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Catechism of Bible Doctrines. BY REV. JAMES F. MOYER, D.D.

THE OFFER OF SALVATION.

1. To whom does God offer the salvation in Jesus? He has offered it to be offered to every creature.

2. Upon what condition? Upon that of repentance and faith. 3. Are not these terms easy? They are so easy that all who refuse are without excuse.

4. Do all men accept them? They do not; they universally reject them where left without Divine influence.

5. Has God thus left all mankind? He has not; but effectually calls many to the knowledge and belief of His truth.

6. What agent accomplishes this work? The Holy Spirit.

7. Do those who accept the Gospel receive any reward for so doing? No; for their acceptance is entirely due to the grace of God.

8. How will God punish those who reject it? Far more severely than He will those who have never heard it.

9. Upon what grounds will be punished those who have never heard the Gospel? Because they, too, are sinners, and have disobeyed the law of God written in their hearts and in nature.

ELECTION. 1. What name is given to those whom God effectually calls to salvation? They are called the Elect or the chosen ones of God.

2. Why are they so called? Because God, before the foundation of the world, chose them unto salvation through Christ Jesus.

3. Did God make this choice because He foresaw that these persons would be pious and good people? He did not; for the goodness and piety of any are due to the influence of the Spirit.

4. Was it then, because He foresaw that they would believe? On the contrary, it is through His choice that they are led to believe.

5. What, then, was the ground of that choice? His own sovereign will.

6. How may we know if we be of the Elect of God? Only by perceiving that the Holy Spirit has led us to repentance and faith and loving obedience to God.

7. Ought we not diligently to watch for such assurance of our calling and election? Yes, and besides this we ought to trust earnestly in God to give His Spirit thus to work in us.

Church Entertainments. A good sister, whose article follows, sends us the following clipping. We reproduce it and also refer to the subject on our editorial page. We give the full clipping thus (the reader may find the source in his hand):

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