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## MEETING HELD TO DISCUSS BAPTIST WORK

On Monday night, December 12, 1983, a meeting was held in Gallatin, TN for discussion of Missionary Baptist Churches purchasing property to be used as a permanent Baptist school, TV studios for the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast and other meetings that our churches might wish to participate in, including a library.

There were 56 Baptist pastors, missionaries, deacons and laymembers in attendance.

It was suggested that those present return to their churches and discuss the matter with the churches and meet again to get a better understanding of the desires and wishes of our people.

An invitation was extended by Long View Missionary Baptist Church, Spencer and Elleta St., in Gallatin to meet with them. There was a unanimous vote to accept the invitation. The meeting is to be Monday night, February 6, 1984 at 7 P.M. All pastors, missionaries and laymembers of all our Missionary Baptist Churches everywhere ARE INVITED to attend that meeting.

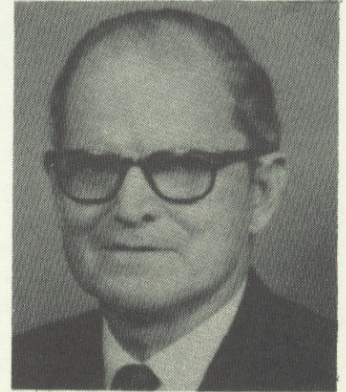
## THE PRECIOUSNESS OF GOD'S WORD

By J. H. Smith  
Nashville, Tennessee

"And the Word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision."

I Samuel 3:1

We take things for granted until they become a rarity, or when they are taken from us. At the time that God raised up Samuel the Word of God was a rarity, but what was heard was precious. The Word of the Lord



is always, and always has been what we need, but the sad thing is that we don't regard it as such. What we have, and the way we regard it is quite dif-

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## THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE PART TWO

By Harold Carver  
Buena Vista, Tennessee  
Reporting For Bus Number Two

(NOTE: Our 1983 Bible Lands Tour group of 93 travelled on two busses. I'm reporting for Bus One and Bro. Carver is reporting for Bus Two. This report is continued from last month. -Editor)

Friday, October 28, 1983

The dawn of a new day revealed the beautiful landscapes of Tiberias and surrounding mountains which seem to flow into the Sea of Galilee. A breath-taking experience in which one's mind leaps backwards nearly two thousand years and fills with imagination as to how it must have been when our Saviour walked these same misty shores. After breakfast at the hotel Group Two joined with Group One at the water's edge to begin our cruise across the Sea of Galilee.

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## ATTENTION!

The BAPTIST BANNER wishes to be helpful in any of various work endeavors of our Missionary Baptist Churches. That is, if you have reports, announcements, articles or any information or news items concerning Revivals, Debates, Singings, Ordinations, Special Meetings, Singing Schools, Announcements for help, or assis-

tance in any of these endeavors, Works of Charity, Associations, Church Organizations, Missions, Mission Reports, Sunday School, Bible Studies, Ministers Schools or Meetings, T V Work, Radio Programs, etc. YOU ARE INVITED to send them to the BANNER for publication. They should arrive in the BANNER mailbox by the 10th of the month preceding publication. - Editor

## MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

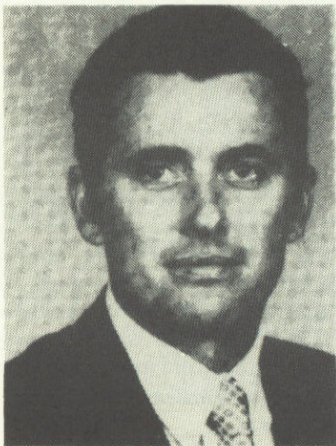
By

Elder Jerry A. Reynolds  
Davisville, W. VA.

PART II - HISTORICAL

We have given already the expressed opinion in favor of ministerial support of the London area Baptists in the 1600's and the Philadelphia area Baptists of the 1700's. For further emphasis we continue the quo-

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# Bible Study

A Bible Study is to begin on Tuesday night, February 14, at West End Missionary Baptist Church, 440 W. Main Street, Gallatin, TN. The studies will be held each Tuesday and Thursday night at 7:00 P.M.

Elder W. T. Russell will be the teacher and Paul's writing to the Corinthians will be studied. Elder William E. Massey is the pastor. Everyone is invited to attend.

## BIBLE LANDS TOUR

## PART TWO

By

H. C. Vanderpool

Reporting for Bus Number One

(NOTE: This report is continued from last month. Our 1983 Tour group of 93 travelled in two busses. I am reporting for Bus Number One and Elder Harold Carver, one of the co-hosts, is reporting for Bus Number Two. See his article in this issue. Last month both of us reported on October 25, 26, 27. The report begins this month with October 28. —Editor)

Friday, October 28, 1983

This morning we began the fourth day of our Bible Lands Tour. We had spent the night in Tiberias at Ginton Hotel (The Washington). Our two bus loads were gathered into the dining room of the hotel for our breakfast. While most mornings we were served Continental breakfast, on this morning we had buffet style. A few items we might mention included hard rolls, bread, variety of juice, tomatoes, olives, onions, jelly, jam, butter, variety of cheese, pickles, raw lox, boiled eggs, coffee, etc. There were other items in addition to these. You can see that all these made breakfast an important part of the day.

After a time of fellowship and the usual morning rush in preparation for the day's journey, we began to load onto our busses. Both busses travelled down the winding streets to the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. A large, double-deck boat awaited us for an exciting and Spirit-filled trip across the Sea. During this great experience, all on both busses were privileged to be together for this trip and share together our worship service on the boat. After we were all on the boat our guide spent some time explaining to us the Biblical and historical background of this body of water that has been spoken of and written about for many centuries.

When we reached the center of the Sea the guide turned the microphone and time over to us for our service. There were 14 Baptist ministers in this group, and from time to time, different ones of them took part in the various services that we had. Here on the Sea of Galilee we had some wonderful Spiritual singing. Scriptures which spoke of the Sea, and some of the Lord's ministry in this area, were read. Prayer was offered midst sounds of spiritual weeping, joy and God's presence! AMEN! As I sit here preparing this report, I rejoice in my heart over this experience. The Lord willing, I plan to return to the Promised Land with all its Spiritual blessings along with friends, loved ones and others later this year.

After our time of service and fellowship our guides returned to their very devoted tasks of instructing us and we soon anchored at Capernaum. This was the center of Jesus' ministry (Matthew 4:13, Mark 2:1). Among the ruins of Capernaum is an ancient synagogue. We all enjoyed being here and absorbing the feelings of antiquity and Biblical data which many of us had read or had been taught from childhood by our Sunday School teachers, preachers and at our parents' knees. It was in this city that Jesus called Matthew from collecting taxes to follow Him as a disciple (Mark 2:14, Matthew 9:9).

After leaving Capernaum we travelled westwardly around and across the hills and then to the city of Cana of Galilee where Jesus performed His first miracle (John 2:1-11). After some sightseeing and photography, we went on to Nazareth. It was here Jesus spent His boyhood days. After visiting Mary's Well and touring the city, we went to Megiddo where we viewed the excavations and the tunnel. We learned much about this crossroads of the Middle East and the importance it played in many battles of Bible days and wars since. The eyes of the world are on this area of the earth. They have been through all centuries and shall be until the Lord comes at the end of time.

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## MINISTERIAL

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tation of the Article from the Philadelphia Confession which R. S. Duncan cut short in the Missouri Baptist History. Where they said of the churches that they should to the ministers "communicate to them of all their good things according to their ability" they continued "so as they may have a comfortable supply, without being themselves entangled in secular affairs; and may also be capable of exercising hospitality towards others; and this is required by the law of nature, and by the express order of our Lord Jesus, who hath ordained that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

Through the course of history we find the Baptist ministry usually recommending support of the ministry, at least officially, followed by a general reluctance on the part of the churches to do so. It seems that occasionally a few influential ministers would take a decided stand against ministerial support. This influence, perhaps because it seemed to justify natural covetness, was readily absorbed by the people. The elders of previous centuries were bold, however, to emphasize the subject in terms and actions recommended which would seem excessive to most of our people today.

"The Dover Association of Virginia, at its meeting in 1790 'answered in the negative' the question: 'Is a minister in duty bound to serve a church who do not support him?'" (Baptist Church Perpetuity, by W. A. Jarrell, page 423, quoting R. B. Semple's Virginia Baptist History, page 94).

"The Kettocton Association of Virginia, at its meeting in 1791, had before it the question 'as to the propriety of a church's requiring of each of her members to contribute to the expenses of the church according to their property,' in answer to which, 'the association determined that a regulation of that kind in a church was

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**GOD'S WORD**

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ferent. God has given His Word and we have it translated in our own tongue, and it is a prized possession; but how many Christian people cherish this wonderful book, the Holy Bible?

Israel had gone through the period of the Judges when Samuel came on the scene, and the people were in and out during that period of the Judges, most of the time they were out. They would turn away from following God's order, and trouble would come; they would get into a distressing situation, and they would cry out to God, and He would deliver. It wouldn't be long until they had fallen into rebellion against God's order again, and God would let the enemy come and triumph over them. They would call upon Him for help, and a gracious and merciful God would deliver them from trouble again; and so it went until the Word of God was seldom heard. There is a limit to the good patience of our loving, heavenly Father. I guess all of our people have a Bible in their home; but just having a Bible and not studying that Bible won't give you much knowledge of what God has to say. The Word is precious, and the results we get from it are also precious. Why?

**GOD GAVE THE WORD**

"The Lord gave the Word; great was the company of those that published it." Psalm 68:11. He didn't give the Word all at once, but over a long period of time, about sixteen hundred years, and through a goodly number of writers. "God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son," Hebrews 1:1,2. In many portions, bit by bit, and in different ways, God spoke to the fathers through the prophets, hath in these last days, or this dispensation, spoken unto us by His Son, Jesus Christ. Whatever the way, whenever the time, or through whomsoever God has given His Word, it is His Holy Word, and we must regard it as such.

God is the author of the Holy Scriptures, though He used men to do the writing. They were inspired, and word for word, they wrote the mind of God. These men were just human beings, and from different walks of life, with different backgrounds, and of different personalities; but God had control of their mind and guided their hands as they penned down the wonderful Words of the Almighty. And in His precious Word He tells us what we are: how we got here; what our responsibilities are while we are here; and where we are going when we leave this world. We get this information from this book we call the Bible. It is the Word of God, and it is precious!

**HIS WORD IS LIVING AND POWERFUL**

"For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than a two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

The word, quick, in this verse means, living; and it is a sharp instrument, and so powerful that it pierces into man's innermost being. When those Jews on the Day of Pentecost heard the Word preached by Peter, they were pricked in their hearts (Acts 2:37). The Word gets down to where sin issues from, the heart, and it causes even strong men to tremble under conviction of sin. The above verse in Hebrews says that the Word is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. All have sinned, as the Bible says, but all men don't realize what a terrible thing sin is until the Word discerns for them, and lets them know that they have sinned against God. Sinners must get conviction before there can be any new birth. So this conviction can't be stressed too much.

**THE WORD IS THE INCORRUPTIBLE SEED**

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." I Peter 1:23

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**REPORT FROM DENVER**



Dear Bro. Vanderpool:

Will try to get our report to you and also some pictures. Due to the weather and being short on money, it has slowed us down. However, we have been getting some very good offerings from our own people. So, we are still moving forward.

We have some fine people that are very faithful to attend to work on our building and have our Wednesday night services in their homes and support the church every way they can that are not members of the church. We are very thankful for them.

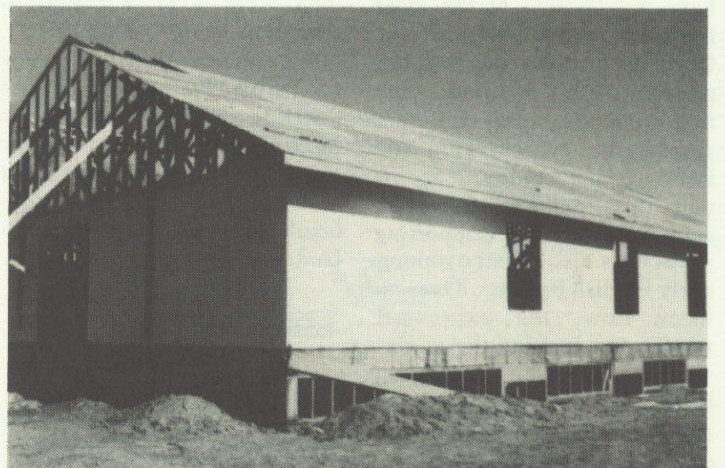
We have bought black felt for the roof, and we did get our water meter and put a line to the building. We didn't have to have our building ready to use, just to have it up and covered. We will have to pay a minimum water bill until we are ready to use the water. We pay \$376.11 monthly payments on our land and \$140.00 monthly rent on the building we use for Sunday services. We have the Wednesday night meetings in the homes.

The churches, brothers and sisters sending love offerings this month are:

- Mt. Juliet M. Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, TN .....\$ 50.00
- Mike and Susan Collins, Bowling Green, KY .....100.00
- Southside M. Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN .....50.00
- Pleasant Hill M. Baptist Church, TN .....200.00
- Joseph and Dorothy Dillman, Conowingo, MD .....15.00
- TOTAL \$415.00**

We thank everyone very much. Pray for us that we will use the Lord's money wisely and carefully and give Him the honor and glory. We thank you for your help and interest in the Lord's work here.

Yours in Christ,  
Colorado Missionary Baptist Church  
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## MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

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lawful, and that persons that would not submit to it deserved exclusion from the privileges of the church...' (Jarrell, page 425, quoting Mercer's Georgia Baptist History, page 132).

Many Baptists today would be outraged at the thought of excluding a person from fellowship for not contributing what they are able. "What would be the charge," they will ask. At this association (Kehukee Association of North Carolina) in 1787 the question was asked: "What measures shall a deacon take who sees the necessity of the minister's support and his conscience bids him do his duty, in consequence of which he frequently excites the brethren to their duty; yet, after all, to his daily grief, he finds they neglect their duty?" To this question the association answered: "It is our opinion that it is the member's duty voluntarily to contribute to their minister's support, and if the deacon discovers any remiss in their duty, that he shall cite him to the church; and if the church shall find him negligent in his duty, we give it as our advice, that the church should deal with him for covetness.'" (Jarrell, page 426, quoting Burkitt's and Read's History of the Kehukee Association, page 94).

So here we have our charge for exclusion, and if it be sustained, a more than adequate one for demanding exclusion (see Ephesians 5:5).

Lack of ministerial support is not a new problem. It is perhaps a reflection of the most human of human nature among Christian people. We find opponents of this doctrine in the first churches on this continent among the preachers in the Rhode Island Colony. It seems that this tradition, however, erroneous, of self-supporting preachers also existed among early English Baptists. Then, as often now, the expressed reason for denying the ministry financial support was largely reactionary. It was an excessive reaction to the actions of false ministers in false

churches.

David Benedict, the renowned historian, himself a New England native, writing in his last days in Chapter 15 of *Fifty Years Among the Baptists*, published 1860, writes of the Baptists, "...as a general thing, I am sorry to say, they have been deficient in system, and still more in the liberality of their doings in favor of their spiritual guides. In a few of our churches the pastors had an adequate support...But in old times, and in succeeding ones, a very large proportion of our ministers in the whole country, and especially in the more newly-settled and remote regions, have been obliged to look out for themselves, having had but a scanty assistance from the people they served..." (page 194).

Benedict writes that in times past "the subscription system was generally adopted wherever any systematic efforts were made in the business of ministerial support" (page 197). The deacons or other members appointed for this purpose were required to go about and take pledges of the members for the pastor's support. The excuses given then were basically the same as those yet heard for withholding due benefice. Benedict's attitude was common with other Bible preaching Baptist ministers of his day as he wrote, "To the discredit of some of our old churches, men of ample means, who manifested such a penurious withholding disposition, and who employed such offensive language when called upon to perform a plain and bounden duty, were too often retained in their fellowship" (page 199).

We conclude from this review of history that this scriptural doctrine and practice has been infrequently taught in our churches and rarely practiced to the shame of our faces, the displeasure of the Almighty God, and the loss of many souls.

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## GOD'S WORD

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What we have inherited from our parents is corruptible, and must go down in corruption but that which is born of God will see no corruption, as the next verse in Peter shows us: "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man is as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away." The next verse says: "But the word of the Lord endureth forever." It is true that the Word of God reproves of sin and makes the sinner feel miserable, but he that repents of sin has a glorious result from the Word; sorrow turns into peace and joy.

### THE WORD IMPARTS KNOWLEDGE

"The entrance of thy Words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." Psalm 119-130

If we want light and understanding about God, and about His will we can get this knowledge from His Scriptures. He has given to us what He wants us to know; He is not going to give us another revelation. So we have to study what He has given us, and as we study, we can always find out something that we didn't know before.

As we seek for knowledge in the Word of God we must depend on the Spirit for He, the Spirit, knows everything in the Word; because He is the One who inspired men to speak and write. See II Peter 1:21. Every individual should study the Word himself, or herself, and seek the aid of the Holy Spirit to help in understanding of that Word. Too many people just listen to what somebody else says about the Bible, and go right along and swallow it hook, line, and sinker. The preacher is supposed to know something of what the Bible teaches, and he may endeavor to tell the truth and nothing but the truth, but he is not inspired like those who wrote the Scriptures. So we had better study for ourselves in our private life; study prayerfully, seeking Divine guidance, and in so doing we can be in a better position to support the preacher as he expounds the Word of God. We can know something of where the preacher is going, maybe see his point before he reaches his final point. And you might be able, as you follow, to think of another verse that would be in support of his position; and you could say, Amen, and know that he is telling the truth.

### THE WORD SANCTIFIES

One of the things that Jesus prayed for in behalf of the Disciples in chapter 17 of John is this: "Sanctify them through Thy Truth; Thy Word is Truth." The word sanctify means to set apart, and this is what the Truth can do for us, and will do for us if we receive it and apply it to life. It shows us what we should do, and what we should not do; thus we are set apart from evil and for the service of God. The Lord wants us apart from the world, and it displeases Him when He sees His children engaging in sinful pleasures. It appears that this whole nation is pleasure mad. I guess we are beginning to see what Sodom and Gomorrah was like; and we should know what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah, if we have studied the Bible just a little bit.

### THE WORD EXPOSES SIN

Men are full of pride and don't want their sins exposed. They would like to go on sinning, because man loves sin and doesn't want somebody to tell him about it. Men sin and try to cover up their evil deeds, tell lies about what they have done, sin more to try to conceal what they have already done. But God has a way of brining sin to our attention, as God, through Moses, said to Israel. "And be sure your sins will find you out" (Numbers 32:23). We may hide our sins from men, but, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Proverbs 15:3.

Some sinner or a backsliding Christian goes to church, and he feels pretty comfortable about himself. And he says to himself, well, I am not any worse than others about me; but as he begins to hear God's Word expounded he senses that there is something

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# HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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The focal point of Israel's north country is the Sea of Galilee. It is a harp-shaped fresh water lake some 14 miles long and 7 miles wide. The large boat bearing our two groups launched from Tiberias and would proceed across the lake to Capernaum. Near the middle of the sea the boat's crew silenced the engines that we might engage in a worship service. As the scriptures were read and prayers were offered, the Holy Spirit came in a mighty way and blessed the hearts of all aboard. It was a tremendous experience that will never be forgotten by those present.

Leaving Tiberias in our wake we pressed toward Capernaum with Magdala, Mt. Arbel, Horns of Hittin, and the Valley of Ginosar all in full view dressing the shores of Galilee. Leaving the boat in Capernaum the groups separated for their specific and individual touring schedule and Group Two began the visit of Capernaum. Our guide explained that Capernaum at the time of Jesus was a border village between Herod Antipas' Tetrarchy of Galilee and Hellenistic Gaulanitis. It was here that Jesus came to teach after being rejected in Nazareth, and Capernaum became the center of His Galilean ministry. Jesus gathered together His disciples here and performed many healing miracles. Leaving Capernaum we motored back to the Ginton Hotel in Tiberias for lunch.

The afternoon tour began with the announcement by our guide that our group was going to make a departure from the preplanned schedule and tour the Golan Heights. We proceeded through upper Galilee with Mount Hermon in the distant background. Mount Hermon is Israel's largest watershed. The spring snow thawing from her summit charges two fountainheads, Dan and Banias, which are the Jordan's greatest sources. A third Jordan tributary, the Hasbani, flows down from Lebanon.

The first extended stop was made at Caesarea Phillipi at the base of Mount Hermon. It was here that Simon acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah, to which Jesus replied: "That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," Mt. 16:18. It is also at Caesarea Phillipi that we find the Roman Road to Damascus on which Paul was converted. The climb to the Golan Heights was made over a narrow road (mostly one lane) tracing through deep canyons and treacherous mountains. Along the way we passed through the town of Candarch which is a Druse Moslem settlement.

The Golan Heights, or Ramat Ha'Golan, before 1967 was under Syrian rule. These black basalt, volcanic mountains extend from 9200 feet high Mount Hermon in a broad arc east and south to the Yarmuk Valley. Today the Jewish fields, orchards, beauty spots, and historical sites are still dotted by the once-occupied Syrian bunkers and well-entrenched gun emplacements which at one time were used to attack Israel.

Several stops were made along the border separating Lebanon, Syria, and the Golan Heights of Israel. One stop in particular was made at the United Nations Peace Keeping Camp which now patrols this demilitarized zone. On this beautiful, clear, crisp and sunshiny day everything seemed so peaceful. But even then the engines of war were in action just a few miles across the border in Lebanon.

Descending the Golan Heights we turned toward Nazareth for a late afternoon visit to the city of Christ's childhood. Nazareth lies on the southernmost range of the Galilean hills overlooking the Jezereel Valley. Here we visited Mary's Well where tradition states that the angel Gabriel first appeared to Mary. We also visited The Synagogue where tradition has it that this is the site of the synagogue which Jesus regularly attended on the Sabbath, Lu. 4:16. Weaving our way through the narrow, crowded streets of Nazareth we turned once again toward Tiberias and the Ginton Hotel.

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# ORDAINED TO MINISTRY



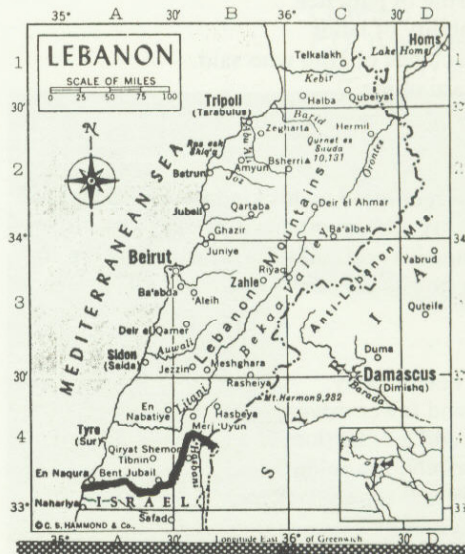
Elder and Mrs. Leon White

On Saturday, November 19, 1983, Bro. Leon White was ordained to the full work of the ministry. His ordination was called for by his home church, Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church, Watertown Rd., Lebanon, Tennessee.

Fourteen Missionary Baptist Churches were represented in the presbytery by twenty-five ministers and deacons. Elder Edgar Copeland, pastor of the church, served the presbytery as moderator. Elder Tom Armstrong was elected clerk. The candidate was presented to the presbytery by Elder Howard Taylor, and Elder Charles Patterson led the interrogation. The ordination prayer was led by Elder Bobby Earps. After the "laying on of hands" by the presbytery, Elder William House gave the charge to the newly ordained minister. The charge to the church was given by Elder Vernon Roark, and Elder Millard Roberts presented the Bible to Bro. White.

A good Spiritual service was enjoyed by those in attendance. Shouts of joy ascended during the ordination. May we remember Bro. and Sister White in prayer as the Lord leads them into whatever field he has for them to labor.

# HOW FAR IS IT?



Since returning from our Bible Lands Tour some have asked how far we were from the troubled area. If you look at this Map and the Scale of Miles, you will see that it is over 200 miles from the northern border of Israel to Beirut, Lebanon. - Editor

**GOD'S WORD**

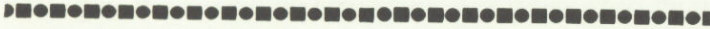
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wrong, not about others about him, but something in his own bosom tells him that God sees and knows all about him and a sense of guilt creeps in. This is how God's Word deals with sin. Without this reproof, or conviction, the sinner goes on sinning, and he doesn't get the blessed relief of forgiveness; and he doesn't come to realize just how precious the Word of God really is.

**THE WORD IS NOURISHMENT**

God's sheep have to be fed or they become restless and very discontent. Jesus knew this when He said to Peter, "Feed my sheep." See John 21:15-17. Peter received a great lesson from this experience, for he became a great expounder of the Word, and in his writing he admonished other preachers to do the same, as we note in I Peter 5:2: "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly, not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind." And in another place he admonished young Christians: "As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby." I Peter 2:2. Babies need milk, and when they have been fed milk for a time then they need something stronger from the Word of God.

There are two reasons why Christians are not fed and nourished. There are some that don't care to be fed, and there are others who would like to be fed and don't have anybody to feed them. Speaking of my own experiences as a minister, it is a pleasure to preach to people who are eager to be fed, but it is one of the most discouraging experiences to preach to people who wouldn't care less if we didn't preach at all. As to my own feelings, there is nothing that lifts my heart toward heaven just like sitting and listening to some man of God dipping into the rich treasures of God's Holy Word. Precious, precious Word!



**Twelve Things To Learn:**

- The value of time
- The need of perseverance
- The pleasure of serving
- The dignity of simplicity
- The true worth of character
- The power of kindness
- The influence of example
- The obligation of duty
- The wisdom of economy
- The virtue of patience
- The nobility of labor
- The teachings of Him who said,  
"Learn of me."

A man's greatness is measured by his kindness; his education and intellect by his modesty. His ignorance is betrayed by his suspicions and prejudices, and his real caliber is measured by the consideration and tolerance he has for others. —T.T. Lynch

- The Church needs today:
- More tithes and fewer drives;
- More action and less faction;
- More workers and fewer shirkers;
- More backers and fewer slackers;
- More praying and less straying;
- More burdenbearers and fewer talebearers.

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- 9:45 A.M. - H. C. Vanderpool - Honoring A Divine Call
- 10:30 A.M. - Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. - Howard Taylor - The Wrath of God
- 11:30 A.M. - Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. - J. H. Smith - Unto God Be Glory In The Church By Christ Jesus
- 1:45 P.M. - Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. - Jerry Reynolds - Calvinism And Its Relation To Baptists
- 2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

**THURSDAY - MARCH 29, 1984**

- 9:15 A.M. - Devotional
- 9:45 A.M. - Calvin Perrigo - The Body of Christ And Members In Particular
- 10:30 A.M. - Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. - Billy Moran - The Significance of The Law
- 11:30 A.M. - Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. - H. C. Vanderpool - Ministerial Education
- 1:45 P.M. - Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. - Howard Taylor - A Peculiar People
- 2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

**FRIDAY - MARCH 30, 1984**

- 9:15 A.M. - Devotional
- 9:45 A.M. - J. H. Smith - The Priesthood of Christ
- 10:30 A.M. - Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. - Jerry Reynolds - Calvinism And Its Relation To Baptists
- 11:30 A.M. - Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. - Calvin Perrigo - Music And Its Effect
- 1:45 P.M. - Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. - Billy Moran - The Basis For Fellowship and Cooperation Between Churches of Like Faith

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**BIBLE LANDS TOUR**

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Just immediately to the east side of Megiddo is the Valley of Jezreel, also known as the Plain of Esdraelon, which lies between Mt. Gilboa and Megiddo. To the north is Mt. Tabor. Not far away are the hills where Gideon's army won the victory over the Midianites (Judges 7:1-21). In this valley Elijah and Ahab met (I Kings 21:17).

We travelled north to Haifa, the second largest city in Israel. We slowly climbed Mt. Carmel in our bus. We stopped to view the Harbor and the Mediterranean Sea to the west. While on this mountain we enjoyed a delicious meal at a mountaintop restaurant. Elijah had his encounter with false prophets on this mountain (I Kings 18).

After lunch we descended the mountain and travelled south along the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea to the coastal city of Caesarea. This was the home of Cornelius and his household and where Peter visited and preached to them (Acts 10). We visited the Roman Theatre and Fortress. After a general tour of this ancient and Biblical city, we drove to Jerusalem. It was late in the afternoon and since we were on the road for some time going to Jerusalem, the group began to get a little quieter and some naps were enjoyed. Upon our arrival in the holy city, we reached our new home, the Ambassador Hotel, where we would be staying until the end of our Holy Land travels. We had time to clean up, get out and scout around the shopping area while waiting for our evening meal. A very enjoyable dinner was enjoyed along with a time of Christian fellowship. We then journeyed down to Bethlehem to shop at the Three Arches. We returned to our hotel and retired for the night.

**Saturday, October 29, 1983**

After a good night's rest, we were up and all excited about another day the Lord had given us to walk in the steps of Jesus and the Apostles. After the usual preparations, breakfast, etc., we boarded our large, beautiful and comfortable bus and headed through the winding streets of Jerusalem which took us up on the Mt. of Olives east of the city. It has been said that this is the greatest view in the world! If space permitted, these articles would be several times longer than they are with all the Bible references to each place visited, but this is not possible. So, our reports must be shortened. This I regret.

After some time here, the pictures of the group in last month's issue were made here. We descended the mount and went to the Garden of Gethsemane. How wonderful it is to be where Jesus often visited and prayed with his disciples. It was here He prayed the night before His crucifixion (Matthew 26:36-46, Mark 14:26-42, Luke 22:39-46, John 18:1).

After lunch we drove to Bethlehem where we visited the place of nativity. From here we went to the Shepherds Field. It was here the shepherds received the good news of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-20). These are also the fields where Ruth gleaned for Boaz whom she later married. They had a son, Obed who was the father of Jesse, the father of David (Ruth 4:1-22). You can still see the shepherds with their flocks in these hills and valleys today. We returned to our hotel for dinner and to get another night's rest to be ready the next day for another Spiritual, educational and enjoyable journey in the Holy Land!

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Wisdom is knowing what to do; skill is knowing how to do it; virtue lies in doing it, and doing it well. —David Storr Jordan

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## THE SHEPHERDS' FIELD

### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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What a day! We had been exposed to so much it was hard to comprehend all the sites and places we had visited. Once again we found that we were physically exhausted but spiritually renewed. Our hearts were full of praise for what we had experienced. A wonderful dinner, a good time of fellowship, a warm bath, and a most welcome bed and the fourth day drew to a close.

**Saturday, October 29, 1983**

The tour began with an early morning visit to the Mt. of Beatitudes. The morning was beautiful as the new day dawned on this blessed setting. Immediately upon arriving at the summit the group observed a reading of the Beatitudes from the Holy Scriptures followed by prayer. The spirit of worship was so joyous and fulfilling. This site, which offers one of Israel's most beautiful panoramas, is where Jesus delivered his famed Sermon on the Mount, Mt. 5:3-10.

Leaving the Mt. of Beatitudes we next stopped at Magdala where nothing but shrubbery and ruined masonry mark the hometown of Mary Magdalene. While in this area we also visited Tabgha, the site of Jesus' miraculous feeding of the multitudes. From here the bus followed a route that would completely circle the Sea of Galilee and terminate in the southernmost part of the lake at the Jordan River. All of the areas along the route were most interesting and filled with Bible significance. The next stop was the famed River Jordan.

The Jordan River extends 65 miles from the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea. It is a slow, shallow stream, overgrown on both banks by sub-tropical trees and tangled bush. The Jordan's egress from the Sea of Galilee, where we stopped is one of the few places along the length of the river which is accessible to visitors today.

Leaving the Jordan Valley behind we turned toward the port city of Haifa for lunch. Haifa, situated on the slopes and onto the summit of Mt. Carmel, offers a breath-taking view of the Mediterranean Sea, coastline, and harbor. From here we motored along the coast line to Caesarea.

Caesarea, initially a small Phoenician trading post, became under Herod the Great a large city. After Herod's death, the city

became the seat of the Roman Government in Judea. Pontius Pilate resided here during his terms as procurator. Phillip the Deacon evangelized here (Acts 8:40) and Paul was imprisoned here (Acts 23:23). Now a very popular tourist site with a beautiful beach, restaurant, art galleries and excavations. The site contains an ancient Roman Theatre and fortress which were excavated only in recent years.

Once again the day seemed to fail in the allotment of time and we would not arrive in Jerusalem until early evening. We arrived at the Ambassador Hotel to be reunited with Group One. With a considerable exchange of experiences between the two groups and more good fellowship, we enjoyed a delicious dinner together. One of the great blessings of these Pilgrimages comes from new acquaintances, new friendships, new bonds, and new bridges of love that shall last forever. These tours are not only exciting and informative but offer a God-given opportunity to engage in the sweetest worship one can experience.

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### WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

In the home, it is kindness;  
in business, it is honesty;  
in society, it is courtesy;  
in work, it is thoroughness;  
in play, it is fairness;  
toward the fortunate, it is congratulation;  
toward the unfortunate, it is pity;  
toward the weak, it is help;  
toward the wicked, it is resistance;  
toward the strong, it is trust;  
toward the penitent, it is forgiveness;  
and toward God, it is reverence and love.

—Douglas Hyde