



BBC UPDATE

BBC News: Seven Baptisms!

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor

The Lord blessed *Bible Baptist Church* by setting in the assembly seven believers (cf. I Cor. 12:18), six of whom are from the area. Several of these folks have been saved recently from the church outreach. We are thankful that the Lord added to *Bible Baptist Church* (cf. Acts 2:47) including Miss Hannah Akers, Mrs. Yolanda Mendoza, Mr. Jean-not Rossignol, and Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Tarrats. On Sunday, November 7, 2010, we travelled as a caravan to Pastor Main's church in Stafford Springs for the afternoon service. His church, Galilean Baptist Church, graciously allowed us to use the baptistery to immerse these believers who professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (cf. Acts 8:37). To paraphrase Dr. Harold David-



Mrs. Yolanda Mendoza

son, "a price tag cannot be put on the joy of seeing people come to Christ and obey Him in baptism and church membership." As *Bible Baptist Church* is approaching her first year anniversary (Dec. 4), it is such a blessing to see the Lord confirm the decision to leave an area church and plant *Bible Baptist Church* and house *Bible Baptist Theological Seminary*. The Lord Jesus Christ has confirmed Bible Baptist Church as one of His candlesticks in multiple ways, including through New Testament authority, through area pastors' recognition, through abundant financial blessings, through Satanic opposition, and through a total of eleven being added to membership via baptism. Please pray that *Bible Baptist Church* will continue to please God in doctrine and practice, as Paul stated, saying, "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ" (Gal. 1:10).

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Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Tarats

What the Bible Says About Its Own Preservation

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor

Scriptural Truths



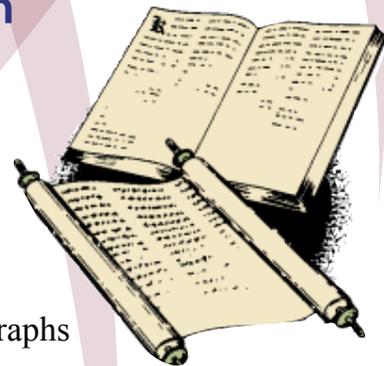
Dr. Strouse

1. God's Words are preserved in Heaven, and He gave these Words to His prophets and apostles for perfect inscripturation (cf. Ps. 119:89; Dan. 10:21, 11:2 ff.; Amos 1:1; Micah 1:1; Jn. 17:8; Rev. 1:1).

2. God's Words were inspired perfectly in the autographs (II Tim. 3:16-18; II Pet. 1:21).

3. The Lord promised to preserve these inspired Words for each subsequent generation (Ps. 12:6-7; Mt. 24:35).

4. He used the Jews to preserve the OT Scriptures (Rom. 3:2) and the NT candlesticks to preserve the OT and NT Scriptures (Mt. 28:19-20; Rev. 22:7-10).



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BBTS / BBC Christmas Party!

On **Saturday December 4, 2010**, BBC will have her first BBTS Christmas Party for church members and former seminarians under Dr. Strouse's tutelage. This will also be a time of celebrating the first year anniversary of BBC, which officially started on Dec. 3, 2009.

Nursery

A nursery will be provided however, *it is important that you indicate how many children will be using the nursery when you RSVP.*

Gift Exchange

Part of the evening's activities will entail a gift exchange (\$10 range). Each attendee should bring a wrapped gift for this traditional and spirited event!

RSVP

Friends and former seminarians with their families are invited. You must RSVP to

drtms_bbt@juno.com

by **Nov. 17, 2010**, since there will be limited seating.

Don't Miss the Fall Lecture Series This Thursday!

You don't want to miss the *BBTS Fall Lecture Series* with *Dr. Charles Logan Parker*. Dr. Parker's unique approach to Scripture, using the layers of context, enables him to touch the lives of the saints in a special way focussing them upon the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Dr. Parker has been serving the Lord for over 34 years, including 25 in the pastorate and a great deal of time and energy in Christian education at all levels. He has earned both the Master and Doctor of Religious Education degrees from *Tabernacle Baptist Theological Seminary* in Virginia Beach, VA. He has traveled extensively, preaching and teaching in local churches in America and in several other countries as well. His greatest burden has been assisting pastors and seminary students to enter more fully into becoming true messengers of God. Dr. Parker emphasizes fearless exposition of Scripture, urging

his hearers to desire to please Christ and not men, to reject man-made movements and traditions, and to deeply love the Lord at all costs. He has been privileged to enter into the sufferings of Christ, standing for the full integrity of God's biblical message when it brought upon him the resistance and rebuke of organized fundamentalism. The Lord has given brother Parker insight regarding how the Old Testament prophets lay the biblical groundwork for genuine messengers of in the present day. He will be examining the first chapter of Isaiah, deriving clear principles for the messenger of God.

The Lecture Series will be held at BBC starting at **8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Thursday November 18, 2010**. Since there will be limited seating please **RSVP by November 15, 2010**. There will be free coffee and donuts at 8:30 AM, lunch will be available based on a free-will offering.

Thanksgiving in 1623

by Pastor Cas Reeves

*“Therefore will I give thanks unto thee,
O LORD, among the heathen, and sing
praises unto thy name.”
(Psalm 18:49)*

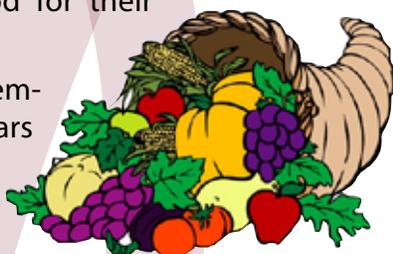
These words in the quote are clearly recognized as David’s words from a song he spoke before the LORD. They are found in 2 Samuel 22:1-51, in particular verse 50. It is a song of thanksgiving from David to the LORD for His mercy, which He had shown to His servant, delivering him from his enemies.



Pastor Cas Reeves

It seems simple enough that when men recognize the Deliverer, who mercifully delivers from evil and blesses with good, it is these men who will bow the knee in thanksgiving. The following is a testimony from the past when most people in early America were humble, weak, and able to see the bountiful and merciful hand of the Lord, and were thankful to God for their blessings.

The date was November 29, 1623, three years after the Pilgrims had landed, Governor William Bradford made an official proclamation regarding the day of Thanksgiving:



DEVOTIONAL CORNER

To all ye Pilgrims:

In as much as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, beans, squash, and garden vegetables, and has made the forest to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as he has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience,

Now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29th, of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to the Almighty God for all His blessings.

*William Bradford,
Ye Governor of Ye Colony*

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5. NT churches are to recognize, receive and preserve the Lord’s Words (Jn. 17:8, 20; I Thess. 2:13) while rejecting wrested Words (II Pet. 3:16) and forged canons (II Thess. 2:2) offered by Satan (Gen. 3:1 ff.; cf. Dt. 13:1-5). In the last four hundred years, these same churches have recognized the KJV as the received Words of God in the English language (hence the term *Textus Receptus*) and have rejected at the same time modern versions, including the NASV, as embracing Gnostic laced readings in both text and translation.
6. The Lord has given His explicit Words of revelation to man in order that man may be able to demonstrate his stewardship with all of God’s Words at his respective judgment (Jn. 12:48; Rev. 20:12).
7. The Lord Jesus Christ expects man to receive by faith His revelation and produce accurate translations based on the Received Bible movement which originated with Him (Jn. 17:8, 20; Rom. 16:25-26; cf. Neh. 8:8).

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Final Thoughts

1. It is apparent that the Biblical doctrine of the preservation of the Words of the Lord Jesus Christ has not been enunciated or elucidated Biblically by many Christian theologians of the past whose writings are extant.
2. Twentieth century historic fundamentalism, for the most part, has failed to study the Scriptures for Christ-honoring bibliology. It is apparent that historic fundamentalism, in doctrine and/or practice, is not necessarily the same as Biblical NT Christianity.
3. In spite of this recent spate of books purporting to espouse "Bible preservation," great confusion has arisen, and therefore fundamental Baptist pastors and parents who uphold the KJV need to study the Scriptures for their defense of the TR and KJV.
4. These same pastors and parents are the target of Critical Text Bible schools who want to change their individual and collective position on Bible texts and translations. The next generation of pastors ("preacher boys") is at stake.
5. The Bible says Christians should have all of the Words of God available in their own hands (cf. Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4). The proponents of the modern versions (based on the Critical Text) posit the unbiblical sentiment that although there may be passages suggesting the preservation of Scripture, God did not preserve all of His words and thus textual critics must restore the Hebrew and Greek texts that God purportedly did not preserve. Through humanistic and arbitrary principles of Textual Criticism, the textual scholar will restore the texts, he promises, to a closer approximation of the originals. When this final restoration will occur is not known, and no one will know for sure if the alleged restored Hebrew and Greek texts are indeed the final form. But then, this position suggests in doctrine and practice that Christians should not expect to have all of God's Words in their hands anyway, or to think that this really matters.
6. The Christian in his local NT church with the Words of God and the indwelling Holy Spirit has all authority, privilege and responsibility, to reject the best of man's reasoning and receive all of the Lord's Words.
7. The Lord has inspired His autographa (II Tim. 3:16-17), promised to preserve all of His Words (Ps. 12:6-7), and commanded believers to make accurate translations (Mt. 28:19-20) based on the Received Bible mindset (Jn. 17:8, 20), which movement He began (cf. Acts 2:41, 8:14, 11:1, 17:11; I Thess. 2:13). The Masoretic Hebrew Text and the Beza's 1598 Greek NT have received the approval of Lord's churches' as the fulfillment of these truths (four hundred years of Baptist confessions demonstrate this approval). The translation corresponding to these truths in the English language is the King James Version.



Dr. Strouse had the privilege to preach in Pastor George Totica's church in Iloilo. Both he and his son Brainerd are seminarians in BBTS-Philippines. He is pictured with his lovely family.



Pastor Rene Sanz has a ministry to the lepers in the Philippines. Pray for him.



A sign in downtown Iloilo, Philippines. Marian theology is really the quintessence of Roman Catholicism. The "Jesus" of Romanism needs Mary to help Him with world-wide redemption. Did not Moses say, "For their rock is not as our Rock" (Dt. 32:31)?

JAMES AND ASTRONOMY

Part 2 of a 3 Part Series

Seminary Article

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James/Astronomy

James and Astronomy (James 1:13-18): All the Christian Needs to Know about Solar Parallax

By Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

The Problem of the Parallax

Since the Lord's stepbrother used the Greek noun *parallege* from which "parallax" comes, it behooves the Christian to know what the biblical writer meant to be able to refute false theories. James compared God's absolute lack of variation with the indiscernible "parallax" of the sun from the observer's perspective. Man, who can not physically measure the real parallactical angle of the sun, should believe by faith that the Lord is absolutely immovable with regard to fulfilling His promises.

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History of Parallax

The Greek word James employed means "variation, change, alteration or vicissitude."¹² In the context it seems he contrasted God's lack of parallax with that of the sun's change, whether apparent or real. It may refer only to the sun's diurnal, annual and tropical movements in the heavens. Mayor asserts, "We may therefore take the word to express the contrast between the natural sun, which varies its position in the sky from hour to hour and month to month, and the eternal Source of all light."¹³ However, the writer may have referred to the *vox technica* of astronomy, acknowledging the angle of parallax for the simple triangulation cal-

¹² H. G. Liddell, *An Intermediate Greek-English Lexicon* (NY: Harper & Brothers, Publ., 1899), p. 599.

¹³ Joseph B. Mayor, *The Epistle of St. James* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publ. House, 1954), p. 60.

culations necessary for distances. Solar parallax refers the sun's apparent shift when viewed simultaneously from two different vantage points.¹⁴ An astronomical definition of parallax is the "apparent displacement of an object due to a motion of the observer."¹⁵ The simple experience of parallax would occur when one puts his thumb over an object viewed from a distance and attempts to view the object with one eye closed and then the other. The thumb seems to "move" back and forth, first blocking the view of the object and then moving off of the object when viewed by the other eye. Parallax produces angles from which distances may be determined through trigonometry. The trigonometric parallax method, or triangulation, is the foundation for astrometry, the measurement of star distances.

The sun's parallax is of utmost importance to evolutionary astronomers since it would give not only the alleged distance from earth to sun, but also would establish the Astronomical Unit (AU).¹⁶ The ancient Greek astronomers attempted to understand the phenomena of the heavens. For instance, Aristarchus of Samos (310-230 BC) tried to determine the sun's distance through somewhat accurate calculations of the moon's phases, concluding that the sun was about twenty times as distant from the earth as the moon. Furthermore, he determined the relative sizes of the

¹⁴ The sun's parallactical movement is apparent and not real since the observation points are in two different locations. The attempt to measure the sun's parallax is only for the purpose to determine angles and distances. In order to determine the height of an isosceles triangle, one would have to know any two consecutive sides or angles: side, angle, side (SAS) or angle, side, angle (ASA). The sun does have real motion against its background (i.e., the constellations), although heliocentric astronomers term this "apparent motion."

¹⁵ George O. Abell, *Exploration of the Universe*, (Chicago: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1974), p. 688.

¹⁶ The distance from the earth to the sun has been estimated to be about 93,000,000 miles and has become the "absolute" basis for astrometry as 1 AU. Backhaus lists five reasons astronomers want to know the sun's parallax. 1) The sun's distance from earth would help determine the magnitude of the solar system. 2) Solar system distances help determine astrophysical properties of the sun and planets. 3) Gravitation factored into these distances help determine planet's positions more accurately. 4) This leads to better astronomical navigating. 5) Stellar parallax helps determine the size of the universe. U. Backhaus, "Astronomy On-Line Project: Measuring the Sun's Parallax" <http://didaktik.physik.uni-essen.de>, 7-4-05, pp. 2-4.

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earth, moon and sun, postulating that the earth must rotate upon its axis and revolve around the stationary sun.

Other ancient Greek astronomers such as Hipparchus (c. 160-127 BC) and Ptolemy (2nd century BC) made further calculations to determine the relative distance of the moon from the earth through the use of eclipses. Although these astronomers made refined advances based on previous work, they rejected the hypothesis that the earth rotated and revolved around the sun. The major problem the ancients had in determining absolutely the distances of astral objects was the severe limitations placed on geometric triangulation. The base for their triangle was the diameter of the earth at about 8,000 miles. Because of the far distance even to the moon, the triangle was "long and skinny." Two of the angles of the triangle were almost 90 degrees each, producing near parallel sides for the triangle. The truth of Jeremiah's prophecy that the heavens could not be measured absolutely held firm (cf. Jer. 31:37). Until the time of the Reformation (16th century) astronomers were complacent with their mathematical limitations and Christians were satisfied with their biblical geocentricity.

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The Need and Result of Solar Parallax

Through the influence of the notion of *Sol Invictus* the Roman Empire prepared the way for incipient heliocentricity,¹⁷ which finally blossomed by the work of Copernicus (AD 1473-1543), Kepler (1571-1630), and Galileo (1564-1642). Copernicus, greatly influenced by Greek philosophy and astronomy, rejected the geocentrism of the Bible and posited the heliocentric theory that his book *De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium* (1543) declared. Kepler attempted to calculate the parallax of Mars, which planet is far closer than the sun, to measure the sun's distance (1600). Galileo, of course, popularized Copernicanism in his *Dialogo dei Due Massimi Sistemi* in 1632. Later astronomers attempted to refine the sun's parallax by observing the transits of the planets Mercury and Venus across the sun's disc.

¹⁷ Gerardus D. Bouw, *Geocentricity*, (Cleveland: Association for Biblical Astronomy, 1992), pp. 153-155.

The theory of heliocentricity postulates that the earth revolves around the sun yearly in an orbit having a diameter of 186,000,000 miles. This anti-biblical and unproved assumption now gave new momentum to triangulation for distances because the base line was no longer the earth's diameter of 8,000 miles but its orbit of 186,000,000 (2 x 93,000,000) miles. This change based on the unproved assumption of heliocentricity, immediately expanded the distances of the stars by the factor of 23,500 times.¹⁸ Friedrich W. Bessel employed this new perspective and measured the parallax of the star 61 Cygni, concluding that it was more than 10 light years from the earth (1838).¹⁹ His work became foundational for measuring the heavens and fostering other speculative alternatives of astrometrics.²⁰ Although evolutionary astronomers considered Bessel's detection of stellar parallax the *coup de grace* for geocentricity, the biblical writer James implied the reality of solar parallax about eighteen centuries earlier (cf. Jam. 1:17). The simple and biblical fact of the matter is that the stars move diurnally with the sun within the revolving firmament relative to the stationary earth.

¹⁸ 86,000,000 miles/8,000 miles = 23,500.

¹⁹ Abell, p. 120.

²⁰ Wright lists 25 methods additional to that of trigonometric parallax to help refine the measurement of the sun's parallax, all of which are based on speculative evolutionary assumptions: Moving Cluster, Secular Parallax, Statistical Parallax, Kinematic Distance, Expansion Parallax, Light Echo Distance, Spectroscopic Visual Binaries, Baade-Wesselink Method, Spectroscopic Eclipsing Binaries, Expanding Photosphere Method, Main Sequence Fitting, Spectroscopic Parallax, RR Lyrae Distance, Cepheid Distance, Planetary Nebula Luminosity Function, Brightest Stars, Largest H II Region Diameters, Surface Brightness Fluctuations, Type I-a Supernovae, Tully-Fisher Relation, Faber-Jackson Relation, Brightest Cluster Galaxies, Gravitation Lens Time Delay, Sunyaev-Zeldovich Effect, and Hubble Law. Edward L. Wright, "The ABC's of Distances," <http://astro.ucla.edu>. July 7, 2005, pp. 1-8. This large number of various techniques shows the impossibility to measure the sun's distance accurately or absolutely.

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The erroneous distances based on heliocentric assumptions, exacerbated by the factor of 23,500 times, go hand in glove with the near infinite age of the heavens at fifteen billion years. Evolutionary science, in rejecting biblical revelation, can neither measure the vastness of the heavens, nor comprehend the newness of the Lord's creation. In contrast, the Bible teaches that the immeasurable heavens are confined within the water above the firmament (cf. Gen. 1:1-18; Ps. 148:4) were created a mere 6,000 years ago (cf. Gen. 5, 10-11; Mt. 1:17; Jude 1:14). For instance, Eliphaz made the inspired observation, stating *"Is not God in the height of heaven? And behold the height of the stars, how high they are!"* (Job. 22:12). Again, David asserted the truth about vast distances within the heavens, stating, *"for as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him"* (Ps. 103:11).²¹

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The Exegesis of Jer. 31:37

Atheistic evolutionists have completely rejected the Scriptures and consequently built a system of *"science falsely so called"* (I Tim. 6:20). However, creationists who have accepted the heliocentric model have capitulated to some of the myths of evolutionists. For instance, creationist Steidl in describing stellar parallax, asseverates,

By measuring the amount the star appears to shift, and knowing the size of the earth's orbit, one can use trigonometry to find the distance to that star. The distance of stars out to about 300 light years is measurable in this way. This is only a fraction of the size of our

²¹ Cf. *"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts"* (Isa. 55:9).

galaxy, the Milky way, let alone the rest of the universe...It is easy to see that with all the assumptions which must be made, and the statistical manipulations which must be carried out, there will be large uncertainties in the distances of extremely distant objects. In fact, the cosmic distance scale is admittedly unreliable.²²

Steidl, following the assumptions of evolutionists, bases the "local" stellar distances on the earth having an 186,000,000-mile diameter orbit around the sun. He admits that beyond the possible trigonometric calculations of close stars, other methods, based on heliocentric and evolutionary assumptions, produce greater, albeit unreliable, distances. However, to the Christian who believes in biblical geocentricity and rejects the notion that the earth has an orbit, triangulation cannot accurately and absolutely be calculated for the sun's parallax, and consequently stellar distances cannot be measured with reasonable accuracy or biblical authority. Of course, the Lord Jesus Christ created the heavens and earth with these physical and mathematical constraints, allowing Him to make the challenge to mankind:

Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of host is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD (Jer. 31:35- 37).

During the creation week the Lord Jesus Christ (Col. 1:16) placed the sun, moon and stars in the firmament for lights and established the regulation of the sea waves. These natural constants are part of His divine ordinances which will not change, the Lord declared. Using the conditional particle (*'im* אִם) (Jer. 31:36-37), Jehovah asserted His immutability of purpose with regard to fulfilling the New Covenant promises to Israel (vv. 31-34), challenging mankind with the impossible task of measuring the heavens or the foundations of the earth.

The Lord's challenging statement *"If heaven above can*

²² Paul M. Steidl, *The Earth, the Stars, and the Bible* (Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1979), pp. 130, 187.

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be measured...I will also cast off" reveals several truths. 1) The expression represents the classic construction for a contingency, with 'im in the protasis and the imperfect verb ('eme'as אֶמְעָאס) in the apodosis. 2) Heaven (shamayim שָׁמַיִם) is an anarthrous dual noun referring to both the atmosphere and the stellar outer space. 3) The verb "can be measured" (yimmadu יִמְדוּ) is the Niphal imperfect, third person, masculine, plural form of madad (מָדַד). The Authorized Version translates this verb as "measure," "mete out," "mete," or "stretched" fifty-one times in the OT. The Niphal verb stem is passive, forcing the reader to determine the subject of the verb, which in this case is mankind. The verb madad refers to the actual physical measuring of an object. For instance, Boaz "measured (madad) six measures of barley" for Ruth to carry to Naomi (Ruth 3:15). His measurement was no doubt accurate and based on a human standard for barley measurements. Likewise, Ezekiel predicted that the construction of the Millennial Temple would be based on accurate measurements, utilizing the verb madad thirty-three times for measuring various dimensions for the building of the Temple (cf. Ezk. 40-47). 4) Since man does not have the mathematical or physical

wherewithal to measure stellar distances accurately and authoritatively, the Lord assured the immutable promise of the New Covenant. God has determined that man never has, cannot now, and never will measure the heavens accurately and absolutely. 5) Christians are left with the divine revelation of the Scriptures (II Tim. 3:16-17) that reveals absolutely both the vastness of God's creation and its immeasurableness. James hinted at the reality of solar parallax and Jeremiah declared that man cannot measure the heavens. 6) Evolutionary schemes and theories cannot satisfy the Christian because they are based on the Satanic lies of the Garden and result in myths (cf. Gen. 3:4-5).²³ Christians must rejoice in the full extent of truth that the Lord God has determined to give through His Scriptures.

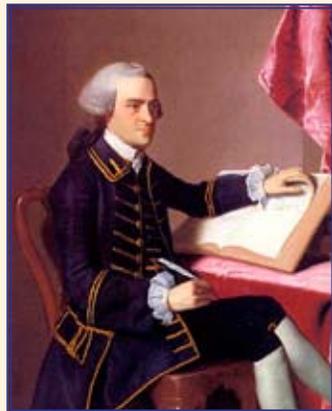
²³ Satan taught (cf. I Tim. 4:1-3) basic Gnostic Pantheism, postulating the deification and deathlessness of man. Corollaries to these tenets included evolution and "the flesh is evil" doctrine.

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Quotes From the Past:

John Hancock, 1737 to 1793

Signer of the Declaration of Independence,
Governor of the State of Massachusetts



"Impressed therefore with an exalted Sense of the Blessings by which we are surrounded, and by our entire Dependence on that Almighty Being from whose Goodness and Bounty they are derived; I do by and with Advise of the Council appoint Thursday the Eleventh Day of December next...to be religiously observed as a Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer, that all People may then assemble to celebrate...that he hath been pleased to continue to us the Light of the Blessed Gospel;...That we offer up fervent Supplications...to cause pure Religion and Virtue to flourish...and to fill the World with his glory."

BBC BAPTISM

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Cromwell



Brother John Hagglund led the singing between the baptisms.



Pastor Jerry Akers had the privilege of baptizing his own daughter, Hannah.



Jeannot Rossignol is baptized!



As the head of his household, Pedro Tarrats was baptized before his wife, Tiamo.



Below: Taylor Main provided a special between baptisms.



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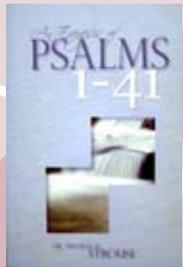
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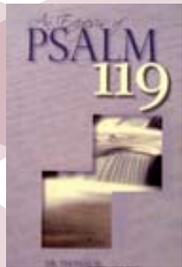
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Cromwell, CT 06416
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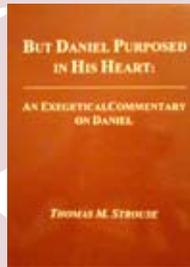
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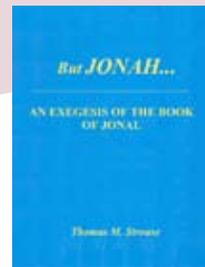
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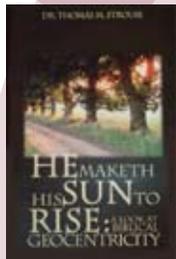
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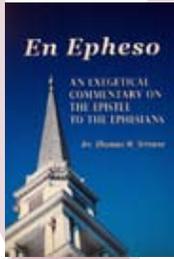
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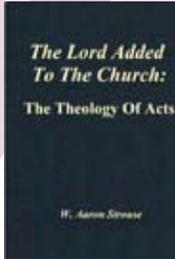
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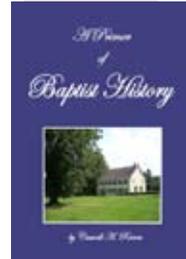
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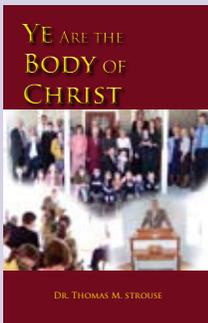
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SERMON OUTLINE

The Most Tragic of All Unanswered Prayers

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"Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house"

Luke 16:27

Introduction

(Lk. 16:19-31)

- This was a response to v. 14—the Pharisees “derided” (literally “turned up their noses at”) Him.
- This is not a Parable, but an actual account of two men presumably known by the Pharisees.
- This is a graphic picture of Heb. 9:27.

THREE TRUTHS EMERGE FROM THIS ACCOUNT

I. The Context of the One Praying

- A. The rich man had everything physical in life—wealth, food, clothing, health, etc.
- B. Lazarus had nothing but scraps of food and dogs ministering to him!
- C. They were united in death—both went to Sheol.
- D. They were divided in destiny—the rich man went to the place of torments called Hell, but Lazarus went to the place called Abraham’s bosom.

II. The Condition of the One Praying

- A. He had No Mercy (mercy comes in this life when one repents of sins and trusts the Savior for salvation).

B. He had No Change of Attitude—he still had a superiority complex over Lazarus (“send Lazarus”). “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still” (Rev. 22:11).

C. He had No Relief from Torment—thirst, heat, flame, torment (cf. Jude 1:13; II Pet. 2:17; Mk. 9:44, 46, 48)

III. The Consequences of the One Praying

A. He was Without Hope—there was “a great gulf fixed” so that no one could cross (cf. Eph. 2:12).

B. He was Without Help

1. No prayers for himself would be answered.
2. No prayers for his brothers would be answered.
 - a. The Lord’s plan of salvation is for sinners in this life to repent and believe the Scriptures (“Moses and the prophets”).
 - b. His plan is not to send back sinners from Hell to warn mankind about the torments of Hell. He has already told that message in the Bible (cf. Lk. 18:13; Jn. 3:16; I Cor. 15:1-4).
 - c. The passage ends with God having the last word—“neither will they be persuaded”!

Conclusion

- Will you experience the most tragic of all unanswered prayers?
- Do you know others who will experience the most tragic of all unanswered prayers?

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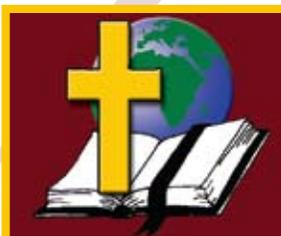
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