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## R O B B E R!!

Of the many sins condemned by God and committed by man, many people are unaware of one sin that will take a great toll among Christians. So many are unaware of this sin in their lives, yet it is more prevalent than any other. In the book of Malachi (3:18) we find these words written in the form of a question; "Will a man rob God?" and the answer, "ye have robbed me." As we stop to ponder this question and the answer, it should have a staggering effect upon our lives as Christians.

Are we really robbers? Not in the eyes of the law of the country in which we dwell. But a great and increasing number of Christians are robbers. Not in the sense that they will rob another of his money, but that they rob God by holding back certain things from him and disobeying his commands. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, (Lk. 10:30-37) we find a lesson that so many have overlooked. We think only of the one who helped him and not of the robbers. The thieves robbed him of his money and clothes, but what of the priest and Levite? They robbed him of their compassion, mercy and love, leaving him to die. They were selfish, wanting to keep all for themselves. The Samaritan thought only of his plight and stopped and helped him. We, like the priest and levite, rob God of praise and honor, (Col. 3:17) and souls of men. (James 5:19-20)

So many continue to live in error, disregarding the commands of God. In so doing, they are a bad example before others instead of a light unto others. (Mt. 5:14-16) They rob themselves and God. Robbing does not pay literally nor spiritually. (Rev. 21:27) Robbing defiles and makes a liar of a CHRISTIAN.

Bellflower, Calif., 8743 E. Artesia Blvd., Sept. 15,61, There is little news to report from here this month. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have been attending for several Lord's Days, also her mother who is a member of the Modesto congregation. We are glad to have Sister Starks and her daughter's family visit with us here. Bro. Bill Broadway has moved here and is attending Cerritos College.

Bro. and Sister Earl Broadway are to follow shortly within a few days. Something new has been added to the Jerry Perigen household, a baby girl, born August 21 and named Sharilyn Ann.

Bro. and Sister Paul Ferguson attended services here last Lord's day. He preached for us while I preached in La Habra, his home congregation. --C. C. Perigen--

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We regret the loss of the Paul Auslam family of the Church in La Habra, California. Our loss though, is anothers' gain for they have moved to Hindsville, Arkansas. and will meet there with the church on Bohannon Mountain. Bro. Paul is a good preacher and we want you there in Arkansas to use him every chance you can.

May God's richest blessings come your way Paul, and June, and may the Lord keep you. We miss you already.

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As we go to press we are awaiting a report on the condition of Sister Ella Cavin, wife of the late Evangelist E. H. Cavin, who has entered the Whittier Hospital to undergo some serious surgery. When you read this we would ask you to remember her in your prayers. We pray for her speedy recovery. May God bless her in this time of need.

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## GOSPEL MEETINGS

LORENZO, TEXAS. West Side Church of Christ, 4th. and Monroe, will begin their fall meeting Oct. 21-26, with Bro. W. H. Francis of Mangum, Okla, as evangelist.

Oct. 27, 28, 29, they will have guest speakers from Okla. Texas, Calif. and Colo. Brothers E. N. Pollan, J. H. Lackey, J. W. Bedingfield, Paul Ferguson and others plan to attend this Fifth Sunday meeting, and all are invited to attend.

LA HABRA, CALIF., Nov. 19-26. Hear the Christ-glorifying word preached by Evangelist Tom Broadway, Of Bellflower, Calif. All are invited.

Bro. & Sister Elmer Hunt, P. O. Box 311, Garden Grove, Calif.--While on our vacation trip this summer, we visited with our children in Oregon and with many brothers and sisters in Christ, both in Oregon and California. While in Eugene, Oregon, I preached two Lord's day mornings and one evening service. Then on Monday and Tuesday nights, we attended a meeting of the different factions of the Chruches of Christ in Eugene where they discussed their differences in an effort to gain unity. Many good thoughts were brought forward and discussed and maybe some good will come from these meetings. Bro. Roy McCay took part in some of these discussions, thus protecting our position in this effort. On our way home we stopped in Santa Rosa, Calif. to visit with my wife's mother and to visit there with old friends. Leaving Santa Rosa we traveled to Santa Maria and visited in that vicinity with old friends. While here we were sad to learn of the passing of some we had known in years past. We had a very pleasant journey, and many hours of wonderful association with family and friends, but as always, all good things must come to an end, so we returned home to start another year of school work. (9-I-61)

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Willie Doan, Rt. 2, Box 129, Broken Bow, Okla., Aug. 23, 1961---Just a few lines. I am sending you an article for the paper and I also want to tell you that I baptized a man from the Morgan Nursing Home the 20th. of Aug. He is 81 years young. I will conduct worship services at the nursing home each Lord's day morning. There will be three members in the home to worship. If you have some sermons written out, I would love to have them, and also keep sending me the same amount of papers. I pass them out to the people in the home and to old folks that I visit. So lots of good luck with the paper.

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Bro. & Sister W. A. Nelson, Rt. I, Box 148M, Somerton, Arizona, Sept. 4, 1961,---It is like fall here in Yuma today, 99, and yesterday was real nice. It was good to be back and see those who were here at church. We had some visitors and some are away from home here. Had 65 at church Sunday, September 3rd.. Sister Carrie Long is visiting her sons in N. Mexico and Texas. Sister Florence Hunter is visiting in Texas and Tennessee. Sister Staggs

is visiting her children in California. Sister Mary Long and niece, Sister Joy Parson were called to Lubbock, Texas, due to the death of a brother and uncle, Tom Griffin, who used to live here in this area.

Bro. & Sister J. W. Bedingfield from Olney, Texas visited with us at Furnish Canyon Church of Christ the first week-end of the meeting there in August.

Bro. & Sister Howard Studer and a young fellow also came from Lorenzo, Texas; and the next week-end, Bro. & Sister Goodwin and son from Olney, Texas, were at Furnish Canyon Church of Christ. One Young lady was baptized during the leeting there.

Mrs. L. Shuss and Mrs. Jack Wolf and Ann and Jimmie came from Larned, and Lewis, Kansas, and rented a motel and stayed for four nights of the meeting at Springfield, Colorado. Also Chas. Baldwin and family from Delts, Colorado attended one week-end of the Springfield meeting.

So much work is needed around Springfield and Kim, Colorado. Just needed more time badly. We visited with relatives at Delta, and Cedaredge, Colorado, and visited in the homes of the members and talked to them. Then on to Aztec, N. Mexico Church of Christ, where a young man and his wife, and another young man was baptized.

We want to thank all who came so far at the various places to be with us, and also to thank all who were so kind to us in their homes, and for those who helped in the Aztec meeting. All glory to God for all that was accomplished.

Bro. Harry Dye and family, and Bro. Jack Morris and wife of Yuma, Arizona church attended church over this week-end at Lakeside, California. Bro. J. D. Johnson is to be commended for his efforts at Lakeside. His good family and Papa Dye meet there.

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Harry B. Dye, 828 Oak Drive, Yuma, Arizona,---We are asking for ten copies of the paper for the Yuma, Church of Christ to be sent to or in care of Bro. Horace R. Orendorff. This will save postage and you can discontue mailing single copies to individuals here at Yuma. We are Sending $20.00 to help support the paper. We need the news and the gospel preached, so we are sending our best wishes from the brethren in Yuma. All our love to

the brethren there and to all the churches. (8-27-61)

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Remember Bro. Dye in his meeting at Bellflower, Calif., beginning October 29.

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Newcastle, Texas, Sept. 5, 1961---Dear Bro. Snoderly: We sure enjoy the fine paper and we are sending a small donation to help keep the good news going. We meet at the California Creek Church of Christ, five miles west of Newcastle, Texas. Also to save some postage, just send all the papers to Ed Tate, Box 83, New Castle, or to Ray Bishop, New Castle. We can use about ten papers. We meet at 10 A. M. each Lord's Day and anyone passing through this way, come and meet with us. Sure enjoyed the article on "Unity," by Bro. Ferguson. If all congregations would follow this rule we could be one great power for Christ. Your Bro. in Christ, -Ed Tate--

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Crosbyton, Texas, Sept. 9, 61---Dear Bro. in Christ: I just received the paper, should have got it sooner, but it was missent again. Send it to Crosbyton. We are expecting Bro. J. C. Sputlin to come and visit us soon and to do some good gospel preaching for us. Well, I will close, with Brotherly love, -R. H. Peel--

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Route 2, Carter, Oklahoma, Sept. 8, 61---Dear Brother Snoderly: I received the copy of the "Gospel News Courier" and read it with much interest and pleasure the fine news letters and good scriptural lessons. Will say that I accept and think that we should abide by Bro. Perigen's admonition on the front page article of the September issue, that we exert some effort to make it a news medium among our members and the congregations here and yonder. By it we can learn who our brethren are and where they live and worship, with the desired result of creating more interest in the work and service of our Lord. I with my family attend church regularly at 818 North Washington Str., Elk City, Oklahoma. We have at this time, fourteen members, representing nine families, and several children and young folks who are not members. There

are three other members, all elderly, who have not been physically able to come to church for two years or more. They are Bro. and Sister Atchley, parents of Bro. Earl Atchley, who is known by many, and Sister Musgraves, the widow of our departed Bro. Bob Musgraves. Sister A. H. Howell, to whom you have been sending some papers, has informed us that she intends to be away from home some this fall and winter visiting relatives and friends, and wishes you to send the papers to me at my address. I think that ten copies will be about right for us now, leaving an extra copy or two to hand to an occasional visitor or friend. I am sending also a contribution from the church here to help with the publication of the paper, and if the Lord be willing, I will try in the near future to prepare a short scriptural article for your consideration to use if you see fit. A brother in Christ,

--W. (Willie) R. Farrar--

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We are sorry to report that Bro. Isaac Ferguson of La Habra, is on the sick list. He has been confined to his home, pheum. We hope and pray for his speedy recovery.

--EDITOR--

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Springfield, Colorado, Rt. I, Box 6, Aug. 30-1961; Dear Bro. Snoderly: We have been enjoying the "Gospel News Courier." We also attended some of the meeting held by Bor. Nelson at Furnish Canyon. All the members here also attended this meeting for one or more of the services.

Our meeting here at Springfield was attended by many from the Furnish Canyon congregation. Among them, Bro. Whitley and family, Bro. Jack Wiggins and family, and Bro. Billy Ferguson. Also Bro. Tommy Fike and family from Kim, Colorado, and others.

Some relatives of Bro. Nelson and wife, also visited us here in the persons, of Bro. Baldwin and family of Cedar Edge, Colorado, and Sister Nelson's mother and children from Kansas. Bro Nelson did some fine preaching. The seed of the kingdom was sown. We hope for a harvest. One was baptized at Furnish Canyon. We enjoyed all of his sermons and the association of him and his wife while they were with us. I am convinced that we were encouraged to continue the fight;the good fight of faith. "My Word

shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that whereunto I have sent it." (Isa. 55:II). I am sure it shall fall into good and honest hearts and bring forth fruit here. Yours in the one Faith, --J. H. Lackey--

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Broken Bow, Okla. Sept. I4-I96I---Dear Bro. Snoderly: I'm sending a check for five dollars to the Gospel News Courier from the Church of Christ, Idabel and West 3rd. Street In Broken Bow.

We have enjoyed reading the paper very much. We are few in number here but have services at I0:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. each Lord's Day. Bro. Willie Doan teaches at the morning service, and Bro. Loyd Treat at the night services. We would appreciate having a few families locate here and help us in the work. Also any one passing this way will find a warm welcome at all our services. Your Brother in Christ. --Claud Watson--

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Hammon, Okla., Rt. 2---Dear Bro. Snoderly: Recently I received a copy of the "Courier" and find it improved considerably. We appreciate both the gospel lessons and the assembly news. There are five members in the Lord's Chruch here. About two months ago the Lord Added one to His body in this congregation for which we are rejoicing. He is Bro. Ed Wages of Hammon, Oklahoma. Sister Ed (Louise) Wages is a member of several years standing.

The Church of Christ of McClure, Oklahoma, meets two miles south and one mile west of McClure, each Lord's Day at I0:30 A. M. and Lord's Day evening at 8:00 P. M. All are welcome, both members and non-members at each service. Our form of worship; Song service, prayer, scripture reading, communion, giving, and a song ending the service. Yours in the One Faith,

(Sept. I4, I96I) --Evangelist, J. S. L. Morse-

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We are grateful for the response this month to our request for news items. Thanks, brethren; keep writing us news. Thenks also for the fine articles we have received for publication, but regret very much we did not have space to print them, but hope we may in the future.

The Editor and Publisher.

La Habra, Calif., Sept. 18, 61.---At our Friday evening Bible chapter study, one came forward confessing her faults and asking the church to pray for her. We welcome back to the fold this erring sister. May God bless you and keep you from sin.

The next Lord's day evening her younger brother was baptized. These two young people need the prayers of the brethren. We were glad to have Bro. and Sister Claude Perigen to meet with us twice this month with Bro. Claude preaching for us here at La Habra one Lord's day morning. We have bought new song books, two different books, and we have really enjoyed singing both old and new songs. We have had some good preaching here, for we have a large number to choose from. Here and at Bellflower, we have eight who are capable of teaching with a few more who will lead songs, wait on the table and lead in prayer.

We hear complaints here of no talent, but we are very fortunate, for in many of the letters I receive from over the country, the story is the same; no one to take the lead, to teach or to lead the song service. I wish we were close enough to help the other congregations. We have printed several sermons and tracts which are available to you for the asking. We have sent out some this past month on request and hope they will be helpful. Address all requests to P. O. Box 97, La Habra, Calif., in care of Roy L. Snoderly.

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Springfield, Colorado, Sept. 16, 61.---Dear Brother: We had a very good meeting in August with Bro. Nelson doing the preaching. He helped get us members straightened out. He baptized one at Furnish Canyon before he came here, and three at Aztec, N. Mexico, after he left us here. We have better attendance since the meeting. Nine coming pretty regularly, so we are encouraged. I am sending ten dollars for the paper. You might send a bundle of ten to the church of Christ in Kim, Colorado. We get the paper here through the church. Keep up the good work. May God bless you. In Christian love,

--Clyde L. Couchman--

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"A hearse is a poor vehicle in which to ride to church. Why wait for it?