

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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Ruins in Athens, Greece. Here Paul preached against sin and idolatry. Acts 17:15-16

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR ELDER C. D. MILLER

Elder Claudie D. Miller, age 61, of Route 2, Westmoreland, Tenn., passed away December 14, 1979 at the Sumner County Memorial Hospital in Gallatin, Tenn. after a brief illness. He was a Missionary Baptist minister.

He was born November 17, 1918 in Macon County, Tenn. the son of Roy and Caroline Sloan Miller. He was converted at age 19. He united with Siloam Missionary Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn. and was baptized into the fellowship of that church on October 16, 1950, by Elder F. W. Lambert, after he had been a member of another denomination for several years.

After exercising his gifts as a minister for some time, he was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by Siloam church on March 30, 1952. He was married to Zelma Hall on August 7, 1940. One son, Bobby, was born to this union.

Bro. Miller pastored several churches in Kentucky and Tennessee during his ministry. At the time of his death he was a member of Siloam Missionary Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn. and also Trammel Masonic Lodge 436 F & A M.

Funeral services were held at Siloam church, where he was a member, on December 16, 1979, at 2 P.M. by Elder F. W. Lambert, Elder Hilman Duncan and Elder Doug Curtis. In addition to his wife and son, he is survived by his father, Roy Miller; brother, Garner Miller; sister, Iva Simmons and two grandchildren. We are thankful for his ministry, and let us remember his family in our prayers.

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MY VIEW OF A MISSIONARY

By Jerry A. Reynolds

The work of a missionary is to plant the faith where it does not now exist. First of all there must be conversion of souls of men by the Spirit and word. Souls must be saved.

The saved must be persuaded of the teachings of Jesus so that they desire to live by them. They must separate themselves from the world and through water baptism declare themselves to be henceforth in the company of this "new sect", as it is looked upon by the natives. They must learn to cast off former sins and lusts by resisting temptation and relying upon Christ. They must learn to bear the painful reproach and persecution of former friends, acquaintances, neighbors and kinsmen. Many are hesitant to take this step of baptism, especially those of wealth, influence, and respectability. Often the more honorable people will hesitate a long while before embracing or even inquiring into the new religion. The poor and downtrodden are more forward to hear the truth and embrace it because they have less of the world to lose.

How Far Can You See?

By H. C. Vanderpool

For we walk by faith, not by sight; II Cor. 5:7. The Apostle Paul made this statement in the second letter that he wrote to the church at Corinth. Teaching them and us that in the service of God, it takes faith to live a life pleasing to the Lord.

How far can you see? Physically, it depends upon where you are seated or standing and your surroundings. If you were in a house with four walls or some other place that your view was obstructed, you would be unable to see very far. If you should stand on the top of a real high structure, you could probably see an entire city. By being at a certain place on Lookout Mountains near Chattanooga, and with certain equipment you can see seven states.

In the work of the Lord, we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet Spiritually speaking our environment has much to do with how far we can see. This includes our church life and religious surroundings. If our faith is weak our Spiritual vision will be blurred and limited. If our faith is strong, we can overlook the things of the world and look into the future concerning the work of God and what He wants us to do.

When Noah began building the ark, it was many years before the flood came. He could not see one drop of that water

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QUOTES

Believe me, no truer word was ever spoken than that the drinking nation is the carpenter of its own coffin and the digger of its own grave.—J. A. Cullen

The Bible, as no other book, will lift our vision from the murky flats of life's low levels to the sunlit summits of faith and prayer.—George H. Ferris

America is great because it is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.—Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Where a church must be built entirely upon new converts and perhaps erring Christians whose ideas must be changed by the truth and whose baptisms must be corrected,

the progress is painfully slow. Such a very small percentage of those who are deeply impressed by the missionary's efforts will join him or even assist him in any way. Meanwhile, many hostile people who resent his invasion of their territory with a new doctrine are not hesitant to impede him. The mountains of opposition which increase many times over the moment the missionary baptizes a few converted natives are nearly overwhelming to that little company of babes who rarely expect the difficulties of which they are headed. Not being used to the rigorous demands of frontier discipleship, and that being superimposed upon the difficulty already existing of a poor family surviving in this world, they cannot measure up to the experienced disciple who is conditioned by many years of suffering for the Lord. The test will prove too much for some who began with good intentions. Being forsaken by those who quit, the remaining small number has its burden greatly increased.

Usually those who are in the church at first have homes divided. Wives with lost husbands, husbands with lost wives, young people with lost parents, etc. are normally the largest portion of the church.

A missionary must remain an evangelist while becoming a teacher and a pastor. He is alone an adult among many babes. Many are the difficulties. He has to become a builder, maintenance man, janitor, business man, purchasing agent, advertiser, politician, ambassador of goodwill, etc. Many of such functions are served by others on the home front.

Often the missionary has no one with him who can help him financially, but rather he has those whom he feels he must help financially. He pays rent, utilities, upkeep, and supply expenses of a meeting house. He buys chairs, songbooks, pianos, carpeting, etc. He saves for a

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ARE CHRISTIANS SAVED FOREVER?

The answer to this lies in the simple meaning of the word, SAVED!

If a thing is SAVED it is never lost. If anything is ever lost, it is because it was not saved. That which is saved is not lost, and if it is ever lost then it isn't saved.

The Lord is not in the losing business, but in the Saving and Keeping business. We are told in John 17:12, and II Timothy 1:12, and I Peter 1:5, and in Jude, verse 25, that the Lord is able to Keep, and that He does Keep, all who believe on Him. And that those who do believe upon Him ARE KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD. Now, if the Devil has power enough to get a saved person, then that shows that Satan has more power to get than God has to save and keep.

This is unthinkable to anyone who knows anything about the Bible, and the power of Almighty God.

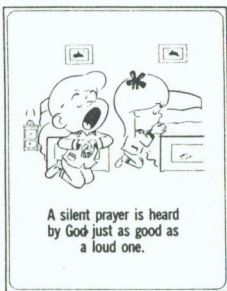
Furthermore, if the Devil could get one of God's children he could get two; and then he could also get 4; then 8, and if he could get 8, he could go on and get 16, and 32 and 64, and 132, and 264, and 528, and then could go on to get 1,056, and on and on and on, until he got every one of God's children.

Now, if the devil does not, then, recapture all of God's children, WHY DOES HE NOT DO IT?

There can be but one answer to this last question, and that is, "He doesn't get them because he loves them so much He doesn't want to pull them down to hell with himself." That would make the salvation of sinners depend upon the grace and love and mercy of the Devil, instead of on the grace and love and mercy of God.

This, too, is unthinkable.

Thank God, He does not cast off His children, but saves them unto the uttermost of time and eternity.—The Baptist Instructor.



THE FALL OF MAN

By
H. C. Vanderpool

THE ORIGIN OF SIN

Before we get into the fall of man, we feel it is needful to use some time and space to look at the origin of sin, as this will have much to do with our understanding of all other studies of these lessons and also the entire Bible.

"From the most ancient times the origin of evil has baffled the inquisition of proud human philosophy. The Bible account of it is both simple and satisfactory. It originated with the angels. These angels were created free, moral agents, under law, on probation, with power to determine choice, hence liable to fall. The greater number of them stood the test.

"In I Timothy 5:21, those who stood the test are called the elect angels. But many fell from their state of innocence, II Peter 2:4; Jude 6. "The angels which kept not their first estate." The leader and chief among them was Satan, who, "stood not in truth" John 8:44, falling through pride, I Timothy 3:6. He was first called Lucifer, which means "son of the morning." He loses that name and takes the name Satan.

"This chief of the fallen angels has many Bible names. As expressive of his primacy and supremacy over other evil spirits he is called Beelzebub. As indicative of his hostility to man he is called Satan, which means adversary. As descriptive of his methods of malignity against man his name is devil. In this word is the idea of one who sets at variance. Those whom he seeks to set at variance are God and man.

"When he approaches man he slanders God; when he approaches God he accuses man. Hence, in his work of variance he is both an accuser and a slanderer. When he approaches Eve he slanders God. When he approaches God he accuses Job. In view of the result of his work he is called Apollyon, the destroyer. He is never a constructionist, but eminently a destructionist. He does not build, he demolishes.

"Because of the form he assumed in the temptation of man, he is called the Serpent, the Dragon. Very sinuous, tortuous, slimy, and subtle are his ways. On account of his rage and predatory character he is compared to a roaring lion. He is called the tempter because he incites to evil. He is called the deceiver because he tempts by lies. That he may deceive he comes as an angel of light, and that he may trap the unwary he sets cunning traps as a fowler who ensnares birds. But all the time he is a liar and a murderer, and the father of lies and murders. He is the father of all false religions.

"He uses the lust of the flesh, the pride of life, and the course of the world in turning men away from God. He first blinds, then binds and then stupefies, and so he keeps his goods in peace. He is an awful and hideous reality, apart from God the most stupendous factor in the universe. He is limited in power and in the time allotted him to work his evil deeds.

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Baptist Memorial Tribute



History



ELDER CALVIN GREGORY
1891 - 1957

Calvin Gregory, aged about 66 years, died at the hospital in Lafayette, Tennessee, November 16, 1957. He had been in failing health for several months. However his death came as a shock. Death was due to a heart attack suffered the day before. He was married to Miss May Gammon of the Beech Bottom community, this county, in 1912. Two children blessed this union. After the death of his first wife he married Miss Ethel Gann, of Smith County, and on November 8, 1928, this wife that he loved so well passed, she and her few hours-old baby being buried in the same casket. Later he married Miss Bettie Jenkins.

Brother Gregory was saved when young, united with Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, and was baptized by Elder R. B. Davis. Here we will tell you that Brother Gregory had traced his line of baptism back to Wait Palmer, who was baptized into the fellowship of North Stonington Baptist Church, in North Stonington, Conn., and felt that he would be able to connect directly with the Baptists of Wales, England, as he had learned that his grandfather, for whom he was named, was of Welsh descent. He was ordained to the full work of the Ministry, December 12, 1912. He lived a very busy and useful life. Hundreds were converted under his preaching, and many were baptized at his hands. He held 3,000 funerals. Among other activities of his life, we give the following: Pastor, school teacher, mail carrier, reporter, member of County Court, Director of Telephone Co., Trustee of Baptist Orphans Home. He preached the Doctrinal Sermon at Enon Association for 25 years, and was Clerk of the Association for nearly forty years. He was an able debater, meeting the strongest men of other denominations. Campbellism as preached by such men as Guy N. Wood and Joe S. Warlick fell to the earth at the presentation of the truth by this man who now lies silent in death. As Publisher of the Macon County Times he was known far and near in the newspaper world, and through its columns was a means of reaching many who were in need. He was a lover of good books and had accumulated one of the best libraries in this section. His body rests in the beautiful city of the dead at Haysville, Macon County, Tennessee. Truly a great warrior has fallen.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: My grandfather, R. L. "Bob" Vanderpool, a J. P., performed the marriage ceremony for Bro. Gregory and his second wife, Ethel Gann on Nov. 8, 1928, when I was 5 years old. A friend of mine and Bro. Gregory's gave me the following account of him telling his experience and call to the ministry which was written years ago.)

1953

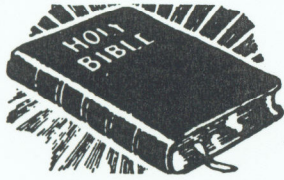
But the greatest event of all of our life took place at the west end of that "sorghum patch." Here in 1909, when Gregory was 18, a preacher boy by the name of Ernest Corum, began a revival meeting in a brush arbor. We resented his coming, as we had a sort of feeling that he merely wanted to disurb our usual serenity of mind and feelings. We wanted to attend and yet feared to hear his sermons. We had up to that time heard perhaps about ten sermons, most of which had left us in a state of worry. Our very first time to attend any kind of religious service took place at the old school house which was once the new school building. The first time to "go to meeting" in life, took place on the fourth Sunday in May, 1901, when the writer was nearly ten years old. Our next time to hear a sermon was on the occasion of a memorial of our aunt, Mrs. Melissa Gregory Campbell, which took place on September, 1904. Our next sermon, or rather two of them, we heard in the summer of 1905. We went to church in Bowling Green twice in the autumn of 1907. So we had never been to church very much when Elder Corum began to preach in the brush arbor that stood at the extreme west end of the "sorghum patch."

We heard a sermon on Friday night, another on Saturday night, another on Sunday, and another on Sunday night. By that time we were much alarmed over our spiritual condition in the sight of God. On Monday night we went to our father's home, about a quarter of a mile away, with a heavy heart and so sorely troubled that we slept but little. Then on Tuesday night, August 3, 1909, in the midst of the greatest anxiety of soul we have ever known, and with a broken heart that yearned for and panted after God, we found peace with God at the hour of nine o'clock, a peace that has never deserted us through the 44 years since that time. To the writer, the dearest spot on earth is the place where we met a forgiving and merciful God and our sin and guilt under which we had labored for eight years were gone. That night a transformation, the most radical we have ever known in our 62 years of life, took place. Elder Corum has long since gone "the way of all the earth," having died rather prematurely at the age of only about 40 years. From that time the writer felt that he owed God a debt of love and gratitude that can never be repaid in this life.

Two weeks after our conversion, and in the old tobacco barn that still stands about 200 yards below the "sorghum patch," we had our very first impression of our future work. But we did not recognize the first impression and had but little idea as to what it meant until other and stronger impressions had come upon our little soul. When finally it dawned on the writer that it was our first reaction. We could not preach and would not. We could not talk, and did not intend to even try. This sort of rebellion lasted about four years and finally gave way to submission to the will of God. We had no desire in the world to be a preacher and there was no calling on earth that we wanted any less. At that time, we simply said, "I won't go." But the God who dealt with a rebellious Jonah nearly 3,000 years ago, still lived in the skies and knew how to deal with His poor, rebellious child. At last, after many weary wrestlings in prayer and in worry and dread, we sorrowfully surrendered and took up the work. But it has not been a sorrowful work. Instead, it has brought the greatest enjoyment of all our life, to know that we had done, at least, a few things in the kingdom of our God. We have made many mistakes, but God has been merciful. We have often stumbled, but the helping hand has always been near. We have sorrowed deeply over many things that have come our way, but God has been more than good.

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ATTENTION!

Old Union Baptist Church voted to have an assembly each day, to be held in a home, for the ministers' wives, while the ministers were in school. The purpose of the meeting will be for older ministers' wives to conduct or lead discussions on the work, lives and responsibilities of ministers and the related responsibilities of ministers' wives.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1980

- 9:00 A.M. - Devotional
- 9:45 A.M. - A Balanced Ministry - J. H. Smith
- 10:30 A.M. - Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. - Bible Study Methods - H. C. Vanderpool
- 11:30 A.M. - Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. - The Atonement of Christ - W. T. Russell
- 1:45 P.M. - Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. - The Making of A Gospel Minister - F. W. Lambert
- 2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1980

- 9:15 A.M. - Devotional
- 9:45 A.M. - Invisable and True Church Ideas Compared - W. T. Russell
- 10:30 A.M. - Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. - Women's Place In The Church - H. C. Vanderpool
- 11:30 A.M. - Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. - Heavenly Merchantmen - F. W. Lambert
- 1:45 P.M. - Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. - A Balanced Ministry - J. H. Smith
- 2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1980

- 9:15 A.M. - Devotional
- 9:45 A.M. - What A Child of God Can Lose - F. W. Lambert
- 10:30 A.M. - Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. - A Balanced Ministry - J. H. Smith
- 11:30 A.M. - Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. - Ministerial Ethics - H. C. Vanderpool
- 1:45 P.M. - Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. - Distinctive Judgments In The Scriptures - W. T. Russell
- 2:45 P.M. - Presentation of Certificates and Benediction
- 3:00 P.M. - Refreshments

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THE TEMPTER, THE TEMPTED THE TEMPTATION

Satan was the tempter, Eve was the tempted and the temptation was that he (Satan) was going to bring something into the life of Eve to make her wiser and that God was with-holding this blessing and benefit from her.

In the first verses of our lesson we find the conversation between Satan and Eve. You will recall that after Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist he was forty days and nights in the mount of temptation where Satan quoted scriptures from the Old Testament to him, but at the same time he didn't quote them correctly by omitting portions and changing their proper meaning. While he talked with Eve about what God had said, he was crafty and used the saying in a manner to deceive.

Satan had one vicious motive, namely to overthrow the work of God and to cause man to doubt the character and the goodness of God. If the tempter can succeed in causing man to question the integrity and love of God he can achieve his purpose. It is to be noted that the appeal of Satan is based on three desires, which ordinarily are perfectly legitimate--the desire for the beautiful, for food and for knowledge. The plea of the evil one is based on untruth. His argument was along this line; God is not fair to you. He has given you much, but not enough. You are not permitted to eat of the "fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil," because if you eat of this you will know as much as he, and he does not want this to happen because you then will be his equal. This argument was subtle and fatal. Eve tasted and ate, she then did the natural and expected thing, namely, to involve Adam in this experience. With the acquiescence of Eve and Adam, Satan had accomplished his purpose. Sin had entered the lives of the first human beings.

THE FALL

Before the fall, Adam and Eve were holy. While God is infinite holy they were finite holy. They were happy together in the garden with everything that they needed. But, as already mentioned, Satan was angry with God and desired to bring about a separation between God and his creation of superiority.

Satan did not say "O woman, how good God is! He gave you permission to eat of thousands of trees!" Instead he pointed out the one forbidden tree and made his argument on that one. Eve yielded to the temptation of Satan. She ate of the forbidden fruit. When she saw that the tree was good for food, that it was a delight to the eye and that the tree was desired to make her wise, she yielded. The temptation came through her ear, her eyes and through the fleshly appetite, ambition and pride. When she saw that, "she took of the fruit and did eat." The woman had sinned.

THE AWAKENING OF CONSCIENCE

"Conscience is that inward monitor that passes judgment on the rightfulness of our actions. Before God said a thing, conscience had pronounced judgment, and hence John said, "If our hearts condemn us, how much more will God, who is greater than our hearts, condemn us?"

"Their conscience within them convicted them. They went and tried to hide from God. They made aprons out of fig leaves and tried to hide their nakedness. Not merely their physical nakedness, but their spiritual nakedness in the sight of God. Shame and fear followed.

Beatitudes For Married Couples

BLESSED are the husband and wife who continue to be affectionate, considerate, and courteous long after the wedding bells have ceased to ring.

BLESSED are they who have a sense of humor and laugh together, for this will be a handy shock absorber in everyday problems.

BLESSED are the married couples who abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages.

BLESSED are they who love their mates more than any other person, who joyfully remain faithful to one another, and continue to build their family.

BLESSED are they who attain parenthood, for children are a heritage of the Lord.

— Ella May Miller

Holy Bible Published In 1,631 Languages

NEW YORK (AP) - At least one book of the Bible had been published in 1,631 of the world's languages and distinct dialects by the end of 1977, according to the American Bible Society.

The society's annual Scripture language count indicates that the Bible is now available in 266 languages, the New Testament in 420 and portions of Scripture in 945.

The human race is divided into two classes—those who go ahead and do something and those who sit still and inquire, "Why wasn't it done the other way?" —Oliver Wendell Holmes

Israeli Airline To Start Tel Aviv-Cairo Flights

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel's national airline, El Al, is to start twice-weekly Tel Aviv-Cairo flights.

A delegation of officials from the Israeli Foreign and Transport ministries and El Al are to make the arrangements final this week in Egypt, spokesman Moshe Eilat said Friday.

The 1978 Camp David agreement stipulated that air ties between the two countries would be established nine months after the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, which will have been signed nine months ago as of Jan. 26.

Country Parson



"A preacher must be more interested in doing a job than in keeping one."

A MISSIONARY
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downpayment on property badly needed. Often it seems that the devil brings needs upon his little flock or other families under his influence. There is no choice but to help them. One solution to the financial demands is for the missionary to work full time. Every day there is somewhere he should go. There are people to visit, places to preach, inquiries to be made, business matters to execute, etc. much of which could not be delegated to someone else even if he had those who could help.

Unless the man possesses extraordinary physical abilities he must neglect much of the visiting, preaching, and investigative work which he knows he should be about. At home he has study, prayer, letters and tracts to write, etc. demanded of him regarding which it is too easy to fall far behind. If he has a family, he must devote a small amount of time to them.

Gradually the disciples gain strength enough to lend some assistance. As soon as possible that which they are capable of doing is left in their charge.

The first years in a new place are especially difficult for the missionary and his family. Loneliness sometimes seems unbearable. The passing of time does not decrease this discomfort, but rather increases it. He is a stranger in a strange land. Only when the church he gathers has learned to regard its self as part of the family of God and to treat the missionary and his family as if they were their own does the loneliness of missionary life decrease.

In the beginning it is hard to imagine how helpless one feels in a strange place. Even if there is no language barrier, there are customs of society which are different. The adjustments are not easy, but must be made somewhat to decrease the foreigner image. There are some customs with which the missionary may not be able in good conscience to comply. These are annoying oftentimes. Little did we realize while living in the same locality all our lives among trusted friends how much we depended on trusted friends in every-day life. How do you find a job, a house to rent, an auto mechanic, a doctor, where to buy a needed item, etc. when you know no one in the locality? At home, the instant a need was realized we knew who could fill it or at least who to call for advice.

When a few let-downs have been experienced in the work there is no brother to bolster you. When you are perplexed there is no brother counsellor. You know of no one who can help you spiritually except God, and you learn more than ever to depend on him. You learn more than ever to appreciate the spiritual brethren you left back home.

Every prayer the brethren pray for you is precious to you whether known or unknown. Every encouraging letter from brethren lifts the spirit. The gifts received from them stir up an overwhelming feeling of gratitude. A friend when you are in need is a friend indeed. Help with the heavy burden is joyfully and often tearfully received.

There are mountains of obstacles and hindrances which must be moved one by one. The progress is slow, the burden is heavy and unrelenting, the task is incomprehensible for its vastness, while the laborers are feeble and few. Every day, week, month, year, and yes, lifetime too, is too short. There is too much need and no means to fill it; this is the greatest frustration. It can only be endured by much pouring of the soul out to God and the receiving of His comfort.

Why do it? God has given us the richest of His blessings for time and eternity. He gave us His love, so we love Him. As He loves the world, so we love the world, that is, their souls. We are convinced that such blessings as we were given are possible only where the gospel is preached in love and power of God, and the "pillar and ground of the truth" is there to sustain it. This is what was given to us. We wish everyone else to have it also. God has given us much. We believe he requires much in return. The "love of God constraineth us".

My heart is inexpressibly full....

HOLY BIBLE
ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL

How Far Can You See?

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by the natural eyes, but by faith he could see the entire flood. Abraham was ready to take the life of his son, Isaac, on the altar. With his eyes he could only see the end of the life of his son, but by faith he could see beyond his death, even to him being made to live again and all nations being blessed through him. Heb. 11:17-19

Moses saw the riches of Egypt with his eyes, but by faith he saw the Lord and his rich promises. Heb 11:27. How far can you see? Are the things of the world obstructing your Spiritual vision which comes by faith? Where there is no vision, the people perish: Pro. 29:18a. Are we as servants and children of God today letting poor lost souls perish because we like faith to launch out on the promises of God. When you sing, "Standing On The Promises of God," do you mean it, or you just singing because the rest are singing? How far can you see?

Job knew he would die and that the skin worms would destroy his body, yet he could see the day when he would be in the glorious presence of the Lord. Even in his affliction on earth, his Spiritual vision was much stronger than the physical.

Paul, after many years in the service of the Lord, and being in prison waiting death with poor eye sight and walls that surrounded him, could see beyond death and the grave. He could rejoice concerning the crown of righteousness that he was to receive. By faith he could see far into the future.

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. Heb. 1:13. This is what the Bible has to say concerning the old servants of the Lord even before the New Testament was written.

As I pen these words and think of the faithful soldiers of the Lord, I sit here in my study and rejoice. I see four walls, but by faith I can see the many promises of God that will be fulfilled and one day I, too, with every blood bought soul shall leave the shores of this old sinful world and anchor in that harbor where the tempest comes no more and the weary shall be at rest. Let us remember that we are saved by the grace of God. Salvation is a gift. Rom. 6:23. But our

ONE SET OF FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand . . . one belonging to him and the other to the Lord. When the last scene had flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints and noticed that many times, along the path, there was only one set of footprints in the sand. He, also, noted that this happened during the lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord. Lord, you said that once I decided to follow You, You would walk all the way with me, but I noticed that, during the most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed you most, you deserted me. The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I Carried you."

WHICH AM I?

- Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed.
- Or are you just contented, that your name is on the list?
- Do you attend the meeting and mingle with the flock,
- Or do you stay at home and criticize, and knock?
- Do you take an active part to help the work along,
- Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belong?
- Do you ever voluntarily help at the guiding stick,
- Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?
- Come to the meetings often and help with hand and heart,
- Don't be just a member, but take an active part!
- Think this one over member, you know right from wrong,
- Are you an active member, or do you JUST BELONG?

rewards will be according to our works. Rev. 20:12. Our works will be according to our faith and Spiritual vision. How far can you see?

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