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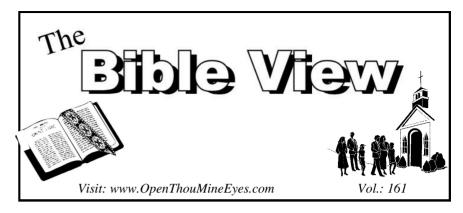
#### The Pressure of Need

Gospel Herald

If we have a conviction of sin. we will feel the pressure of need. Sin is not a theological abstraction. It is the evil of the world brought home to our door. It is the lust of the world that brings men to ruin. It is the lowered moral standard that threatens our youth. It is the greed for power and money that fills the economic world with rackets. It is the impatience without discipline that breaks up our homes. crouches at the door of democracy to weaken it. Sin is as real as flu or cancer. We face the sickness of soul which sin has created.

The world we face is lost. Men are lost when they don't know where they are, or where they are going, or what they are here for. They are lost when the moral compass does not operate, and when the price tags are so mixed that they cannot tell where life's values really are. should not be surprised if people stay away from special meetings. Why should they come? They are lost. They don't know God or the Father's house. The Son of Man came to seek the lost, not to have them seek Him.

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#### The Pet Rattler

Robert G. Lee, Whilrwinds of God

The Memphis Commercial Appeal carried a news dispatch which told of a man across the river in Arkansas who had a pet rattlesnake. The fellow found the snake as a baby snake. He took it, fed it, and made quite a pet of it. The

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It would coil around his arm and let him stroke its head with the palm of his hand or with the tips of his fingers.

One day he took it to town to exhibit it among his friends. They marveled at its gentleness; marveled at the way it coiled itself with apparent gentleness around his arm; marveled at the way it would come when he whistled; marveled that it would eat from his hand.

He went back home with his pet. When he got home, sudden-Continued on Page 2

#### Sin

Author Unknown

Man calls sin an accident; God calls it an abomination.

Man calls sin a blunder; God calls it blindness.

Man calls sin a chance; God calls it a choice.

Man calls sin a defect; God calls it a disease.

Man calls sin an error; God calls it an enmity.

Man calls sin fascination; God calls it fatality.

Man calls sin infirmity; God calls it iniquity.

Man calls sin luxury; God calls it leprosy.

Man calls sin liberty; God calls it lawlessness.

Man calls sin a trifle; God calls it a tragedy.

Man calls sin a mistake; God calls it madness.

Man calls sin a weakness; God calls it willfulness.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Romans 3:23

#### The Pet Rattler

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ly, with only the slightest provocation, the reptile became angry. Quicker than the zigzag lightning flashes from the bosom of a dark cloud, that pet rattler buried its fangs in the man's arm. In a few hours, the man was dead. In one quick instant, with poisonous fangs, the serpent had written his death in his own blood. Two nights after that, the man who should have been sitting with his family in their humble but happy home, was buried in the mud of an Arkansas grave.

With such dread cometh such an hour to every man and woman who makes a pet of sin. So cometh such a horror and death to every man who refuses when God calls. An hour of kindred terror awaits the man or the woman who regards not when God stretches out his hand. A day of dreaded despair like to that man met when he pulled the pet snake's fangs from his arm and hurled it to the ground, is out vonder somewhere to all who set at naught God's counsel and will have none of his reproof.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6:7

Turn you at God's reproof. Turn now! There's danger and death in delay. Let go that sin!

#### **Little Sins**

Spurgeon

Years ago there was not a single thistle in whole of Australia. A Scotchman, who very much admired thistles, thought it a pity that such a great island should be without that marvelous and glorious symbol of his great nation. He collected a

pack of thistle seed, and sent it over to one of his friends in Australia. When it landed, the inspection officers may have said, "Oh, let it in; is it not a little one? It is only to be sown in a garden."

Yes, it was but a little one; but now whole districts of the country are covered with it, and it has become the farmer's pest and plague. It was a little one, but it would have been a blessing if the ship that brought that seed had been wrecked. Take heed of the thistle seed; little sins are like it.

# The Apple with A Wormhole

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You have many times seen an apple with a wormhole in it. Did you know whether the worm began to bore the hole in the apple from the inside or from the

"Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." —I Corinthians 5:6

### "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

— Jeremiah 17:9

outside? Many would say from the outside; but the scientist will agree with the observer who declares that sometimes the worm began from the inside. They tell us that the egg was laid in the blossom and that the worm was hatched in the heart of the apple, when he bored his way out.

That is precisely the way the worm of sin starts work in the human life. It begins in the heart and bores his way out. We know it is true that out of the heart are the issues of life. Nor must we ever forget that the heart must be sound or the life will be mutilated.

#### I Believe ...

General Booth, the founder of The Salvation Army

I believe that the chief dangers that confront the coming twentieth century will be:

- Religion without the Holy Spirit,
- Christianity without Christ,
- Forgiveness without regeneration,
- Morality without God, and,
- Heaven without hell.

## How Heavy Is The 'Burden of Sin'?

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As a preacher was talking, a flippant youth interrupted him, "You tell about the burden of sin. I feel none! How heavy is it? Eight pounds? Two pounds? Twenty?"

The preacher answered, "Tell me, if you laid four hundred pounds in weight on a corpse, would it feel the load?"

"No," replied the youth, "because it is dead, and can feel nothing."

"That spirit too, is dead which feels no load of sin," was the preacher's answer.

"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:" Ephesians 2:1-6