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"I am a voice"—John the Baptist

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Paducah's Greatest Disaster

I shall read one verse of Scripture, II Cor. 4:18, "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

You need not expect me to recite the horror and devastation of the recent, unprecedented flood. The story is too devastating for words to tell; you must have seen and felt to know it thoroughly.

But while this disaster is still fresh in our minds and hearts and its marks are all about us, I must remind us of a greater disaster in the life of our city than the overflow of the Ohio.

Paducah's greatest disaster is the crucifixion of the spiritual in the midst of the material. I wish to point out several ways in which we crucify to death and to our own undoing the spiritual things, the things of God and of Christ.

1. We crucify the spiritual when we rule God out of the providences of life. A greater disaster than the flood itself is the failure or refusal to see in this flood the hand of God. Many promptly dismiss the idea that God had anything to do with the flood.

Perhaps we can clear up the matter a little. The disasters of life belong to the permissive, not the purposive, will of God. He does not cause these things but He does let them come to call us to Himself. Satan and evil men are the authors of evils, but God permits and overrules them. They cannot come in contrary to His permissive will.

Some say God has no control over the weather. Even if weather is controlled by natural laws, who made these laws? whose behest do they obey? Listen to Jesus; He declares that God sends the rains on the just and on the unjust (Mt. 5:45). He sends the rain. The rains are the direct result of special activity on the part of God. God is no absentee in His own world. He has not wound the thing up as one winds a clock and gone away to let it run its course. He is at home, at the helm, and guides and overrules affairs to His own glory.

Yes. God overrules these disasters. To the blast of the destructive waters, our sovereign God says, "Thus far shalt thou go and not farther." He promised Noah that no world-wide flood of waters would again sweep men from off the face of the earth. The rainbow of His promise, tho often hidden by the clouds of our doubts and fears, shines thru to bring assurance to our drooping hearts. Some of us rested heavily on that promise when the waters here seemed not to know a stopping place.

The view that God had nothing to do with this flood brings only fears, makes one feel he is a subject, unprotected, of hapless fate. My view, the view of the Bible, brings assurance that God is still alive and the captain of the rocking vessel.

Oh, my friends, nestle close to the loving heart of God. He holds life's providences, whatever they may be, in His merciful and sovereign hand. There you will find security, there you will find rest. Rom. 8:28.

2. We crucify the spiritual when we fail to heed God's call to repentance. The major lesson of this super-flood is that God is calling Paducah, both saints and sinners, to repentance. Oh, hear His call, one and all. Wandering, straying, cold-hearted children of God, He is calling us to repent of our worldly ways and live close to Him, live a spiritual life in Christ Jesus our Lord, and let the indwelling Holy Spirit guide our lives to His praise. Oh sinners, drifting where the flood waters of life leap to destruction, God is calling you to turn to Jesus in repentance and faith. Only turn not a deaf ear.

Indeed God is calling Paducah and all others to repent of desecrating the Lord's day. The flood upset our theory that business must continue wide open on Sunday. For once, business was closed. This should teach us to stop all work except deeds of mercy and necessity and give ourselves to the worship of God. God will collect if we deny Him one

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WHO GAVE IT TO YOU?

Illustration

A County Sanitarium inmate asked on the witness stand:

"Have you received a present in the last few months?"

"Yes, sir," came the answer.

"What was it?" the C. A. wanted to know.

"It was a dollar."

"Who gave it to you?"

"The Lord."

"The Lord? Well, what agency did the Lord use to get this dollar to you?"

"Mr. Tom Waller gave it to me, but he didn't have anything to do with it. The Lord put the goodness into his heart and made him give me the dollar."

Are we that ready to acknowledge the Lord as the giver of all that we have? James 1:17, "Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with Whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning."

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Our next issue will review a sermon preached by Pastor Geo. D. Heaton, First Baptist Church, Paducah, before "Temple Israel" in Paducah January 15, 1937, on the theme "The Purpose of God" in which the name of Jesus is not mentioned. Your friends will want a sample copy of this issue. The subscription price cannot stay down to twenty-five cents a year for very long.

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WHO IS RIGHT?

It is no uncommon thing for men to talk about millions of years as the age of this earth. Almost every day daily papers quote some learned (?) scientist who has guessed at the age of the earth and of man. Here comes one from Norman, Oklahoma. They claim to have found a crude weapon that a savage used 15,000 years ago. At another point in Oklahoma they guess that they found the bones of a Dinosaur which they estimate to have roamed the earth 120,000-000 years ago. The Bible gives the age of the earth and of man as approximately 6,000 years. Which will we believe?

But some one replies that the scientist had reasons for his conclusions. Indeed he did; and here they are. He "estimated the great age of the artifact by its crude construction, conditions under which it was buried, and the degree of oxidation on the surface."

When did man quit constructing crude weapons? How foolish to say that, because of its crudeness, it must be that old! The only certain thing is that the man who made it was still in a low stage of civilization. We go back only a short time to find the same crudeness, or we may find it in certain sections even today.

The "conditions under which it was buried" prove only the crudeness of burial and not when it was buried. For one to judge the age of the weapon by "the degree of oxidation on the surface," he would have to have a complete record of all climatic and other conditions. That is proposterous, but no more so than the wild guesses which have become so common today.

Parents and preachers should explain the absurdity of these wild guesses lest our children lose their faith in the Word of God.

Junction, Ky., "has a rule that anyone who gets a job at the distillery or drinks liquor is automatically excluded."

SPECIAL NOTICE

July 6 at ten o'clock there will be two important meetings in Murray. The Board of the Amazon Valley Mission will meet. Those who are interested in the future of the Bible School ought to be present. This is the most important meeting possible if you want to see the work of W.K.B.S. continued. Let one and all who are interested be present.

President Sherwood of Georgetown College recently spoke "at the ninth annual dinner of the Federated Student Council of the Y.M.C.A. Schools at the Cincinnati Club" and "following the address, a reception and the annual ball were held." (The Sling and Stone quotes from the Lexington Leader). Alien immersion and a dance! Some hook-up for a Baptist College President!

A good sister says, "I am sure your sermons on the air will be a great help to many and a means of bringing glory to the name of our Lord." A Texas brother says, "I liked your reveries fine in the last issue."

The understanding of Scripture is not a mere intellectual process. If a man has no mind at all, he could understand anything: but the mind is only the vessel—not the power. The power is the Holy Spirit, acting upon and thru the vessel; but it must be the Holy Spirit that gives one to know the things of God. As it is said, "They shall be all taught of God." Wm. Kelly.

The country is being flooded with religious literature of a most pernicious kind, in which vital and fundamental doctrines are denied and ridiculed. A written ministry is Satan's most effective propaganda—C. D. Cole, Plant City, Fla.

You can't push yourself ahead very fast by patting yourself on the back.—Sel.

GREATEST DISASTER

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seventh of the time for worship of Him.

But, instead of learning to honor His holy day, men are clamoring more than ever that workmen work on the Lord's day. Some day God in judgment will put a stop to this unholy spirit that makes His day one of business and pleasure instead of worship and service to His holy name. Judgment's closing of business will be final.

God is calling Paducah to repent of all her evil ways. Several of my friends have remarked that the cities that were hardest hit by the flood gave the strongest approval of whiskey both in the national and state vote. Sale of whiskey was banned both here and in Louisville for a while thru these terrible days of flood. Why could we not do it all the time for the glory of God and our growing youth? The passing of calamities should not license us to sin but to stop our sinning. God help us to fight this mighty evil, this deadening poison, this awful making, selling, and drinking of liquor. One careless soul took the lesson of the flood by saying, "This will be a good time to drink, dance, and have a good time." Poor sinful soul, how little he thought of the coming judgment.

O Paducah, struck by a flood of waters, how terrible! O Paducah, to be struck someday by the flood of fire that will destroy this old world, how unspeakably terrible! I think I can see Jesus looking over you and weeping as He did over Jerusalem. Paducah's sins and impenitence are not only crucifying the spiritual but, as it were, crucifying Jesus Christ afresh. O men and women, think seriously, repent, believe on Jesus Christ. He stands ready to save this minute. Do not put it off. Either death or the return of Christ will come upon you unexpectedly and find you less prepared than Paducah was for this flood. No one knew or felt that such a rise of waters could come to our city so quickly. It seemed absurd.

Yet behold the incredible, seven-eighths of Paducah flooded and thousands of her people stranded behind the destructive waters. Such will be coming judgment. We are too occupied with other interests to give serious thought to meeting God. Yet, meet Him, we must. We will have to do with God whether ready or not. Do not let the time slip up on your soul unprepared. It would be a larger calamity for Paducah to fail to

learn the lesson of spiritual preparedness than for another flood to come and find us as the recent one did. Get ready today; take your place as a guilty sinner before God, turn to Jesus with only one plea, the atoning blood of Calvary's lamb. Do it now; His arms are open to receive you this moment. Why tarry? Turn now. Luke 13:3,5; Acts 16:30-31.

3. We crucify the spiritual when we put material rehabilitation first. Let material recovery proceed; yes, but let it not encroach upon the rights of the spiritual. The material devastation of Paducah dwindles when we view, as God sees it, the spiritual devastation of our hearts and homes. Our crying trouble is in our disjointed relation to God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Oh, for eyes to see ourselves as God sees us—poor, sinful, straying Paducah, in need of the down-reaching mercy of God in Christ to lift sinners out of the sin-flood and into full salvation in Jesus Christ.

Our greatest task is the spiritual rehabilitation of Paducah. Let us not renew the crime of pre-flood days in putting things seen higher than things unseen, by giving time to things temporal and forgetting things spiritual and eternal. If we walk this unspiritual road, ruin greater than this flood awaits us, even the judgment of God that will take us away without God and without hope in the world.

4. We crucify the spiritual when we lose courage amidst life's troubles. The Christian, least of any, has excuse for his worries because the Savior tells us to roll all our burdens on him. A greater loss than the material things that went with the flood is our failure to trust in Him and know that our heavenly Father watches over us.

Our homes here become scenes of ruin, but thank God the child of God has a home which no flood or other indescribable disaster can touch. As we return to our homes, let us think more of heaven. Let the Christian live as though he is going there; let the sinner turn to Jesus and let Him make you ready even this minute.

(Sermon preached over WPAD March 21, 1937, by the pastor of West End Baptist Church.)

We especially urge West Kentucky pastors to send us news items of their work and meetings.

Spiritual intelligence, victories of faith, and growth in holiness never puff one up. Mere knowledge, supposed victories, and spurious holiness do puff up.

OUR QUERY BOX

1. What kind of wine should be used in the Lord's supper?

Ans. Just wine. It is not wine unless it intoxicates. The "new wine" of Acts 2:13 was understood to make people drunk. The wine used at Corinth did make some drunk, yet Paul did not condemn what they used but how they used it: that alone proves forever that "fermented" wine alone is wine for the Lord's supper. It was the custom to use wine at the Passover; Jesus used the same elements. Wine has thrown off impurities in fermentation that makes it a more fitting emblem of the blood of Jesus. "The fruit of the vine" literally, in the Greek, means "offspring, product" of the vine. Some try to make it out that this refers to mere grape juice. They wholly miss the point. As Clark observes, this expression emphasizes that it was after blessing still wine and not the very blood of Jesus. This is a figurative way of saying "wine." Vinegar is the fruit of the apple; so wine is the fruit of the vine. Thus the practice in the Passover, the symbolism of the supper, the events at Corinth, and the simple meaning of wine require what is commonly called "fermented" wine; just plain wine.

2. Was Acts 8:37 not in the original Greek and inserted by authority of King James? Was it a marginal note in Greek?

Ans. It is certain that King James did not insert it; his translators felt it had sufficient authority for inclusion. Revisers followed what most believe, that its omission from several important manuscripts shows it is only a marginal comment. It is a debatable question; I incline toward retaining it.

3. Was Jesus ever separated from God?

Ans. Indeed so; else why did He cry, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? This was true in fact; not merely in the consciousness of Jesus. He died as the substitute for sinners, whose penalty is to be separated from God eternally. He therefore was separated from God. Since the true meaning of death is separation, we can say that the Person Jesus, the God-Man died in this lonely hour. Ponder its meaning; don't quibble over what God revealed.

4. Where do the saints go at death?

Ans. Paul confessed a desire to depart and be with Christ (Phil. 1). Christ is on the right hand of God (Col. 3:1-2). Hence

saints go without delay, as soon as death takes them, to the presence of Jesus and God the Father in heaven. Yet this not the final abode of the saints. The final heaven will be on this renovated earth.

5. Did Christ atone for the Adamic sin?

Ans. Yes, its guilt, so that no infant goes to hell for Adam's sin. Rom. 5:18. The effects of Adam's sin and Christ's atonement are both universal in respect to the guilt of Adam's sin.

6. Explain Rom. 5:13-14.

Ans. The one expression, "Even over those that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression," is the key to this difficult passage. He argues the universality of death. Death could not come to infants and idiots since they have not sinned wilfully and personally as Adam did. Paul states that it came to "even" them because Adam sinned. Infants and idiots, the two classes who do not sin as did Adam, are the cases in point, the test cases to prove universal sin caused universal death.

7. Explain the origin of sin.

Ans. It originated with a high angel who is now Satan (Ezek. 28:14-18). Gen. 3 tells the story of its first entrance into human lives. A practical statement of its origin in our souls in James 1:13-15.

8. Are infants in the kingdom of God?

Ans. No. If they die before they become accountable, Jesus' atonement cares for them.

9. Do we in this day and age have the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Ans. No, but we may have the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

10. If not, how many instances of the baptism of the H. S. are in the Bible and for what purpose?

Ans. Pentecost, most probably the house of Cornelius in Acts 10. The chief purpose was the outward manifestation of the coming of the H.S. to take the place Christ left by His death and ascension. Those baptisms mean He is here, and we may have His blessed infilling when we are emptied of self and yielded to Him.

11. Explain Jno. 10:16, "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, one shepherd."

Ans. The "other sheep" mean those yet to be saved from both Jews and Gentiles, the sum total of the elect that had not at that

moment been led to the Shepherd. They were His sheep by purpose and gift of the Father, but not actually possessed in personal salvation. The word "must" states the necessity and surety of Christ's leading every one of them. None of the elect sheep will eventually perish. But note both sides here. "Them also I must bring (Greek, "lead")." They gladly follow; they hear His voice. We have both the purpose of divine sovereignty and the ready response of the sheep in repentance and faith. The sheep will repent and believe.

12. Do men become God's sheep by believing?

Ans. Yes and no. By His choice and purpose they are His before faith, yes eternally His by the gift of the Father; but they become His saved and actually possessed sheep at faith. Until faith, they are lost sheep; at and after faith, they are His saved sheep. Until salvation these elect sheep have the disposition of goats in rebelling against the truth; at faith they receive the docile and gentle nature of sheep. At faith the facts are made to agree with the ideal of His purpose.

NOVEMBER FINANCES

Receipts

Bal. from Oct.	\$25.44
Memorial Church, Murray..	12.76
Spring Hill, Clinton	2.00
Carmack, Eddyville	2.10
C.W.D., Willisburg, Ky.	1.00
West End, Paducah	3.50
W.H.M., Big Clifty, Ky.	9.65
Immanuel Church, Paducah	
for Turner	5.00
Scott's Grove, Murray	10.00
E.R.P., Penn.	85.00
W.W.D., on ads in Sun-	
Democrat75

Total received for
Nov. 1936\$157.20

Disbursements

Typing notes	\$ 2.00
W.W.D., for teaching	25.00
Mrs. R.O.B. for teaching ...	25.00
Janitor, J. H. Neal	7.50
Charlie Turner, student help	10.00
W.K.B.S. Voice	10.75
Ads in Sun-Democrat,	
Paducah	2.11

Total disbursed in Nov...\$132.36
Balance on hand, Dec. 1..\$24.84

DECEMBER FINANCES

Receipts

Bal. from November	\$24.84
Memorial Church, Murray..	6.33
Anonymous	25.00
Mrs. M.T.F., Paducah	1.00
C.W.D., Willisburg	5.00

M.T.G., Paducah50
Bro. S., Lyon County	2.00
Grayson Baptist Church	
Grayson	2.50
New Bethel, Lyon Co.,	10.00
Immanuel Church, Paducah	5.00
Scott's Grove, Murray	12.70
Moscow Church, Moscow ..	1.00
Carmack Church, Eddyville	1.35
West End Church, Paducah	4.87
Mrs. M.K., Milan, Mo.	5.00
E.R.P., Penn.	80.00

Total received for Dec...\$187.09

Disbursements

Janitor, J. H. Neal	\$ 7.50
R.O.B.,	50.00
W.W.D., for teaching	25.00
Mrs. R.O.B., for teaching ..	25.00
Student aid, Chas. Turner..	5.00
Typing notes, Mrs. Bolle..	1.00

Total paid out in Dec...\$113.50
Balance \$73.59 |

JANUARY FINANCES

Receipts

Balance from Dec. 1936	\$73.59
High Point Bapt. Ch.,	
Mayfield	3.00
Scott's Grove Church	10.88
W.H.M., Big Clifty, Ky.	15.00
L.E. for Dexter Church... ..	5.00
Dexter Church, Dexter, Ky.	2.33
New Salem Church, Wayne	
County, Ky.	25.00
Memorial Baptist Church ..	16.14
F.L., Peoria, Ill.	2.50

Total \$153.44 |

Disbursements

Janitors, Neal and Archer..	\$15.00
W.W. Dickerson, teaching ..	25.00
R.O.B.,	50.00
Mrs. R.O.B., teaching	25.00
W.K.B.S. Voice, two issues..	25.00

Total paid out.....\$140.00
Balance still in treasury..\$13.44

These reports have been much delayed by my illness. I wish to thank everyone who has stood by us during these five trying years since Brother Taylor went away; only eternity can reveal my true gratitude to God and you. The flood closed School, and my strength would not allow the reopening. (See announcement elsewhere in this issue.) Surrounded by a consciousness (deep and abiding) of my many failures, my conscience is clear that I sincerely tried to stand in the breach. Whatever the results, my task is done; eternity for the decisions on it!

The slogan of Walter J. Hoshal, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Kentucky, is good for us all. It is, "A DRY KENTUCKY BY 1940."

Human erudition in the things of God I am confident is only so much rubbish, wherever it is suffered to be anything more than a servant. Unless Christians can keep what they know under their feet, they are incapable of profiting fully by the word of God. Wm. Kelly.

If we understand the Scriptures, we must travel the path of separation from the world. Nothing more destroys spiritual intelligence than merely floating with the stream of men's opinions and ways. Wm. Kelly.

Associate general superintendent Christgau of the Anti-Saloon League gives these alarming facts: There is today only one college girl to three bar-maids. American bar-maids number 1,350,000. College girls number 450,000. Yet many say conditions are better now than under prohibition.

Bro. M. E. Dodd continues his feminist tendencies by encouraging "not only our women but visiting women and all others" to hear Mrs. J. M. Dawson speak in their "Women's Revival." Women have perfect right to speak to women, but "all others" includes men, pointedly forbidden by the Scriptures.

Which Mussolini shall we believe? He claims he must win new territory because Italy's present territory will not support her present population. Again, he orders Italian mothers to produce more children. Hitler is likewise hypocritical.

Sinking Springs, my home church, began full time preaching the first of the year. J. J. Gough is pastor. They report fine progress since this admirable step forward. Congratulations to both church and pastor.

Periodic attempts to deny God have always come and will always come to naught.

If you take your stand upon the word of God, you are on a ground that no history can touch for a single instance. Wm. Kelly.

If you have a copy of Jarrell's Church Perpetuity for sale, let us know.

Illustration from Everyday Life: "Be sure your sin will find you out." That steal of gas at New London, Texas, where 455 lost their lives.