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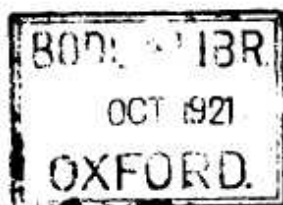
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INTRODUCTION

THE family Bible shows that the father of Rev. Edward M. Bounds, Thos. Jefferson Bounds, was born in Maryland Sept. 5th, 1801. His mother, Hester Ann Purnell, was born in Maryland. They married November 12th, 1823. Came to Kentucky, lived there for a few years, then moved to Marion County, Mo. Edward M. Bounds was born in Shelbyville, Mo., April the 15th, 1835. His father, Thos. J. Bounds, died and was buried in Shelby County. His mother died in 1882, June the 7th, and was buried in Kirksville, Mo.

Edward M. Bounds and his brother, Charles L., went to California under the lure of the gold discovery in 1849. Bounds was then only 14 years old. It is said that he and his brother were the only two boys who went across the plains—and carried their religion with them.

There were eight brothers and three sisters born to the family of Thos. J. Bounds, father of Edward M. Bounds. Edward M. studied law and was admitted and located in Hannibal, Mo.,

but the urgency to preach was so insistent that he gave up law after two years. He joined the Confederate Army at the opening of the war and was made a chaplain.

Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, having read these chapters on *The Resurrection*, said in 1908, "I have recently read two books by Rev. Edward M. Bounds. The classical quotations at the heads of the chapters are more than worth the money asked for the books. Bounds says the resurrection of Jesus Christ was complete, literal, entire and absolute; that the resurrection of the bodies of the dead, whatever disposition may be made of them, whether buried in the sea or burned to ashes, will be precisely analogous to the resurrection of the body of Jesus Christ."

I met this great saint in May, 1905, when he was 70 years old. He was then writing his *Preacher and Prayer* and these "thoughts on the Resurrection." We shared our board and bed with him off and on until he died. It was worth much to hear him talk. He would sit for hours in silent meditation and prayer and then begin in a delightful slow, sweet way, and if we broke in upon him he became very intense. To understand his meaning and his earnestness at times was painful. He coaxed us to rise with him at the 4 a. m. hour and wrestle for the lost world and for money to publish his books. At last God gave him the loan of enough money to publish

Preacher and Prayer and *The Resurrection* in 1907. The two books were written (figuratively speaking) in his blood and saturated through and through with his tears. Brother Bounds took his edition of *The Resurrection* home with him to Washington, Georgia, and there they remained locked up for 12 years. He wrote me in Brooklyn, N. Y., 15th Dec., 1911, these words, "These books I send you as a gift are my books on *The Resurrection*. They are God's great truths and will serve you well and any who read to refresh on that vital truth. On 21st Dec., 1911, he having so many of these books in his attic stored and no way to sell them, writes me these lines, "I send you via express twenty-five copies. They must be out preaching. They are God's truths. Choose your occasion and persons; give them away for God. I would like to see New York City sowed down with them." Scatter them as you can and more if you can and I will send them to you gladly. His longing soul knew the great hope of the Christian and he was interceding with God that his precious and priceless book might have readers for God's glory and God answered though ten years later, and now with a becoming binding and enterprising publishers one of the most glorious of all spiritual doctrines is opened and portrayed scripturally to a reading world who desire to read all he has ever written.

Dr. A. F. Scofield of London, England, in

studying the history of the Roman empire written by Polybius, the famed historian, discovered that the Roman army used three trumpet calls in breaking camp. First the trumpet blew loud and continuous for a few moments, which meant, "Strike your tents, pack your baggage, secure the animals." The second trumpet was to assemble the companies, battalions, in formation and await the last trumpet. The last trumpet was simply "*March.*" The argument would run thus: Paul was among Roman soldiers at different places and even chained to one in Rome and had no doubt often heard the Three Trumpets sounding in the years gone among the victorious legions of imperial Rome. Being therefore familiar with the sound of the trumpets and their meaning he utters this marvelous statement in 1st Corinthians 15:52, in reference to the resurrection (thirty-five years before St. John wrote the 11th chapter of Revelations), "Behold I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment in the twinkling of an eye, at the *Last Trump.*" The inference is that Paul made no reference at all to John's seventh trump in Revelations, but referred to the third trump of the Romans. If this hypothesis be true then we stand with those who are God's eagles. Having heard the first and second trump, we await the last command, "March," that we may

be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Bounds' interpretation is that Christ will come to be glorified in all them that believe when that prayer of His shall be answered, "Father, I will that they whom Thou hast given me, be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory." He did not believe that Christ would come to be glorified in only a portion of His saints and admired only in so many of them that believe as have lived before the millennium, the rest to be brought in by degrees after Christ comes and to remain in the flesh as subjects of the former class.

Thank God that Christ purchased on the cross virtual redemption and actual redemption. Our Spirits have been virtually redeemed and actually redeemed: while the body has been only virtually redeemed. Ephesians 1:14: "Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the *Purchased Possession*." The purchased Possession is the body, it has not been actually redeemed until God glorifies it at the Resurrection. Then "the Lord Himself will descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the