

# FOXES IN THE DESERTS

In Eze. 13:4 God says "O Israel, thy prophets are like the FOXES IN THE DESERTS." Foxes are noted for their tricky ways, and when God refers to certain spiritual leaders as foxes, He intimates that there will be a class of ministers who will deceive and trick the people. Perhaps the most outstanding treachery that will lead millions of people to their destruction is the popular teaching that the Law of God has been abolished. This is the fatal mistake that will lead many to hell.

How long would the world last if we had no laws? We would have much more trouble and confusion if we did not have laws to guide us in every walk of life. In this modern age there is a theory that we should let children do just as they wish. But, we are seeing the results of that in juvenile delinquency today. If children are allowed to do as they please, they can become very obnoxious instead of being a blessing. There must be laws governing each family, or there will be confusion.

Suppose the government of a city should decide to discontinue every law on its statute books at midnight tonight. I think most everyone would be ready to leave town. You would not feel safe in leaving your car parked on the street, for it might be stolen. People would be breaking the windows of the stores, and helping themselves to fur coats, dresses, jewelry, television sets, and everything else. There would be more murderers and thieves than there are now. Surely we would have no desire to live in a place like that.

Think of the havoc that would be wrought if the United States government would abolish its present laws. Our government would very quickly become demoralized, we would all be ashamed to call ourselves citizens of the United States, people would be run down by automobiles, cars could travel at terrific speeds completely unrestrained, every type of immorality, intemperance, and sin would result — a crime wave would be unleashed in this country unprecedented in its history. How much we depend on the good laws of our nation! We would really suffer if they were abolished.

What would you think of a church that did not have laws or discipline? "But," you say, "the church I belong to does not have any law. We can do just as we please." I hope that is not true of your church; but there are many churches that have no standards, no laws, no discipline. Those who are not Christians look at the members of these churches and say, "Well, if they are Christians, I don't want to be one. They go to shows, drink cocktails, smoke, go to night clubs and dances, they gamble, and do all the things that I do. Yet they say they are Christians."

The reason given by many people for not joining the church is that those in the church are just hypocrites. Of course that is not true of all church members. But churches in general are throwing out their discipline, their rules, and their laws in order to meet the moods and desires of the congregation. Any church lowering the bars to please the modern generation is on its

way to ruination, for it will soon lose its spirituality.

Do you suppose that God is governing all the starry heavens without any laws? Absolutely not! God has laws to control and guide all the solar systems. It would be impossible for the Lord to direct this vast universe without organization, rules, and laws. We all know of the laws of nature operating in this world. These laws are established by God, the Creator.

It was Satan who first trampled on God's holy law. He rebelled against this law when he was in heaven, and because of that rebellion he was cast out of heaven into this world. He brought that rebellion with him, and he has managed to deceive great masses of the population into believing that God's laws have been abolished. Satan says: "Do what you please, but merely SAY that you believe in Jesus and you will be saved." Satan has deceived the majority of people into thinking that it does not make any difference if they smoke, drink, go to shows, night clubs, or dances. You may swear — what's the harm in swearing a little bit? It doesn't make any difference if you break the commandments, for they have been abolished anyway. Don't pay any attention to them.

This is commonly taught by many religious leaders, that God's commandments have been abolished and that we are no longer under obligation to obey God. But, Friends, I want to say that this is not true. The Bible says in Psalm 19:7: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." And in Ps. 111:7 and 8: "... all His commandments are sure, They stand fast forever and ever . . ." So God's law will never change, and it will never be abolished, it is perfect and will continue throughout eternity.

It is Satan's purpose to destroy God's plan of salvation. The Bible tells us that God has a WALL OF SALVATION. Let us read Amos 7:7 and 8: "... the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumb-line, with a plumbline in his hand. And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A PLUMBLINE. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a PLUMBLINE in the midst of my people Israel . . ." Some people think that Israel always refers to the Jews, but, my Friends, the word "ISRAEL" means overcomer.

In Gal. 6:16 Paul speaks thus of spiritual Israel: "... peace be . . . upon the ISRAEL OF GOD." Paul also says in Rom. 2:28, 29: "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly . . . But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly . . ." We must all be members of the house of Israel in our hearts. A Gentile is a heathen, according to the Bible. An Israelite is a Christian. There are many Jews who are not Israelites, but Gentiles. This is because they do not believe in Jesus. To be a true Israelite, one must experience a circumcision of the heart.

Paul also speaks of a spiritual Jew. In Gal. 3:29 he says: "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the

promise." Now the followers of Christ are called Christians, and the children of Abraham are called Israelites, so this text might be paraphrased as follows: "If ye be Christians, then are ye Israelites, and heirs according to the promise." You are members of the spiritual house of Israel, my Friends; you can be overcomers through Jesus Christ and inherit all things.

What is this plumbline? In the vision Amos saw God standing on a wall with a PLUMBLINE in His hand. This wall is again referred to in Isa. 60:18: ". . . thou shalt call thy walls SALVATION, and thy gates PRAISE." Notice God says that His wall is called Salvation — the wall of salvation. We all know that if you want to build a straight wall you must use a plumbline. God's wall is straight and true, because God has a PLUMBLINE in His hand.

In Isa. 26:1 God says: ". . . We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks." Yes, dear Friends, the Bible often refers to God's wall, a wall for safety, a straight wall, a wall of truth, and built on a firm foundation. God's wall is a bulwark against false doctrine and false teachings because its building blocks are the doctrines of God revealed to us in the Bible; and this wall has been built by God on a foundation of truth. It is built of materials that are eternal.

God says that He has set watchmen on the walls, that they may warn God's people against sin. In Eze. 33:6 it says: "But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand." It is a very serious thing for a watchman to neglect his duty and fail to warn of approaching danger.

God does not leave us in doubt as to who the watchmen are. In Eze. 33:7 He says: "So thou, O son of man, I HAVE SET THEE A WATCHMAN unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and WARN THEM from me." God has set watchmen — our ministers are the watchmen on the walls who are to warn the people of their sins. Those watchmen are to stand as a safeguard to protect not only the wall but the people who are within the wall.

God continues in Eze. 33:8: "When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." In ancient times there were always watchmen on the walls to warn the people of the approaching enemy. So we have ministers today to warn us against the wiles of Satan. If the watchmen do not warn the people, God will require the blood of the sinners at their hands.

While some ministers will fail to warn the people, there are faithful servants of God who will not be afraid to speak what God tells them to say. In verse 9 of Eze. 33 God says: "If thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul." Dear Friends, not

every one who hears the warning will heed it, but God's watchmen have warned him, and if he fails to accept the message sent from God, HE SHALL DIE IN HIS INIQUITY.

It is a sad fact, but altogether true, that Satan has ministers. Did you know that? I read in II Cor. 11:14, 15: "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if HIS MINISTERS also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." Satan has ministers who appear very godly, perhaps; but they can be deceivers. A minister of the devil is one who unsettles people when they hear God's Word, turning them away from the truth. Satan has many ministers in this world working for him.

Coming back to this plumbline: What is God's plumbline that He uses as a standard? His standard of right and wrong? It is the Ten Commandment Law. We read in Rom. 3:20: ". . . By the law is the knowledge of sin." And in Rom. 7:7 it says: ". . . I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." Paul is here speaking of the Ten Commandments, because it is the Ten Commandment law that speaks of lust and coveting. Therefore God's law is the plumbline that God holds in His hand as He measures His people.

Now we want to show you God's wall. God's wall has two pillars, the Old Testament and the New Testament. In these two pillars we have the wall of salvation revealed to us. In the Bible we find all of the truths of God — blocks in this great wall of salvation. This is the wall that God has built to protect His people from the attacks of the enemy of our souls. Its foundation of truth will stand forever and ever, and all these precious blocks are as eternal as God Himself.

You will notice that the corner stone in this wall is CHRIST OUR MEDIATOR. In I Tim. 2:6 we read: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." Many people look to priests and ministers to mediate for them, but there is only one Mediator, and that is Christ. No man, regardless of how good or respected he may be, can mediate for another man's sins. Only the Saviour can do this.

The second block in this wall of salvation represents the HOLY SPIRIT — VICAR OF CHRIST, the representative of Christ on earth. In John 14:26 we read: ". . . The HOLY GHOST, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things . . ." There is much ado about the Roman Pontiff's being the representatives of Christ on earth today. However, the Bible clearly states that the Holy Spirit is the Vicar, or representative of the Lord sent to guide and teach God's people.

The next block in this wall of salvation stands for the fact that the DEAD are IN GRAVES, notwithstanding much that has been said to the contrary. In John 5:28, 29, we are told: ". . . All that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth." When Christ Himself tells us that all the dead are in their graves, who are we to deny the infallible authority of the Son of God? Christ

distinctly taught that the dead are asleep in their graves until the resurrection morning.

Another great principle in God's wall of salvation is PRAYER TO GOD. The Bible says that we should pray directly to God our Father in the name of Jesus. In Matt. 6:6 we read: ". . . when thou hast shut thy door, PRAY TO THY FATHER WHICH IS IN SECRET." And in John 14:14, Christ says: "If ye ask any thing in my name, I will do it." So we are to pray to the Father in the name of Jesus, and He will hear and answer.

One important block in the wall of salvation is the cardinal truth that CHRIST DIED FOR SINNERS. In I Cor. 15:3 Paul tells us: "For I delivered unto you first of all . . . how that CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS according to the scriptures." To Paul this was the most important doctrine, "FIRST OF ALL," as he says. How thankful we should be for the wonderful love of God manifested in the gift of His Son.

In this wall of salvation is a dark block, the WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH. In Rom. 6:23 we are told: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." God has never promised eternal life to the wicked. Jesus died that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish, but have eternal life. Only the righteous will live eternally. Do not forget, dear Friends, the WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH.

Another block in this wall is a sublime truth — we are to WORSHIP GOD, for in Matt. 4:10 Jesus says: ". . . Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve." In Heb. 4:16 we are told: "Let us therefore come bodily unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." It is just as wrong in God's sight for us to bow before another man, or to kiss his fingers and toes as it would be to worship before an idol.

An outstanding block in God's Wall of Salvation is BIBLE PROPHECY — a very important part of the Bible, and we ought to study it more. In II Pet. 1:19 we read: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed . . ." Bible prophecy is the key to the future. We can learn much about God's future plans for this world in the prophecies revealed to us in the Bible. The proof that prophecy is reliable is found in the many predictions that have already been fulfilled to the minutest detail. Some of these prophecies still point to future events.

MAN IS MORTAL is another important block in God's Wall of Salvation. In I Tim. 6:15 and 16 we are told that the King of kings is the only One who has immortality. So if the Bible says that God only has immortality, certainly MAN IS MORTAL. Job says: "Shall MORTAL MAN be more just than God? . . ." Job 4:17. One gross error found in the religious world today is the teaching that the soul is immortal. This is the great lie that Satan told Eve in the Garden of Eden, and it is still being propagated by some of Satan's foxy preachers today. It is amazing that men can believe such a lie when the Bible does not teach in even one instance that man is immortal, but on

the contrary, it clearly states that man is mortal.

The central block of God's Wall of Salvation is the SABBATH — God's seal or sign of sanctification. In Ex. 20:10 God says: "But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work . . ." The Sabbath has always been a great test to the human race. God has expected His people to keep the Sabbath in times past, and expects us to do so today. When the children of Israel were traveling through the wilderness God poured out manna from heaven on six days; on Friday He poured out twice as much, and He did not give them any on Sabbath. Through forty years God performed these weekly miracles so that His Sabbath could be kept.

God's wall of Salvation contains another great block called the JUDGMENT. In Eccl. 12:14 we read: "For God shall bring every work into judgment . . ." According to the books of Daniel and the Revelation we are living in the time of God's JUDGMENT today. In Rev. 14:7 we find the first angel's message, given in 1844: "THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT IS COME." So the JUDGMENT is going on now in the heavenly courts. And everyone must be judged as to whether his works are good or evil.

Another truth block in God's Wall of Salvation is that the DISOBEDIENT WILL DIE. In Eze. 18:4 we find: ". . . The soul that sinneth, it shall die." But if a man be just, he shall surely live. Satan told Eve that she would not surely die if she sinned. She believed this hoax just as many do today. However, death came to Eve just as God said it would, if she disobeyed. Death will come to all the disobedient as it did to Eve. Of this we can be certain.

A very important block in God's wall is CHRIST'S COMING IN GLORY. Jesus says in Matt. 25:31: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, . . . then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory." In Matt. 24:27 Jesus also says: "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." And in Rev. 1:7 we read: "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him . . ." Dear Friends, do not believe Satan's ministers who say He is coming in secret.

Another important truth taught in the Bible that God expects us to accept is that of TITHING, or returning unto God one-tenth of our income. In Lev. 27:30 God says: "And all the tithe of the land . . . is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." God says that the tithe belongs to Him; that we are not to take it; if we do we are robbing God and will be cursed with a curse. But if we return our tithes and offerings unto Him, He has promised to pour out a blessing on us that there will not be room enough to receive it.

The Bible teaches — and this is another block of God's great Plan of Salvation — that the LAW of God is the STANDARD OF JUDGMENT. In Eccl. 12:13, 14 it says: ". . . Fear God, and keep his commandments . . . For God shall bring every work into judgment . . ." And in Jas. 2:12 Paul says: "So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty." James also tells us that if we offend in one point of the law, we

are guilty of all. We are going to be judged by the commandments of God, my Friends.

BAPTISM by immersion is another wonderful block of God's great Wall of Salvation. Jesus came up out of the water, showing that He was baptized by immersion, and we are to follow His example. Philip and the Eunuch went down into the water, and the eunuch was baptized. Paul tells us in Rom. 6:4: ". . . we are buried with him by baptism into death: that . . . even so we also should walk in newness of life." We could not say "we are buried" of any other form of baptism but immersion.

Another important truth taught in the Bible is that the WICKED will be BURNED UP or consumed. In Matt. 13:41, 42 Jesus says: ". . . they shall gather . . . them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire . . ." The wicked are going to be consumed as the fat of lambs, utterly destroyed. They are going to be as if they had not been. They are going to be burned like wood, hay, stubble, or dry grass. But popular teaching today is that the wicked will burn throughout eternity, that instead of burning like these combustible materials, will burn like asbestos.

All of these wonderful truths comprise the great Wall of Salvation that God has given to this world. If we abide by these things and stand behind this wall we will be safe, because this is God's Wall of Salvation and safety. If we will believe and practice these truths, we will be protected from the onslaught of the enemy, from his deceptions, and from the false teachings of Satan and his apostate agents who pose as men of righteousness. Let us not forget that the Law of God is the plumbline by which to measure any doctrine or belief.

We know that the devil has been trying to knock out some of these blocks, trying to obliterate this Wall of Salvation. Satan knows that his time is short, and he is determined to mislead as many as possible. Prophecy tells us that he will deceive the whole world. Satan knows that those who stand behind God's wall of truth cannot be deceived. So he has contrived to counterfeit every one of the truths in God's wall, and has presented to the world a false, insecure wall behind which multitudes are encamped today.

In Eze. 13:10 it says: "Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one BUILT A WALL, and lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar." You notice that somebody is going to build a wall — not God's wall — but a counterfeit, and others would daub it with untempered mortar. Now, you builders know if you are building a wall that is going to stand, that is going to be permanent, you don't want it to be daubed with untempered mortar.

In II Thess. 2:3 and 4 we read about the power that has built up this counterfeit wall in opposition to God's true Wall of Salvation. It says: "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself

above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

The Roman pontiff claims that he has the power to change times and abrogate laws. Pope Nicholas says: "The pope has authority and has often exercised it to dispense with the commands of Christ . . . He can dispense above the law; and of wrong make right, by correcting and changing the laws." **God Speaks to Modern Man**, p. 317. The pope feels that he can dispose of God's Wall of Salvation and build his own, throw out Christ's teachings and substitute his own.

This man of sin who sits on a throne in a temple has taken on himself to destroy God's plumbline, the ten commandments, found in Ex. 20:3-17. They were spoken in the presence of hundreds of thousands of people by the voice of God, and then written on tables of stone with the finger of God. The anti-Christ has tried to change those commandments, God's standard that shows up the defects in man, the standard that is to be used to keep men in line, the standard that God uses in the Judgment.

Let us see what has been done to the plumbline — God's Holy Law. In the law as given in Catholic catechisms the second commandment forbidding idol worship has been left out entirely; the fourth commandment has been so mutilated that it is not even recognizable; and, in fact, practically all the commandments have been tampered with. The fourth commandment has been almost completely abolished, being applicable to any day in the week instead of the seventh day. The Bible prophesied that the anti-Christ would do this. In the A. R. Version of Daniel 17:25 it reads: "And he shall think to change the times and the law."

It is a well known fact that the papacy has tampered with the "times and the law." Martin Luther says: "They (the Catholics) allege the Sabbath changed into Sunday, . . . neither is there any example MORE BOASTED OF than the changing of the Sabbath day. Great, say they, is the power and authority of the church, since it dispensed with one of the ten commandments." "Augsburg Confession," Article 28, par. 9. The pope says: "Why, sure I changed God's law. I can do it. I can abrogate the law of God. I can even change the precepts of Christ, and I have done it."

Rev. George Elliot says: "What is proposed? To make an erasure in the Heaven-born code! . . . Is the eternal tablet of His law to be defaced by a creature's hand? He who proposes such an act should fortify himself by reasons as holy as God, and as mighty as His power." **The Abiding Sabbath**, p. 129. God says: "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it." But here is a power that claims to be mightier than God, a power that has tried to change the holy law of God. Surely Satan is working through this so-called minister of righteousness to deceive the whole world.

Catholics freely boast of the fact that they changed the Sabbath. From one of the most widely circulated Catholic magazines we quote: "Chris-

tendom is indebted to the Catholic Church for the institution of Sunday as the Sabbath day . . . But there is no precedent in Scripture, nor commandment in Scripture, to observe Sunday as the Sabbath day." "Our Sunday Visitor," Jan. 4, 1931. In the Bible we read that "ONE built up a wall"—and that ONE is the Roman Catholic Church. Then, the Bible says, "others daubed it with untempered mortar by accepting the traditions, customs, and false theories built into the counterfeit wall.

This is Pope Guilty. Many of the popes were called Pope Innocent, but this one happens to be Pope Guilty. He is going to build up his wall now, the wall daubed with untempered mortar. Pope Guilty says: "I have the keys of heaven and hell. I have power to exchange rites of the Bible for tradition. I have power to change the law of God. I have power to control men and angels. So upon my authority I command you to accept MY PLAN OF SALVATION."

The editor of "Catholic Review" says: "It is wholly by Tradition that Sunday has been so designated instead of Saturday." Let us see what kind of wall Pope Guilty builds. Is it a plan of salvation that is in harmony with the Word of God? I see he is substituting another day for the Sabbath. SUNDAY is a prominent stone in this counterfeit wall. It is evident that this wall will be out of line right from the start, if we use God's plumbline.

Here is another stone in the counterfeit wall. It says: "POPE OUR MEDIATOR." A great Catholic authority, Augustus de Ancona, says: "No one can enter into the consistory of God without the MEDIATION OF THE POPE." Does this sound like the true Wall of Salvation, or the counterfeit wall of the devil's planning? The Bible says that Christ is our Mediator with the Father. He is the ONE Advocate between God and man. Dear Friends, you do not need the pope or anybody else as mediator. Jesus alone is the only Mediator we need.

What do you think about this stone in the counterfeit wall? "POPE — VICAR OF CHRIST." Rev. Jeremiah Prendergast, a Catholic priest, says: "THE POPE IS THE VICAR OF CHRIST. The claims of the Pope are the same as the claims of Christ." But I find in my Bible that the Holy Spirit is the Vicar of Christ. Christ distinctly told His disciples before leaving this world that He would send another Comforter to work with them and guide them, and this was to be the Holy Ghost. Nowhere did Christ even intimate that He would set up a man on a throne on earth to represent Him.

In this false wall of salvation we find another stone, "DEAD IN PURGATORY." The Council of Trent in the 16th Century decided that "There is a Purgatory, and souls there detained, are helped by the prayers of the faithful." But the Bible says that the dead are in their graves sleeping. Someone has said that purgatory is not a place, it is a business. Many poor people spend their money to have prayers said for loved ones who are supposed to be in a place called purgatory. How sad that they do not study God's Word to find that God says

the dead are sleeping. It matters not how much money is spent in behalf of the dead, or how many prayers are offered, "the dead know not anything."

Here comes another stone for the wall, PRAYER TO SAINTS. The late Cardinal Gibbons says: "With regard to Invocation of Saints . . . it is 'useful and salutary' to ask their prayers." But, dear Friends, God says to pray directly to Him in the name of Jesus. But millions are praying to Mary instead of to God. Mary is dead and knows nothing, and prayers to her are in vain. God invites us to pray directly to Him in Jesus' name. Satan is very pleased when he can misdirect our prayers. Some cults even pray directly to Satan.

The next stone that Pope Guilty has prepared for the counterfeit wall is MASS. Catholics claim that "Every day he (Christ) offers himself on the altars, as once on Calvary." **Eucharistic Meditations.** They claim that the Sacrament contains the "BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, together with His Soul and Divinity." The Catholic Church even claims that if Christ had not come and died, the mass would take the place of the death of Jesus on the cross. But the Bible says that if Jesus had not died, we would all be lost. There is no mass that can take the place of the death of Jesus on the cross. And the Bible says that Jesus was to die ONCE, not every day.

Notice the next stone going into this wall Counterfeit, NO DEATH. Cardinal Gibbons says again: "The soul . . . continues after death, as before, to think, to remember, to love." But the Bible says, "The wages of sin is death." The Bible also tells us that the dead know nothing, they do not think or remember or love. Surely this stone is out of line in this wall being built by Pope Guilty.

Here is an important stone for this false wall of salvation: IMAGE WORSHIP. Again we quote from Cardinal Gibbons: "By the images which we kiss, and before which we uncover our heads or kneel, we adore Christ, and venerate His saints." The Bible says, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image." But the priest says, "The veneration of the images of Christ and His saints is a cherished devotion in the Catholic Church." **Faith of Our Fathers**, p. 196. The Bible says to worship God and Him only, but the Catholic Church says worship St. Peter and St. Joseph and St. Somebody-else.

I see here an interesting stone, EASTER, a holy day so-called, in honor of the resurrection of Christ. Henry Cowles, D. D., says: "The word 'EASTER' came into church use from a heathen source, and has no claim to recognition in Scripture." **In the Catholic Encyclopedia we read:** "A great many pagan customs . . . gravitated into Easter. The egg is a symbol of germinating life . . . The rabbit is a pagan symbol, . . . an emblem of fertility." Easter was a pagan holiday in honor of Semiramis, the goddess of reproduction, — a day of great licentiousness and immorality, and the church has made it a holy day. But nowhere in the Bible does it say to honor the day of Jesus' resurrection, or in this way.

Let us notice this next stone, CHRISTMAS, or Christ-mass. Alexander Hislop says: "Christmas

was originally a Pagan festival . . . Isis (Tammuz) . . . was born at this very time." So actually Christmas was the birthday of the sun-god, Tammuz. Christ was not born in the winter time because the shepherds were never on the hills with their sheep in the winter. I do not believe that it will be very safe to hide behind this counterfeit wall. Do you?

Here we have a Protestant Minister, Reverend Foxy. He is going to add more stones to Pope Guilty's wall. Reverend Foxy is typical of those Foxes that the Lord mentions in the Bible. They shear the sheep, but they do not feed them. They go along with traditions and commandments of men rather than the plain truth of God. They do not wish to preach the truth because it is not popular, so they preach smooth things and easy things that the people like. They are the teachers that tickle the ears of the people for gain.

The first stone that Rev. Foxy has ready to put into this wall says: "MAN IS IMMORTAL." William E. Gladstone, an intellectual giant of his day, says: "The pagan doctrine of the immortality of the human soul crept into the back door of the church." "Ancestor worship survives as the exponent of immortality," says Dr. James Hislop. And in our present time we find Spiritualism, a religion of continuous life. But the Bible says that man is mortal. He does die and when he dies he is very, very dead.

Another stone that Rev. Foxy is putting in the wall is called SECOND CHANCE. One minister, Charles S. Broden, says: "SALVATION IS UNIVERSAL . . . There is still a chance beyond the grave." Evidently Rev. Foxy believes that after Christ comes all sinners are going to be converted. But God plainly says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment." The Bible says nothing about a second chance. Now we are living in the time of our probation. It will soon be ended, and there will be no other chance. Jesus says that it will be as it was in the days of Noah. And they did not get a second chance. It looks like Rev. Foxy is all mixed up.

Another stone for the wall is ready: BINGO and RAFFLES instead of the systematic tithing system that God has planned for man. Rev. Edward Sadvary says: "I want to get Bingo out of the 'back room' and make it legal for church groups." I am glad to say that some religious leaders have opposed this and feel that gambling is just as wrong whether done in the pool hall or in the church. But many feel that funds must be raised in this way to carry on the activities of the church. If each member would pay an honest tithe, the churches would not need to resort to gambling, carnivals, and chicken suppers to raise money to pay the preacher.

Now another stone is ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED. Isn't it strange that this should be believed? From the *Baptist Encyclopedia* we read: "Those that are justified . . . can never fall from the state of justification." The Bible tells us that if a man, who has been righteous, turns from his righteousness, and commits sin, he will die in his sin. Eze. 18:24. The Bible also says that it would

be better for a man if he never knew the way of righteousness than to know it and then turn back and sin again. This certainly will not make a very substantial wall.

The next stone to be put in the wall by Rev. Foxy is, GOD'S LAW ABOLISHED. Spurgeon says: "By removing the law you have done away with sin . . . You may as well have done away with the Saviour." For if there is no sin, there is no need of a Saviour. How the devil deceives the people! There are so many who believe they are going to be saved no matter what they do. If the commandments are abolished, it is all right to kill, steal, commit adultery, or anything else. It would not be sinning.

Another stone, SPRINKLING, is ready for the counterfeit wall of salvation, and is put in the place of BAPTISM in the real wall, in God's Wall of Salvation. Cardinal Gibbons says: "Baptism by infusion or by sprinkling is as legitimate as by immersion." And the Protestant churches have been all too willing to agree with the Catholic Church in adopting this mode of baptism. The very word BAPTIZE means to immerse. Where does it say in the Bible to "Go ye into all the world and teach the gospel and SPRINKLE in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost?" No, dear Friends, the Bible says, "BAPTIZE."

I see that Rev. Foxy is teaching the pagan doctrine of ETERNAL TORMENT. Just read this description of a young man in hell by J. Furniss: "His eyes are burning . . . The blood is boiling . . . The brain is boiling . . . God . . . is terrible to sinners in hell — but He is just!" Can you really believe that a just God would leave sinners in hell during all eternity to suffer in hell fire such as this? No, dear Friends, a just God would not do this.

Now Rev. Foxy is daubing the wall with untempered mortar. My, O, my, will this wall be able to stand? The Bible says in Eze. 13:11 and 12: "Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that IT SHALL FALL: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it. Lo, when the wall is fallen shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it?" What do you think of this wall of salvation? This is the wall that the Bible tells us one has built and another daubed with untempered mortar — got behind it and supported it and put a lot of rubbish into it.

In Eze. 13:14 we read: "So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am the Lord." Those who depend on this wall for safety will perish with the wall.

Let us see how Protestantism has daubed the wall with untempered mortar. Monsignor Louis Segur says: "It was the Catholic Church which . . . transferred this rest to the Sunday . . . Thus the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the