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EMARKS



Dick O'Brien

If one of our seven readers can give me any information on how to reach Mother Nature with a letter, I should like to send her a copy of our 1937 calendar, so she could know that this is Spring. About six weeks ago I made public my first prophesy that Winter is over, and Spring is here. I saw a large flock of wild geese going due North and immediately instructed my family to prepare to change from red flannels at the next fortnightly shift. But I found to my shivering surprise that all of us geese were wrong. For the fifth time I am prophesying that Spring is here. If I miss it that time there will not be another forecast for two weeks. But this untimely weather has solved a serious clothing problem for me. Instead of having to buy a lighter suit for Spring, I have worn the other one so long that it has worn down to Spring weight. Well it's an ill wind that blows nobody good. By the time Spring weather is over it will be about the right weight for summer wear. I believe I have something here. . . . I am pecking out these remarks from Stamford. I have just been down to the high school speaking to the student body. If you dread to get old and are looking for a sure way to postpone it just get the habit of going down to the school house occasionally and breathe the atmosphere created by several hundred youngsters who have not learned that "Life is real, Life is earnest." I know they make it real to parents and teachers, but not to themselves. They probably need a little of the seriousness which characterizes later life, and we need some of the carefree attitude which characterizes young life. They have not learned to bring trouble over from yesterday nor borrow it from tomorrow. They live one day at a time. It seems that I have read somewhere the words of a very wise Man in which He said; "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Be not anxious about tomorrow, what you shall wear, what you shall eat, etc." The recent Dr. Frank Crane, who was called the Modern Apostle of Common Sense, says that, "Today is our savior, and like the Savior of old is often crucified between two thieves, Yesterday which is forever gone, and Tomorrow which may never come." A little verse which I have often used in after dinner speeches has in it the essence of Christian philosophy. It was sent to me on what was supposed to be a comic post card more than 20 years ago. Here it is:

Said Optimist to Pessimist,
I'll tell you what to do,
Never trouble trouble,
Till trouble troubles you.
Older people have a way of forgetting they were ever young, and young people have a hard time remembering they will some day be old. . . . Well, I am limited this morning both for time and ideas, so the logical thing appears to be to stop. I wish preachers and public speakers could all learn this. Running out of ideas does not seem to shorten most sermons and speeches. But lest some will say "physician heal thyself," we will in the words of Ken McClure, sign "thirty" whatever that means, q.e.d.

OPLIN CHURCH

Friday night, April 2, the Oplin church, Callahan Association, completed the first study course that has been taught there in 20 years. Two classes were taught with 40 enrolled and 25 taking the examinations. Miss Ruth Canter at H.-S. U. taught "Bible Heroes," and the pastor, Dick Griffin, taught "Outlines of Bible History."

This church is making plans for a fine meeting to begin July 18, with Brother Kelly Barnett doing the preaching and Brother Avery Lee of H.-S. U. leading the singing. The pastor and church covet your prayers.
—Dick Griffin.

News Notes

The Runnels County Association met on Tuesday of this week with the Valley View Church. Some of the subjects discussed were "Outline and Progress of Sunday School Development in the Runnels Association," by Supt. J. L. Wallace; "New Testament Teaching on Church Discipline," by Rev. J. M. Cooper of Brownwood; sermon by Rev. J. W. Saylor of Paint Rock, and "To Whom Did the Lord Give the Great Commission, and Our Obligation to Obey," by Rev. Lewis Stuckey. Rev. W. T. Hamor of Winters outlined the plan of evangelism in the Runnels Association.

On account of the meeting of the State Sunday School Convention at Dallas next week, the Stonewall Association held its regular monthly meeting at Claremont Wednesday of this week. The theme of the conference was "Evangelism," and the subject was discussed by Rev. John T. Taylor of Rotan, District Missionary B. N. Shepherd, and Rev. J. B. Rowan of Aspermont.

Rev. Lawrence Trot, who recently went to Levelland as pastor, is doing the preaching in a meeting with the church this week. The song services are under the direction of J. Warren Peary, local choir director.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry of Spur preached at the Jayton Church on a recent Sunday. The Jayton Church ordained him over 37 years ago. Last Sunday afternoon J. M. Johnson, president of the Men's Brotherhood of the Stonewall Association, met Pastor Fred McPherson and the men of the church for a discussion of the brotherhood work.

Evangelist Hulan Coffman of Dallas is in a revival meeting with the Throckmorton Church this week.

The First Baptist Church, Stamford, enjoyed the lay sermon of President J. D. Sandefer of Hardin-Simmons, who spoke at the Easter Sunday morning service, and the evening sermon by Rev. R. D. Dewees of Anson. As stated last week the First Baptist Church and Memorial Church united, the present pastors resigned and the church expects to have a pastor for the field soon.

Pastor Lowell Ponder and the church at Rochester are in a revival meeting this week with Pastor Roy Shahan of Rule doing the preaching.

Eight associational Sunday School Conventions are being held in New Mexico from March 29th to April 9th. Dr. Julian Atwood of Roswell is speaking daily at these meetings, and J. P. Edmunds, and Miss Mary Virginia Lee of Nashville, Tenn., are representing Southern Baptist causes. The conferences are being held at Clayton, Tucumcari, Portales, Hobbs, Roswell, Alamogordo, Las Cruces, and Albuquerque.

MEANDERINGS of the District Missionary

B. N. Shepherd

MONTHLY REPORT OF DISTRICT 17 March, 1937

Sermons and addresses, 59.
Revolutions conducted, one week, 2.
Conversions, 2.
Baptisms, 2, additions by letter, 4.
Rededications, 10.
Contacted 15 rural churches, 7 city and town churches, and 4 pastorless churches.
Attended 6 worker's meetings.
Zone meetings attended, 2.
Attended district convention and district-wide Laymen's meeting.
Conducted two association-wide B. T. U. revivals, using two outside workers; churches taking part, 9; enrollment, 405; taking examinations, 320; additions to church: baptism, 2; letter, 2; surrendered for special service, 1.
Money collected on field, district missions, \$40.75; Mexican Missions, \$18.42; total, \$59.27.
Literature distributed: Bibles, 7; New Testaments, 8; books, 63; tracts, 700.
Letters and cards written in return (Continued on page 4)

TEMPLE PASTOR WILL PREACH IN REVIVAL AT SWEETWATER

Dr. C. R. Shirar, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Temple, will do the preaching in a revival meeting with the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, April 19-May 2. In his church paper last week Pastor E. D. Dunlap had the following to say about the meeting:

Our people are looking forward to the coming of Dr. C. R. Shirar, of the First Baptist Church, Temple, on April 19, to begin the revival which is to continue through May 2.

A complete check-up on the permanent census is planned as a preliminary beginning of work for the revival. Chairmen of the eight districts of the city and their co-chairmen are to be contacted at an early date. Our general census chairman, R. H. Taylor, has already furnished a plot of each division and sub-division of the territory to be worked and these are ready for use as soon as a full corps of workers can be selected. Cottage prayer meetings have been included in the personal service activities of the Women's Missionary groups during the past month. Other such meetings are to be held preceding the revival, and a definite prayer meeting schedule is being arranged by Mrs. Z. C. Steakley, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, for the week immediately preceding the revival.

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DISTRICT CONVENTION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At the closing session of the district convention meeting at Cisco last week, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

H. H. Stephens, Ranger, president; L. H. Welch, Breckenridge, vice-president; George T. McBeth, Abilene, Sunday School vice-president; Roy Shahan, Rule, B. T. U. vice-president; Mrs. R. M. White, Abilene, W. M. U. vice-president; John T. Taylor, Rotan, secretary; Judge E. S. Cummings, Abilene, treasurer.

The convention voted to hold its next meeting with Hardin-Simmons University.

STITH BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

In spite of the cold weather and illness the Sunday School and church attendance has been steadily increasing since Rev. E. L. Bowman has been our pastor.

Our last preaching day we heard two good sermons by Rev. Bowman. All who have not been attending the services have been missing some blessings worth while.

We invite all of you to come be with us and see what a spiritual and lively church we have.

COLEMAN COUNTY BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REVIVAL

By A. D. Lightfoot, Santa Anna
The Coleman County B. T. U. revival turned out to be a soul-winning campaign. There were 25 conversions, 29 additions to the churches, 12 new tithers secured, 7 new unions organized, 33 new leaders and sponsors secured. All in all, it was the greatest week of work for the Lord in the B. T. U. that this county has ever experienced. Seven churches conducted training schools. There were 346 enrolled in classes with 260 taking the examination.

Is the Modern Public Dance Right or Wrong?

C. D. Owen

Seems to me this is a fair and equitable way to discuss this subject. If it is right, and conducive to that which is good and noble in life, we should be for it and lend it our influence. If on the other hand, we find it to be wrong and conducive to evil tendencies in life, we should be against it. Surely, thus far, we are agreed. So with an open mind and heart let us study this subject.

We will first turn to the Bible, which should be our criterion on all subjects.

There are certain kinds of dancing mentioned in the Bible that are justifiable. It was an expression of religious gratitude and joy. When Miriam saw that God had delivered and destroyed their enemies in the Red Sea, she was so thrilled, she danced with joy. When David saw the Ark returning from captivity, he was so

Pastor of First Baptist Church Temple



DR. C. R. SHIRAR

CATHOLICS WILL BUY MONTEZUMA SITE

We quote from the New York Times the following Associated Press item concerning Montezuma College near Las Vegas, New Mexico: "Montezuma hotel, famed half a century ago as a resort of luxury and revelry, is about to become the home of 500 neophyte priests. Archbishop Rudolph Gerken of Santa Fe has announced that only formal approval by the Baptist Convention in New Orleans on May 13 remained for transfer of the property to the Catholic Diocese of New Mexico. The frontier palace was constructed for \$2,000,000, sold for a dollar, owned by a railroad, church, chamber of commerce, the Y. M. C. A., a motion picture company, operated as a denominational school and later as a co-operative college."

IN MEMORY OF REV. E. L. SPRINGER

As the glorious sun breaks through the clouds on this day, and permits us to get a glimpse of the sky, we hasten to pen our thoughts in memory of our beloved cousin, E. L. Springer of Brownwood, Texas, who departed this life at 8:30 o'clock on Easter morning, November 28, 1937. The day of his going makes his death more beautiful to us. Thanks be to God, we can say a beautiful death: "For as ye live, so shall ye die."

So can we see the hand of God in his death, and with Job we can say, "His hands have made me and fashioned me together round about, yet thou destroyest me" (Job 8:10). Indeed it was the Great God of Heaven who did all of this. His hands fashioned us as he thought best.

Brother Springer's life since we have known him has been a life of service for Christ. Truly we could see the beauty of Jesus in such a life. Then we are made to say with David, "The righteous cry and the Lord heareth and delivereth them out of all their troubles" (Psalms 34:17).

To his wife and children I want to say, Look up, be faithful, and pray that we will let the light of God shine in us as it did in him.

Sincerely your cousin,
BESSIE BILLINGS.

MILES BAPTISTS TO CONDUCT SALE FOR A BUILDING FUND

A sale of contributed livestock, feeds and other articles to raise money for the building fund will be held by the Miles Baptist Church at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, April 17, according to a story in the Miles Messenger. Citizens of the community are donating the items for the sale.

Among those who have already contributed are L. S. Lawhon, five head of registered sheep; W. R. Hunton, a registered Jersey bull valued at \$50; R. R. Talbot, one-year-old Jersey heifer; Wallace Ramsey, 200 pounds of threshed hegar; Roy Lumus, 500 pounds of hegar seed; Mrs. Wallace Rumsey, a turkey and cake; W. B. Curry, one Chevrolet wire wheel with inner tube and casing for 1933 model, valued at \$5.00; South Texas Lumber Company, five gallons of slate colored paint in five-gallon can in addition to \$12.00 in cash.

Mrs. Clara Boyer contributed \$5.00 in cash. Mrs. Wade Bennett donated a shoat which has already been sold for \$5, and Wallace Rumsey has donated over \$100 in cash, it was stated. The hegar seed donated by Mr. Lumus is to be sold now at 3 1/2 cents per pound instead of waiting until the time of sale, and he has also promised to bring other articles to the sale. One man contributed his crutches.

In addition to five gifts, Dan Eckert is giving four squares on the roof of the church building.

The building is progressing nicely. Will Bryan is foreman of the job.

REVIVAL AT WAXAHACHIE

We have just enjoyed a season of real revival in our church. During the week of March 14-21, Brother Harry P. Wootan of Dallas led us in a great Sunday School revival teaching the book "Building a Standard Sunday School," and then immediately following this with the pastor doing the preaching and Woodrow W. Harris, the regular music director, in charge of the music, we launched into a special evangelistic effort. All of the messages were taken from the book of John, and every Sunday and night message was a direct appeal to the lost.

We had 43 additions to the church, 26 by baptism, which gives us a total of 86 additions since the first of the associational year. We thank God for this gracious season of revival and are pressing on toward the great spring and summer program of evangelism for Texas Baptists.—McKinley Norman.

WORLD WAR OR WORLD PEACE

By T. C. GARDNER

All around the world war drums are beating and soldiers are marching. Nations are mobilizing armies, manufacturing airplanes, building warships, making huge guns, experimenting with poisonous gases and making preparation for war.

It has been only 17 years since the World War came to an end. It was said by statesmen, politicians and world leaders that the war of 1914-1918 was the last world war. I did not question the sincerity of the ones who made such statements then, neither do I question the sincerity of their statements now. If only half of what we read in the papers is true, then it appears that the time is not long until there may be another terrible war. Seventeen years is a brief time for people to forget the atrocities, casualties, heartaches, bereavements and the human and economic losses brought about by the World War.

As many nations are discussing war tactics, may we not remember that back of every war there is greed, selfishness and sin. The Christian spirit and attitude is not depicted by war. It appears to me that the Christian people should be engaged now in not only winning their neighbors to Christ Jesus but in the trumpeting out of the Gospel to the end that our friends around the world may find Jesus as Savior and King. If the leaders in all countries around the world were genuine Christians—men and women who have experienced the new birth, who have really been born again—they would lead the people not into another World War but to fix their affections upon higher things.

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from THE WATCHTOWER

Meditations of the Editor As He Watches the World Go By

Bible Puzzles

One of our good friends and regular readers of the West Texas Baptist, said to us the other day: "Brother Malone, I just can't solve the Bible Cross word puzzles. Suppose I am too dumb?" Others who have never been interested in cross word puzzles find it difficult to do these puzzles. I would suggest that if you are really interested in this form of Bible study, get some one who is a puzzle enthusiast to help you get started. You will really enjoy it once you get started. The puzzle this week is larger and will require more Bible study. In some of these names you are referred to the chapter in which the name is found, but the verse is not given. This is done to encourage more Bible study.

Speaking of Bible cross word puzzles being hard, you ought to try making one of them up for publication as I have to do each week. It isn't an easy task, but is very interesting. And if you do a good job of it, you might send it in for publication.

Drunken Driving

This week Judge Henry King of Dallas paid his respects to drunken driving, which he termed "murder with the steering wheel," declaring to a grand jury that the practice must stop. Judge King said: "A drunken man at the steering wheel of an automobile is far more dangerous than a sober man with a pistol because the latter can direct and control his shots while the drunken man at the wheel of a car is a death-dealing maniac and fiend uncontrolled."

CLAREMORE CHURCH HAS FINE REVIVAL

The following item from the Oklahoma Messenger tells of the fine work being done by Rev. L. C. Robbins, a former West Texas pastor:

"The editor enjoyed a visit to Claremore Wednesday evening last week. The occasion was a banquet given by the church honoring the nearly sixty new members who were received during the recent meeting. We have never seen a finer group of young people. Under the leadership of Pastor L. C. Robbins, who has been at Claremore five and one-half years, the church has steadily grown not only in membership, but in spirit and purpose. He is reinforced by a splendid company of men and women who have a world vision. Mr. Guy Curry, principal of the Claremore High School, is the Sunday School superintendent. He is one of the best in the land.

"We carried last week an account of the recent meeting in which Rev. E. J. Morgan was the preacher. There were 57 additions to the church, 52 of whom were received for baptism. There have been 98 additions to the church during the present associational year. Claremore is the home of the Oklahoma Military Academy, of which Col. Walter E. Downs, a faithful member of the First Baptist Church, is superintendent. The Academy is having the best year in its history."

B. T. U. STUDY COURSE FOR RULE BAPTIST CHURCH

Our spring B. T. U. study course was held during the week of March 7 to 14. Our enrollment was 110. Average attendance was 69. Number taking the examination for awards was 64.

The following books were taught: Hulbert's Bible Stories for Beginners and Primaries," taught by Mrs. W. R. Gya. "Studying for Service," book for juniors, taught by Mrs. Vestus Alvis, from Rochester Church. "Training in Bible Study," book for intermediates, taught by Mrs. J. E. Geer. "Training in Stewardship," book for intermediates, taught by Rev. L. L. Trot, Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater. "Planning a Life," seniors, taught by Roy Shahan. "Investments in Christian Living," taught by Rev. C. E. Waincoat.

We feel that much and lasting good will come from this week of study. We appreciate Mrs. Alvis and Rev. L. L. Trot, who proved themselves capable and efficient teachers. The other named teachers are also very capable and from our own church.

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LIQUOR AS MEDICINE

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington Monday carried a statement from a noted government surgeon on the medicinal value of liquor for snake bites, and as a protection against cold weather. Here is the press dispatch:

"A government surgeon scoffed today at popular beliefs that liquor stimulates protects from cold weather, or wards off the effects of snake bite. Dr. R. R. Spencer, senior surgeon in the United States Health Service, hastened to explain:

"I'm not a prohibitionist and these statements are not results of my own research. They are offered as a correlation of results of experiments in the United States and England during the past few years."

"Careful measurements of the blood pressure of the tiny capillary blood vessels which feed the skin," he said, "shows that alcohol dilates them and lowers the pressure, resulting in a greater loss of heat from the body. Therefore, most observers believe it should not be taken before exposure to cold," he added.

"The belief that a drink of whiskey will prevent snake venom from taking effect in the body is as erroneous as the belief that snakes grow from horsechairs in a watering trough," he said. "Alcohol does not neutralize the poison and therefore its use is more likely to be harmful than good."

Most reputable physicians and surgeons in this day will admit that there is very little, of any, real medicinal value to liquor. There may be circumstances under which liquor might act as a temporary beneficial stimulant, but there are many drugs that could be used with far better results.

The laws of the state of Texas recognize liquor as a medicine and has passed laws regulating the sale of alcoholic drinks in such a way as to render absolutely ineffective prohibition in so-called dry territory. We contend that the present laws in Texas regulating the sale of liquor by drug stores is manifestly unfair. It is unfair to the physician who knows full well that 99 per cent of alcoholic drinks sold by drug stores is not being used as a medicine, and who does not want to become a party to the liquor business.

It is unfair to many drug stores who rebel at the idea of making a saloon out of their place of business.

It is unfair to the majority of voters in a dry territory who have said by their vote that they do not want liquor sold in their midst.

It is unfair to the great numbers of our young people who have had this unfavorable environment placed around them. If a community is going to allow liquor to be sold, let it be sold in an open saloon, where the danger signal may be displayed as a warning to all who enter that the end thereof is the way of death.

Solomon said: "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contention? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine."

"Look not thou upon wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup. When it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

WHAT ABOUT HELL?

The current issue of Scribner's magazine contains a thought provoking article on hell. The writer says people used to believe in the doctrine of a literal hell—a place of eternal punishment, but that the preacher now says there "ain't no hell," and the general run of people have discarded the idea, therefore, the people, without the moral restraint that the thoughts of a horrible place of punishment made, have entered an orgy of sin and lawlessness never before witnessed in this country. The writer feels that something is needed now to take the place of the doctrine of hell as a means of holding the pleasure mad public in check.

We wonder if the writer is correct in his surmise that people of this generation do not believe in the doctrine of hell as a place of eternal punishment.

Well, let's see. How long has it been since you have heard an old-fashioned sermon on the doctrine of hell? Does this generation—church people and non-church people—believe in the doctrine of hell? Evidently they do not. Preachers as a whole do not preach it? Christians do not live as though they believed it. If they believed there is such a place of punishment as the Bible portrays they would not be so unconcerned about the lost around them, and they would be more consistent in the lives they are living.

Texas Baptists are going afield this summer to win 100,000 souls to Christ. Let us suggest that our preachers revive the doctrine of hell as a place of eternal punishment and preach it without compromise. If we believe the Bible let's preach the doctrine of hell. If we do not believe the Bible let's get out of the pulpit and quit making a pretense of preaching the message that God would have us preach.

TAKE HEED

Portuguese merchant with vast wealth on board, having successfully brought his vessel through a perilous danger, profanely remarked, as the danger he had dreaded was over, "Now God Himself cannot make me poor." Just then the vessel struck a rock unknown.

Think On These Things

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

In the sixth chapter of Ephesians, Paul is comparing the armour of the Christian for his defense and protection against the fiery darts of the devil, to the soldiers' armour for defense and protection of his country against invasion of the enemy.

There has been much discussion with reference to our nation being prepared for war; public opinion is divided.

But there is no question about the necessity of the Christian's being prepared at all times to resist the devil, who is said to be "walking about, seeking whom he may devour."

He is a wise general who seeks to discover any weak places in his line of defense, and who, finding any such weak places, sends his reserve forces to strengthen them.

The majority of us have weak places in our Christian life, and it is there that the devil attacks us.

A good soldier of the cross is one that knows his weak places, and is always prepared with reserved forces to resist the enemy, who also knows our weak places, and concentrates his forces there.

There is another danger that calls for our constant watchfulness, a surprise attack.

How often we suffer defeat, because we have laid the armour of God aside, and are not watching with a reserve force, ready for action, and the devil comes against us, and we are caught unawares.

Again, too often we substitute man's armour or equipment for God's, and suffer defeat.

Devotional Thoughts

CHURCHLESS TOWNS

(From Southern Baptist Home Mission Board)

"Notwithstanding all that has been done," says the Home Missions Council, "there are still 10,000 villages in the rural life of America today without a church of any kind—Jewish, Roman Catholic or Protestant; 30,000 villages in the rural life of America without a resident pastor; 13,400,000 children under twelve years of age who are receiving no religious instruction; more than one-half of the population of the nation today not connected with any institution representing organized religion. Besides the unmet religious needs of these unoccupied areas and un-Christianized groups, the life of the nation is threatened by sinful attitudes: self-will—the desire to be outside the law of obedience; self-interest—the desire to be outside the law of sacrifice; self-complacency—the desire to be outside the law of fellowship. Only the service of Christian love can save America from these three deadly foes."

"Where the vanguard fights today the rear-guard will camp tomorrow, for we are marching on."

"The time has passed when we can hope to save the world by preaching theories. The world is judging us and our doctrines by what it sees of an applied Gospel. It will be the Gospel as applied in the evangelization and Christianization of the homeland that will carry the finally convincing missionary message of Southern Baptists to a lost world."

"The root cause of the world's disorder today is spiritual. Only by spiritual forces can our civilization be saved from the unprecedented perils that beset it. The only way out is the way up. Our world will never get right with itself until it gets right with God. We must have a revival of the sense of the reality of God and of our dependence upon Him."

"He who does nothing will soon have nothing to do."

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You can't act yesterday, for yesterday is gone. You can't act tomorrow, for tomorrow is not here. The only time you can act is today. Do it, then, while you can do it, today, TODAY.—Selected.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By The Editor

Sunday, April 11, 1937

THE SIN OF ADAM AND EVE

Lesson reading, Gen. 3:1-4:26.
Lesson study, Gen. 3:1-15.
Golden Text—The soul that sinneth it shall die.—Ezek. 18:4.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday—The Beginning of Sin. Gen. 3:1-6.
Tuesday—What Sin Brought. Gen. 3:7-15.
Wednesday—Sin is Universal. Rom. 3:9-18.
Thursday—Sins of the Flesh. Eph. 5:3-12.
Friday—Sin Revealed by the Law. Rom. 7:7-13.
Saturday—Individual Accountability. Ezek. 18:1-4.
Sunday—Cleansing from Sin. I John 1:5-10.

The Garden of Eden in its original state must have been a most delightful place. Adam and Eve were placed in charge of the garden, and there must have been much bliss and happiness for this first pair, fresh from the hands of God. It is not known how long they dwelt in the garden before the advent of sin, but eventually the Tempter came and brought with him Sin to mar God's creation.

Man's Original State

God created man in a state of moral equipoise—that is, man did not have a disposition to sin or not to sin. After the advent of sin man's nature changed, and he had a disposition to sin. Some one has said that man, originally, was linked to God by a chain. Sin came, the chain was broken and man fell totally.

Satan's Approach to Man

Satan appeared in the form of a serpent. We should not think of the serpent as being the same crawling, loathsome creature we know today. This came about as a result of the curse pronounced upon the serpent.

Satan often approaches us now in the guise of the beautiful. His tactics are to paint a beautiful picture of the allurements of sin, underneath of which there is death and destruction.

Satan approached man through the woman. Adam was the one Satan was after. Adam was at the head of the race of humanity, and when he fell, the whole human race went down with him. The serpent deceived the woman, but Adam was not deceived. After Eve sinned by eating of the forbidden fruit, Adam chose deliberately to go with her rather than to obey God.

Note Satan's approach to the woman. He comes to her with this suggestive question: "Has God said for you to not eat of every tree of the garden?" When Eve informed him that God had permitted them to eat of every tree of the garden, excepting the tree in the midst of the garden, and that God had said, "Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die," Satan came back with a direct challenge to the truthfulness of God's word.

God's Covenant with Man

When Adam and Eve broke God's law, their fellowship with God was broken. It must have been an agonizing moment for Adam when he heard God's voice say, "Adam, where art thou." As a result of man's conduct, God drove him from the garden lest man eat of the fruit of the tree of life and live forever.

Note the conditions of the covenant God made with Adam before driving him from the garden (Gen. 3:14-19):

1. **The Serpent was Cursed.**—"Thou art cursed above all cattle and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life" (V. 14).
2. **First Promise of a Redeemer.**—"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (V. 15).
3. **The Woman Cursed.**—"Unto the woman he said, (1) I will greatly multiply thy sorrow (2) and thy conception, (3) in sorrow shalt thou bring forth children; (4) and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee" (V. 16).
4. **The Earth Cursed.**—"And unto Adam he said, because thou hast harkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee saying, thou shalt not eat of it: (1) Cursed is the ground for thy sake" (V. 17).
5. **Curse on Man.**—" (1) In sorrow shalt thou eat of it (the ground) all the days of thy life; (2) thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; (3) and thou shalt eat of the herbs of the field; (4) In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread; (5) till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

By REV. ROBERT M. DUKE,
April 1, 1937, Abilene, Texas
John 3:16; Rom. 13:10

The love of God is great and true,
His love He showed for me and you;
He came to earth our souls to woo,
Sinner, He did this all for you.

Love worketh no ill to any one,
Love fulfilled the law, the work was done;
They crucified God's only Son,
God's love was before the world begun.

He poured out His soul unto death,
The sins of men to depress;
Sinner, He wants your soul to bless,
And give you peace and joy and rest.

Because of this we ought to be
From sin and death and sorrow free;
Love Him because He first loved you and me,
Atoned for sins on Calvary's Tree.

O love so great, O love Divine,
'Twas His love that won this soul of mine;
The love of Christ so rich and free,
Though you are blind you then can see.

OUR WEEKLY SERMON

EDITOR'S NOTE.—At a recent meeting of the Fisher County Workers' Conference Rev. O. M. Jones of Sylvester preached the sermon printed below. At the request of the conference he prepared the manuscript for publication in the West Texas Baptist. The sermon is an unusually fine presentation of the subject of evangelism. It is too lengthy to publish in one issue, and rather than weaken it by deleting, we will publish it in two installments. The second will appear in next issue.

THE MASTER IN EVANGELISM

I. The Master is the Master of Evangelism.

1. Because it was His own idea. Man in his depraved condition, never would have thought of evangelism, had not the Master entered into his heart and changed his thinking. Man's original nature is to think in the opposite direction of God and not toward the leading of others to God. His thoughts are depraved and tend toward leading others farther in depravity as much as possible (Eph. 2:1-2). Walking the course of this world and the course of the prince of the power of the air, means walking farther and farther away from God and now this idea of evangelism was His idea and not man's.

The beginning of the thought of evangelism originated with the Master long before it was put into the heart of man, for Rev. 13:8 tells us that He was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If He was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, then the idea of evangelism must have been in His mind before the world was created. Dr. Connor, teacher of theology in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, says that God's chief business in the world is that of redemption.

2. He is the Master of Evangelism Because Prophecy Set Him Out as Such. "In that day there shall be a root out of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; and it shall the Gentiles seek; and His rest shall be glorious" (Isa. 11:10).

"And the redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord" (Isa. 59:20). See also Isa. 62:11; Zech. 13:1; Matt. 1:21.

3. He Set the Pace for Evangelism by His Own Living Example.

(1) He Won His Own Disciples. It is true that some of His disciples were brought to Him, but He had to win their confidence and win them to Himself. They had to be instructed and taught which is as much a part of evangelism as the bringing of them to Jesus. Just winning them is not all the task of evangelism, but the rest of the commission must be carried out before they are fully evangelized.

(2) He Won Nicodemus. See how Jesus dealt with Nicodemus. See that great and learned Pharisee how his wisdom of this world became as naught when it came to spiritual things. When he came to the Master, Jesus at once made him feel his need of the new birth. See how the Master left him without one straw on which to hold, when he explained to him the difference between the natural birth and the spiritual birth and then showed him how it was wrought. Jesus made a believer out of him and later he defended Jesus before the Sanhedrin, and then later on, after Jesus was put to death, went and asked for the body of Jesus that he might give it a decent burial.

(3) He Won the Woman at the Well. When he needs must go through Samaria, as He sat thus on the well, while the disciples were gone away into the city to buy bread, this woman of notorious character came to the well to draw water. Jesus interested her by doing the uncommon thing of asking a Samaritan for a drink of water. When the conversation was under way he interested her all the more by telling her of the living water which he had and made her feel her need of that living water. He then brought her under conviction of sin by telling her the kind of a sinful life she had been living and then to believe in him as the Christ. Upon the return of the disciples she left her waterpot and ran back into the city and told all those men of the city whom she had wronged, to come and see the one who told her all things that ever she did. Is not this the Christ? Jesus made a believer out of her and she in turn won many of the city, because of her testimony.

(4) He Won the Woman Caught in the Act of Adultery. The accusers of the woman brought her to Jesus and said, "Now the law says that when a woman is caught in the act of adultery, she shall be stoned to death. What sayest thou?"

Jesus, knowing their hearts, did not answer them immediately, but stooping down began to write in the sand, while they continued their accusations. At last He raised up and

said, "Let he that is without sin cast the first stone," and again stooping down wrote in the sand. I have often wondered just what it was that He wrote. I wonder, though, if He did not begin with the first accuser and write his name and then after his name write his besetting sin and then he, in shame, turned and went away.

Then writing the second accuser's name and his besetting sin, he in turn went away until they all had left, and then Jesus, raising up beheld a lone woman standing before Him. Looking at the woman and seeing her shame and sorrow, said to her, "Woman, where are thine accusers?"

She, ready now to own Him as her master and serve Him, said, "Master, they are all gone; they no longer accuse me." Jesus said, "Neither do I accuse thee. Go thy way and sin no more."

This, my friends, is true evangelism. Give the people a Gospel that will get their sins forgiven. Give them a Gospel that will make them want to quit sinning. That's what Jesus did. That's what we ought to do.

(5) At His death there were about five hundred that He and His disciples had won. Paul tells us that after His death, He was seen of about five hundred brethren. Note that he calls them brethren. If they were brethren, they were believers.

The Master was not only the master of evangelism but:

II. Evangelism Mastered the Master.

1. The Master gave himself unceasingly to the task of evangelism. He said, I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Think of the nights that He spent in prayer. Think of the time when His disciples tried to get Him to eat and He said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me." He was so filled with the work of evangelism that He refused to take nourishment for His weak body. His mother and brethren tried to get Him to rest, but He refused to do this. In all of this evangelism was mastering His body. I wonder if they had not crucified Him, if He could have stood up to the strain that He was going through. Why, when they took Him to the place of crucifixion His body was so weakened, that He fell down under the weight of the cross they laid upon Him to bear.

2. While He was working at the task of evangelism that was set before Him, there was a group of enemies that was becoming larger and larger and more and more infuriated. When He stood on the mountain, just before His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, as the crowds were coming out to hail Him King of the Jews, He knew that there was a crowd down there in the city who were plotting at that very time to put Him to death. While they were making their plans to kill Him, He was weeping for them. He did not weep because they were plotting to put Him to death nor because He knew that He was soon to have to die the death of the cross, but He wept because of their sins and of the salvation they refused to accept that He had come to offer them. While He was healing the sick, opening the eyes of the blind, forgiving sin and doing the work of evangelism, He was gradually being mastered. His heart was being broken and He was gradually coming nearer to His death.

3. But the final blow was struck, when, after the cruel nails were driven into His hands and His feet, after suffering the agonies of the cross, such agonies as no believer will ever have to suffer or ever know, after the three hours of darkness when even God turned His back upon Him, He said, "It is finished," and gave up the ghost. The Master died. Evangelism had mastered the Master. Surely the head of the serpent had bruised the heel of the seed of the woman. Was it that Satan might glory over the fulfillment of that prophecy, or was it for the sake of evangelism, that He was mastered. Let us see.

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J. D. Riddle of the First Church, Abilene, has been at Casa Grande, Ariz., for several days, where he appeared on the program of the state B. T. U. Convention. His subject was "The Daily Vacation Bible School," and he also assisted in the music program.

IS THE MODERN PUBLIC DANCE RIGHT OR WRONG?

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that of vain fellows devoid of shame; or of irreligious families, which increased impiety and ended in destruction." He cites the case when the daughter of Herodias danced before Herod, which appealed to his lewd sensual nature and resulted in the murder of John the Baptist.

In pagan religions the dance has been the promoter of debauchery. Job gives us a picture of it, in his day (Job 21:11-15). "They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. They take the timbrel and the harp and rejoice at the sound of the organ. They spend their days in weight, and in a moment go down to the grave. Therefore they say unto God, depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. What is the Almighty that we should serve him, and what profit should we have if we pray unto him?" Can you imagine Job and John the Baptist favoring the dance?

Nothing would be more embarrassing and come nearer taking the spirit out of the public dance, than for it to be opened by reading the 8th chapter of Roman, followed by a fervent prayer, asking God's blessings on it, then all join in singing—"Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. I am the potter, thy art the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, While I am waiting, yielded and still."

Such a course would embarrass the occasion, because of the difference in their nature. Should a Christian ever engage in that which would be embarrassed by that which is religious? Think it over.

Read, the testimony of those who have come in personal touch with the public dance. Dr. Torrey, well known preacher who, before his conversion to Christian religion, was a professional dancer, said: "Mixed dancing, the dancing of men and women in the way it is carried on to day, even in the most select parties, permits a familiarity of contact that is nowhere else allowed in decent society. It is immodest, impure, and unwholesome. If any lady should permit a man (except her father or brother) to handle her anywhere else as he handles her on the dancing floor, she would be regarded immodest and unwomanly, if not worse."

Mr. T. A. Faulkner of Los Angeles, who was, before his conversion to Christianity, a dancing master, said: "I do not undertake to write upon a subject of which I am ignorant. There are perhaps few people living who have had more practical experience, or better opportunity of finding out the evil influences of dancing than myself. I began to dance at the age of 12 and have spent most of my life since that time, until within the last few months, in the dancing parlors and academies. For the last six years, I have been a teacher of dancing, and for several years held the championship of the Pacific Coast in fancy and round dancing.

"I am also author of many of the round dances, which are the popular fads of today. I merely tell you these

things to prove to you, that I know whereof I speak, and not because I am proud of them. On the contrary, it is the greatest sorrow of my life, that I have been so long, and in such influential way, connected with an evil which I know to have been the ruin, both of soul and body, to many a bright young life. And if in the hands of God, I can be the means of leading one-fiftieth as many soul to Christ, as I have seen lead to a life of vice and crime through the influence of the dancing academies with which I have been connected, I shall be proud. It is a startling fact, but a fact nevertheless, that two-thirds of the girls who are ruined, fall through the influence of the dance. Mark my words.

"I know this to be true. Let me give you two reasons why it is true. In the first place, I do not believe that any woman can, or does, waltz with a man without being improperly aroused, to a greater or lesser degree. She may not at first realize her feelings, or recognize how harmful, or sinful those emotions may be, which must come to every woman who has a particle of warmth in her nature, when in such close connection with the opposite sex, but she is, though unconsciously, sowing seed which will one day ripen, if not into open sin and shame, into a nature more or less depraved, and heal more or less impaired.

"There are professed Christians who condemn the sale of liquor and frown on Sunday picnics, and other amusements who allow their children to attend so-called select dancing parties. In these places are taught the rudiments of an education which may make them graduates of the saloon or brothel. I do not say that it always does, but I do say that it often does. The safe side is the best side. Keep them from taking the first step and they will never take the second. Where did the majority of drunkards take their first drink? The gambler, play his first card? Where did the three-fourths of the women who today live in shame, first have a man's arms clasped about them? Let me answer. The first drink of the drunkard was just a social glass. The first game of the gambler was just a social game. The three-fourths of the outcasts had a man's arms about them for the first time, when they were young girls at a social dance.

"Some mothers say, 'I know I can trust my daughter. The dance may be the means of leading astray some shallow-minded girls, and may arouse the lower nature of some of those whose lower nature lies near the surface, but such girls would go astray anyway. My daughter is a pure, high-minded girl, and I am sure she is trustworthy.' I am glad she is. Keep her that way. Do not risk making her otherwise by placing her under the greatest temptation that can possibly come to any girl."

The above quotation from Mr. Faulkner is found in his book entitled "From the Ball Room to Hell." Surely, this man of God knows from personal experience the evils of the public dance. Is it right or wrong? I cast my vote against it. What do you say?

OUTLINE OF OLD TESTAMENT STUDY

By The Editor

In the preceding lessons we have studied the first five books of the Bible known as the Pentateuch, or the "Five Books of Moses." By way of summary we might say:

1—Genesis, the book of Beginnings, records the events of the human race up to the time of Abraham. (first ten chapters). Then the book gives a history of God's chosen people, through the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. The book closes with the descendants of Jacob in Egypt.

2—Exodus records the trials of God's people under the sore persecution of the Egyptians, the delivery of these people out of bondage and the first stage of their wilderness wanderings to Mt. Sinai, where the law was given through Moses.

3—The latter part of Exodus and the book of Leviticus gives us a record of the laws of Jehovah given through Moses. The government of Israel was Theocratic, that is, God was ruler through his chosen leaders. There were three phases of the law given at Sinai: (1) The civil law, given to regulate the government; (2) the moral law, or ten commandments, showing man's relation to God (first four), and man's relation to his fellowman; (3) the ceremonial law regulating man's worship of God.

4—Numbers records the numbering of the people, the journey of Israel from Sinai to Kadesh-barnea, events at Kadesh, the thirty-eight years of wilderness wandering, the closing instructions of Moses, preparatory for Israel's crossing over into the Promised Land.

5—Deuteronomy. As seen in our last lesson this book records the three farewell addresses of Moses with a brief statement of his death and burial.

The Book of Joshua

Joshua is the first of the twelve books called the historical books of the Bible. These twelve books record (1) the conquest of Palestine, (2) the rule of the judges, (3) the united kingdoms, (4) the divided kingdom, (5) the captivity, (6) and the return from captivity.

The book may be divided into four parts for study:

- 1—The conquest of the land by Joshua and his army (chapters 1-12).
- 2—The division of the land among the twelve tribes (chapters 13-21).
- 3—Civil strife (chapter 22).
- 4—Joshua's farewell address and death (chapters 23-24).

For the next week's study read the first twelve chapters of the book. The following questions are given as a guide in studying the lesson:

Study Questions

- 1—Tell of Joshua's commission to lead Israel and of the preparation

for entering the land (ch. 1).
2—Tell of the sending of the spies to Jericho (ch. 2).

3—Describe the passage over Jordan. What miracle was performed here? (ch. 3).

4—What memorials were set up after crossing Jordan, and what was the purpose of them? (ch. 4).

5—(1) What ordinance was set up again after crossing Jordan? (2) What miracle ceased after Canaan was entered? (ch. 5).

6—Describe briefly the conquest of Jericho (ch. 6).

7—What was the sin of Achan? What effect did this sin have upon Israel in the conquest of Ai?

8—(1) Describe briefly the second conquest of Ai. (2) What strategy did Joshua use in his attack on the city? (ch. 8).

9—What strategy did the Gibeonites use with the Israelites, and with what results? (ch. 10).

10—How many kings in the land were conquered by the Israelites? (ch. 12).

WORLD WAR OR PEACE

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put their trust in Jesus Christ, dedicate their lives to a program that would lift up their neighbors and friends rather than to destroy them.

It is my earnest and sincere prayer that we may again have world peace. If each individual could have "that peace that passeth all understanding," that peace that comes by being born again, then it would not be difficult to have world peace. In Texas the people who call themselves Baptists can set a worthy and challenging example to the peoples around the world by winning one hundred thousand souls to Christ this summer. This would bring peace to one hundred thousand souls. It would bring joy to all the angels in heaven and to all the Christians around the world. Immediately after the revivals close, Texas Baptists will need to address themselves to the task of enlisting all the new converts and members in the regular organizations and services of our churches. We will also need to train our new members in what Baptists believe and in doing so make an effort to inspire them to share their Christian inheritance with others.

Pastor A. C. Miller of the First Baptist Church, Belton, writes that his church has just closed a fine revival meeting with Pastor E. T. Miller of the First Church, Corsicana, doing the preaching. Both Millers are former West Texas pastors and we are hoping that they will be led, some of these days, to return to their first love.

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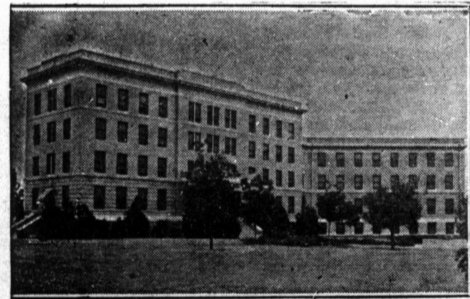
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Hardin-Simmons News

Atwell To Address Graduating Seniors

Judge William H. Atwell, United States district judge, Dallas, will deliver the 45th annual commencement address at Hardin-Simmons university on June 1, announces President J. D. Sandefer. Dr. R. C. Campbell, executive secretary of the Baptist general convention of Texas, has been named to preach the baccalaureate and missionary sermons, May 30.

Each year Judge Atwell offers an award to the young man or woman of the junior or senior class of H.-S. U. who will write the best essay on the theme, "Lights That Never Fail." The handsome gold medal offered is set with a diamond.

This widely traveled and distinguished jurist announced his plans at the close of an address he made to the Y. M. C. A. of H.-S. U. when he was in Abilene holding court in September, 1917. He had no limit as to the length of the essay.

At one time Judge Atwell discontinued giving the medal, but after a few years he resumed his proposition.

Dr. R. C. Campbell, former pastor of the First Baptist church, at Lubbock, is scheduled to deliver the graduating sermon May 30 in the First Baptist church, and will deliver the missionary sermon the same evening at the university.

Commencement Speaker



JUDGE WILLIAM H. ATWELL

MEANDERINGS OF THE DISTRICT MISSIONARY

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est of district and denominational work, 1,263.

Since the first of the month I have meandered some.

Brother C. M. Cook is a real fellow worker. He is one of the Lord's fine laymen who gives the most of his time to the Lord's work. The missionary, knowing him and his fine spirit, takes him along on some of his meanderings. He is associational Sunday School superintendent of the Sweetwater Association.

On a recent trip with him we found Pastor Joyner and his good church at Merkel in a week's Bible study and revival under the outstanding leadership of Dr. Connor. He is one of the Lord's finest.

Blair is pastorless and we found them so interested in finding the Lord's man for their church.

It was quiet, interesting to look over the beautiful building under construction at Nolan, or Divide. They had it ready to set the window frames of the second floor. It is going to be a thing of beauty, constructed of native stone with blackened seams. Pastor Elkins is really in the hearts of his people. We are sorry that he had to be away taking treatment for illness.

We found the people really in love with Pastor Powers at Mt. Olive.

Blackwell is looking for the Lord's man for that place to be pastor. We regret to lose Brothery McHenry. A committee was away that day conferring with a preacher. Brother Dean of Abilene preached for them last Sunday.

I was not able to take Layman Cook with me for the week-end, so had to go alone. I found the people optimistic over the prospects of the future at Boyd's Chapel. They have called Brother Vaughn, Sweetwater, and he has accepted.

Pastor J. C. Parks, Rotan, associational Sunday School superintendent, is in a Sunday School study course in that association. The results will be given later.

The church at Swenson, where the missionary was Sunday morning, hopes soon to have a pastor to lead on in the fine work Harvey Dennis has so well done. Brother Cooper, Dallas, was there Sunday.

Associational Sunday School Superintendent J. M. Cook had his workers together Sunday evening at Merkel. The attendance was good despite rain, snow and sleet. They are making great plans for the Lord's work.

The missionary is with Pastor Summers and the North Park Church, Abilene, teaching "Building a Standard Sunday School" this week. Already, Tuesday night, 31 have enrolled. Miss Holland has a class of ten juniors studying "Bible Heroes."

The Workers meeting, Cisco Association, was one of the best at New Hope Church No. 2. The missionary preached in the evening.

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In Last Week's Issue



A Bible Study Puzzle

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"Europe for Christ, or Chaos" was the subject of Alva Gray's speech to the Mission Workers Wednesday afternoon in Mr. Bond's class room. James Easterwood spoke on the "Changing Methods in Mission Work." Eighteen members were present.

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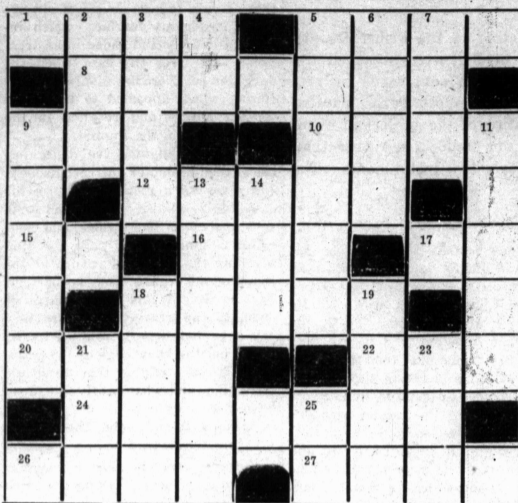
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ACROSS

1. Advertised in puzzle ad.
2. A male deity, 400 of his prophets were slain by Elijah at Mt. Carmal.
3. Tempter in the Garden of Eden.
4. A spring of mineral water.
5. Falsehood.
6. A priest who had charge of the third division of the house of God (I Chr. 24).
7. Interjection.
8. What God, in creation, called "gathering together of the waters."
9. Preposition.
10. "Train up a . . . in the way he should go."
11. Son of eldest daughter of Lot by her father, whose descendants were a wicked and warlike nation.
12. A beast of burden that talked to a prophet.
13. To dig out.
14. Verbal.
15. A pastoral musical pipe. "A broken . . . will he not break, nor a smoking flax will he not quence."

DOWN

1. A serpent whose poison produces quick death. Emblem used on Egyptian monuments as sign of protecting

2. divinity. "And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the . . ."
3. The wife whom Jacob received through deception.
4. A suffix used to form the comparative degree in adj. and adv.
5. A term applied to vile persons. (Found in Deut. 13th ch.; Jude and 2 Cor., 6th ch.)
6. A city in the mountains of Judah (Joshua 15:50).
7. The original name of Jerusalem. (Used in 14 chapter of Gen.)
8. Fruit of a species of palm tree.
9. Second son of Benjamin and ancestor of the Ashbelites (Gen. 46th ch.)
10. A person mentioned in 1 Kings 1 as remaining faithful to David's cause during Adonijah's rebellion.
11. Where Jesus performed his first public miracle.
12. An appointment. Also singular in 11 down.
13. Personal pronoun. "Casting all . . . cares upon Him, for He careth for us."
14. Personal pronoun.
15. System of transportation.

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