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*"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."* **Isaiah 40:3**

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## HOW TO BE SAVED

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*"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:30*

This is an important question that came from a man who was in deep trouble about himself and his sins. Maybe he had never given any thought to the question before, at least he hadn't been so convicted and troubled to the point that he was at the present seeking to know how he might be relieved of his guilt. His was an honest question, and the question demanded an honest and correct answer. He had seen a demonstration of the great power of God there at Philippi, when God sent the earthquake and opened the doors of the prison to free two of His servants, Paul and Silas; who were being kept there by this very man, who asked the question, "Sirs what must I do to be saved." Paul and Silas gave him the correct answer, "And they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." But they saw, evidently, that the man needed further instruction, "And they spake unto him the Word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house."

### THE NECESSITY OF KNOWING HOW

Sinners are in spiritual darkness and they don't know how to be saved. So we are convinced that somebody must tell them the way. Men with the best minds cannot know how to be saved within themselves, because we can't know God by human, or worldly wisdom; for the Bible Says, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." 1 Corinthians 1:21. God's Word is His source of informing men and women as to how they may be saved, and it is not a way that they plan out themselves,

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## IS THE BIBLE OUT OF DATE?

By Vernon Roark  
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Heb. 4:12A The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword.

Back about the 15th century, in Wales England, it was said of Welsh Baptist children, they are able to quote a great number of scripture passages by memory, and that without a complete Bible in the native tongue. In the early days of our country, many Baptist brethren, under possibility of physical punishment, would speak Bible passages even to those they would meet on the street, to exhort them to be saved and believe God's word. Even in my brief life span. I remember when the bible was held in high esteem by those who were my teachers, both in school, and at home, as well as at church. Now, in our schools, they study of the bible, prayer, even basic Bible statements concerning creation are prohibited. Now we understand it is unlawful to place the Ten Commandments in classrooms. However, it is lawful to teach Darwin's Theory of Evolution, and such writings as Voltaire are openly discussed. Voltaire was a devout Atheist, and a servant of Satan. Such statements as, "God is dead," and "The Bible is out of date," and "At least

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## THE SOUL-SAVING VALUE OF INFLICTED PAIN

By J. A. Reynolds

- 1) "He that spareth the rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." Proverbs 13:24
- 2) "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction will drive it far from him." Proverbs 22:15
- 3) "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell." Proverbs 23:13 & 14
- 4) "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Proverbs 29:15
- 5) "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." Hebrews 12:11
- 6) "For whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." Hebrews 12:6

All of the above references mention the rod or whip as the instrument of correction. "To use such cruelty" the world now says "on a small child would be child abuse." Yet the Bible demands it of the parent who truly loves the child to beat him unto subjection and obedience when necessary. Knowing that the foolishness of God is wiser than men, the wisdom of God contained in the Holy Scriptures ought not to be questioned.

We are surrounded today by a world full of grown people who hold the powers that be in contempt. These base men behave themselves proudly toward the honorable unto whom they should according to God's rule subject them-

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Your Brother in Christ,

Vernon Roark

## LETTERS

We enjoy the "Voice of Baptists." May God continue to be praised and His precious name and word told in truth and boldness uncompromised.

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I enjoy reading "Voice of Baptists" very much.

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Our church enjoys the paper a lot.

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## IS BIBLE OUT-DATED?

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parts of the Bible are of no more value than Mother Goose stories" are commonly heard by our children. Is it any wonder that there is so much despair in our country today? When alcohol, drugs, and other evils take over our schools as it is? We must ask ourselves, is the Bible out dated?

If you wanted to be informed on any subject, you would try to find the oldest, most trusted records, by the most informed authors. The Bible is the oldest and most trusted account of the dealings of God with man. The King James version is almost 400 years old. The Bible was written over a period of 1600 years by about 40 men who were inspired by God. The prophecy came not in old times by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (2 Peter 1:21). Surely God can be trusted. The Bible has been reported to be the No. 1 best selling book for the last forty years, and now is the No. 1 best seller of all time. It has affected the lives of millions and millions of people in the past. Now surely we haven't progressed in wisdom and knowledge to the point that we don't need the Bible.

In the first book of the Bible it says that God saw that the wickedness of man was great and it grieved God that he had made man, and he said I will cause it to rain a great flood and destroy man and every living thing upon the earth. Now look at what Jesus said, "That the world knew not, until Noah entered the ark and the flood came and took them all away, so shall also the coming of the son of man be." Matt. 24:38-39. Will Jesus come again? Will it ever and on earth? These are questions every one must face up to. After the flood, God promised Noah, and all after him, that he would never flood the earth again, and he placed a rainbow in the clouds as a token of His Promise. (Gen. 9:8.) Every time we see a rainbow, it is evidence of God, and His Word.

The Word of God is quick or both living and life giving. Paul said to the Ephesians (Eph. 2:1) You have been **made alive** who were dead in trespasses and sin. Jesus said in John 3, that it was a must to be born again, born of the Spirit. Now consider 1 Peter 1:23 "**Being born again**, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, by the **word of God**, which **liveth and abideth forever.**" Is God's word out dated?

**Powerful:** God created all things by the power of His Word (Gen. 1) If you are interested in this subject, please read 2 Peter, 3:1-12 and tell me the word of God is out dated.

## REVIVALS

The Colorado Missionary Baptist Church is planning a series of meetings starting June 21st and are praying for a revival. Elder Henry Smith will be helping our pastor, Elder Ottis Jones, in the meeting. We would like to ask our sister churches to be praying for us.

JUNE 14

ENON CHAPEL MISS. BAPTIST CHURCH - Pastor Bobby Gann is to be assisted by Elder Doug Curtis. Bro. J. W. Gregory will be in charge of song service. Services each night at 7:30 p.m. EVERY-ONE IS INVITED!

JUNE 21

SULPHUR FORK MISS. BAPTIST CHURCH - Sumner Co. Pastor Paul Patterson assisted by Elder Bobby Gann. Services nightly at 7:30 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME!

JUNE 5

FAIRVIEW MEMORIAL MISS. BAPTIST CHURCH - Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor W. T. Russell will be assisted by Elder Paul Bryson. ALL ARE INVITED!

JUNE 7

MT. ZION MISS. BAPTIST CHURCH - Holland, Ky. Pastor Kenneth Woodall to be assisted in the preaching by Elder James (Pete) Porter. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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## IS BIBLE OUT-DATED?

**Sharper than a two edged sword:** Here we come to the reason for the present attitude to the Bible. From Gen. to Rev. the Light of life is pictured in the person of Jesus Christ. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. John 1:6 & 8 Jesus said, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved." John 3:19 & 20. So now we see a reason to suppress and discredit the word of God, for Light makes manifest evil deeds, and condemns sin. Peter preached the word of God on the day of Pentecost, (quoting scripture) and it cut to the heart of the hearers, and they cried out "What must we do?" If this present trend to destroy and discredit the Bible is allowed to continue, I am persuaded that this country is bound to fall to her enemy. Let us all ask ourselves. What must we do? Let us dust off the Bible, and put it in it's proper place, both in our homes and our lives.

## SOUL-SAVING VALUE

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selves. Few of these same people have repented toward God and fewer of them ever will. The idea of being conquered is nauseous to them. The problem with most of them is that there was never an hour in their lives that they were ever humbled to total subjection by someone in authority who cared for their welfare.

If the concerned but worldly parent sometimes realizes that by conquering their children they may keep them out of the penitentiary or perhaps from premature death, the Christian should perceive much more, that the child who has had his proud spirit utterly subdued by a loving parent time and again in childhood will find it less unreasonable when God comes to him conflicting pain upon him to conquer him. "Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shall deliver his soul from hell."

How much actual beating is required to correct a child? The answer is, enough to effect repentance from the wrongdoing. For some this is a few strokes. For others it is many stripes and with repetition. The stopping place is the breaking of the spirit. Parents should be wise enough to discern this point. With some it is quickly reached. With others, there is required almost the entire strength of the parent's nerves to reach it. Regardless of the perseverance it takes this must be accomplished for the future and eternal welfare of the child. So many parents are stopped short by the crying of the child. Children quickly learn if outlandish crying will win them a lighter sentence. Some learn to fake a broken heart to stop the chastening thus fooling their parents to stop well short of conquering them. Parents should not be more ignorant than their children. The faked cry of a frightened child is not spontaneous and uncontrollable as is that of the same child truly injured. The danger of the child fooling was realized by Solomon when he wrote, "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying." (Proverbs 19:18) Parents commonly lighten and lessen the number of the blows because of the child's complaint. Do not do this. If whelps and bruises are needed to remove the last ounce of defiance, bring it gracefully to be, for the child's sake, if you must cry with them while you do it. Resist the urge to console their pains of chastisement at least until they have well been comprehended by the child. If you must go in the other room and weep, do so. It will be good for the child to realize that it truly hurts you to hurt him. This firm hand should be exercised in the

complete absence of anger. If you have waited for his correction until you are filled with wrath you have waited too long. They will see your anger and be more inclined to resist and resent the punishment. Furthermore, "the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God." Many parents thus spare the rod all the lives of their children because they are not hard enough to inflict the punishment because they are pained themselves. The object of inflicting pain should be, "remove the defiance". After a few times of breaking the defiant spirit obedience at command will follow.

Many, or perhaps almost all, parents spare the rod in waiting too long to begin using it. We all want to say, "they're too young to understand." While it is true that the child may not be old enough to understand why Mom or Dad said "no", when they are old enough to understand the word "no" they ought to be taught not to question "why". Such questioning is a defiance of due authority and if it is allowed to go on unchecked it will result in many problems later on for parent and child. Many parents become virtually helpless slaves to an over demanding child who has not been taught the finality of the parent's "no" backed up with a pain-inflicting stick. The truth is that we have just enough Adamic nature in us, that is in our flesh, that we admire the spirited little creatures that God has put in our care. We should realize that the more high-spirited they are the more ungodly potential they possess, for it is the "poor in spirit" that will possess the kingdom of God. Rid them of as much of that defiance toward authority as you possibly can before they are old enough to remember it. No defiance of proper authority should be let go unnoticed at any age. Unfortunately most of us do let it go too long, to our own future discomfort, and to the child's permanent detriment if we do not with much additional and unnecessary pain to ourselves squash that defiance at a later age. Such a price parents pay in their own discomfort while trying to "unspoil" the defiant child just for a few years of admiring their defiant but cute little human spirits.

Some parents err in ceasing discipline too soon. A teenage child may have a mature body, but few of them approach a mature mind. They are ill equipped to find their own way in the world. The youth may be in the beauty and freshness of life but his lust for life is not Godly. "Childhood and youth are vanity" (Eccl. 11:10) They should not be considered adults although many of them think that they are and that they should be considered such. Although we may rightfully turn to other disciplinary mea-

sures with the teenager than the rod and be sometimes successful this does not always eliminate the need for an occasional reminder that wisdom prescribes a "rod for the fool's back". A teenager who defies the instruction of a loving parent is no less a fool because we love him and stands in need of "a rod for the fool's back". In the day when civil law used the very effective means of public flogging as punishment for lawbreakers, the use of a rod on those youths almost grown would not have seemed in the least outrageous. In my opinion your child should be beaten in private, especially after they reach an age where they are embarrassed, lest they perceive that they are being beaten to impress some onlooker. This thought could rightly create resentment. What defiance we allow in private will usually sooner or later surface in public.

In an age when physical inflicting of pain is thought by many to be barbaric the influence is strong upon us to not give heed to the wholesome words of almighty God, "the gold, tried in the fire" of many centuries and proven successful. Often Christians rise against preachers with an example which they believe prove him in error. They cite the good christian citizen who never in his life received a beating. Perhaps he never needed one, which is very unlikely. Perhaps he prevailed to Christianity and goodness in spite of his lack of chastisement, which is possible, but still not very likely. Some have managed this. It is true. Still others who were chastized strictly and regularly are unsaved and went astray. This also is possible since every man is an individual spirit. What we must go by are rules, not exceptions, and that rule is the one given by God. The disrespectful, unruly, defiant, unloving world we live in today is undisputable proof that God's word is correct. In general, the sparing of the rod is the ruining of the child. In general, our last generation spared the rod and we see what we have. We have a proud, defiant, self-righteous, and unregenerated society. Never forget, the breaking of a man's spirit, is the way to obedience to God, which is the answer to all things.

In answer to the question, "for what offences do I chastize the child?" I direct the following. Chastize him more severely for those offences which are against God. Second in order of severity are those offences which you perceive to be harmful to the child. Least severe should the punishment be for those offences which affect only you personally. It should be understood, however, that defiance of your authority is both unGodly and harmful to the child.

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nobody can work it out in his own mind, however intelligent he might be. I don't want to rule out intelligence, however; because it is through the intellect that the Word of God gets through to the sinner's heart. In other words, a person with no mind couldn't in reality hear the Word of the Gospel. I am sure that the intelligence has much to do with some children becoming accountable sooner than others. But what I am saying is that no person, even if he were as wise as Solomon, could sit down and figure out his way to God. The making a person conscious as to what he is as God sees him is indeed the work of God Himself, using His own chosen means, the Holy Spirit working through the preached Word.

**NECESSITY OF BEING SAVED**

The Bible makes it very clear that all men are sinners and in need of deliverance from this blight of sin and its consequences. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23. God's Law is a perfect standard, and none of us have lived up to such perfection, regardless of our upbringing, even if we have been taught by the best of parents. Men have a sinful nature, and we came into this world with it. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned." Romans 5:12. Of course there are some sinners more vile than others, but still the Bible says that all have sinned. A person doesn't have to break every law on the books to be a violator of the law, even under the laws of the state. If a man steals he has violated the law; he doesn't have to go on to kill, kidnap, rape, and do a lot of other bad things in order to bring the wrath of the law down upon himself; but the fact that he has been stealing is enough to be counted a law breaker. "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." James 2:10. I think this Scripture makes it very clear that all are guilty before God. Some men would like to hide behind somebody else and say, I am not as bad as he, I haven't done a lot of bad things like some others. Maybe not, but you haven't been perfect, you have sinned, and you must repent and get forgiveness, or you will have to live in hell with such characters as whoremongers, liars, thieves, idolaters, murderers, and the like. See Revelations 21:8.

**SAVED FROM WHAT?**

Sinners are under condemnation because of their sins, and this condemnation won't go away by your making ex-

cuses, God doesn't accept excuses, however sound you may think yours are. In the Bible we have this story: "Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes into heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner." Luke 18:10-13. The Pharisee in this story was trying to justify himself before God, making his excuses of how much better he was than other people, but the Lord didn't accept his self righteousness, for the next verse says about the publican, who smote his breast and ask for mercy, "I tell you this man went down to his house justified rather than the other." Luke 18:14

The publican realized, and acknowledged his sins when he said, "God be merciful to me, a sinner." And he was justified, so said Jesus, and this means that he was set free from the penalty of sin and counted righteous before God. God didn't count the Pharisee righteous, because all the righteousness he had was his own, and God doesn't accept any righteousness that we offer. God lifts the penalty when we trust in Jesus Christ, and then we are freed from the Law; freed from condemnation, freed from guilt, freed from death and eternal hell. Jesus said, "If the Son make you free ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36. He said again, "He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18.

**SAVED HOW LONG?**

Some people will tell you that they would like to be saved but fear they won't hold out. We don't do the holding in the first place, if left to us certainly we wouldn't hold out, and the devil would be sure to get us. The Bible tells us that we are preserved in Jesus Christ, Jude 1. This means that we are in Christ and kept. So He is preserver and keeper, and the holding out is left to Him and not to us. When Christ rose from the tomb, He rose to die no more, He lives forever, and He gives this kind of life, eternal life, to all who believe in Him. This He said that He would do in so many places. Please note: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted up; That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the

world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:14-16. And there are numerous other places in Scripture that tell us that the believer has, in the present tense, everlasting life. But somebody said, I know that it is everlasting life, but we can lose it ourselves. Well, how would you explain that? If we lose it, and it is gone, certainly it wouldn't be everlasting; a thing that is everlasting has no end. So we must conclude that when God saves us by His marvelous grace we are saved forever, we have passed from death to life, and shall not come into condemnation, (John 5:24) When Paul and Silas said to the Philippian jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" they meant exactly that, and God speaking through them, meant what He said. Saved, and not lost, and never, never lost. This gives you a sense of relief and comfort, knowing that we are safe and secure in God's beloved Son.

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**McFERRIN MISS. BAPTIST CHURCH** - Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Howard G. Taylor will be assisted by Elder Paul Patterson. A **CORDIAL WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL!** JUNE 12

**LIBERTY MISS. BAPTIST CHURCH** - Maco Drive, Norton, Ohio. Elder Billy Moran will serve as evangelist. Pastor Ron Galloway invites everyone to attend these services beginning each evening at 7 p.m.

JUNE 14

**HENDERSONVILLE MISS. BAPTIST CHURCH** - Hendersonville, Tenn. Pastor W. R. Overton will be assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey. **YOU ARE INVITED!**

JUNE 21

**LANDMARK MISS. BAPTIST CHURCH** - Memphis, Tenn. Preaching by Elder Kenneth Massey. **ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME!**

**MISSION**

Parkwood Baptist Church of Nashville has extended an arm for mission work to begin in northwest Nashville. The meeting-place will be Cohn High School, 4800 Park Avenue. Services will be under the leadership of Bro. Nick Nicholas.

The West Nashville Missionary Baptist Mission invites your prayers and financial assistance. Address any correspondence to: Bro. Nick Nicholas, 3024 Richmond Hill Drive, Nashville, Tenn. 37207, Telephone (615) 228-0857.