

*Therefore many of them believed.*" All these passages show an inseparable connection between faith and testimony, witness, or preaching, so that no man can have the former without the latter. We will now conclude with an extract from Paul. He asks "how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" All must admit this to be impossible. He then inquires "how shall they hear without a preacher?" This is just as impossible as the former—hence no man can hear without a preacher, and no man can believe without hearing; therefore preaching is indispensable in order to produce faith; and thus Paul reasoned when he said in conclusion of his argument "*so faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God,*" for they were all to "preach the word."

That we may all embrace the "word of faith" which was once "delivered to the saints," and govern our lives by its heavenly dictates, thus purifying ourselves preparatory to an induction into the enjoyment of all its precious promises, is the cordial prayer of

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## EVANGELISTS:

HOW SHALL THEY "BEHAVE IN THE HOUSE OF GOD?"

TO BRETHREN B. S. O:—MUCH ESTEEMED IN THE LORD:—An inquiry into the manner, temper, and behaviour of evangelists in the active prosecution of their calling, will, I doubt not, form another chapter of entertaining and edifying matter for consideration. There are two or three other chapters connected with the officials and labours of evangelists, in reference to which I would most willingly enlist my own and your studies; but these for the present must be laid over. The whole subject of making choice and bringing forward qualified brethren to fill the evangelical office, and the scriptural procedure relative to their ordination, are still very imperfectly understood by the religious community, and hence a few queries and responses having a definite bearing upon these topics would be fraught with much interest to all who aim at the unerring correctness of the biblical standard; but I cannot obtain the consent of my own mind to engage in matters of this order until 'a more convenient season.'

In the Acts of Apostles, chap. xiv: 1, the missionaries Paul and Barnabas are said to have entered into a Jewish synagogue in Iconium, and "so spake" that a goodly number of their hearers received the