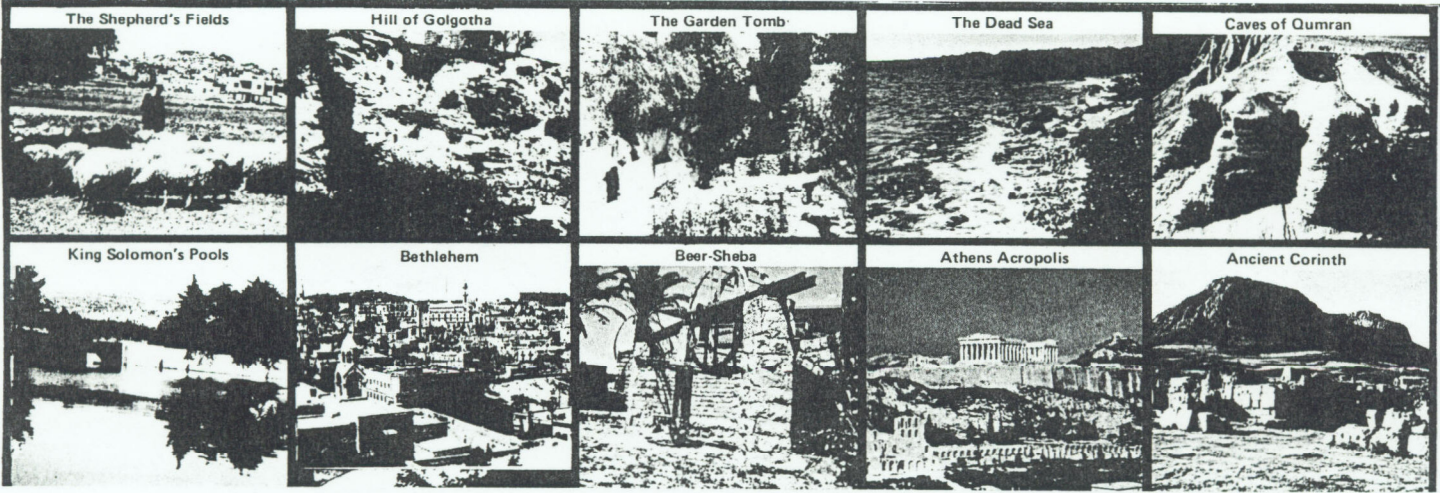
Many times, I have made fun of the old-fashioned Baptists. God forgive me for that. Believe me children, I am telling you no untruth when I say there is a wonderful, kind and loving Jesus but he won't save us if we think we are too good to cleanse our heart, humble ourselves and give Him our life to do with as He pleases. No, there is no real big people down at West End, just wonderful God-loving people like Frank and I want to be.

I wondered and wondered what Frank meant when he talked about being filled with God's Spirit. Well, now I know. It's such a wonderful feeling. Yes, it fills you so full sometimes you feel like you will burst.

I guess you are thinking right now, Mother is going crazy, but let me tell you I am not. I was never more sane.

I just couldn't understand it when Frank was saved. I said such wicked things to him. God forgive me. But now I know there is a God who will save everyone that sincerely seeks him. Sunday when we went to church as soon as I hit the seat, tears I just could not control just poured. I couldn't wait to get up and thank the Lord for saving me and ask Him to save my children, me talking and the church was full. Do you know the preacher didn't get to preach a word. We had a wonderful meeting and two more were saved that day. There was shouting and I guess if the Lord ever makes me happy enough I will shout too. I will never be ashamed of Him. I am praying that you children will seek an old-fashioned Baptist church down there and that you will be saved also. Be humble and ask Him, don't be ashamed. Don't do like us and have all the regrets we have of not taking our children to church and bringing them up, in the right way, yes, we feel we have failed you my son

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# Bible Lands Pilgrimage



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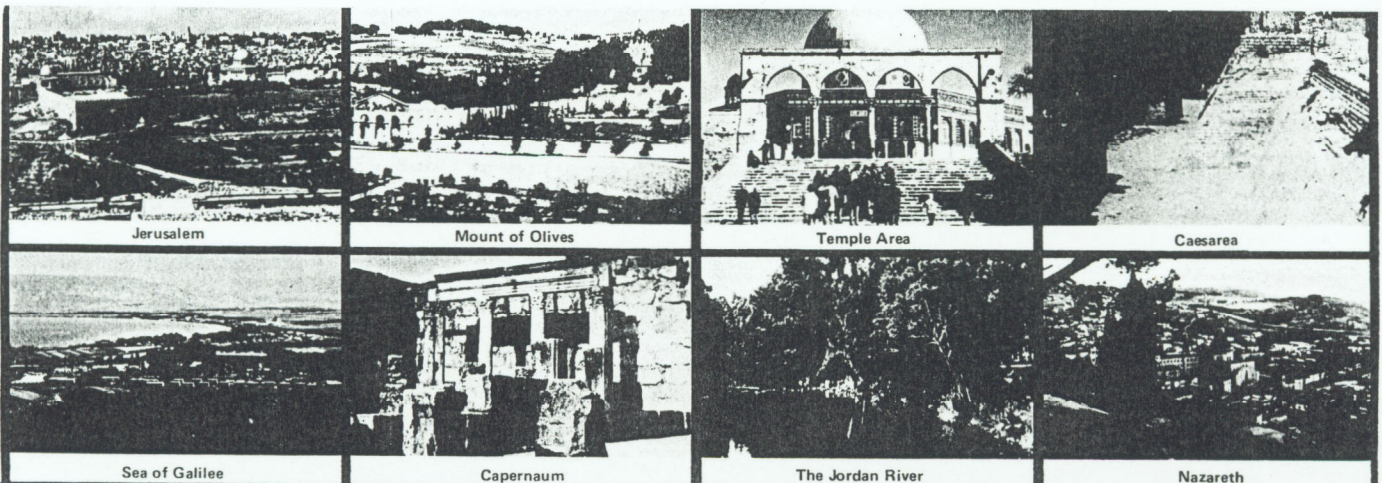
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The Lord willing, my wife and I with several more, will be making another BIBLE LANDS PILGRIMAGE to the Holy Land and Greece. This will be my 7th Tour of Bible Lands. Pictured on this page are a few of the places we will be visiting.

A number of ministers have already talked with me about being co-hosts and Alta and I are looking forward to traveling with them and their wives, as we travel, worship and fellowship together on this TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

The dates are October 27 - November 5, 1980. Since many people must know several months in advance when to plan a vacation, we are announcing this tour NOW so YOU can arrange your vacation next year and travel with us.

You may write to my address above, or call me to receive your brochure with full details including daily travels, accommodations, price, etc. In the past few years, several churches have sent their pastors on these Tours. Any church can spiritually profit from such action! Ministers or anyone else who wishes to co-host with us may get in touch with me. NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!





# Lord, send a REVIVAL, and let it begin in me.

## Revivals

### FRIDAY - AUGUST 3

Piper's Chapel Baptist Church, Portland, Tenn. Pastor William House is to be assisted by Elder Cordell Earps. All-day Homecoming services on Sunday, August 5.

### SUNDAY - AUGUST 5

Lafayette M. Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn., Pastor D. C. Barton is to be assisted by Elder Tom Armstrong. Services each night at 7:30 P.M.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Henry Smith is to be assisted by Elder Paul W. Bryson. Services daily at 7 P.M.

Faith M. Baptist Church, 921 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor C. B. Huddleston is to be assisted by Elder Jimmy Suttle. Services each night at 7:30 P.M.

### FRIDAY - AUGUST 10

Fairview Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky. Pastor Bernard M. Skaggs is to be assisted by Elder Junior Farley. Services daily at 7:30 P.M.

Union Hill Baptist Church, Dobbins Pike, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor Tommie D. Parkhurst is to be assisted by Elder W. C. Johnson. Services each night at 7:30 P.M.

### SUNDAY - AUGUST 12

Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1401 Lischee Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Bobby Sutton is to be assisted by Elder J. W. Briley. Services daily at 7:00 P.M.

### SUNDAY - AUGUST 19

Bethel Baptist Church, 879 Orchard St., Toledo, Ohio. Pastor Charles Stapleton is to be assisted by Elder Jerry Reynolds. Services each night at 7 P.M.

Beckwith Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, Tenn. Pastor Tom Armstrong is to be assisted by Elder Eugene Brown. Services daily at 7:30 P.M.

New Bethel Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is to be assisted by Elder L. W. Smith. Services each night at 7:15 P.M.

## Ordination

On Saturday, June 23, 1979, two were ordained as deacons at Harmony Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. They were Brethren Elmer Gregory and Albert Louis Lanier, Jr.

Elder Edgar Copeland, the pastor served as moderator, Eld. Tom Armstrong was clerk and Deacon W. F. Steele, Sr. presented the candidates. Eld. W. T. Russell led the interrogation and Eld. Howard Taylor led the ordination prayer. The charge to the new deacons was given by Eld. H. C. Vanderpool and Elder A. G. Gregory charged the church. The Bible was presented by Eld. C. B. Massey. A good ordination was enjoyed by those in attendance.

## MARRIAGE

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appointment from God, a most solemn, sacred union between a man and a woman. When unfaithfulness enters this relationship, a severe tresspass is committed and God will judge the guilty party. How much shame is there in our marriages?

The world is being filled with unwanted, unloved, unwelcomed children, due to the lack of understanding of God's plan to populate the earth. There is case after case where children are deserted, neglected, separated, swapped off, receiving new parents quite often, living in most unpleasant conditions. Why? Many are products of a plan displeasing to God. Parents, not the children, are guilty. We appeal to you as future parents, avoid this calamity! Know and be obedient to God's plan all the days of your life.

Nothing can come of today's "free love", but trouble. This is lust of the eyes, then of the flesh, not love. Honourable marriages are based on love, not lust. Learn the difference between love and lust, short of experience. Take advice from God, lust is of this world and passes away. Apart from an honourable marriage, enticements and lust soon lose their appeal, and then something new and more exciting are thought of, then sought for, and in most cases, are then indulged in.

The life mentioned in the days of Lot, in Sodom, should be warning enough for Sunday School students. Man has become so vain in their thoughts, as to have left the natural way God ordained in marriage. Destruction awaits those that travel in the modern and popular road called, "free love". Love is more than sex, life is more than sex. Why does the human mind dwell on this subject so frequently in our society? One reason could be, marriage has very little honour today. It has been degraded to a very low position. Naturally, many think only of things like this. We should refrain from evil thoughts, as far as possible. Why? Because continual thinking will lead to the act.

Plural marriages are mentioned in the Old Testament, but with them all have come trouble. Check this fact for yourself from the Bible. I would not advise justification, due to these Biblical recordings. Racially mixed marriages have also brought problems. Some of them work out, others have not been for the best interest of the people. Samson found much trouble, although he thought, She pleaseth me well. Ruth's marriage to Boaz worked out very well. We have no rule on racially mixed marriage, only this warning, be very sure. The more people have in common the better opportunity to make an honourable marriage.

You look at the two; What would you prefer? Honour or Shame.

In summary: God's way is not man's way. Should you not seek God's plan for your life? Shun those things that are advocated by man, that do not agree with God's plan. Depend upon God and the things He has ordained for our future, always remember; God made man, God loves man, God knows man. His advice will be for our benefit. Trust God's plan, even in your future plans for your life. Consider marriage, as an honourable institution given from God, to sustain social order, bringing happiness to the human family. You must keep yourself unspotted from the world, if you ever enter marriage on an honourable level, pleasing to God and respecting your companion. Be true to God and you can stay true to your husband or wife for life.

## The Love of Money

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sorrow he went out and hanged himself. Matt. 27:3-5.

A man and his wife loved money enough to lie about it and they lost their lives. They were Ananias and Sapphira. Acts 5:1-10. May we as God's people ever be mindful of Him and His work and that "the love of money" will never keep us from serving Him and witnessing to those in sin.

I would like to relate at this time a story that I've had access to recently.

### THE BIG MONEY

"One of the saddest stories ever to come to my attention was told by a pastor from Louisiana. It concerned a family in his church.

There were four people in this family—the parents and two sons in their middle teens. They were all Christians, all faithful in the work of their church, as happy a family as one could ever hope to find. Almost never did they miss a church service. They visited for the church, they tithed, they studied the Word, and they prayed. All of this was before World War II.

Then came Pearl Harbor. A dazed nation shook itself into wakefulness and rolled up its sleeves to win a war. And right here the trail started downward for this family.

The father was offered a position in New Orleans that would pay him fifty dollars a day for seven days a week. He took the job and with his wife and boys moved to the Crescent City. Fifty—dollars—A—day!

It was a fabulous sum for them—but it wasn't enough. The mother found that she could go to work for twenty dollars a day. But what about the boys? Oh, the boys. Yes, we will have to arrange for the boys. But wait, They won't need baby-sitters. After all, they are teen-agers. They can come home from school and get their own supper when Mom is on the evening shift.

Four years went by—nearly five—and somehow the war ended. Things quieted down in Louisiana as they did in most other places. Word reached the pastor that the family was going to return to north Louisiana. Good! He knew he would have some valuable workers in that family. And how he needed them.

But the pastor was in for a surprise. The family did not show up the first Sunday as he had predicted. Nor the next Sunday. But the third Sunday night he saw a familiar figure slip into the auditorium just as he got up to preach. It was his old friend, and he had come to church alone.

When the service was over, the pastor rushed back to greet the man before he could get away. "Where is your wife? Where are the boys? My, how we've been looking for you!"

The man's thin face twisted in pain and tears welled in his eyes. "Preacher," he said, "they won't come back not one of them. Our oldest boy is down at Angola and won't be out for twenty years. Our youngest boy is a confirmed gambler—gambles all the time. My wife is so bitter that she will hardly leave the house. Preacher pray for us! Please pray for me and my POOR family!"

## Minister To Be Ordained

On Sunday, August 26, an ordination service is to be held at Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 240, Bowling Green, Ky. in south Warren County. Located between Woodburn and Allen Springs. Services are to begin at 2 P.M.

Bro. Vernon Roark, a member of the church, has been called to the pastorate of Howser Missionary Baptist Church, Coos Bay, Oregon, and is to be ordained to the full-work of the ministry. Sister churches of the Enon, Wiseman and Siloam Baptist Associations are being invited to attend and assist in the ordination, and other churches of "like faith and order," on individual basis. Elder Paul W. Bryson is the pastor of Old Union Church.

Bro. Roark is to assume his pastoral duties the first of September, 1979.

## How About This, Parents?

THE BOTTLE—A young girl was crowned beauty queen in her high school. She and her date went out to celebrate. Late that night her father was awakened and called to the scene of an accident. In a ditch lay the dead body of his lovely daughter . . . pinned underneath the wreckage was the body of her companion. On the pavement lay a broken bottle and the smell of liquor filled the air. The father was seen wringing his hands together and was heard to say, "If I could just get my hands on the criminal who sold them that bottle, I'd wring his neck!"

After going home he decided he needed a "shot" to booster his nerves, so he reached into his usual spot for his bottle of "tonic". The bottle was gone and this note was in its place: "Daddy, we wanted to celebrate so borrowed your bottle . . . sure you won't mind.

E. L. Jones—bulletin

## A MOTHER WRITES HER SON

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but God willing, I will pray and pray until you are saved. Yes, I know that someday, somewhere He will save you. I have that much faith in a good and loving Jesus.

I love you children very much and I do want to be a good mother and grandmother to Mickey.

Please, children, there will be so much happiness for all of you and peace you can't imagine if you will give your life to God and depend on Him, then you will never be like us, have regrets of not being in church sitting with your children. Oh, no the church isn't all there is to it, you have to be saved first, feel Jesus in your heart, you will know. But I say a person who has so much pride that he is ashamed to get up before the whole world and tell them about God will never be saved. Let me be a lesson to you. You both know me well. You know I tell you no untruth. Bless all of you tonight and we love you more than you will ever know.

I cried when I got your sweet letter yesterday, John, it was such a sweet one. I am glad you and Barbara are happy. I hope God comes into your hearts like He has ours, then a complete happiness will come, one you can't imagine.

Oh, yes, someday you will know. God will answer my prayers for you.

God bless you all tonight. Kiss Mickey for me and write soon.

I love you all, Mom.