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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

BY J. D. LOGAN.

A reader of Oregon writes:

"I would like to hear what you have to say concerning the covering on woman's heads."

Answer: The writer cites I Cor. II:4-6 in connection with the question. I believe, however, we should consider more than just these verses. Let us note: Paul is leading up to his point. To establish his premise, he cites a practice commonly used among the Jews at this time; namely that a woman must not pray or teach unveiled. Note his words in verse 13; ".....is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?" He is appealing to their sense of propriety. Having established his two premises (that women should not pray uncovered, and man should not pray covered) he draws his conclusions. Take special notice of the language in verse 15, ".....for her hair is given her for a covering." Wilson renders the word "for" in the Emphatic Diaglott "instead of." This apparently is what Paul was leading up to when he stated in verse 14, "....if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him." Woman's hair is given by God to her instead of a covering.

If Paul is limiting his words here to the public services of the church, are we to surmise that women may pray uncovered in private? Apparently, he is writing a general command to women on how they should conduct themselves at all times.

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A reader of Oklahoma asks:

"I was baptized into the ********* church. If I should make up my mind to come into the Church of Christ, would it be scripturally necessary for me to be baptized again, and if so, why?"

Answer: First, let me explain that I purposely left out the name of the denomination because it is not important, and I do not want anyone to think I am being obnoxious in print.

Now, first let me impress upon you that merely being baptized in itself is not going to save anyone. The denomination you mentioned does not baptize for the scriptural purpose stated in Acts 2:38. They baptize because one is already saved. This contradicts Christ's statement in Mark 16:15-16.

In order for God to add one to the church Christ built, (Matt. 16:18 and Acts 2:47) it is necessary to be baptized for the correct purpose; which purpose is for the remission of sins, Acts 2:38. Sometimes this requires one to be baptized a second time. Look at Acts 19:1-5. These men were called "disciples". This word means "learner." These men were learners of God, but were baptized unto the baptism of John the Baptist. However this was not enough, so Paul commanded that they should be baptized a second time. Please read this verse carefully. If you are in this condition, I respectfully urge you to NOT DELAY FOR ANOTHER DAY. BE BAPTIZED AT ONCE FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS, and God will add you to His church which bears His name.

A reader of Oklahoma writes:

How many Jameses are there in the New Testament? Was the Lord's brother James an apostle? Which James wrote the book of James?

Answer: To your first question. There are at least three notable characters were named James. First we have James, who with his brother John were sons of a Galilean fisherman named Zebedee, (which is translated "thunder"). This John wrote the Gospel according to John, and also the "Revelation".

Then we have James, the brother of Jesus. Not much is mentioned of him, except Paul referred to him as "James , the Lord's brother". (Gal. 1:19). This is debated however, and some contend this was the Brother of John, and not the fleshly brother of James.

Then we have"James the son of Alpheus" (Mark 3:18) who

was one of the twelve.

It is unlikely that James, the brother of John, wrote the book of James,ffor he was beheaded by Herod Agrippa in A. D. 43, while the epistle of James was written in A. D. 60. Whether it was written by "James, the son of Alpheus" or "James, the brother of Jesus" is not clear, and so I cannot say.

A reader of Washington writes:

Do you know if the Lord had a plate in the Lord's supper?

Answer: If he had, I have not read it. It was not improbable that He had, since the occasion was the "Passover" meal; (Luke 22) however, nothing was stated.

LETTERS, NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SISTER JAETTA LOFTIS, Gen. Del., Seymour, Texas, Mar. 9, 1964. - It seems to fall my lot to do the writing for the church here at Seymour, as everyone else has a job. We have our new building about completed now, and we have met in it the past two Lord's days. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for their help and very much appreciated contributions. We are very proud of the building, and we pray the Lord will be pleased with our efforts. This past week-end we had a grand celebration on the occasion of the opening of the new building. We had preaching Saturday night and three services Lord's day, with lunch spread at the church building. Bro. Jack White did the preaching Saturday night, and we had Bro. Francis for two services Lord's day, then Jack again on Lord's day night. The lessons were very strengthening and encourageing to us all. Bro. Howard Taylor of Loco, Oklahoma was with us Lord's day a week ago March Ist.and gave us a very good lesson. We had Bro. J. D. Studer to come back to the church, which accounted for much rejoicing. He has been a member many years, and is a very able teacher. I would like to makr mention of all the visitors we had at our services this past week-end the 7th and 8th. Coming the greatest distance was Bro. Sammy Boen, and Sister Barbara and two sons from Ft. Smith, Arkansas; Bro. and Sister Francis, Mangum, Oklahoma; Bro. Howard Taylor and family, and Bro. Harold Don Taylor and family from Loco, Oklahoma; Bro. Earl Howe and family, Ralls, Texas; Bro. S. J. Wallace and family, their married daughters Mary Lightfoot and Shirley Ann Wise, and Bro. and Sister

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To readers of the Courier: - Each writer is responsible for his own article only. If you should happen to differ with any writer on any matter, and feel disposed to file an objection or criticism, let your reply be both constructive and informative, and send your reply direct to the writer with whom you differ.

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Sister Jack Scott, all from Abilene, Texas; Bro. Jack White and family from Monday; Bro. and Sister Ray Bishop, and Bro. and Sister Ed Tate of New Castle, Texas. There were many visitors from here in Seymour. I believe there was 62 for the Lord's day morning service. We certainly appreciated everyones' presence and enjoyed their company and fellowship very much. Please put Toodler Goodwin, Ben Dixon, J. D. Studer, all of Seymour, Texas on your mailing List. The church here would like to send this small contribution to help out with the paper. I have been passing my copy around after we read it. They all enjoy it very much.

BRO. J. D. LOGAN, 300 Glenn Ave., Modesto, California. I wish to apoligise for my lazness in writing. However, you will understnad when you see what I've undergone for the past five weeks. I had began to accumulate material for writing to the paper, when my father called that he was not feeling well. I went over to find him in serious pain, and so contacted his doctor. To make a long story short, I had to take him to the hospital next morning, whereupon they operated on him the next evening for appendicitis. This was not all, for he had a bad, advanced case of gangrene, and required extensive care to recover. He is out at present, but still is uncomfortable from his experience.

I must confess I was unable to write due to my preoccupation with my father, and also I had to change my job at the same time. I trust you will forgive my inactivity, and I hope that circumstances will not repeat in the near future.

Bro. Loyd Coleman went in one week after dad, into the hospital for a brain operation, and suffered a severe stroke while in confinement. However, he has amazingly recovered sufficiently to be home. Bro. Coleman is in his late sixties. Hope you can read this as I am very tired emotionally, and I know I have nade some mistakes. Hope this reac-

es you in time for publication. ---Yours in Christ.

KENNETH M. BALDWIN, P. O. Box 188, Delta, Colo., March II, 1964. - I will try to write a few lines today. I am doing about as well as can be expected. I will just have to be lazy for awhile. Of course I don't feel like jumping any fences as yet. I sincerely thank all the congregations for your kind thoughts and prayers, also all the nice cards and letters. They mean so much to one when we are sick. Many have stated in their nice cards and letters that they are planning to attend our meeting in August which makes our hearts rejoice. Each one of you keep up the good work and do the will of our Heavenly Father. I will not try to write to each one of you at this time. Thanks to each and every one. We built 8 pews and have 6 more to build. They turned out pretty nice we think. I played out before we got the job done. We still don't have the inside walls up. We have the material though, so maybe we can finish it before too long. The church is doing pretty good. Bro. and Sister Frank Shirley moved here to Delta from Phoenix, Arizona. Bro. Frank is a son of Bro. and Sister Fred Shirley who moved here earlier. Bro. Vernie Hill and Bro. Ron Herbert gave their first lessons since I have been sick,and I hear they really did a good job. I am looking forward to hearing them soon now. Bro. Frank Shirley has given some good lessons also. It makes us feel so proud after they do so good on their first lessons. Bro. and Sister Roy Dabbs from Aztec, N. Mexico was with us for the week-end. Bro. Roy gave us a fine lesson, and we thank him very much and hope he can be with us more often. The only bad part about it was, I was in the hospital and couldn't hear any of them. But if it be the will of our Father in heaven, I will be able to hear them in the near future. I must add to this according to God's word, and if you thinkbest not to print it, that is fine with me, because I'm writing this in Christian love and no offence to any one, but that we might live right and build upon the foundation that is laid. As for problems, we all have them. I feel that we have a large one concerning the question and answer articles in the Gospel News Courier. The idea is fine and I myslef can understand them. But I feel guilty in handing out subjects such as these to some one we are trying to get to come to church and is unlearned of the truth. The Bible teaches us in I Cor. I:IO, "Now I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the samething, that there be no division among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." Now Titus 3:9-I2; "But avoid fool-

ish questions and genealogies, and contentions and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself."

We find in I Cor. 14:40, "Let all things be done decen tly and in orde." I sincerely think Bro. Logan has done a good job answering the questions that has been asked. But we don't want to kill something that has life in it of this nature, and the Gospel News Courier does have life.

Bro. Roy maybe I shouldn't say anything on the matter, but if I don't, you would think I had not given it any thought. That is about all I have to do these days, is think, and I have given it a lot of thought. When we give the Gospel News Courier to those who are not members and are unlearned, what are their thoughts? on these questions and and answers when there is slurs thrown at each other. When we ask for questions we usually get questions that cannot be answered because they are not Bible questions. What I think we all need is good Gospel outlines o in the paper each month. It would help and encourage our younger brotthers to teach more and have outlines to work from. It would help them in preparing their lessons. I think this all should be given some deep thought by each and every one.

Again thanks to each and every one of you in all the different congregations that have sent cards and letters.

---Yours in Christ.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: I want to take this opportunity to express our thanks for the letters and contributions to the paper. I would like to ask each of you to increase your efforts in this work for we fall short each month in the amount of available material to print. I have received many letters asking me not to print news letters, but more articles. Yet on the other hand I heve received just as many asking that we print no articles and print only news. This is impossible to do for many reasons. The most important being the fact that in the beginning we set forth our aims for the Gospel News Courier, and our promise to you was to bring you both. This promise we intend to keep. I would like very much to be able to bring you longer news letters from all the congregations, and a larger variety of subjects dealing with all the aspects of Christian living; not a continuos repetition of just a few subjects. The only way this can be made possible is for those of you brethren who are capable of writing to take time from your busy days and put your thoughts, or a sermon, in writing.

You may be busy, but I know you are not as busy as I am. I have to take the time or you would not have a paper. Bro. England has to take the time or it would not be published.

Both of us could write all the articles for the paper, but then you would complain as you did when Bro. Clements and Bro. Bedingfield were printing It Is Written. We don't want this to happen. So WRITE us NEWS and ARTICLES. It is your paper, we are your servants in the Lord.

I was so glad to hear from Bro. Baldwin and to hear that his health was improving. It burdens our hearts to learn of the distress and sorrows, the accidents and sickness of our beloved friends and brethren. We are going on vacation this last week of March. I hope to visit with a few of our brethren on the trip. When we return it will be time to prepare for the meeting at La Habra, with Bro. Paul Auslam of Huntsville, Arkansas as the speaker. This meeting begins April 10, ending April 19. I remember Paul before he became a Christian. I remember his work when we built our church house in La Habra, his interest and sincerety, and his desire to become a Christian. I remember when he was baptized and his zeal as a young Christian, his first efforts to take part in the teaching, his first sermon and above all, his efforts as he worked personally with those who were lost in sin, to bring them to Christ. Although I have not seen Paul for 3 or more years, I am confident that we are going to have a good meeting here at La Habra, California. Of course, we as members will have to do our part, both by personal work, and by attending each service personally. We are looking forward to our meeting. Come and bring your friends. You are invited, and we expect your presence if at all possible. Let us remember the meeting at Bellflower, Calif. with Bro. J. D. Logan the latter part of June or first part of July, the date to be announced later, as the date is pending as yet.

Remember also the camp-meeting at Delta, Colorado in August, starting the 8 and ending the 16. Make your plans to attend. Bro. Baldwin is making great plans for this years meeting, even though he is flat of his back in bed. Are we going to let him down? I would like to ask you what your plans are for this years meeting in your congregation? The same as last year? "No use to hold a meeting this year. It wont do any good." You know what. A meeting might do some good. Maybe not an increase in membership, but at least it could do you some good. Make some plans now for a meeting this year. "The harvest truly is great, but the labours are few." (Lk. 10:2). Christ did not mean preachers alone, he means Christians. You and me and the preachers also. Christ is waiting, and so are his preachers, ready to go into the harvest field. Don't be like the church at Laodicea, "Neither hot nor cold." (Rev. 3:15). Just luke-warm, not going anywhere, just sitting, watching others and complaining and criticising others. Let us do something. Let's labor for the Master. Do something to better yourself and your congregation and you will be blessed. --Thanks for listening.

ROY SNODERLY.

BELLFLOWER CALIFORNIA NEWS: - Most everyone here are fine except for some flu and colds. Bro. Earl Broadway and family are going to Yuma, Arizona this week-end to attend their son' Bill's wedding. We wish the bride and groom a a long and serenely happy married life.

We extend our sympathy to Sister Olan Taylor who's uncle Louie I. Gibbs passed away March 16 in a hospital at Arte sia, Calif. He was 82. Bro. Elmer Hunt preached the funeral sermon and members of La Habra and Bellflower Churches of

Christ furnished the song service. Funeral was held in a funeral home in Montebello, and burial was in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Calif. Our meeting here at Bellflower starts last of June or first of July, the date still pending. Bro. J. D. Logan of Modesto, will be our speaker, and we are looking forward to having him and his family with us. We have moved and our home is now 10107 Maple Street, Bellflower, California. Our phone number is 866-0656.

CLAUDE C. PERIGEN.

LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA CHURCH NEWS: - Lord's day, March 1, we had all day services with lunch at the church both noon and evening, and singing in the afternoon. All seemed to enjoy the occasion very much. We rejoiced also when a sister made confession of faults and was restored to the fold. She Sister Avis Ardantz of Santa Maria, California. Sister Ardants is a sister in the flesh of Bro. Paul Ferguson with whom she is staying at present. Sisters Roxie Adams and Bernice Cavin made a short trip to San Diego to visit Sister Bernice's son and family.

Bro. Earl Broadway of the Bellflower church preached for us Lord's day March 8 at the morning service delivering a good sermon which we all appreciated very much. Other visitors were Opal and Joe Ferguson. Lord's day March 15 visitors were Bro. and Sister Roy Brown of Modesto, Calif. church. They reported that Sister Brown's parents, Bro. and Sister Conder, owing to ill health were still unable to attend church services. Were are looking forward to enjoying a spiritual feast in our meeting which starts April 10 and ending April 19, with Bro. Paul Auslam of Huntsville, Arkansas doing the preaching. We invite all who possibly can to attend this meeting and enjoy some good preaching.

JOHN D. USERY, 840 Bell Ave., Sacramento, Calif. 95838. The church is going along fine. Bro. and Sister Elmo Brown from Modesto, came up when they can make it. The measles are going around, but so far, no one has missed church. We are enclosing a donation for the Courier. All of us sure enjoy reading it.

MRS. LAURA WILLIS, 205½ S. Olive, Carlsbad, N. Mexico; I hope you and your family are well. I am doing fine for my age. Sister Couchman is recovering from the accident, but still does not feel up to par. I suppose that is to be expected in such cases. The church work seems to be progressing some here at Carlsbad.

J. H. LACKEY, Rt. I, Box 6, Springfield, Colo.- I was pleased to see my two articles in the paper. I am sending an article on the word "wine" as used by Christ when He ordained His supper. I enjoyed the articles by Logan, Doan and Spurlin. They are always good. Yours for more articles in the Courier.

AMOS BEAVER, Market Str. Church of Christ. -- The little congregation here seems to grow smaller all the time, but maybe when the weather gets better, more will come to church.

Your true religion is the life you live, not the creed you profess.