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

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Good Enough for Christ, But Not Good Enough for *The Association of Baptist Professors of Religion*

(This is an EDITORIAL that appeared in the Baptist Bible Tribune. This should answer some of the questions as to why sound and true Baptists cannot, and should not fellowship or support the Southern Baptist Convention)—Editor.

The association of Baptist Professors of Religion is made up of religious professors in Southern Baptist institutions. This Leghorn rooster organization is increasingly feeling its chicken feed. Its comb is red, and it crows with the assurance and authority of the three famous London tailors who, in a petition to Parliament, began: "We, the people of England."

These Southern Baptist pundits, to hear them tell it, have a mission on this earth. It is to lead Christians in general and Southern Baptists in particular, out of the bondage of their infantile superstitious attitude toward the Bible as the Word of God. They are the real prophets for the modern age. The Biblical concept of the great and powerful days of Christianity, they crow, is "inadequate" for the modern age. The lion should abdicate in favor of the rooster.

These mortabards held a meeting in Atlanta toward the end of last February. They made as much noise as a flock of guineas in a Georgia barnyard. The president, at the time, was T. C. Smith, a member of the faculty of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., a Southern Baptist institution. At the meeting, Ray Brown, a professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., was elected to succeed

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SILOAM MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO CONVENE OCTOBER 1, 2, 3

The Siloam Missionary Baptist Association is to meet in its nineteenth annual session on October 1, 2, 3, 1971 with Siloam Missionary Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn. On the first day, Friday, Oct. 1, services are to begin at 10:00 A. M. (C.D.T.)

Officers elected last year were: Elder F. W. Lambert, Moderator; Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Clerk and Bro. G. W. Hauskins, Treasurer.

The Introductory Sermon on the first day is to be preached by Elder Douglas Curtis. Elder H. C. Vanderpool is to preach the Memorial Sermon the second day, and the third day Elder F. W. Lambert is to preach the Doctrinal Sermon.

Churches in Tennessee, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky represent in this Association. During the three-day session Missions, Orphans Home, Literature, Church Discipline, Sunday Schools, Finance, and other subjects will be discussed.

By vote of the Association last year the body is to vote on the first day this year if it wishes to continue with a three-day session or change to a two-day

MISSING DAY FOUND

By F. L. Ray

Did you know that the space program is busy proving that which has been called 'Myth' in the Bible is true? Mr. Harold Hill, President of the Curtis Engine Company in Baltimore, Maryland and a consultant in the space program related the following development, "I think that one of the most amazing things that God has for us today happened to our astronaut and space scientists at Green Belt, Maryland. They were checking the position of the sun, moon and planets out in space where they would be 100 years and 1,000 years from now. We have to know this so we don't send a satellite up and have it bump into something later on one of its orbits. We have to lay out the orbit in terms of the satellite, and where the planets will be so the whole thing will not bog down."

They ran the computer measurement back and forth over the centuries and it came to a halt. The computer stopped and put up a red signal, which meant that there was something wrong either with the information fed into it or with the results as compared with the standards, they called the service department to check it out and they said, (after checking the computer) "It's perfect." The I. B. M. head of operation said "what's wrong?" "Well we have found there is a day missing in space in elapsed time." They scratched their heads and tore their hair. There was no answer. One religious fellow on the team said, "You know, when I was in Sunday School they told me about the sun standing still. 'They didn't believe him but they didn't have any other answer so they said 'Show us.' "So he got a Bible and went

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NOTICE!

As clerk of the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association, I mailed all the letters to the churches that are to be filled out and brought to the Association. If for some reason the clerk of any church did not receive them, please let me know at once so I can send some. — H. C. Vanderpool

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

The editor will publish information in the October issue of the BANNER on the dates and places of other Missionary Baptist Associations meeting next month if such information is received. If your Association has already convened this year, send a report to the editor of the BANNER and it will also be published.

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GOOD ENOUGH FOR CHRIST, BUT NOT THE PROFESSORS

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Prof. Smith.

Both the Religious News Service and the Baptist Press reported the address that Prof. Smith made to the August assembly. And so we assume that we have a substantially accurate report of what he, at the time, head of the roosters said.

He said: "We need to come up with a concept that is more suitable to ourselves, our students, and our convention."

He called for a "new look" at the canon, message, and authority of the Bible.

The time has come, the professor says, when the canon, the message, and the authority of the Bible is not suitable to "ourselves, our students, and our convention."

This means that what was suitable to Christ and his apostles and the apostolic church is not suitable to this Furman University professor and his crowd.

We know that our Lord and his apostles had the old Testament just as we have it today. We know that the canon they had contained all the books we have in our Old Testament today. We know that there were no Apocryphal books in the canon of our Lord and his apostles.

If these Baptist professors know anything about the Scriptures of our Lord and his apostles and the apostolic church, they know this.

And we know that Jesus Christ put the stamp of his approval upon every section of the Old Testament — the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms — as being the very word of God.

In the 7th chapter of Mark, he refers to the prophecy of Isaiah and the writings of Moses. He quotes Isaiah 29:13:

"Wherefore the Lord said. Forasmuch

as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men..."

He quotes from the 20th chapter of Exodus:

"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

He didn't say that J, or E, or JE, or D, or Buster Boy wrote that commandment. He said Moses wrote it.

And he said that what Isaiah wrote and what Moses wrote were the Word of God. "For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men...Making the Word of God on none effect through your tradition."

There, our Lord calls the Law of Moses which, as every authority knows, includes the first five books of the Bible, the Word of God.

In the last chapter of Luke our Lord puts the stamp of approval upon the entire Old Testament as the Word of God. In verse 27: "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."

And in the 44th verse of that last chapter, he says: "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms concerning me."

And in John 10:35, he says: "...the scripture cannot be broken." By which he means that no word of the scripture can be taken away.

And if he can make it any plainer than that, he does it in Matthew 5:18: "For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." A Hebrew jot is less than half the size of any other letter. A tittle is smaller than a cross we put on a "t."

And Jesus Christ believed that the Flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot's wife, Jonah and the great fish, and Naaman and Elijah were all historical. He didn't believe they were "thought forms," he believed they were facts of history. And he so taught and preached.

All of these Southern Baptist Convention suckers on the German Rationalist stalk are compelled to admit that Jesus Christ believed the Old Testament to be the Word of God. Roy L. Honeycutt Jr., Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew in the Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., wrote the introduction to the book of Exodus in the Southern Baptist Convention's Broadman Press' "The Broadman Bible Commentary."

Dr. Honeycutt concedes that Jesus Christ believed the Law of Moses to be the Word of God and that it was written by Moses. On page 306f. of the Genesis-Exodus volume of the commentary he says:

"...the greatest authority for many exponents of the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch is the New Testament. That the Pentateuch was synonymous with the 'Law of Moses' in the thought of first-century persons appears clear. From the following and other references many conclude that Moses wrote the Law: 'Jesus said to them, For your hardness of

heart he (i.e., Moses) wrote you this commandment' (Mark 10:5). 'If you believed Moses, you would believe me' (John 5:46). (Cf. also Matt. 19:8; Mark 12:26; Luke 24:27, 44; John 7:19, 23; Acts 13:39, 15:5; 28:23; I Cor. 9:9; 2 Cor. 3:15; Heb. 9:19; 10:28.)"

And so Dr. Honeycutt should be given credit for not trying to evade or twist the record.

Dr. Honeycutt says there that Jesus Christ and the people of the New Testament believed that Moses wrote the Pentateuch.

But even so, what does Dr. Honeycutt in this Southern Baptist commentary believe about it? He says that a "majority of Old Testament scholars" believe differently from Jesus Christ and his apostles and the apostolic church. And he goes on:

"Rather than having been written by a single person, it is much more likely that many persons from several different areas, both geographical and functional, were responsible for Exodus in its present form."

And if you will continue with Dr. Honeycutt, in the second column on page 307, you will find that, with him, Julius Wellhausen is a more important witness to the authorship of the Pentateuch than Jesus Christ.

What is all of this but an attack on the person and dignity of Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ believed and taught and preached that Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible. Jesus Christ believed and taught and preached that those five books — and all of the other books of the Old Testament — were the verbally, plenary inspired word of God.

But these Baptist "scholars," who can get intellectually drunk on the mere smell of scholarship, say that what was good enough for Jesus Christ is "inadequate" for them, their students, and their convention.

And what is this but saying that Jesus Christ was either an ignoramus or a fraud in the matter of the composition and character of the Old Testament?

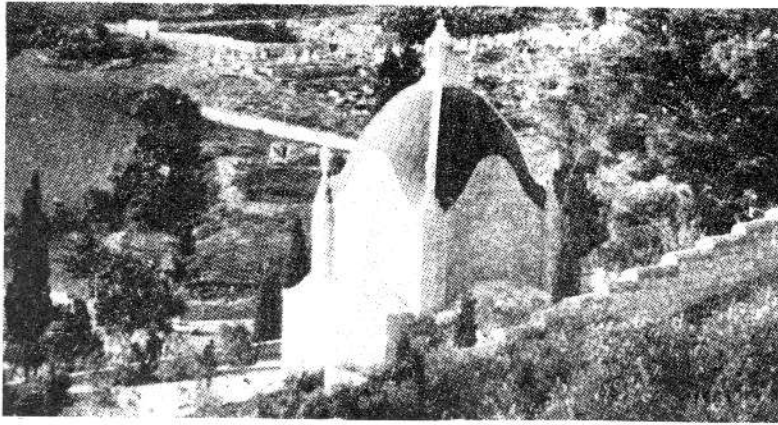
A fraud doesn't have the mien and manner that Jesus Christ had before the Sanhedrin and Pilate. A fraud doesn't talk and act as Jesus Christ talked and acted on his Roman stake.

An ignoramus doesn't preach the Sermon on the Mount — in about 20 minutes, without a note. An ignoramus doesn't predict the destruction of Jerusalem and Herod's Temple, when the evidence was that they would be there indefinitely.

It is too late in history to write either ignoramus or fraud across that majestic brow.

When God Incarnate says it is true, and men say it is not true, let God Incarnate be true and every man a liar — today, tomorrow, and forever!

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In this place, where David once ascended the hill to weep over the rebellion of his son Absalom (2. Sam. 15:30), Jesus wept over His beloved Jerusalem and its temple, whose destruction, under Titus in AD 70, He foresaw (Luke 19, 41-44).

REVIVAL REPORTS

Bemis Chapel Baptist Church, Bemis, Tenn. One profession of faith and one addition to the church. Pastor Floyd Denison was assisted by Elder F. L. Ray.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. One profession of faith with three additions to the church. Pastor F. W. Lambert was assisted by Elder C. L. (Dee) Russell.

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Bruceton, Tenn. Four professions of faith with four additions to the church. Pastor E. J. Baker was assisted by Elder F. L. Ray.

Jericho Baptist Church, Woodbury and Sea Sts., Independence, Mo. There were five professions of faith and seven additions to the church. Pastor Harold Highfill was assisted by Elder William I. House.

Independence Baptist Church, Huntingdon, Tenn. Four additions to the church. Pastor E. J. Baker was assisted by Elder F. L. Ray.

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. There were four professions of faith and four additions to the church. Pastor Kenneth W. Massey was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. The singing was under the direction of Bro. Lonnie Cockriel.

Koi Baptist Church, Hiroshima, Japan. There were a number of people saved and also additions to the church. Elder Koji Tajima, the pastor, and others worked faithfully in this revival work. See his report in last month's BANNER for full information.

Greenfield Baptist Church, Greenbrier, Tenn. Seven professions of faith with eight additions to the church. Another one saved the Sunday following the revival. Pastor W. C. Johnson was assisted in the revival by Elder Malcolm Grizzle.

Faith Baptist Church, Rose and Burbank Sts., Nashville, Tenn. Two professions of faith with five additions to the church. Pastor Howard G. Taylor was assisted by Elder James (Pete) Porter. Bro. J. W. Gregory was song director.

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back to the book of Joshus where they found a pretty ridiculous statement for anybody who has "common sense." "(Joshus 10:8-14) There they found the Lord saying to Joshua, fear them not, I have delivered them into thy hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee." Joshua was concerned because he was surrounded by the enemy, and if darkness fell they would over power them. So Joshua asked the Lord to make the sun stand still and the moon stayed...and hasted not to go down about a whole day."

The space man said, "There is the missing day!" well, they checked the computers...going back into the time it was written and found it was close but not close enough. The elapsed time that was missing back in Joshua' day was 23 hours and twenty (20) minutes...not a whole day. They read the Bible and there it said "about a day" (approximately). These little words in the Bible are important. But, they still were in trouble because if you cannot account for 40 minutes you'll be in trouble 1,000 years from now. Forty minutes had to be found, because it can be multiplied times over in orbit. "Well," this religious fellow also remembers somewhere in the Bible where it said the "sun went backwards." The space men told him he was out of his mind. But they got the Bible and he read these words; in II Kings 20:9-11. Hezekiah on his death-bed was visited by the prophet Isaiah, who told him that he was not going to die. Hezekiah did not believe him and asked him for a sign of proof. Isaiah said, "Do you want the sun to go ahead ten degrees?" He said, "It is nothing for the sun to go ahead ten degrees, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees." Isaiah spoke to the Lord and the Lord brought the shadow ten degrees backward. Ten degrees is exactly 40 minutes! Twenty-three hours and twenty minutes in Joshua, plus 40 minutes in second Kings Chapter 20:9-11 makes the missing 24 hours they had to log in the log book as being the missing day in the universe!

(Note the article was published in the "EVENING WORLD" of Spencer, Ind., Nov., of 1969 and was reprinted in March of 1970.)

In these days of doubt and weakness of faith, the above article should give us more faith, and help to remove any doubt in our mind concerning the everlasting truth of God's Holy Word.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." Eccles. 9:10.

MISSIONARY REPORT FROM ISRAEL

P. O. Box 7305
Jerusalem, Israel
July 28, 1971

Dear Friends:

From Jerusalem we send our greetings to all of you, our brethren and sisters, in the homeland in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you very much for your love, your prayers, and your financial support. We pray that the dear Lord will bless our churches and all our beloved friends there.

Brother Abu'Igal, the Arab pastor of First Baptist Church of Ramallah, has gone to the United States for an operation in Lubbock, Texas and will be gone for at least six months. The Church has called me to take care of the work till he returns. I am doing what I can to carry on, but there are problems for me because of the language barrier; I have to use an interpreter in all of my preaching. A blind man, who is an Armenian, interprets for me, and he does well, but we have to call on somebody else in the church to do the reading of the Scriptures from the Arabic. We can do many ways, however, when we have to in order to get God's Word across to the people. The Lord knows all about our handicaps and shortcomings, and He can very well bridge over the gaps. Anyway, I am thankful for the opportunity to preach His Word and have this increase of responsibility. But we need your prayers very much; and we request your prayers for Brother Abu'Igal who is now in the hospital in Texas.

Annie Laura and I visited a young Jewish couple up in the mountains of Galilee this past week and stayed from Tuesday till Thursday. We had a very enjoyable visit with them. We became acquainted with them when they use to live in Jerusalem. They are living in a place called Karmiel, which is a new city of only five years and has a population of five thousand; it is situated a little short of the half way mark between the Mediterranean coast at Acre and the Sea of Galilee. These young Jews are Christians, and they invited me to preach in their house, one other young couple came to be with us. There were just the six of us, but I was very glad to preach to this few. I was very impressed, and I pray that this will be just a beginning of greater opportunities to come. I hope you will pray about this.

The authorities here think there might be war by the end of this year. Egypt has put its armed forces on the alert at the Suez Canal, and Sadat, the president of Egypt, is threatening to use force to get back the occupied territories if Israel doesn't make some concessions by the end of this year. I doubt very much that the Arabs can ever win any war with Israel. I believe the Jews are here to stay. Israel is having its troubles, and will continue to have them for a long time to come. There are many internal problems in this land. The religious Jews and the non-religious Jews are at odds with each other. And the majority of the population is getting tired of the Orthodox Rabbis trying to rule the

country. So there are many kinds of troubles in this little country, which is a sure sign of the last days. A Rabbi said on the radio the other day that when the



Elder James H. Smith

Messiah comes our troubles will be solved, but I said when I heard this, yes, when He returns troubles will be resolved for those who have trusted Him and His offerings that He made when He

came the first time. We are so glad and thankful that we are secure under His precious blood. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Yours in His good name,
Henry and Annie Laura Smith

REVIVAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn. (Names of pastor and assistant in the revival was not given in the announcement).

THIRD SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER

Bide Russell Baptist Church, Riddleton, Tenn. Pastor J. B. Shoulders is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth W. Massey. Bro. Danny Woodard and wife are to be in charge of the music and singing.

FIRST SUNDAY—OCTOBER

Faith Baptist Church, 18000 Glendale, Roseville, Mich. (Detroit) Pastor Bobby G. Sutton is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

QUOTES

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

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

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

GOOD SINGING SCHOOL AT McFERRIN AVENUE BAPTIST NASHVILLE, TENN.

We had a good gospel singing school here this year. This was our 14th annual Singing School. The Lord blessed, gave us a good number to work with. On Sunday, at the end of the school, (Don Hines, the teacher), had twenty youngsters on the floor at the same time directing. One night he had 14 boys up at one time and about the same number of girls. Had several adults. We had an average of 71 per night.

We studied the music and sang the Do, Re, Mi's. We sang about Jesus and Heaven and hope to advance the cause of our Lord.

Every service we have they want some one to lead and sing, Psalm 96:1a, "O Sing Unto The Lord A New Song." Some one has to know music to sing a new song. Wish more churches would have Singing Schools.

I would say we have at least a dozen boys and men qualified to lead and direct singing in our membership, thank the Lord, but they have studied to show themselves approved.

Also we had a good revival the first of June. Souls were saved, 5 were baptized into the church. Since then, there has been 5 more baptized. The Lord has met with us. When one unites with this church, they are asked to tell what the Lord has done for them. Jesus said, John 3:3b "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

We always enjoy reading this paper. The articles are good and the announcements are interesting. Our Missionaries help increase our faith by the hard work they are doing. God bless their labors.

Pray for us as we serve the Lord here. Elder A. G. Gregory is our pastor.

We invite you to visit our church.

J. W. Hines

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It is very significant that in every recorded instance the Apostles were busy at their daily work when the Master called them. Peter and Andrew were fishing; James and John were mending their nets; Matthew was sitting at the receipt of custom. God never visits an idle or unservicable life. — David Smith.