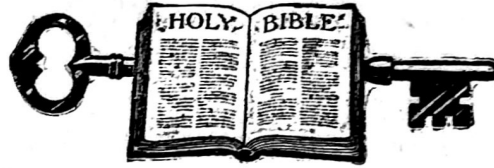


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Was Paul A Liar?

or
Does Romans 6:3 Teach the Baptism
of the Holy Spirit?

In the past six months, I have heard two preachers publicly teach that Romans 6:3 refers to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and that the believer thereby becomes a member of the body of Christ. I must take issue there with all who hold to such unscriptural position; and I shall prove that if such interpretation was correct, then the Apostle Paul was a liar of the worst order.

Let us get to the actual reading of this scripture:

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life."

"For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in likeness of his resurrection."—(Romans 6:3-5.)

We must contend that the baptism here referred to is water baptism. offer three reasons in support of this claim:

- (1) The construction of the original Greek text shows this to be true.
- (2) The teaching of the context shows this to be true; and
- (3) The so-called "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" is unscriptural.

Now, let us notice the first: The little word "into," translated, occurring three times in the above scriptures, is from a Greek word "eis." The two common meanings of this word are: "in order to," and "in reference to." This word occurs more than one hundred times in the New Testament, and in nearly all of these instances, it clearly means in "reference to." Applying this test to the

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More Than 1500 People Hear Chief White Eagle

On Sunday night, August 30, a crowd estimated at from 1500 to 2000 people, packed the auditorium of The Tabernacle Baptist Church, with many standing outside, to hear Chief White Eagle, converted Indian chief of the Winnebago tribe, tell his life story of how he was brought up in a wigwam amidst the pagan customs of his people, and later won to Christ.

Chief White Eagle is a man of attractive personality, and well educated being a graduate of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. He is well known from coast to coast, having

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Anniversary Services And Dedication to be Held Oct. 18

"The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."—Ps. 126:3.

We are happy to announce that on Sunday, October 18th, the people of The Tabernacle Baptist Church will celebrate the fourth anniversary of that organization, and the all-day meeting this year will take on the nature of a dedication service.

Ahead of all schedules and expectations, The Tabernacle Baptist Church will be free of all debts and financial obligations by October 18th. The Lord willing, it will be the dawn of a new day for this great church. Despite divers predictions of failure and disaster, she rolls on to victory greater than ever before, and if there ever was a church that could sing the words of Psalmist, as given above, it is this one.

"The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

As we set our faces toward the future, our hearts are filled with greater visions than ever before. May we approach this hour of triumph with deepest humility, and with a new surrender to God. The land is before us. Under the promise of God, let us go in to possess it.

No doubt, October 18th will be a high day for all who come. There will be oldtime singing, praying, preaching, testifying. There will be sandwiches and coffee provided at noon for all who do not wish to bring their lunch. A part of the services will be broadcast by radio. Full announcements will be made later.

PLAN NOW TO SPEND THIS GREAT DAY AT THE TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH.

"The Angels of God Met Him"

(Sermon preached by M. W. Hall to The Tabernacle Baptist Church.)

This morning I am going to discuss a text and follow a line of study, I've never studied publicly with you before.

I want to invite your attention once more to the first verse of the 32nd chapter of Genesis. Let's read it together:

"And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him."

May I repeat just a few statements made to my class in order to get the setting of this study before you? You read in last Sunday's lesson where God came to Jacob in a foreign land and said, Jacob, I am the God of Bethel, I am the one who spake to you yonder in Bethel when you laid down at night with a stone for a pillow. I am the God who promised you the land upon which you lay, and made my promises to you of what I would do concerning your future.

It is as though God said, Jacob, you're out of my land and out of my will. You are in the wrong country. You've been over here making money, marrying a couple of wives, raising a bunch of children, building up your fortune. Now you're a rich man, you haven't thought much of God in these days. And you're in a foreign land, you don't belong here. You had better go home to the country I

promised you. And Jacob rose up and went out, as we studied last Sunday.

Now, he has come to the borderland of his own country. And he remembers the threat made twenty odd years ago by Esau, his brother, whom he had cheated. Esau had said, I am going to kill him when I get a chance.

Jacob was facing an unknown future. He didn't know what Esau would do. But at the bidding of God he was going home. He knew he would have to meet with Esau face to face. As he goes on in to face that great ordeal, when he went on his way, headed for the country that God had appointed to him; headed back toward the paths of God and to the perfect will of God, it is then and only then that Jacob meets a company of angels.

He didn't meet that host of angels when he was out of the will and out of the land of God. He saw those angels first ascending and descending upon the ladder that reached from earth to heaven that night he had that marvelous experience many years before. That is the first vision of angels Jacob ever had. He saw them walking up and down that ladder. That within itself signified in that personal experience of Jacob with the Lord Jesus Christ, that the angels are divine ministering spirits, and that

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Baptist Missionary, Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil, South America

(Editorial Note: The following letter and article have just been received from H. H. Overbey, Wheaton, Illinois, and are self-explanatory. We only wish to add that for some time, we have given prayerful consideration to this independent mission work, and have come to feel in our heart to give some publicity thereto. Let everyone who reads these lines immediately mail a check or Money Order to Z. E. Clark, 521 Concord Ave., Detroit, Mich., for this work, and pray for this missionary.)

Elder M. W. Hall,
Lewisburg, Kentucky
Dear Brother Hall:

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing a brief article about the mission work of J. F. Brandon in the Amazon Valley of Brazil. I have written it and then re-written it to shorten it and then I cut out some more. I have tried to tell in about 1200 words what a large volume could be written about. I hope that it is not too long. If so, feel free to cut out or shorten.

I am enclosing a cut of the Brandon family, with their names on the back of the mounting, if you should care to use it with the article. Please return the cut to us after it has served its purpose.

We are grateful for your kind offer to give the mission work some publicity in your paper. To you our sincere thanks and to our blessed Lord the Honor and Glory.

I hope that this reaches you in time. We have done our best and have not had time to rewrite the copy as we should have. May the Lord richly bless you and your church paper and radio work and may you have

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Editor's Engagements

The Lord willing, we shall begin a meeting with Pastor H. E. White, and The Bethel Baptist Church, at South Hill, Kentucky, on Monday night, the 21st of this month.

On October 5th, we shall begin a meeting with Pastor H. T. Ashby, and The Richland Baptist Church in Daviess County, near Livermore, Ky.

These engagements will take us right up to the Third Sunday in October, and the great Anniversary and Dedication Service in The Tabernacle Baptist Church. See announcement of this service elsewhere in this paper.

We request our friends to pray for us in these labors.

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Introducing J. F. Brandon, Baptist Missionary

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many souls for your hire. By grace
divine, I am, Yours in Him,
H. H. OVERBEY.

Brother H. B. Taylor of Murray, Ky., (who is now in heaven) was preaching a sermon on Missions. He was using a large map of South America, pointing out the places and the need for missionaries to go to Amazon Valley in Brazil. When his pointer fell on the town of Cruzeiro do Sul, Joe F. Brandon who was in the audience heard the Lord call him to go to this place as a missionary. The call was definite, sure and unmistakable. He answered the call by acting upon it. He was accepted by the Amazon Valley Baptist Faith Mission Board as their missionary. On October 3, 1923, he left Benton, Ky., with his family for New York, where they embarked for Brazil. They reached Belem, the capitol of the state of Para, at the mouth of the Amazon river, October 26, 1923. In about ten days, they went up the Amazon river 500 miles to the town of Santarem at the mouth of the Tapajoz river. Here he began to learn the Portuguese language and to do mission work. He preached on the streets, at places up and down river, using a sailboat and canoe for traveling. In May, 1926, Sister Brandon returned to the United States and Brother Brandon went to Cruzeiro do Sul, 3,000 miles away. He arrived there on July 14, 1926, and began to preach every day, which is his stock in trade. After three years in Brazil, he was now in the place the Lord had called him to go. The people listened, were convicted and converted. After laboring here several months, he returned to the United States in January, 1927, to join his family again. In February, 1928, he again left New York with his family, enroute to Brazil. This time he was supported by the First Baptist Church of Paducah, Ky. They went up the Amazon river 1,000 miles to live in Manaos. Sister Brandon and the children lived here, while Brother Brandon and Julio Braga, a native Baptist preacher, went to Cruzeiro do Sul, 2,500 miles away on the Jurua river in the territory of Acre. They reached Cruzeiro do Sul on September 4, 1928, to again meet the believers, who were now two years old in the faith. Here he labored and with great joy organized his first Baptist Church on the mission field at Cruzeiro do Sul in 1929. While joy came to Manaos. Elizabeth, who was nine months old, died at Manaos and was buried by Sister Brandon, while Brother Brandon was 2,500 miles away at Cruzeiro do Sul. Brother Brandon was sick most of the time now and his weight was down to about 100 pounds. He returned to the United States in April, 1930, for three months on account of his health. In July, three months later, he was back in Brazil with his family again. In February, 1931, they moved to Codajaz on the Amazon, which is about 200 miles up the river and west of Manaos. He went to Cruzeiro do Sul again this year (1931) and from there to Japyni on the Moa river (about 30 miles Cruzeiro do Sul)

Missionary J. F. Brandon and Family



First Row, left to right: Betty Brown, Missionary Brandon, Mrs. Brandon and Rebecca. Second Row, left to right: Joe, Jr., (U. S. Army), John, James, Marie, David and George (U. S. Army.)

where he organized his second church. In 1932, he organized the church at Codajaz. In the same year (1932) he organized the church at Coary about 100 miles up the river and west of Codajaz. Esperanca is 800 miles up the river and west of Codajaz on the Peruvian frontier. He organized a church here in 1932 also. In 1933, he organized a church at Boa Fe, 150 miles west of Codajaz on the Copia river. Having now completed ten years on the mission field, the Brandons returned to the United States on their second furlough. While on this furlough, the First Baptist Church of Paducah, Ky., decided to give up the work and withdrew their support. In 1934, the Brandons returned to Brazil under the authority of the Benton Baptist Church of Benton, Ky., with other churches and individuals helping in the support. In 1935, Brother Brandon organized the church at Catua on the Amazon, 200 miles west of Codajaz. Brother Brandon has had as many as seven native preachers laboring with him. He has helped support all of these out of the offerings sent to him. He moved to Cruzeiro do Sul and began work on the Jurua river and its tributaries with now ten preaching points with believers, in reach of this place. He has many other preaching points many miles away.

In July, 1941, he returned to the United States with his family for their third furlough. In December, 1941, the Benton Baptist Church passed a motion to "not authorize his return to the mission field." He prepared a series of three letters about the work and the need and visited churches in Kentucky, Mississippi, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. He was sure that the Lord would not have him abandon the work he had been called to do. He now did not have a paper to keep the supporters of the work informed about it. The Lord led us to use our typewriter and mimeograph machine to get out monthly sheets about the work. The sheets contain letters from Bro. Brandon and news about the field and the needs. Churches and individuals who had been supporting him for the past several years continued

to do so and new churches and individuals have been added to the list of supporters. Because of the war and the health of his family, it was not advisable for them to return to the field at this time. Believing that the God who called him to go to the field would supply his need, and that of his family, he left Miami, Florida, on May 9, 1942, for Brazil. Because of the war, passage by boat could not be had. He went by airplane from Miami to Belem, Brazil, at the mouth of the Amazon river, where he started the long journey of 3,500 miles to Cruzeiro do Sul by river boat. We trust that he is now in Cruzeiro do Sul, but have not had time for mail from there to get here. The mission work is supported by churches and individuals who love New Testament Baptist Mission work. Elder Z. E. Clark, pastor of the Harmony Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., receives and disburses the offerings. There is no overhead expense taken out of the mission offerings. All offerings received are used for the support of Brother Brandon and his family and the mission work in Brazil. Brother Clark handles this part as a work of love. His church supports the work liberally. Each month a list of all offerings received is put in the mimeograph sheets and mailed out to the churches and individuals who love and support the work. These sheets will be mailed free of charge to anyone upon request. All offerings are sent to Elder Z. E. Clark, 5216 Concord Ave., Detroit, Mich. For the monthly sheets, write to H. H. Overbey, 1629 N. President, Wheaton, Ill.

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above scriptures, we can see how impossible it is to render this word "in order to" in this instance. Let us read the text, and put that meaning in:

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized (in order to) Jesus Christ were baptized (in order to) his death. . . ."

"Therefore, we are buried with him

in baptism (in order to) death. . . ."

Thus you can readily see, my friends, that such a translation does not make sense. However, we can apply the other meaning to this scripture, and it presents an entirely different message:

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized (in reference to) Jesus Christ were baptized (in reference to) his death?"

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism (in reference to) his death. . . ."

From this alone, we can clearly see that this scripture has nothing to do with becoming a member of the body of Christ through the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

It seems hardly necessary to consume time and space in discussing the second reason offered that this scripture teaches of water baptism.

To the open mind, that fact stands too clearly to need discussion. We might, however, re-emphasize the fact that, after all, baptism is "in reference to" Christ's death. The death, burial, and resurrection of Christ are clearly shown in scriptural baptism, and that would be impossible with anything save immersion.

Rom. 6:4 says, "Therefore we are BURIED with him by baptism into (in reference to) death. . . ."

And the 5th verse says, "PLANTED together in the LIKENESS of his death. . . ."

In a study of the context, we cannot escape the conclusion that this scripture is teaching of water baptism (immersion), which is a formal declaration of the believer's faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and that the believer, having died to sin, and having been made alive to righteousness, professes to "walk in the newness of life."

Now, let us consider for a moment the third, and most important, reason, or evidence, that Romans 6:3 does not refer in any sense to "the Baptism of the Holy Spirit," so-called.

The fact is, dear friends, "the Baptism of the Holy Spirit" is an unscriptural term. There is no such thing in God's Word. The Holy Spirit never did, and never will, baptize

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anybody. There is absolutely no scripture to support this claim.

Study the following scriptures: Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:26-33; Acts 1:5.

In everyone of these scriptures, the Holy Spirit does not baptize anybody. These passages all refer first to Pentecost, where and when Christ baptized the church, the body, IN the Holy Spirit. In every one of these passages mentioned, in the original text, it is "IN" the Holy Spirit, not with the Holy Spirit. Acts 11:16 records the completion of this baptism in the Holy Spirit. Peter there is relating how the Holy Spirit fell upon the group of Gentiles, as upon the Jews at the beginning. This shows that "there is no difference" in the Jew or Gentile, as far as their place in a New Testament Church body is concerned. There was a baptism in the Holy Spirit for the New Testament Church, and it was once for all time; there is a filling for individual believers, for any or for many times.

The believer has, and is indwelt by, the Holy Spirit, Rom. 8:9, but the believer never receives "the baptism of the Holy Spirit." There is no such thing known in the Bible.

There is one other passage, so misunderstood, and mis-taught by many. That is I Cor. 12:13. Though we do not have space to discuss it here, we must contend that this passage likewise refers to water baptism. When opportunity affords, we shall discuss this at length.

If we shall consider the believer's relationship with Christ, we must say that the believer is only "born" into the kingdom and family of God in the New Birth.

We do not believe that the Bible teaches that wild notion of a universal, invisible, mysterious "body of Christ." Our real and living Saviour is not the "head" of any such thing as that. Thank God.

"He is the head of the body, the church." (Col. 1:18.)

Eph. 1:22-23 says, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the CHURCH, which is HIS BODY, the fullness of him which filleth all in all."

In a later message, we shall fully discuss The Body and The Bride of Christ.

Now, we come to the last great, unanswerable fact of the scripture on this question of Romans 6:3. If Romans 6:3 is a baptism of the Holy Spirit, uniting the believer into the body of Christ, then we are forced to one of two conclusions: i. e.—

(1) There is no such thing as water baptism; or

(2) The Apostle Paul was an infamous liar.

Someone will think that these are broad statements. Please turn in your Bibles to Ephesians 4:4-6:

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling: one Lord, one faith, ONE BAPTISM," etc.

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul wrote these words about four years after he wrote Romans 6:3 under the inspiration of the same Spirit. To say that Romans 6:3 means Holy Spirit baptism, means to say that there is no water baptism, or else Paul and the Holy Spirit lied. If Eph. 4:5 is true, then there cannot be a water baptism, and a Holy Spirit baptism, both. There would be two, and Paul said there is only ONE. Will anyone be so ridiculous to say that there were two, the Holy Spirit baptism and the water baptism, when Romans was written, and only one, four years later when Ephesians was written?

The only reasonable answer is too obvious to argue about. There is one body, the local church; there is one baptism, water baptism (immersion.) Paul was no liar, neither was the Holy Spirit, which inspired his writings, and by no twist of the imagination can Romans 6:3 be made to teach that the believer is baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ.

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the angel host plays a great part in the spiritual lives of the people of God.

That is the theme of the study I want you to get this morning. If you will study and read with me the scriptures, you will find as you have never found before, what a part the angel beings play in the spiritual experiences of men and women of God. How often we see them. In what many and various ways they minister in the lives of God's people.

Do you know that angels figure in the experiences of the people of God from the time of our birth into the kingdom of God until the time we shall be caught up to meet the Lord Jesus Christ in the skies of glory? Angels attend our way. It did mean much to me when I studied and found what a place angels played in my life and in my spiritual career. I want you to study from that viewpoint.

Now, Jacob had seen the angels of God going up and down the ladder attending that marvelous experience in Bethel. But he hadn't seen any angels since he had been over in that foreign land.

Jacob, in the land of Laban, represents the Christian out of the will of God; out of his own place; out of his own land, in strange and foreign territory where a child of God has no business to be.

It is as a Christian in the world; it is as a Christian trying to make money and trying to build up his fortune at the expense of his spiritual well-being.

So God doesn't show him any angel visions there. But by and by, he starts home; when he begins to turn his face toward home; when he comes near to the borderland of his own country, the Word of God says: "As he went to his way, the angels of God met him."

I've found this in the scripture, that in time of great and special revelation; in time of great and special divine care over God's people, we see angels always.

Now, a lot of instances I want to call your attention to, if you will just be patient with me and let us study this together.

"The angels of God met him."

If you will go back to the 19th chapter of Genesis, you will find angels there figuring in the deliverance of Lot from Sodom and Gomorrah in the time of God's quick and terrible judgment upon this wicked city.

When we see old Lot wrapped up in the life of that wicked city; when we see the lives of Lot's family mixed up in the corruption and sin of Sodom where ten righteous people could not be found; when God saw fit to destroy that city, it was angels, my friends, that he sent to lead Lot out of Sodom. In that, not only do we see an actual deliverance of a child of God by the angel host, but we see a beautiful type and picture, if you please, of the deliverance yonder in the time to come. I'll show it to you in the scripture very definitely as we go on, how, just as God sent angels to bring out of the place that was marked with the judgment and doom of Almighty God, before the fires of judgment fell, so God has told us in the scripture that he will send his angels to lift us up and take us away out of this place of wickedness and sin and corruption before the fires of quick and terrible judgment from God shall fall upon the earth.

Angels have a great part to play in your life and mine. We would do well to stop and study and appreciate the angel provision God has made for us as Christians.

Lot was led out of the city of Sodom to escape the judgments of God, and he was led out by angels.

That isn't all. If you will turn to Second Kings, the sixth chapter and the thirteenth verse, we will find another instance where angels

figure in the deliverance of the people of God. It is where Elisha and his servant are there in the little village of Dothan. And the Word of God says:

"And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold an host encompassed the city, both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?"

The servant of Elisha had gone out one morning and looked out from the city walls of Dothan. He saw a great army of Syrians camped around the city. If there was one man in all the world the Syrian king hated, that man was Elisha, because Elisha was the man who revealed to the people of Israel the secret of the heart of a king.

The king of Syria would lay out a careful battle plan and say now, this is the strategy I will use to overcome the king of Israel. But, you know, God revealed to Elisha the battle plans of the king of Syria.

Elisha would come and call the king of Israel and say, now this is the thing the king of Syria is going to try to do to you. Well, you see, that would give them a chance to get their host all set and ready. When the king of Syria would come up with his army as though he would destroy Israel, behold his plans had slipped somewhere. And he said, there's a spy in the camp. There's a fifth columnist in the camp.

Many people have thought that in the terrible sinkings of so many merchant ships in the Atlantic ocean—more than four hundred ships have been sunk since the beginning of the war—a lot of people have believed there were inside spies or fifth columnists working perhaps in the midst of the ship building, or in other places.

One of Ben-hadad's servants told him, "Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bed chamber."

Then Ben-hadad said, Elisha is the fellow I've got to catch. He's the man who is giving it away. I'm going to kill him. So he went down and found out that Elisha was in Dothan. He carried his whole army down there just to catch one little preacher.

You know it is funny how the devil gets all his crowd together after one little preacher, sometimes. Instead of detaching one or two special chosen individuals to bring him in, he'll get his whole army out there and get him penned up, cornered, and surrounded, but you know God will always bring him out of it, he can't catch him.

Well, this servant of Elisha came running in one morning, and said, why there is a great army camped around this town. They've got us surrounded, we are goners this time. What are we going to do?

Well, old Elisha said:

"Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them."

"And Elisha prayed and said, Lord, I pray these open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

The whole country was covered up with chariots of God, and horsemen, and angels.

Elisha said, now do you see that? What do you want to get scared for? What do you want to get alarmed for? When you are in the will of God: when you are walking the path that God set before your feet, and when you consider the perfect will of God, you need not be afraid, the angels of God are around your path. You are safe.

Oh, isn't it pitiful how God's people get alarmed? Like old Jacob did.

But that isn't all. You go over to Second Kings the 19th chapter and 35th verse and you'll see old Hezekiah, a great and godly king, there on his face in the house of God. Sennacherib had sent a letter of threatening and scorn to king Hezekiah and said what all he was going to do

to him, and how he was going to capture him. He made a lot of great boasts. Well he had an army big enough to do it, too. He had an army big enough to carry it out.

You know what king Hezekiah did? He didn't say, we've got to swing our war production into high gear and get a battle fleet started right here quick, and build up production to such a state that we can whip that king and his army.

Why, if he began to talk like that, Sennacherib and his army would have come in there and smashed the armies of Hezekiah before he got started. But, I'll tell you what he did.

And I would this morning that there were some kings; that there were some rules; that there were some governors; and some men in higher authority who had religion enough, and respect, and honor, and faith in God enough in these perilous days to recognize the fact that the same God who came and spoke to the Assyrian host in days gone by, and gave victory to Hezekiah, is the God who sits on the throne of glory this morning. He's able to do it now!

Well, listen, Hezekiah prayed and said, Lord, here's the situation. You know what it is, what are going to do? Ah, God heard that prayer and the next morning old Sennacherib came and looked over his army. There were a hundred and eighty-five thousand dead soldiers lying cold and stiff in the Assyrian camp.

What happened? Ah, my friends, God sent an angel. That's what happened. An angel walked through the camp and brought deliverance to God's people and smote with destruction the enemies of God.

I'm showing you this morning what a place, what a part, angels have always played in the lives, and in the experiences of the people of God. And we have the same promise today, from the same great God that we, too, are attended on our pathway, when we walk in God's will, by the angels of His deliverance.

There are many instances we couldn't even begin to mention. If you will turn to the first chapter of Luke you will see the angels again. The angel of God came and spake to Mary, and announced the coming of the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, that Jesus would be born in supernatural birth.

If you will turn to the second chapter of Luke, you'll see the shepherds watching their flocks by night on the Judean hills. You'll see the angels of the Lord appear and hear the songs of the angel host, as the angels speak to the shepherds, to say:

"Fear not: for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

The angels then announced the coming of Christ. The angels heralded His birth. The angels told of the fact that He was born in Bethlehem. The angels followed His way. The angels attended the pathway of Christ all the time, as you can see.

And when we come to the 22nd chapter and the 42nd and 43rd verses, over there where Jesus is on His face prostrate in the garden of agony, sweating great drops of blood, as the shadow of calvary fell across His path, he cries with agony of soul:

"Oh, my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me."

No angels have come yet. No angels appear yet. As He prays, "Let this cup pass." But the very moment He comes in complete surrender and submission to the will of the Father. The moment when He says, "Not my will, but thine be done," the Word says:

"There appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him."

It means to me, my friends, that when we walk in the will of God: that when we surrender to the will of God; that when we, as Christian people, are wrapped in the center of God's will, and can pray, with submission of heart and life, "not my will, but thine be done," then there will always be an angel, there will always be a ministering spirit to stand by and strengthen us.

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"The Angels of God Met Him"

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There are so many instances, time would fail me to speak of them. If you will turn to the fifth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, again you will see it. You'll see it when the apostles are shut up in prison for preaching the gospel of Jesus.

At the midnight hour, when the angel of the Lord comes and throws open the prison doors and says to the apostles, get up and go out yonder and keep telling the story and speaking the name of Jesus.

It was an angel that sat at the tomb of Jesus on the Resurrection Morn, when the women came and brought spices and to anoint the body of Jesus whom they loved. The first sight that met their gaze as they came in view of the tomb, was an angel arrayed in a white robe, in shining garments. He sat on the stone. He rose up and in solemn tones from Heaven said:

"Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen; as he said, come, see the place where the Lord lay."—Matt. 28:5-6.

It was an angel that announced the Resurrection of Christ.

You go into the 12th chapter of Acts and there see old Peter bound up with chains and sleeping between two soldiers. Between Peter and freedom out yonder were sixteen Roman soldiers. It looked a hopeless case. The Roman army had already delivered up and beheaded old James. They intended to bring forth Peter on the next day to be put to death. His death warrant was signed and sealed. It looked hopeless for Peter. It looked like there was no escape for him.

But, my dear friends, when you read the story in the Word of God, it was in the night when an angel came and smote Peter on the side and said, wake up, Peter.

And when he woke up and arose, the chains fell off his hand, and he walked out and followed the angel to freedom.

An angel of the Lord's presence came and stood in the cell with Peter. An angel of the Lord's presence stood with all of the apostles in the time of danger, the time of trouble and the time of darnness. It has ever been so.

I go to the 27th chapter of Acts and see Paul on the deck of a storm-tossed ship. I hear him say that morning when he walked the deck—when for fourteen days and nights no star has been seen gleaming in the skies above. The skies are overcast with clouds. The waves are beating on the sides of the old sail ship. And there is no land in sight.

The men have given up all hope. They've tossed the tacklings of the ship overboard. They've thrown everything overboard that they could get loose to keep the ship from going down. And now, in spite of all they've done, they say, it's no use, we are gone. There is no hope? The Word says that when all hope that they should be saved was gone, Paul stood forth one morning and said, be of good cheer, men. Don't be alarmed, there won't be a man's life lost.

They mocked him, I imagine. They scorned him. They didn't know what had happened to him. But here's the secret of such a statement as that, and such a calm assurance as that, in the midst of storm, in the midst of trouble, in the midst of the darkness of midnight that is upon them. Here's the answer:

"There stood by me in this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve."—Acts 27:23.

And he said, be of good cheer, Paul. You've preached for me there in other places and you are going to have to preach in Rome, so there is nobody going to be lost. You'll lose the ship, you'll lose the only thing you've held onto. You'll lose a part of your clothes, you'll lose your food, you'll lose your money, you'll

lose everything, but you won't lose your life.

And so I'm thinking today, as the storms of bloodshed, war, and distress are over the world; I'm thinking that God would whisper to us in the night time when the angel is present, and tell us: Yea, you're going to lose your old ship. It's going down. You need not try to patch up the old ship. You needn't try to fill up the holes that have been rammed in the bow of the ship. You needn't try to hoist the sail any more. The masts are gone, the ship is about to go down, everything is gone.

Civilization is soon going to pieces on the rocks of sin and despair. We had just as well sit and take note of the fact and face it.

This morning as we read the headlines and scan the news of the world, this terrible picture of war and bloodshed and distress is growing more ominous and darker and foreboding all the time. Things are not going well. We had just as well not kid ourselves. There is no point to gain when we go around crying, "Peace! Peace!" when there is no peace.

I tell you the world is torn up, the world is on the rocks. The old ship is going down. Civilization is gone. We need not rund around and talk about how we are going to do this thing and the other thing, after we come out of it.

The thing we need to do is to put our faces toward God and let the angel of God speak down through the midnight gloom to our aching hearts and whisper the same message of hope he whispered to old John alone on the isle of Patmos.

"Fear not."

Why? Because he said in Pslam 34, and the 7th verse:

"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

I can imagine that old Paul was down in his cabin that stormy night. Every time a big wave broke over that little ship, she shuddered as though she would go down with the next. Tables and chairs were crashing against the walls. The lights had gone out. But I believe that old Paul was down on his knees.

Yes, men everywhere were just holding on and waiting in despair. But old Paul was talking to God in the darkness of night and the angel of the Lord's presence came down and stood in that old rocking ship by the side of Paul and said, Paul, you know you needn't be scared, you needn't be alarmed. Just let her rock

and roll and then let the ways break over her and let her go down if she will. The old ship is going to sink, but there is no one going to be lost.

And I say, that's what God would whisper today to your heart and mine. He said, I've got angels around you. He said, I've got angels camping around your doorstep, you are all right.

Listen, He who measures the waters in the heart of His hand, He said, I can hold down the waves and pick you out of them any time.

You needn't get alarmed or scared the ship is going down. The whole world is going to pieces. Civilization is doomed and all of that. You had just as well forget that. But just trust God and be happy in the mid-night. Why? Because the angels are there. So the angel of the Lord comes and stands by God's people.

You'll see it again in the parable of the tares, that it shall be so in the end of the world. The reapers are angels. As the tares are gathered up in the harvest time and burned up in the fire while the good grain was garnered into the treasure house of God, it is going to be in the end of the world. What is going to happen? Why, the angels are going to be there. The angels are going to be there at the end of this old world. You needn't worry about that. They are still going to be on our trail, around our path when we come to the end.

For he said, the angels are going to gather up those who are wicked; those who are corrupt; those who are rebellious against God; they are going to be gathered up and bound and burned in the fires of divine anger and judgment.

But the angels are going to wrap up the bundles of the sheaves that belong to the Master and gather them in.

So the gathering-in will be attended by the angel host, because they are ministering spirits, God said:

"Sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation."

Thank God, we are better than angels. Angels are our servants; angels are our bodyguards; angels are our attendants; angels are along our pathway all along down through this old troublesome path of life.

And listen, my friends, here is something more glorious than that, thank God. When we are caught away through the pathless skies to meet the Lord Jesus Christ in glory, there will be a welcoming committee of angels to bear us home.

I look out yonder in Luke's gospel

and I read the story of the rich man and Lazarus. I hear him say, Lazarus died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. I said, thank God, that is a type and a picture. That, if I should go by death before Jesus comes; if I must go by way of death and the open tomb; one day when this faltering and frail body shall tremble and fall and cease to rise again, and this immortal spirit by the power of God, is torn out of this body and carried away on the wings of glory to the heavenly portals, I tell you it will be borne like old Lazarus was, to Abraham's bosom. The angels carried him.

I'm thinking this morning of a little old boy whom I knew once. When I was about six or seven years old (he was a little older—we played together many times. The fact is, we were together daily. He and his brother and my brother and I. They lived across the field from us. Their daddy was a drunkard. I've seen the old man come in drunk and try to kill his children, those little fellows, pale-faced, emaciated, and half starved to death. Yet, they were good kids.

I've seen them run from their dad to keep from being abused.

Well, the time came when we had to leave the community and move away to another part of the state. I never hated to leave anybody like I hated to leave those boys. Of course, I was brought up in a Christian home. My mother and dad were people of prayer, they respected and honored God. There was such a difference in my home and theirs.

I would always feel sorry for them when I went into that poverty-stricken home to see the filth, sin, wreck and ruin there. But when we moved away, we often thought of them.

By and by, when the younger of these boys had come to be about thirteen years of age. There came a letter from some of the friends of those boys, and they called the name of this younger boy, the one I thought so much of, and they said that he was dead.

The letter went on to tell about the last hours of this boy. He died with fever. And they said, that while he lay there on his bed in his last days, he would call his mother and his friends about him and he would say, "Can't you see those angels there. Why, they are right there on the foot of the bed. Oh," he would say, "Look there! There they are!" But they couldn't see any angels.

Some people who might hear those statements would say that he was delirious. That he didn't know what he was saying.

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Our Radio Work

The following single letter is chosen from among our radio mail this week, as representative of the manner and spirit in which our radio services are received:

Dear Brother Hall:-

Again it is my privilege to contribute a small offering to your radio work, and oh, how happy I am to do this, even though it is only a "mite" in comparison to the comfort and help I get from your broadcast, and The Tabernacle Testifier. May God bless you in this great work and help you to carry on 'till Jesus comes again.

Situated as we are, in something of a back way place, you can imagine what a wonderful blessing it is to be able to sit down quietly in the humbleness of our own little home, and yet participate in the services that go out over the air each Thursday afternoon from The Tabernacle Baptist Church. Likewise the privilege of reading your sermons in The Testifier is a great help to us in these unhappy days of war and destruction.

Remember us in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs.

The following persons have sent in contributions by mail since the last issue of The Testifier:

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Russell Hicks
Hirschel Atherton and Family
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Remember, the name of every person sending \$1.00, or more, to the work will be entered on our subscription list to The Tabernacle Testifier for one year. Ours is a work of faith. We are trusting God, and counting on you.

More Than 1500 People Hear Chief White Eagle

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ing spoken in many of the largest churches, throughout the nation. He preaches the doctrines of the Baptist faith with true zeal. He and his wife travel continuously over the nation, doing a great deal of work among the 400,000 Indians in the various reservations throughout the United States.

To this editor's mind, the most important point in Chief White Eagle's address delivered in The Tabernacle Baptist Church, was when he spoke of the great foreign missionary zeal claimed by the Baptists of the Nation as they work themselves into a frenzy about the lost condition of "the poor Chinese, etc.," and overlook the fact that there are 400,000 red men in the continental United States, and most of that number are lost in sin. After all, are we really as missionary as we claim? If one is not interested in the salvation of the lost soul living next door, we wonder if that one is really interested in the lost soul living across the sea?

We pray God's blessings upon Chief White Eagle and his good wife, as he preaches and sings the message of the Gospel of Grace to a lost world.